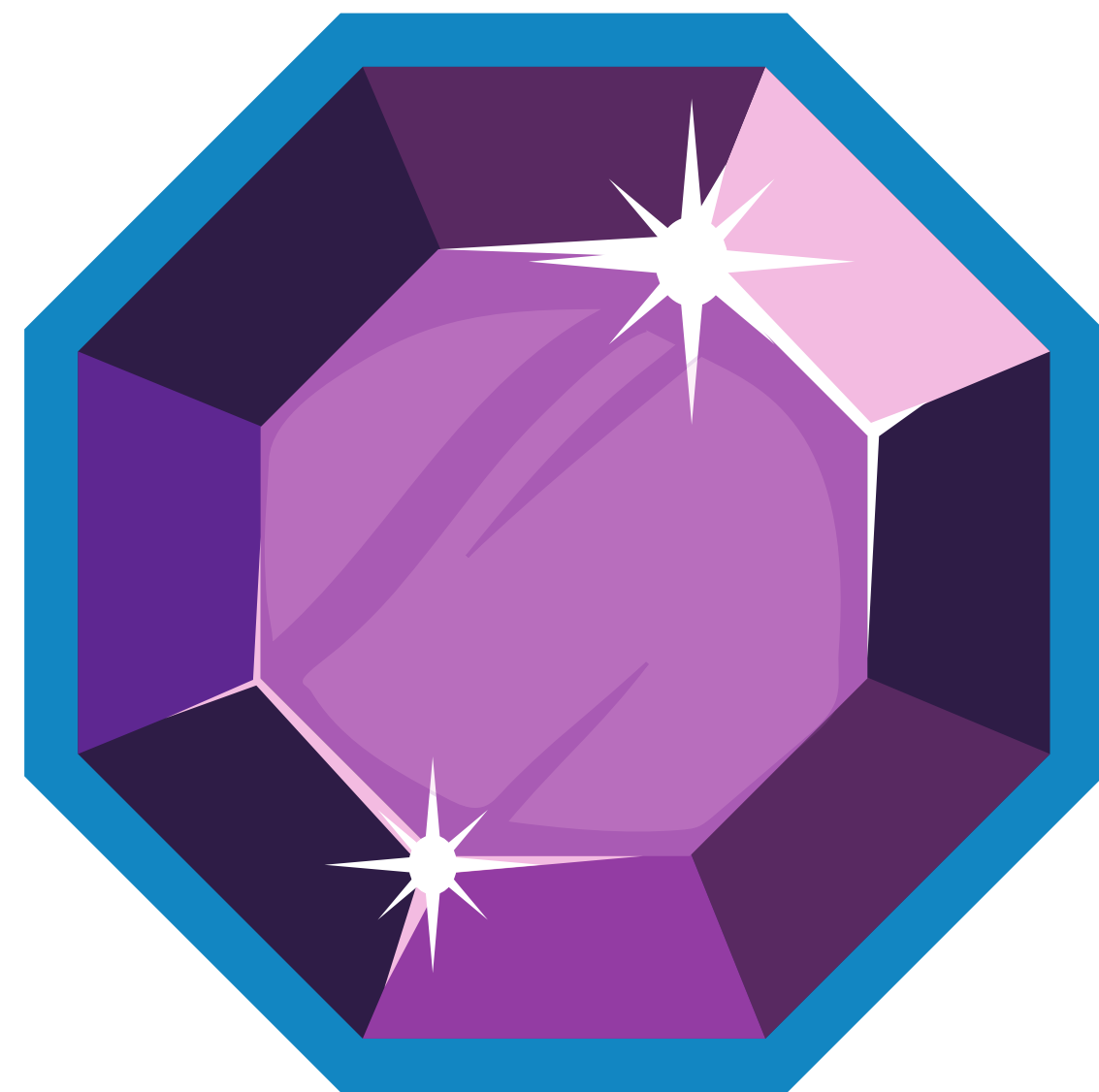
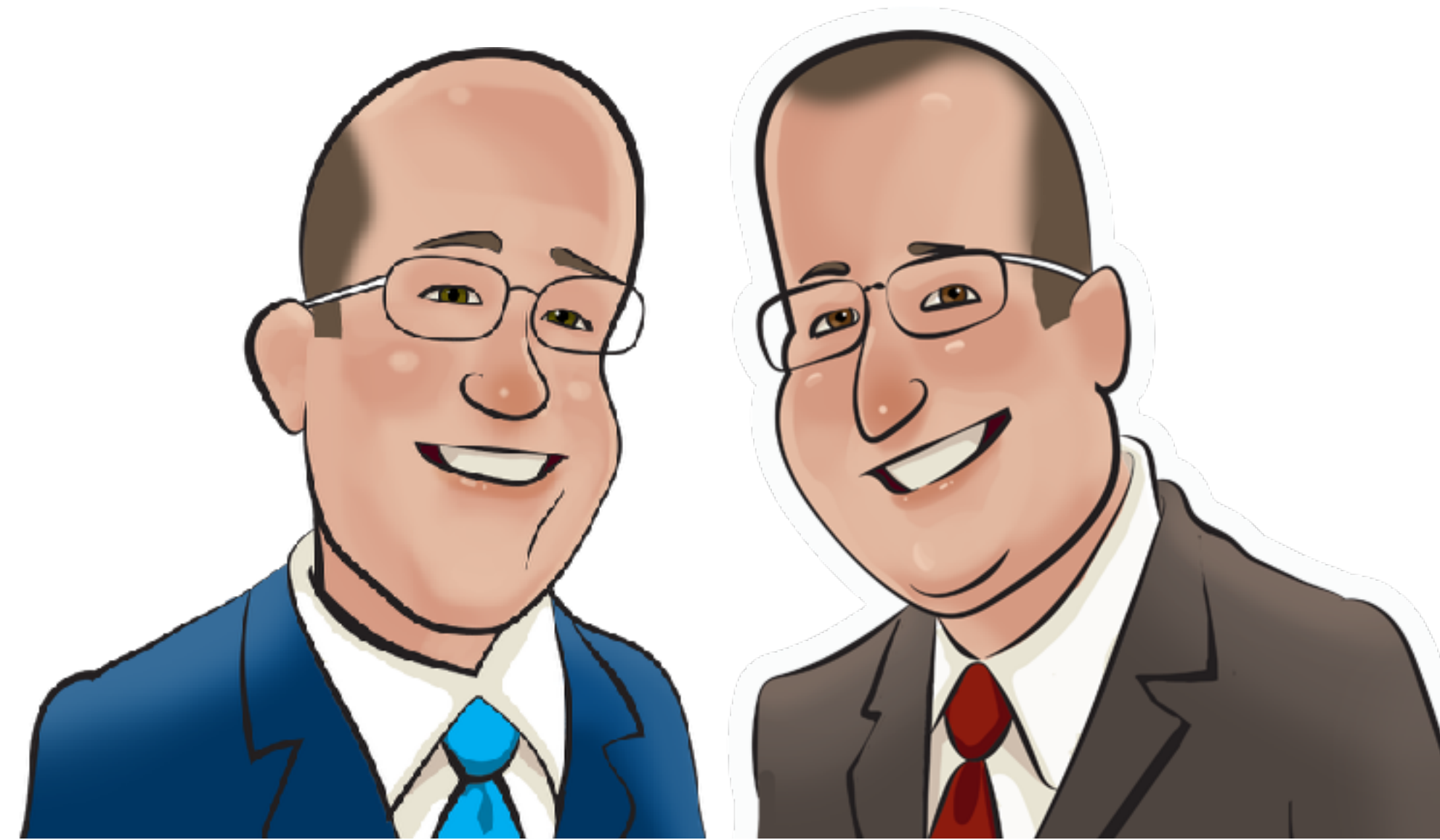
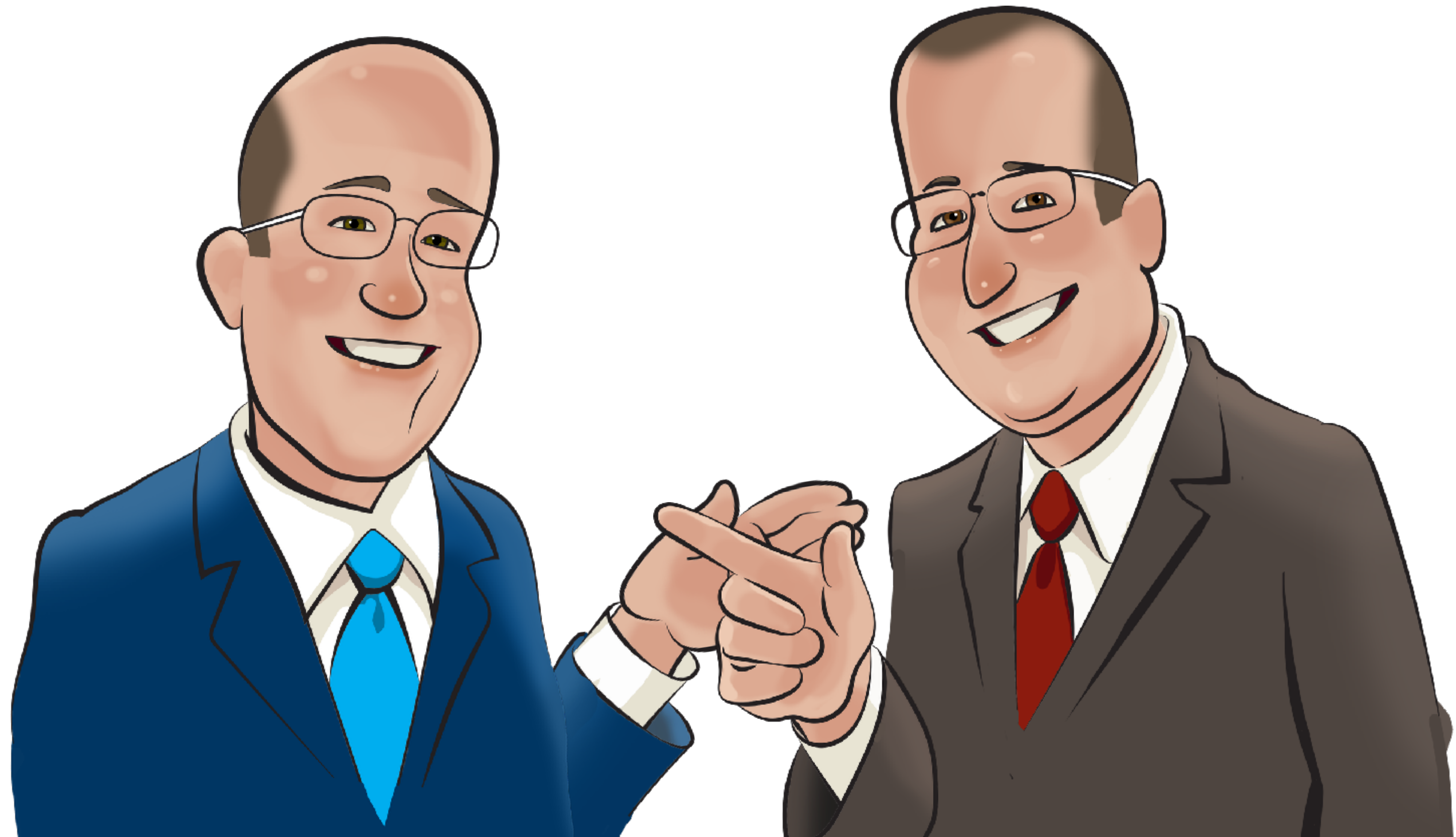


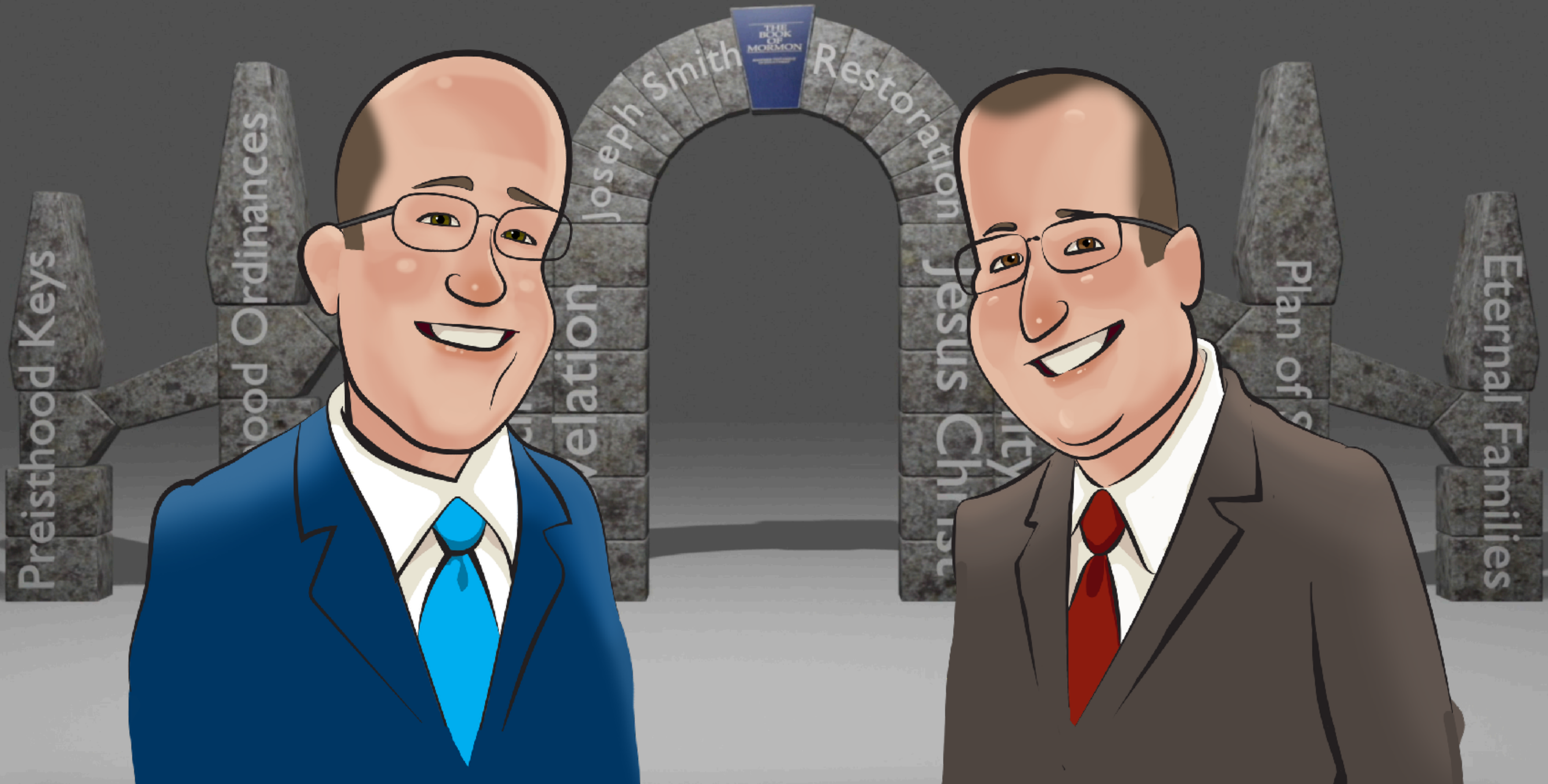
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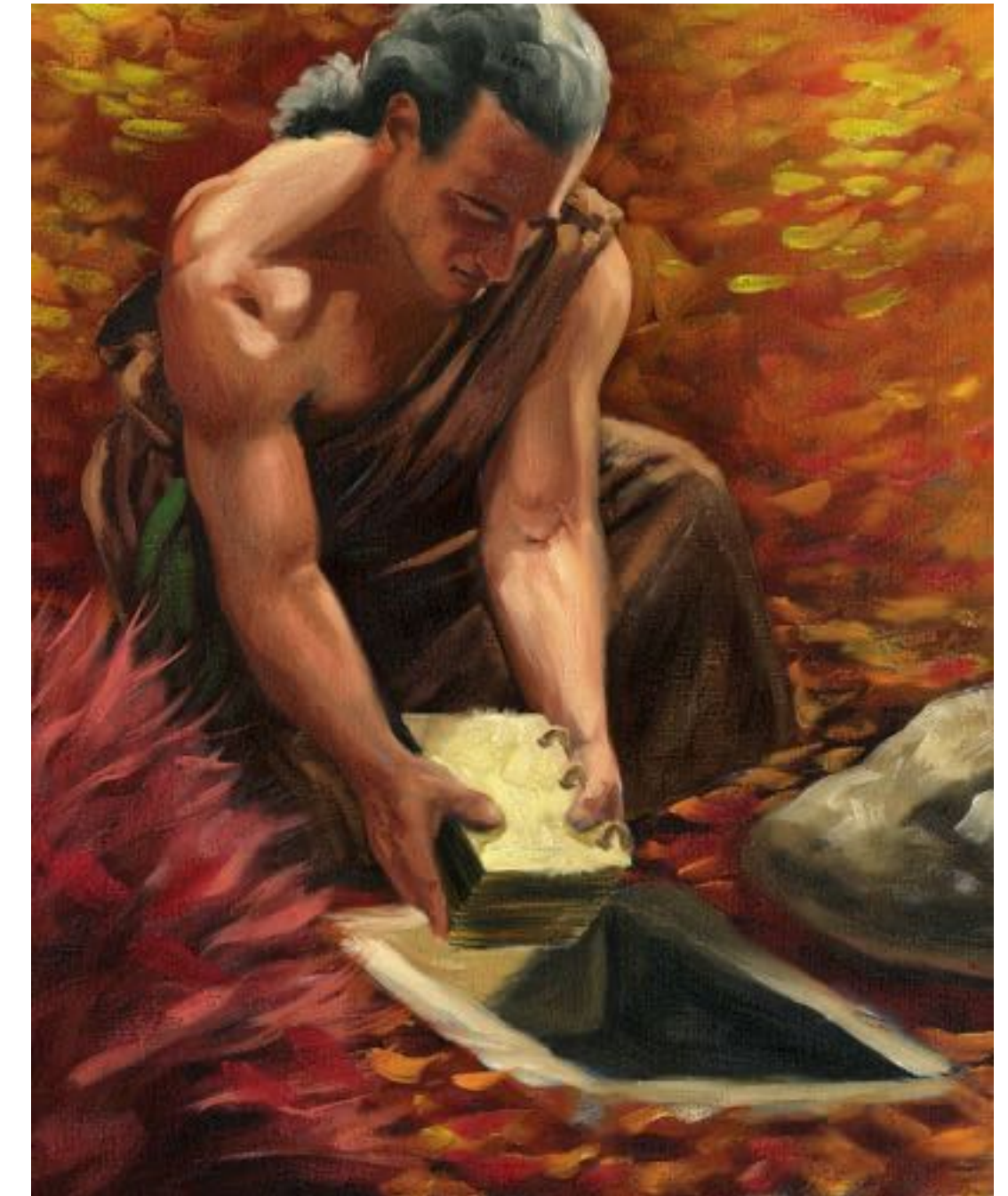
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*(Elder Gene R. Cook, “Moroni’s Promise,” Ensign, Apr. 1994, 12).*



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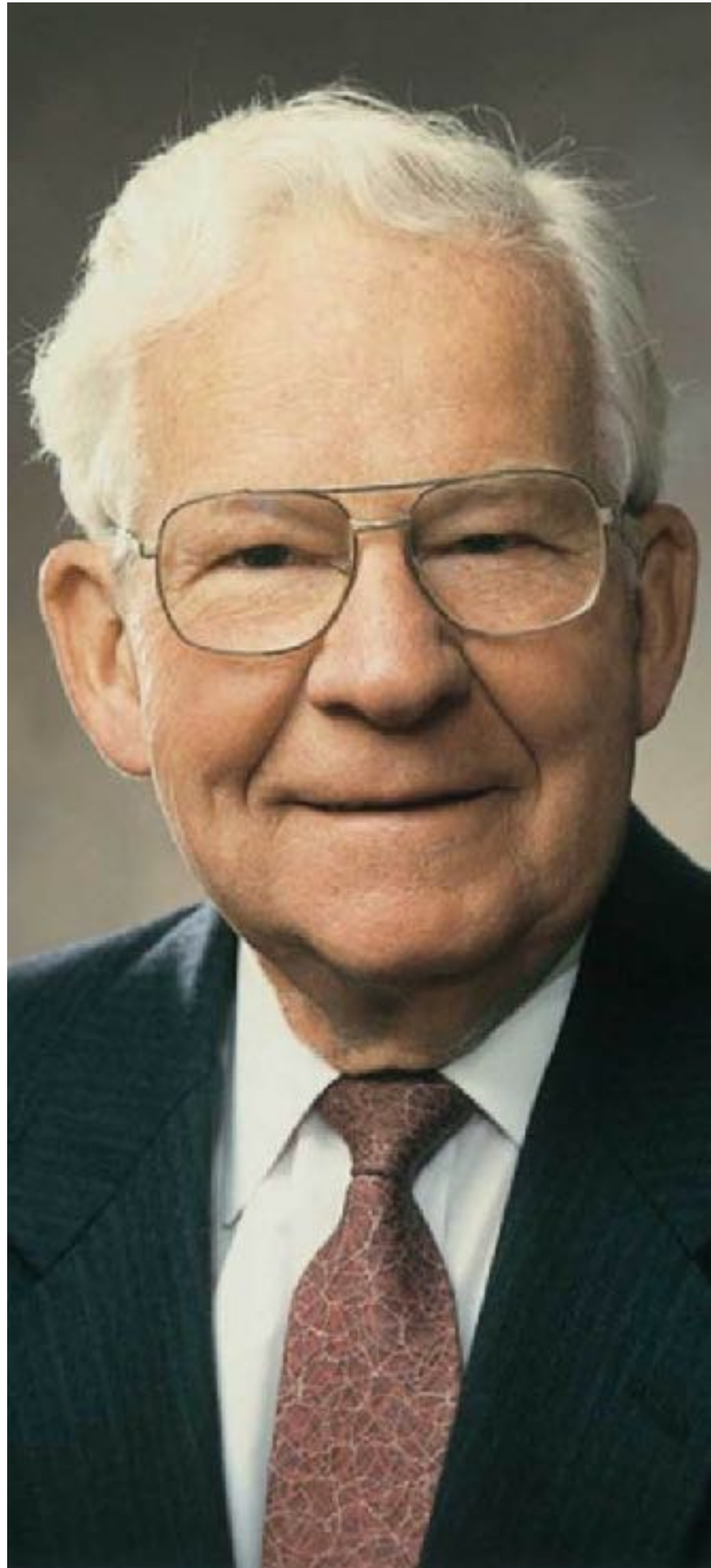
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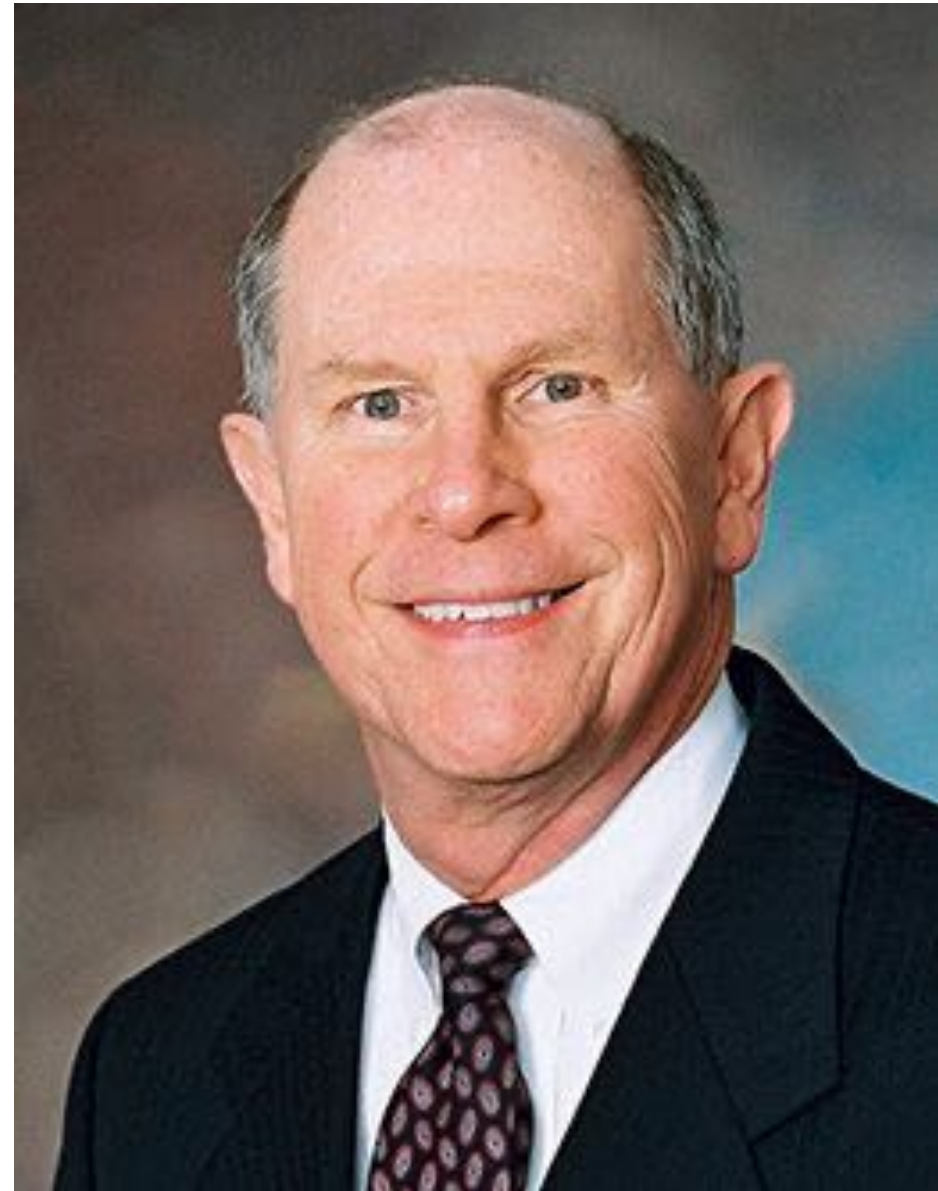
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**“So how do we come to know our gifts? We can reference our patriarchal blessing, ask those who know us best, and personally identify what we are naturally good at and enjoy. Most important, we can ask God (see James 1:5; Doctrine and Covenants 112:10). He knows our gifts, since He gave them to us”**

*(Elder John C. Pingree Jr., “I Have a Work for Thee,” Oct 2017 GC, Ensign or Liahona, Nov. 2017, 33).*





**“One of the great processes you go through in life is to discover yourself, to find those gifts and capacities God has given you. He has given you great talents, the smallest part of which you have just begun to utilize. Trust the Lord to assist you in unlocking the door to those gifts. Some of us have created imaginary limits in our minds. There is literally a genius locked up inside each of us. Don’t ever let anyone convince you otherwise”**

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And if it so be that they perish,  
now that many of our brethren  
<sup>a</sup>deserted over unto the Laman-  
and many more will also desert  
unto them; wherefore, write  
what a few things, if thou art  
ed and I shall perish and not  
hee; but I trust that I may see  
soon; for I have sacred records  
I would <sup>b</sup>deliver up unto thee.  
My son, be faithful in Christ;  
may not the things which I have  
en grieve thee, to weigh thee  
n unto <sup>a</sup>death; but may Christ  
hee up, and may his suffer-  
and death, and the showing  
ody unto our fathers, and his  
y and <sup>b</sup>long-suffering, and the  
of his glory and of eternal life,  
n your <sup>c</sup>mind forever.

And may the grace of God the  
er, whose throne is high in the  
ens, and our Lord Jesus Christ,  
sitteth on the <sup>a</sup>right hand of  
power, until all things shall  
me subject unto him, be, and  
e with you forever. Amen.

## CHAPTER 10

Testimony of the Book of Mormon  
by the power of the Holy Ghost—

*The gifts of the Spirit are dispensed to  
the faithful—Spiritual gifts always ac-  
company faith—Moroni's words speak  
from the dust—Come unto Christ, be  
perfected in Him, and sanctify your  
souls. About A.D. 421.*

Now I, Moroni, write somewhat  
as seemeth me good; and I write  
unto my brethren, the <sup>a</sup>Lamanites;  
and I would that they should know  
that more than <sup>b</sup>four hundred and  
twenty years have passed away since  
the sign was given of the coming  
of Christ.

2 And I <sup>a</sup>seal up <sup>b</sup>these records,  
after I have spoken a few words by  
way of exhortation unto you.

3 Behold, I would exhort you that  
when ye shall read these things, if  
it be wisdom in God that ye should  
read them, that ye would remember  
how <sup>a</sup>merciful the Lord hath been  
unto the children of men, from the  
creation of Adam even down until  
the time that ye shall receive these  
things, and <sup>b</sup>ponder it in your <sup>c</sup>hearts.

4 And when ye shall receive these  
things, I would exhort you that ye  
would <sup>a</sup>ask God, the Eternal Father,  
in the name of Christ, if these things  
are not <sup>b</sup>true; and if ye shall ask  
with a <sup>c</sup>sincere heart, with <sup>d</sup>real in-  
tent, having <sup>e</sup>faith in Christ, he will  
<sup>f</sup>manifest the <sup>g</sup>truth of it unto you,  
by the power of the Holy Ghost.

5 And by the power of the Holy  
Ghost ye may <sup>a</sup>know the <sup>b</sup>truth of  
all things.

6 And whatsoever thing is good is

just and true; wherefore, nothing  
that is good denieth the Christ, but  
acknowledgeth that he is.

7 And ye may <sup>a</sup>know that he is, by  
the power of the Holy Ghost; where-  
fore I would exhort you that ye deny  
not the power of God; for he worketh  
by power, <sup>b</sup>according to the faith  
of the children of men, the same  
today and tomorrow, and forever.

8 And again, I exhort you, my  
brethren, that ye deny not the  
<sup>a</sup>gifts of God, for they are many;  
and they come from the same God.  
And there are <sup>b</sup>different ways that  
these gifts are administered; but it  
is the same God who worketh all in  
all; and they are given by the mani-  
festations of the <sup>c</sup>Spirit of God unto  
men, to profit them.

9 <sup>a</sup>For behold, to one is given by  
the Spirit of God, that he may <sup>b</sup>teach  
the word of wisdom;

10 And to another, that he may  
<sup>a</sup>teach the word of <sup>b</sup>knowledge by  
the same Spirit;

11 And to another, exceedingly  
great <sup>a</sup>faith; and to another, the  
gifts of <sup>b</sup>healing by the same Spirit;

12 And again, to another, that he  
may work mighty <sup>a</sup>miracles;

13 And again, to another, that he  
may prophesy concerning all things;

14 And again, to another, the be-  
holding of angels and ministering  
spirits;

15 And again, to another, all kinds  
of tongues;

16 And again, to another, the in-  
terpretation of <sup>a</sup>languages and of  
divers kinds of tongues.

17 And all these gifts come by the

Spirit of Christ; and they come unto  
every man severally, according as  
he will.

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beloved brethren, that ye remem-  
ber that <sup>a</sup>every good <sup>b</sup>gift cometh  
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shall stand, only according to the  
<sup>b</sup>unbelief of the children of men.

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and if there must be faith there must  
also be hope; and if there must be  
hope there must also be charity.

21 And except ye have <sup>a</sup>charity  
ye can in nowise be saved in the  
kingdom of God; neither can ye be  
saved in the kingdom of God if ye  
have not faith; neither can ye if  
ye have no hope.

22 And if ye have no hope ye must  
needs be in <sup>a</sup>despair; and despair  
cometh because of iniquity.

23 And Christ truly said unto our  
fathers: <sup>a</sup>If ye have faith ye can do  
all things which are expedient unto  
me.

24 And now I speak unto all the  
ends of the earth—that if the day  
cometh that the power and gifts of  
God shall be done away among you,  
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25 And wo be unto the children  
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## Pray for a Manifestation of the Truth

### The Gifts of God



**“In the Book of Mormon we read that ‘despair cometh because of iniquity.’ (Moro. 10:22.) ‘When I do good I feel good,’ said Abraham Lincoln, ‘and when I do bad I feel bad.’ Sin pulls a man down into despondency and despair. While a man may take some temporary pleasure in sin, the end result is unhappiness. ‘Wickedness never was happiness.’ (Alma 41:10.) Sin creates disharmony with God and is depressing to the spirit. Therefore, a man would do well to examine himself to see that he is in harmony with all of God’s laws. Every law kept brings a particular blessing. Every law broken brings a particular blight. Those who are heavy-laden with despair should come unto the Lord, for his yoke is easy and his burden is light. (See Matt. 11:28–30.)”**

*(President Ezra Taft Benson, “Do Not Despair,” Ensign, Oct. 1986, 2).*

18 And I would exhort you, my beloved brethren, that ye remember that <sup>a</sup>every good <sup>b</sup>gift cometh of Christ.

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be one among you that doeth good, he shall work by the power and gifts of God.

26 And wo unto them who shall do these things away and die, for they <sup>a</sup>die in their <sup>b</sup>sins, and they cannot be saved in the kingdom of God; and I speak it according to the words of Christ; and I lie not.

27 And I exhort you to remember these things; for the time speedily cometh that ye shall know that I lie not, for ye shall see me at the bar of God; and the Lord God will say unto you: Did I not declare my <sup>a</sup>words unto you, which were written by this man, like as one <sup>b</sup>crying from the dead, yea, even as one speaking out of the <sup>c</sup>dust?

28 I declare these things unto the fulfilling of the prophecies. And behold, they shall proceed forth out of the mouth of the everlasting God; and his word shall <sup>a</sup>hiss forth from generation to generation.

29 And God shall show unto you, that that which I have written is <sup>a</sup>true.

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32 Yea, <sup>a</sup>come unto Christ, and be <sup>b</sup>perfected in him, and <sup>c</sup>deny yourselves of all ungodliness; and if ye shall deny yourselves of all ungodliness, and <sup>d</sup>love God with all your might, mind and strength, then is his grace sufficient for you, that by his grace ye may be <sup>e</sup>perfect in Christ; and if by the grace of God ye are perfect in Christ, ye can in nowise deny the power of God.

33 And again, if ye by the grace of God are perfect in Christ, and deny not his power, then are ye <sup>a</sup>sanctified in Christ by the grace of God, through the shedding of the <sup>b</sup>blood of Christ, which is in the covenant of the Father unto the remission of your <sup>c</sup>sins, that ye become <sup>d</sup>holy, without spot.

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Nephi

2 Nephi 33:11, 13

Mormon

Moroni 7:35

Amaleki

Omni 1:26

Mormon

Moroni 7:35

Lehi

2 Nephi 1:14

Isaiah

3 Nephi 20:36-37

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Isaiah

2 Nephi 22:2, 4

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Enos

Enos 1:27

Jacob

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**“We need not be dismayed if our earnest efforts toward perfection now seem so arduous [or difficult] and endless. Perfection is pending. It can come in full only after the Resurrection and only through the Lord. It awaits all who love him and keep his commandments”**

*(Russell M. Nelson, “Perfection Pending,” Ensign, Nov. 1995, 88).*

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**“If you are not reading the Book of Mormon each day, please do so. If you will read it prayerfully and with a sincere desire to know the truth, the Holy Ghost will manifest its truth to you. If it is true—and I solemnly testify that it is—then Joseph Smith was a prophet who saw God the Father and His Son, Jesus Christ.**

**“Because the Book of Mormon is true, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is the Lord’s Church on the earth, and the holy priesthood of God has been restored for the benefit and blessing of His children”**

*(Thomas S. Monson, “The Power of the Book of Mormon,” Ensign or Liahona, May 2017, 86–87).*

