

Talking Doctrine: Mormons & Evangelicals in Conversation
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A group of Mormon and evangelical scholars undertook a remarkable journey over fifteen years to discuss differences and investigate possible common ground in their beliefs. With both candor and generosity, these essays reflect the thoughtful, respectful and nuanced engagements on some of the most controversial topics that have inflamed passions in the past.

“Taking Stock of the Present and Offering Hope for the Future”

“The ongoing Mormon-evangelical dialogue has been a model of charitable listening and mutual education, but also of challenging confrontations expressed in just the right way. This book features high-level exchanges growing out of that dialogue, with an unusually compelling mix of exposition, apologetics and evangelism (from both sides to both sides). It is an important landmark on an important journey.”

—**Mark Noll**, Francis McAnaney Professor of History, University of Notre Dame, author of *Protestantism: A Very Short Introduction*

“Some people wonder why they should engage in conversation with persons of other faiths. Short of conversion, what is to be gained? Here is the answer from Mormons and evangelicals who have been talking to one another for many years. They tell you what they learned and how these conversations changed their lives. One cannot help but wonder if this is not the kind of talk the world needs more of.”

—**Richard Bushman**, Gouverneur Morris Professor Emeritus of History, Columbia University, author of *Joseph Smith: Rough Stone Rolling*

“Fifteen years ago, the prospect of evangelicals and Mormons engaged in theological conversation struck some as preposterous and others as hopeful. *Talking Doctrine* demonstrates that the balance tilts decisively toward the latter rather than the former.”

—**Randall Balmer**, Dartmouth Professor in the Arts & Sciences, chair of the department of religion, Dartmouth College, author of *The Making of Evangelicalism*

“Richard Mouw and Robert Millet have compiled an outstanding collection of essays that place Jesus’ core message at the center of interfaith dialogue: true disciples interact in love and mutual respect. These pioneers of the evangelical-Mormon conversation have much to teach us all by their words and examples alike.”

—**Terryl Givens**, Bostwick Professor of English, University of Richmond, author of *Wrestling the Angel: The Foundations of Mormon Thought*

“Times are changing. For nearly two centuries, wariness – if not hostility – has marked the relationship between Mormons and evangelicals. But in the past fifteen years a small but courageous band of academics on both sides has met to see what could be done. These thoughtful essays by dialogue participants mark a major contribution to that effort. They describe the history of the project, designate places where bridges might be built and call for

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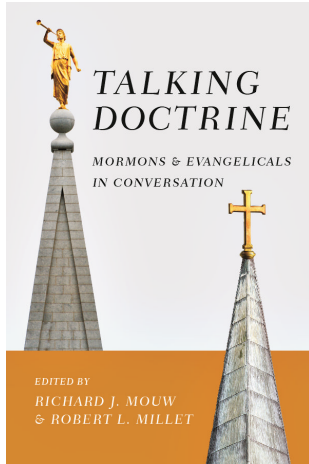
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honest respect where they cannot. Simply put, the book offers a valuable moment of repose for measuring the past, taking stock of the present and offering hope for the future.”

—**Grant Wacker**, Gilbert T. Rowe Distinguished Professor of Christian History, Duke University, author of *Heaven Below: Early Pentecostals and American Culture*



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Pioneers of the Evangelical-Mormon Conversation

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A leader in interfaith theological conversations, particularly with Mormons and Jewish groups, Mouw served for six years as co-chair of the official Reformed-Catholic Dialogue and as president of the Association of Theological Schools. He was a professor of philosophy at Calvin College for seventeen years. In 2007, Princeton Theological Seminary awarded him the Abraham Kuyper Prize for Excellence in Reformed Theology and Public Life.

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