

Guide & Standard History/Chronology | Jay Ball Journal

Year	Date	Event / Description
2016	31 Dec	Assignment given by scripture committee to Jeff Savage to draft replacement to D&C 20
2017	6 Feb	The Testimony of St John posted on DenverSnuffer.com
	17-19 Feb	Jeff Savage 'given' original 'Governing Principals' http://statementofprinciples.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/Original-Governing-Principles-No-Edits.pdf
	18 Mar	Chris Hamill announced the Scriptures Project (including GP), St George, UT (with Q&A next day) "THE NEXT CONFERENCE, which has been mentioned during this announcement, will be held in Boise, ID, Labor Day weekend, September 2-3, with the intent of approving the final content for the Restoration Edition of the scriptures and sustaining that edition as canon for this assembly. Today is the 'open to public view' step of the process." Jeff Savage's "Governing Principals" replacement for D&C 20 was published in this first draft of scriptures presented at this conference.
	19 Mar	<i>Things to Keep Us Awake at Night</i> talk by Denver Snuffer, St. George, UT "[Jeff Savage] wrote it ['Governing Principals'] and he actually wrote it up in a way that was better than the way in which I would have written it."
	27 Mar	Denver Publishes <i>*Scripture, Prophecy and Covenant*</i> Paper: "Before September every believer should ask the Lord if it contains the covenant He promised to restore through the gentiles in the last days... Zion will require people of one heart and one mind, who have all things in common. Equality in Zion is unlikely if we do not treat one another as equals along the way... Everyone has a half-year to review, study, contribute and discuss the material. We are all equal."
	30 Apr	The body, having been solicited for input on the scripture project at the conference in March, and due to concerns over Jeff Savage's "Governing Principals" (GP), the discussions "resulted in the GP being placed on Scripture Committee's submissions list for greater discussion by the body of believers." [https://pumpkinglow.com/images/pdf/files/2017.09.20_Restorationist%20Paper%20-%20%201%20(20%20Sept%202017).pdf] As a result, on 30 Apr 2022, an invitation was extended to all fellowships who felt impressed to send a representative for a meeting in early June.
	10 Jun	Representatives from 23 fellowships met (for 12 hours) and drafted Governing Principals document based on Jeff Savage original ("GP ver 2")
	2 Jul	'Standard for All Fellowships' drafted in a 21 hour follow up meeting. (GP ver 3, "coordinated dance" version)
	Week of 9 Jul	Prayer for Covenant (see T&C 156)
	14 Jul	Answer to Prayer for Covenant and Covenant Ordinance given to Denver Snuffer (see T&C 157 & 158) "You are not excused from writing a statement of principles that I have required at your hands."

29 Jul	Denver gives <i>Other Sheep Indeed</i> talk at Sunstone
30 Jul	<i>Unity in Christ</i> conference in Utah County
5 Aug	Guide and Standard meeting, resulting in the Aug 5th (aka Aug 13th) G&S document, having a 91% acceptance thru vote.
13 Aug	Scripture committee posts statement, acknowledging imperfections in the Aug 5th document and turning over responsibility for meeting the Lord's requirement to be written by the people.
3 Sep	Covenant presented at <i>Covenant of Christ</i> conference in Boise ID.
13 Sep	Statement of Principals process called "A Path Forward" presented by Adrian Larsen and Jeff Savage (https://www.totheremnant.com/2017/09/statements-and-principles-part-3-path.html) A forum for discussion was set up on https://comeserve.com
20 Sep	The proposed process to create a mutually agreed upon statement of principles went live on www.scriptures.info . A plea for the Aug 5th (13th) document is proposed (aka Restorationist Paper) and site created for its support at preservingtherestoration.com .
21 Sep	Christian Talk 1, Cerritos CA
29 Sep	New blog created (https://scripturesproject.blogspot.com) to host additional dialog for those raising concerns regarding issues related to scriptures. (Announced on denversnuffer.com)
1 Oct	To remain neutral, scripture committee creates separate blog for discussions surrounding Guide and Standard - guideandstandard.blogspot.com
3 Oct	"A Proposal on How to Move Forward" thread was started on guideandstandard.blogspot.com which proposed implementing "A Committee for Obtaining the Voice of the People"
7 Oct	Meeting of Rob Adolpho, Karen Strong, Adrian Larsen, and others in Steve Vanleer's home in Eden, UT where they reconciled their differences and agreed upon a "United Proposal".
8 Oct	Fast and prayer online fellowship conference. Jeff Savage's Assignment is explained (along with other questions) by scripture committee on https://scripturesproject.blogspot.com/2017/10/explanations.html
10 Oct	"United Proposal", authored by Steve Vanleer. Summary includes, "All of those who took the covenant have already mutually agreed to the principals embodied within the covenant itself. Therefore, we already have mutual agreement on a set of principles."
19 Oct	Christian Talk 2, Dallas TX "We have a hard time even imagining the earliest generation of Christians. We also have a tendency to use what we're familiar with as our guide and standard in trying to understand early Christianity. It affects even how we read our Scriptures. I'd like you to try to abandon the picture that you have in your head and imagine a new picture in its place."

	26 Oct	A Proposed Process For Developing A Statement of Principles (aka the Lots process) is published, “which closely follows the principals included in the Oct 7th, 2017 ‘United Proposal’ as well as the added light given in the talk in Dallas”.
	27 Oct	Steve Vanleer posts "HOPE-Update" on guideandstandard.blogspot.com , giving support for a revision to the 3 Oct "Proposal on How to Move Forward". The new revision/version (now titled "A Proposed Process For Developing A Statement of Principals"), instead of referring to “a committee”, employs "a system of casting lots to form a body of 7 individuals from among the people to draft the Guide and Standard/Statement of Principles." Other new proposals added: The Rock of Jesus Christ: A Statement of Our Principles posted by Jared Livesey A Statement of Principles by Anonymous
	28 Oct	Jay posts on guideandstandard.blogspot.com (8:31pm) that the United Proposal appears to have been removed?
	29 Oct	<i>The Holy Order</i> fireside Jay posts on "HOPE-Update" thread (9:19pm), expressing confusion over why the discussion thread from 3 Oct, "A Proposal on How to Move Forward" has been removed which "included comments that raised concerns over the implementation of a committee."
	29 Oct - 1 Nov	Jay's email exchange and phone conversation with Steve Vanleer
	30 Oct	Jim O'Rullian replies (2:24pm) to Jay's question from 28 Oct that United Proposal is now back up for review.
	3 Nov	Request announced to “conduct a simple YES/NO vote to seek permission of the main body of believers to move forward” with “A Proposed Process For Developing A Statement of Principals” (aka the Lots process).
	5 Nov	In response to "A Call to Come Forward to Support the Vote" thread (at 8:51am), Quintina Adolpho posted that "the united proposal isn't connected to the casting lot proposal" and expressed her disagreement on how the United Proposal, that she had agreed to, had now morphed to include more than what was discussed in the 7 Oct meeting.
	6 Nov	Call for vote for the Lots proposal (https://www.totheremnant.com/2017/11/call-for-vote.html) Jay's phone conversation with Jared Livesey (Log)
	8 Nov	Deadline to vote to appoint editors/writers by lots to present a statement of principles to God. Quintina Adolpho posted in response to the "Last Call to Vote" at 9:54am: "Please remove my name from the United Proposal. Had I known you were going to use this proposal to further support this casting lots proposal I wouldn't have signed my name to it."
	9 Nov	Names solicited for “individuals making up the committee which will write a Statement of Principles” for the Lots proposal (See https://www.recordersclearinghouse.com/recorders-message/casting-our-lots/)
	10 Nov	Jay's name was submitted for inclusion in drawing of lots, which Jay declined to accept.

	11-12 Nov	Jay's email exchange with Keith Henderson and Steve Vanleer
	12 Nov	Drawing of lots (https://www.recordersclearinghouse.com/uncategorized/results-of-drawing-of-lots/)
	13 Nov	Names of those drawn for Lots proposal: Jack Hinkle, Jason Carlson, John Webster, Doug Larson, Jeff Reber, Jonathan Dippold, Shalyce Woodard https://www.recordersclearinghouse.com/recorders-message/drawing-of-lots-part-2/
	15 Nov	One of the Lots body, Doug Larson, inflicted with “a significant medical condition” and is replaced by Kirk Strong.
	16 Nov	Christian Talk 3, Atlanta GA
	18 Nov	Preliminary Guide and Standard draft completed by Lots body of 7 and plea extended to body for feedback: https://www.totheremnant.com/2017/11/preliminary-guide-and-standard-completed.html
	19 Nov	Keith Henderson’s reflections of miracles associated with the drawing of Lots https://www.recordersclearinghouse.com/recorders-message/of-god-or-by-chance/
	22 Nov	“A Guide and Standard Chosen by Lots” Update posted, sharing Shalyce’s prayer and Jeff Reber’s testimony.
	23 Nov	Thanksgiving
	25 Nov	A Summary History for Guide & Standard - Nonmancaaf Swhafugs, "Non Opposing, No Marketing Added, Non Compulsory, All Are Free. Simply What He Asked From Us G&S" (internally dated 22 Nov 2017), is posted on guideandstandard.blogspot.com , by "a lone couple [Kelly and Troy Erickson] apart from all other current and prior efforts," who were originally part of what was the Restorationis Paper effort (see 20 Sep 2017).
	28 Nov	“A Different Idea from One of the Lot Group”, posted in with the proposals by Doug Larson, not as an official proposal, but as ideas to experiment with.
	29 Nov	Lord’s definition of ‘mutual agreement’ given. (T&C 174)
	30 Nov	Denver posts that the hope to have scriptures printed before Christmas does not seem possible. https://denversnuffer.com/2017/11/completing-and-publishing-scriptures/
	1 Dec	"[L]ast day to vote on the Guide and Standard produced by the seven chosen by lots. The purpose is to see if the body deems the document acceptable as a guide and standard." (https://www.totheremnant.com/2017/12/a-sign-of-hope-and-healing.html) Document received 93% approval.
	11 Dec	The seven "lotsters" still accepting feedback on the document (under "If You Voted No": https://www.totheremnant.com/2017/12/mutual-agreement-and-dispute.html)
2018	7 Jan	<i>Cursed: Denied Priesthood</i> , talk by Denver, Sandy UT

	13 Jan	General fast and united prayer. (https://www.totheremnant.com/2018/01/a-request-for-one-heart.html)
	14 Jan	<i>That We Might Become One</i> Fireside, Clinton UT (Denver's 'God is not a short order cook' talk)
	9 Feb	Post titled, "Dear Scriptures Committee Members", a proposal for an online vote to consider any or all the statements of principles. Then at the upcoming 24 March conference, announce the results of the online voting, and take a second vote, to establish what is the majority's decision. "Once adopted, the [minority] will be contacted and asked again if they will accept the outcome of the vote of the conference. Since the conference adopted the proposition, the continued opposition of a few will not stop the inclusion of the statement of principles in the new scriptures." The intent being an expressed hope that "This approach balances the interests of all concerned, and provides a way to move beyond the current impasse." Gordon Platt Jeanene Custer, Donald and Christy Danner, Paul Durham, Others
	11 Mar	Meeting at Rob Adolpho's. Attendees include (as best recalled from Jay's notes from the event), Rob and Qunitina Adolpho, Jay Ball, [a friend], Edwin Wilde, Dan & Jennie Campbell, Sam & Dana Vaughn, Chris & Ofa Chandler, Mark & Jill Hudson, Jack and Jane (?)
	14 Mar	Post titled "Process update" "On Feb 9th we proposed a vote to the Scriptures Committee (SC) and asked them to publish whichever Guide and Standard (G&S) was chosen using a voting process which we outlined. On March 3rd the SC agreed to our request. Now, however, the SC has had second thoughts, and has declined any further involvement with the G&S. Because of this our proposal cannot go forward as planned and no online vote will be carried out as has been announced. However, there will still be an effort to achieve mutual agreement among those attending the conference." Gordon Platt Jeanene Custer, Donald and Christy Danner, Paul Durham, Others
	16 Mar	T&C Epigraph first mentioned in Full G&S blog (guideandstandard.blogspot.com) on 16 Mar 2018. The day before this, Scriptures Project blog announced updated T&C now available as PDF download. [Is this when the epigraph first showed up in published scriptures?] The words of this epigraph were quoted by Chris Hamill in conclusion remarks a year earlier at the St. George conference (18 Mar 2017) at the announcement of the scripture project: "The most important lesson for our group was expressed in the course of our emailing back and forth when someone said this..."
	22 Mar	Process for Voting to take place at the upcoming conference in Phoenix explained in a post on guideandstandard.blogspot.com titled "Explaining Upcoming Voting"

24-25 Mar	<p><i>Wisdom Through the Ages</i> conference in Phoenix, AZ. <i>Our Divine Parents</i> talk given on 25th.</p> <p>"Before the Phoenix conference... the organizers of that effort (including me) proposed a three step process and did not announce it until 'those who control publication' agreed in advance to publish if we went through the process we proposed. The rabble at step 2 was so ugly and boisterous and disruptive to the spirit and flow of the conference that the conference organizers chose to shut it down and step 3, the final sustaining vote, was not allowed to be carried out Sunday morning. If it had been and the congregation had sustained the leading G&S by vote, the Lots document would have been published. We had the publishers promise on that." (McKay Platt to Adrian, 6 Sep 2018, blog comments, https://www.totheremnant.com/2018/09/one-year.html)</p>
11 Apr	Declaration of the signees (posted on https://www.recordersclearinghouse.com/uncategorized/declaration-of-the-signees/)
14 Apr	Russ & Teryn Ellersick's invitation to join in approaching the Lord in prayer and fasting to "seek His word in determining if He accepts this step as fulfilling His requirements." (https://www.totheremnant.com/2018/04/invitation-for-prayer-on-statement-of.html)
22 Apr	All three volumes of Remnant Edition Scriptures (including Testimony of St John & Glossary of Terms) available on Amazon and as PDF download. (https://www.totheremnant.com/2018/04/volunteer-miracles.html) Jay attended fellowship at Keith Henderson's
9 May	Jay meeting with Steve Vanleer at his home in Layton, UT. "Don't dispute, be at peace, move on."
10 May	Date of last comment from guideandstandard.blogspot.com . Blog taken down. Full blog (over 1100 pages) available at: https://restorationarchives.com/blog/index.php/2018/08/09/guide-standard-archive/
20 May	Jay, [a friend], and Doug Larson meeting at Adolpho's in Cedar Hills
9 Jun	Meeting of Denver C. Snuffer and Joseph Frederick Smith, Sandy, UT. "Why people are like they are, it's beyond perplexing. But we would really rather fight with one another over the small things that we may disagree on or doubt or have perplexity about. And we ignore the massive flood of light and truth that we agree upon." (Denver, pg 17 of transcript: https://saalemthoughts.com/Topics/June_9th_meeting_with_Denver_Snuffer.pdf)
23 Jun	Remarks given by Denver at Joseph Smith Restoration Conference
28 Jul	Denver gives <i>The Restoration's Shattered Promises and Great Hope</i> talk at Sunstone
4 Aug	<i>Remembering the Covenants</i> conference, Centerville UT
2 Sep	Edwin Wilde Fast to Feast retreat in Pleasant View, UT.

5 Sep	"Unfortunately, the entire subject [of the Statement of Principals] has become so toxic I hesitate to even bring it up." ... "Thankfully, the Lord has not **yet** given us a deadline, though we're now more than a year on, and still unable to complete this 'light thing.'" ... "We have spent a solid year failing in this thing. What have we learned?" (https://www.totheremnant.com/2018/09/one-year.html)
6 Sep	"The scriptures committee has been disbanded (although editing continues by volunteers) so 'those who control publication' is limited to Chris Hamill." (McKay Platt to Adrian, 6 Sep 2018, blog comments, https://www.totheremnant.com/2018/09/one-year.html)
7-8 Sep	Christian Talks 4, 5, & 6, Sandy UT
11 Sep	Podcast 34: Dances with Wolves (recorded on 7 Sep) https://denversnuffer.com/2018/09/34-dances-with-wolves/ "I do not control what gets added to the scriptures, nor how it will be added. That is the responsibility of the covenant people to decide. The (disbanded) scripture committee is of the same mind, both in regards to my role and to their role. Again -- once a statement of principles is sustained by the people in a general conference, it will also be added with the scriptures." (Chris Hamill, "One more thing on the scriptures", http://scripturesproject.blogspot.com/2018/09/one-more-thing-on-scriptures.html)
23 Sep	Updated Statement of Principles Announcement http://scripturesproject.blogspot.com/2018/09/updated-statement-of-principles.html "The purpose of the vote in Layton is to determine whether covenant holders are willing to adopt the Lots Statement of Principles as a guide and standard to be printed in our scriptures. This is not an attempt to determine WHICH document to adopt; that voting was done in Phoenix, and the Lots document received 90-95% acceptance."
25 Sep	Two Clarifications on voting http://scripturesproject.blogspot.com/2018/09/two-clarifications-on-voting.html Wording of the vote (that is to take place at conference in Layton): "If you are willing to adopt the Lots Statement of Principles and have it printed in our scriptures as a guide and standard, please vote yes." "If you cannot accept the Lots Statement of Principles and do not wish to have it printed in our scriptures as a guide and standard, please vote no."
30 Sep	<i>Keep the Covenant: Do the Work</i> conference, Layton, UT A Statement of Principles adopted. (T&C 175)
4 Oct	Lord's response and parable regarding adopted Statement of Principles (T&C 176), and Denver's interpretation (https://denversnuffer.com/wp/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Interpreting-Build-a-House.pdf) Scripture committee (Chris Hammill) posted: "[T]he process given below will only function as a temporary solution" as the process to add the revelation of the Lord's acceptance of statement of principles to the scriptures. "It is easy to assume that a revelation from the Lord... would automatically be added to the T&C. However, no one, whether Chris Hamill, or the disbanded scriptures committee, or even Denver himself, has the authority to simply add it. That permission must come from the voice of the people." (http://scripturesproject.blogspot.com/2018/10/section-176.html)

	18 Oct	Revelation (and parable) regarding the adopted statement of principles sustained as scripture through an online vote. (T&C 176)
2021	27 Mar	Denver's <i>*The Religion of the Fathers*</i> talk in Aravada Springs, NV "Consider the question posed by the Lord to us: What have you learned? What ought you to have learned? (T&C 176:2,12). The Lord's question is still pending. It seems apparent to me that these questions are designed to make us talk to one another." (pg. 41, transcript)