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Defending Mormonism—Topic of New Book

Increased anti-Mormon Internet activity causes some Mormons to doubt their faith—a grass-roots volunteer group fights back.

Redding, California, 6 June 2008—With anti-Mormon attacks threatening the faith of some Mormons, a volunteer organization offers timely help by answering critical charges in a faithful manner. Their latest effort is a new book aimed at helping believers defuse faith-shaking claims.

The polygamous followers of *non*-Mormon Warren Jeffs and Mitt Romney’s presidential campaign are just a few of the recent events that have drawn negative and often unfair media attention to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon or LDS).

Adding to the confusion are Internet sites that target Mormons in the hope of creating doubt and disillusionment through a selective presentation of the evidence. Accordingly, some believers—unaware that faith-shaking claims have been answered time and again—have abandoned their former religious convictions. *Shaken-Faith Syndrome* provides answers to several of the most popular LDS-critical arguments, and examines the underlying misconceptions that contribute to deconversion.

The late LDS Apostle Neal A. Maxwell expressed concern that critics shouldn’t be allowed to make “uncontested slam-dunks.” In 1997 the Foundation for Apologetic Information and Research (FAIR)—a volunteer organization—was established to take that advice seriously. Today FAIR announced the publication of *Shaken-Faith Syndrome: Strengthening One’s Testimony in the Face of Criticism and Doubt* by Michael R. Ash.

Ash explores ways that Mormons can be both critical thinkers *and* devout believers. He advocates a faithful yet more nuanced understanding of religious issues, and explores the limitations of science and history. This FAIR-published book is distributed by Deseret Book (www.DeseretBook.com) and sells for \$19.95.

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