lations, no voice of God. I often won-
dered why these things were not con-
tinued among the children of men, why
they were not enjoyed by the different
churches and denominations of the day,
and in my conversation with theologians
and divines, I often referred to these
things, but they all told me that such su-
pernatural manifestations were unnec-
essary in our day and age of the world,
that such power was only necessary in a
day of darkness among an ignorant gen-
eration of people; they needed Prophets
to lead them; but we who live in the blaze
of Gospel light need no such thing; we
need no revelation, only that which is in
the Bible; we need no visitation of angels
now, those things were given to estab-
lish the doctrine of Christ, and when it
was once established they were no longer
needed.

This logic always appeared strange to
me. I said then, and I say now, may
the Lord give me such periods of dark-
ness as were enjoyed by the Apostles and
Saints of old, in preference to the Gospel
blaze of modern Christianity. The an-
cient doctrine and power will unlock the
mysteries of heaven and pour forth that
Gospel light, knowledge, and truth, of
which the heavens are full, and which
has been poured out in every generation
when Prophets appeared among the chil-
dren of men. But the Gospel of mod-
ern Christendom shuts up the Lord, and
stops all communication with Him. I
want nothing to do with such a Gospel,
I would rather prefer the Gospel of the
dark ages, so called.

I do not wish to be understood that
we are now living in a dark age of the
world, but for the last fourteen hun-
dred years the world have been en-
veloped in darkness, in which wicked-
ness has ruled, and the powers of dark-
ness have prevailed among the chil-
dren of men, and the nations have
been bound down by false traditions,
and incorrect principles, but the day
has now dawned, the dark clouds have
now broken up and soon will pass away,
and the sun of righteousness will arise
in its glory, and show forth the light of
heaven; and for that I am thankful, and
rejoice, and so do thousands and tens
of thousands in this dispensation, who
have been touched with the light of the
glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ which
has been revealed in our day, by the
administering of holy angels, in all its
fulness, beauty, power, and glory; this
Gospel has caused Prophets, Elders, and
Saints to rejoice: it has nerved up their
spirits with fortitude and strength, and
borne them up against every opposing
influence; this has been the case in every
dispensation when this light and power
have been enjoyed by the children of
men.

The Gospel has gone forth in our day
in its true glory, power, order, and light,
as it always did when God had a peo-
ple among men that He acknowledged.
That same organization and Gospel that
Christ died for, and the Apostles spilled
their blood to vindicate, is again estab-
lished in this generation. How did it
come? By the ministering of an holy an-
gel from God, out of heaven, who held
converse with man, and revealed unto
him the darkness that enveloped the
world, and unfolded unto him the gross
darkness that surrounded the nations,
those scenes that should take place in
this generation, and would follow each
other in quick succession, even unto the
coming of the Messiah. The angel taught
Joseph Smith those principles which are
necessary for the salvation of the world;
and the Lord gave him commandments,
and sealed upon him the Priesthood, and
gave him power to administer the ordi-
nances of the house of the Lord. He told
him the Gospel was not among men, and
that there was not a true organization
of His kingdom in the world, that the
people had turned away from His true