

The background of the slide is a night sky featuring the Milky Way galaxy. The galaxy's core is visible as a bright, colorful band of light, transitioning from purple and pink at the top to orange and yellow at the bottom. The sky is filled with numerous stars. In the lower portion of the image, the dark silhouette of a person stands on a hillside, looking up at the stars. The overall mood is contemplative and vast.

The Fight for Religious Transparency on the Electronic Frontier

Ethan Gregory Dodge

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Who am I?

- Born and raised Mormon
- Digital forensics professional
- Transparency advocate
- Co-Founder of the Truth & Transparency Foundation
- Craft beer enthusiast



MormonLeaks

- Founded December 2016
- Started in response to influx of documents being released via r/exmormon
- Released hundreds of documents regarding Mormonism
- Now serves as archive for TTF



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FaithLeaks

- Founded November 2017
- Requested by many post religious individuals and groups
- Only released document regarding Jehovah's Witnesses so far
- Now serves as archive for TTF



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Truth & Transparency Foundation

- Founded November 2017
- Umbrella organization for MormonLeaks and FaithLeaks
- Now serves as investigative, nonprofit newsroom promoting transparency within religious institutions
- truthandtransparency.org

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The Truth & Transparency Foundation (TTF) is a non profit newsroom founded on the belief that increased transparency results in fewer untruths, less corruption, and less abuse within religious institutions. The organization was originally founded to provide sources and whistle-blowers the technical ability to anonymously submit sensitive documents for use by professional and citizen journalists for starting and expanding news reporting, public commentary, and criticism related to various religious organizations. Its mission has since expanded to contribute to said news reporting.

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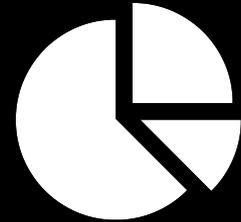
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Religious institutions should be held to the same societal and legal standards as other nonprofits concerning the transparency of their finances.



Policies and procedures of any religious institution that directly affect its membership should be well-known and publicized.



Statistics on all claims of abuse, percentage of claims involving law enforcement, and associated settlements should be regularly published.

SecureDrop

SecureDrop is an open-source whistleblower submission system that media organizations can use to securely accept documents from and communicate with anonymous sources. It was originally created by the late Aaron Swartz and is currently managed by Freedom of the Press Foundation.



A night sky photograph featuring the Milky Way galaxy. The galaxy's bright, yellowish-white core and spiral arms are visible, stretching across the dark sky. The foreground shows the dark silhouettes of trees and mountains, creating a sense of depth and framing the celestial scene. The overall atmosphere is serene and awe-inspiring.

Transparency

Information liberates

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Mormons Sharpen Stand Against Same-Sex Marriage

Children of same-sex couples will not be able to join the Mormon Church until they turn 18 — and only if they move out of their parents' homes, disavow all same-sex relationships and receive approval from the church's top leadership as part of a new policy adopted by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Goodstein, L. (2015, Nov 6). *New York Times*, Retrieved from <https://www.nytimes.com/2015/11/07/us/mormons-gay-marriage.html>

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Mormon Resignations Put Support for Gays Over Fealty to Faith

Healy, J. (2015, Nov 15). *New York Times*, Retrieved from <https://www.nytimes.com/2015/11/16/us/mormon-resignations-put-support-for-gays-over-fealty-to-faith.html>

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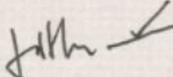
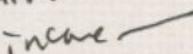
Leaked Videos Pull Back Curtain on Mormon Leadership

In a presentation that has provoked some criticism, former Senator Gordon H. Smith, a Republican of Oregon, shared with the apostles that he voted in favor of the Iraq War partly because he believed it could open the region for Mormon missionaries.

Goodstein, L. (2016, Oct 6). *New York Times*, Retrieved from <https://www.nytimes.com/2016/10/07/us/mormon-videos-leaked.html>



Paystubs

Earnings			Hours	Amount	Deductions		
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Living Alw		2,192.31		DMBA Ins.-BT	77.85	Thrift AT	87.69
Parsonage		826.92		24Hr AD&D	7.20	DMBA Ins.	0.06
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New Whistleblower Site FaithLeaks Releases
Confidential Documents About Child Sexual Abuse in
Jehovah's Witnesses Community

PRESS RELEASE

MARCH 19, 2018 - LAS VEGAS, NV

MormonLeaks™ Releases Audio of Former Mormon Mission President Admitting to Inappropriate Interactions with Women

Today MormonLeaks™ releases audio recorded in 2017 of Joseph L. Bishop admitting to inappropriate interactions he had with female missionaries while he was President of the Provo Missionary Training Center.

[Audio here](#)

[Transcript here](#)

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PRESS RELEASE

MAY 30, 2018 - LAS VEGAS, NV

MormonLeaks™ Compiles Information Connecting Mormon Church to \$32 Billion of Investments

Today MormonLeaks™ releases a compilation of information connecting the Mormon Church to 13 companies who collectively owned over \$32 billion of shares in the United States stock market at the end of 2017.

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PRESS RELEASE

SEPTEMBER 11, 2018 - LAS VEGAS, NV

MormonLeaks™ Publishes Internal Kirton McConkie Document Summarizing Investigations of Abuse within Mormon Church

MormonLeaks publishes a 2012 document labeled “Attorney Work Product” from Kirton McConkie, a Salt Lake City based law firm, summarizing legal investigations of abuse involving members of the Mormon Church.

PRESS RELEASE

NOVEMBER 21, 2018 - LAS VEGAS, NV

MormonLeaks Releases Emails Detailing an Internal Investigation of Abuse

MormonLeaks releases emails from July 2016 summarizing allegations of sex abuse made by a sister missionary against her former Patriarch and the internal investigation conducted by the Mormon Church of those allegations.

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**Director of Mormon Temple Videos and
Sundance Festival Co-founder Admits to
Child Molestation in Early 90s**

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**Leaked 'Branch' and 'Elders' Manuals Pull
Back the Curtain of Inner Workings of
Jehovah's Witnesses' Top Leaders**

A person is sitting on a rocky ridge, looking up at a starry night sky. The Milky Way galaxy is visible, stretching across the sky. The person is wearing a dark jacket and a hat. The sky is dark with many stars, and the Milky Way is a bright, pinkish-purple band of light. The horizon is dark, and the ground is rocky and uneven.

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Bubble Chart a.k.a. “Enemies List”

Issues and Ideas Leading People Away from the Gospel



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Our Response

This law firm has the privilege of serving as counsel to MormonLeaks™, and your DMCA notice was forwarded to us for a response. You sent this DMCA notice to remove a PowerPoint presentation from the Internet. That PowerPoint discussed some of the LDS Church's inner workings and public relations strategies. My client obtained this document lawfully and had a right to distribute it in its capacity as a journalistic resource devoted to discussing facts about the LDS Church.

Our Response

Even if my client were to never lay eyes or fingers upon it again, it would still be disseminated worldwide. You tried to blow out a single candle, but in the process, you knocked it over into a field of dried leaves. You may have extinguished that initial flame. However, your attempted censorship simply caused the document to be further reproduced and redistributed that even a hypothetical divine being could not possibly undo the dissemination.

Acts of Faith

MormonLeaks website squares off with Mormon Church, posts leaked 'Enemies List'

The McConkie Papers



The McConkie Papers

THE RECEIPT OF THE REVELATION

OFFERING THE PRIESTHOOD TO MEN OF ALL RACES AND
COLORS

June 30, 1978

In recent years the counselors in the First Presidency and all members of the Council of the Twelve have had an acute awareness of the desire of President Spencer W. Kimball to learn the mind and will of the Lord relative to conferring the Holy Priesthood upon worthy males of every race and color. In recent months one aspect or another of this matter has come up for informal discussion in various regular meetings of the First Presidency and the Twelve. There have been discussions for instance, about patriarchal blessings for Negroes and about the problems we might encounter in Brazil after the dedication of the Sao Paulo Temple. As a matter of historical fact, many of the early settlers in Brazil were Portuguese and African Negroes. There was extensive intermarriage. It is generally felt that an appreciable part of the Brazilian nation is now

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PRESS RELEASE

SEPTEMBER 19, 2017 - LAS VEGAS, NV

MormonLeaks™ Receives and Responds to DMCA Take Down; Publishes 53 Additional McConkie Papers

On July 24, 2017 MormonLeaks™ [released](#) the first installment of the McConkie Papers: 37 unpublished documents from the hand of controversial Mormon leader Bruce R. McConkie. Subsequently on July 26, 2017, MormonLeaks™ received a DMCA take down request from the attorney of the McConkie heirs asking for the removal of all 37 documents. Today MormonLeaks™ responds to the request refusing to comply and publishes another 53 documents in the McConkie Papers series.

[Request here](#)

[Response here](#)

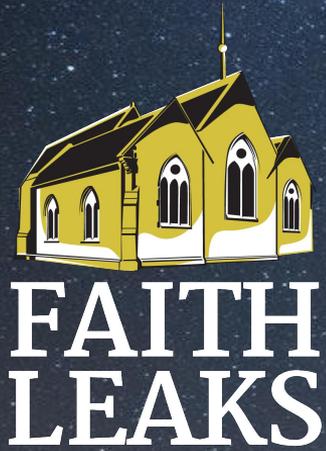
[Documents here](#)

A hand is shown holding a book. The book cover is light-colored and has the text 'NEW WORLD TRANSLATION OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURES' printed on it. The background is a solid grey color.

**Truth and Transparency Foundation Receives
Four Takedown Requests from Jehovah's
Witnesses**



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