

# DEFENDING

The Church of JESUS CHRIST of Latter-day Saints

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### SIZE - FORMAT

52 pages, 3.75" x 8.5", including front/back covers. Publication size and format design are:

- ❖ for easy reference/distribution (vest pocket, purse, etc.).
- ❖ for standard #10 envelope mailing.

### PURPOSE

*Defending is directed to those:*

- ❖ who are truly interested in the basic history and tenets of the Church of Jesus Christ. In particular, it is for those whose previous exposure to the LDS faith has been by way of so-called "anti-Mormon" criticisms.
- ❖ who have a sincere desire to investigate the restored gospel of Jesus Christ by prayerful study, but have insufficient background to readily rebut "anti-Mormon" claims.
- ❖ members of the faith seeking help in addressing questions, concerns and criticisms posed by acquaintances, friends and loved ones.
- ❖ who proclaim and perpetuate criticisms of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

### FEATURES

*Defending is a powerful apologetic reference guide that:*

- ❖ promotes faithful LDS scholars and their works.
- ❖ promotes high apologetic ideals and standards.
- ❖ promotes SHIELDS, FAIR and FARMS.
- ❖ is a quality Reference Guide designed to stimulate gospel study and/or investigation.
- ❖ is "consumable" in that many will want more than one copy.
- ❖ proclaims the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- ❖ strengthens Latter-day Saints who wonder about or are distressed by criticisms.
- ❖ fills a definite void in current LDS literature.

### EDITORIAL REVIEW

*Defending was submitted to intense reviews by the editorial boards of both FAIR and SHIELDS and by prominent LDS scholars.*

### OTHER POTENTIAL USES

*Note: we are sensitive to the fact that some "potential" uses would require prior ecclesiastical approval.*

- ❖ Could be used by stake presidents, bishops, mission presidents, CES directors, etc. when they counsel concerned members.
- ❖ Could be a useful background tool for missionaries.
- ❖ Could be available for reasonable skeptics at events such as pageants, dedications and the like.

