them now they manifest the same weak-
nesses in the exercise thereof as any
other people. They have not an eye to
discern between the spirit, power, and
principles by which the Gods live, and
those which govern and control the chil-
dren of men; and yet between the two
there is an infinite difference.

Can you find a Christian denomina-
tion which would not make us bow down
to their creeds if they had the power?
Not one. We have plenty of evidence to
prove this. We have history enough to
prove that when they have the power
their motto is, "You shall." But there is
no such thing in the economy of heaven.
Life is before us, death is before us, we
can choose for ourselves; and this is one
of the differences between the religion
of heaven and the religions of men. Do
we profess to say that the various reli-
gious systems of the world are the reli-
gions of men? If they are not, what are
they? If the sects and parties have not
been formed by man and the wisdom of
man, what power did form them?

I will now say a few words with re-
gard to our faith. Our religion, in com-
mon with everything of which God is
the Author, is a system of law and or-
der. The earth on which we live hangs
and floats in its own element, rotates
upon its axis and moves at an immense
velocity without our perceiving it either
asleep or awake, it performs its revolu-
tions, the atmosphere moving with it, so
as not to injure, disturb, or molest any
being on its face. But how long would
it retain its position and move unwa-
veringly in the orbit assigned it without
law? Can you tell us, you astronomers?
How long would the moon and the mem-
bers of our planetary system retain their
positions, were it not for strict law?
Who gave that law? He who had the
right. The world do not know him, but
he will call around one of these days and
let them know that he is in being. I will
say to Saint and sinner, that if we do not
know him, he will call by and by, and let
us know that he lives, and will bring us
to judgment. If we do know him, happy
are we if we obey his laws. He is not a
phantom; he does not exist without law,
order, rule, and strict regulation. And
the laws by which he is governed are the
laws of purity. He has instituted laws
and ordinances for the government and
benefit of the children of men, to see if
they would obey them and prove them-
selves worthy of eternal life by the law
of the celestial worlds; and it is of these
laws that our religion is composed. This
holy Priesthood that we talk about is a
perfect system of government. The best
way I can think of to express my idea of
Priesthood of the Son of God is to call
it a perfect system of laws and govern-
ment. By obedience to these laws we ex-
pect to enter the celestial kingdom and
be exalted.

We have had a few words with re-
gard to temples. We are going to build
temples. This law is given to the chil-
dren of men. I will carry this a little fur-
ther, and say to my brethren and sisters
and all present, that the law of the ce-
lestial kingdom that is introduced here
upon the earth in our day is for the sal-
vation and exaltation of the human fam-
ily. Previous to the coming forth of this
Priesthood and code of laws, there was
no law on the earth that we have any
knowledge of whereby a man or woman
could be sanctified and prepared to enter
the presence of the Father and the Son.
This may sound in the ears of many like
strange doctrine. But pause a moment;
do not let any of your hearts flutter, not
for a moment. If you and the world