

The Spirit: Contrasting the Prophet Joseph Smith with 19th Century Contemporaries

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Dec. 1839 the Prophet Joseph wrote to Hyrum: "...we differed in mode of baptism and the gift of the Holy Ghost by laying on of hands. We considered that all other considerations were contained in the gift of the Holy Ghost" (*History of the Church* 4.42).

TABLE 1: Religious Revivals in New England and New York between 1815 and 1818

Rhode Island	Connecticut	Pennsylvania	New Jersey	Eastern New York	Vermont	Massachusetts	Burned-over-District or upstate New York
6	15	21	21	21	45	64	80

Source: Whitney R. Cross, *The Burned Over District: 1800-1850* (Ithaca, New York: Cornell University, 1950), 10-13, 35
From 1819 to 1820, ~ 50 towns in western New York held revival activity (Backman, "Awakenings," 312, 304)

TABLE 2: Word Ratio of Spirit, Holy Ghost, Comforter, and Baptism by Fire

TEXT:	Spirit	Holy Ghost	Comforter	Baptism by Fire*	Total	Word Ratio
Doctrine & Covenants 1-133 107,289 total words	148	49	23	4	224	0.209%
Book of Mormon 266,944 total words	200	90	1	6	297	0.111%
KJV Bible 790,868 total words	223	90	1		314	0.040%
Old Testament 610,303 total words	72	0	1		80	0.012%
New Testament 180,565 total words	144	90	4		238	0.132%

* This category includes minor derivations including: "baptized with fire," "baptize with fire," "baptism by fire," and "baptism of fire." There are actually 9 Book of Mormon and 2 biblical references to the baptism of the Spirit, but not in three to five word segments.

TABLE 3: Chronological References to the Spirit in the Doctrine and Covenants

DATE OF REVELATION	D&C REFERENCE	USAGE	WORDS
September 1823	2:1	1	Reveal
March 1829	5:16	2	Spirit
April 1829	6:14,15	2	Spirit of Truth
April 1829	8:1-3	4	Spirit, Holy Ghost, Spirit of Revelation
May 1829	11:12, 13,18, 21, 25	7	Spirit, Spirit of Revelation, Spirit of Prophecy
June 1829	14:8	1	Holy Ghost
June 1829	18:2, 18,32, 35, 47	5	Spirit, Holy Ghost
March 1830	19:20, 23,31, 38	5	Spirit, Holy Ghost, Baptism and by Fire
April 1830	20:11, 26-28, 35, 37, 41, 43, 45, 60, 73, 77, 79	14	Spirit, Spirit of Christ, Inspire, Holy Ghost, Gift of the Holy Ghost
April 1830	21:2, 9	3	Inspire, Holy Ghost, Comforter
July 1830	24:5	1	Comforter
July 1830	25:2, 7-8	3	Spirit, Holy Ghost, Revelation
August 1830	27:18	2	Spirit, Reveal
September 1830	28:1, 4	2	Comforter
September 1830	29:11, 30-31	3	Spirit, Reveal
September 1830	30:2	1	Spirit
September 1830	31:11	1	Comforter
October 1830	33:11, 15-16	4	Spirit, Holy Ghost, Gift-Holy Ghost, Baptism-Fire
November 1830	1:33, 39	2	Spirit
November 1830	34:10	1	Holy Ghost
December 1830	35:5, 6, 13, 19	5	Spirit, Holy Ghost, Comforter
December 1830	36:2	3	Spirit, Holy Ghost, Comforter

TABLE 4: Titles for the Spirit in 3-5 Segments

*Unique phrases to the Prophet Joseph’s sacred writings

TITLES OR DISCRPTIONS	OT	NT	Book of Mormon	D&C 1-133
*Baptism of (by) fire Baptize(d) with fire			2 4	4
Filled with the Spirit Filled him with the Spirit	1 2	1	7	1
Gift of the Holy Ghost		2	3	6
His Holy Spirit Holy Spirit of God	2	1 1	5 2	1
Holy Spirit of Promise		1		7
Power of the Holy Ghost		1	25	5
Spirit and in Truth		2	2	
Spirit and my Word				1
*Spirit and Power Spirit and Power of God			3 1	
Spirit of Christ		2	2	1
Spirit of Glory		1		
Spirit of God Spirit of our God	14	12 1	20	3
Spirit of the Living God		1		2
Spirit of Grace	1	1		
Spirit of His mouth		1		
Spirit of His Son		1		
Spirit of Holiness		1		
Spirit of Jesus Christ		1		1
Spirit of the Lord “ “ “ Omnipotent	26	5	40 1	1
Spirit of Prophecy		1	18	2
*Spirit of Revelation			9	2
Spirit of your Father		1		
Spirit of Truth Spirit of the Truth		4	1	12
Sword of the Spirit		1		
TOTAL	44	43	148	51

TABLE 5: Gifts of the Spirit

1 Corin. 12:1-11	Moro 10:7-18	D&C 46:8-31	7 th Article of Faith
Testify of Jesus	Teach wisdom	Know Jesus is the Son	Tongues
Administrations	Teach knowledge	Believe others' testimony	Prophecy
Operations	Faith	Administrations	Revelation
Wisdom	Healing	Operations	Visions
Knowledge	Miracles	Wisdom	Healings
Faith	Prophecy	Knowledge	Interpretation of Tongue
Healing	Beholding of angels	Faith to be healed	And so forth . . .
Miracles	Ministering spirit	Faith to heal	
Prophecy	Tongues	Miracles	
Discerning of spirits	Interpretation of tongues	Prophecy	
Tongues	Hope	Discerning of spirits	
Interpretation of tongues	Charity	Tongues	
Hope		Interpretation of tongues	
Charity		Head	

TABLE 6: POPULAR RELIGIOUS DENOMINATIONS IN USA

1800	1850
1. Congregationalist	1. Methodist (Peter Cartwright)
2. Presbyterian	2. Roman Catholic
3. Baptists	3. Baptist
4. Episcopalian	4. Presbyterian (Charles Hodge)
	5. Congregationalist (Charles Finney)
...trailing far behind...	6. Disciples of Christ (Alexander Campbell)
Methodist	
Catholic	

TABLE 7: The Book of Mormon offers greater breadth and depth about the Spirit compared to the Bible, for example:

1. SPIRIT AND JUDGING: Moroni 7:6-19 **with** Lev 19:15; John 1:9; John 7:24
2. SPIRIT AND NATURAL MAN: Mosiah 3:19 **with** 1 Corinthians 2:14
3. ENTERING AT THE STRAIT GATE: 2 Nephi 31:17-18, 32:5 **with** Matthew 7:13; and Luke 13:24
4. SPIRIT AND BAPTISM: 2 Nephi 31:13-14, 17 **with** Luke 3:7-8, 16-17 and Matt 3:11
5. PRODUCING FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT: Mosiah 3:19; 4:3; Alma 5:46-47; 13:28 **with** Gal 5:22; Eph 5:9;
6. SPIRIT AND MIRACLES: 2 Nephi 26:1; Alma 23:6; 3 Nephi 7:2 **with** Gal 3:5
7. BORN AGAIN THROUGH THE SPIRIT: Mosiah 27:24-25; Alma 5:47-50; 7:14 **with** John 3:3-7
8. AS A TEACHER: Alma 18:34 **with** John 14:26; Luke 12:12
9. SPIRIT IN REPENTANCE: Alma 5:50-54; Moroni 8:28 **with** Matt 3:11.