CITING RELIGIOUS SOURCES

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Ex: "If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me…" (*The Holy Bible*, John 13.8).
     As John stated in the in *The Holy Bible,* "If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me…" (John 13.8).

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CITING THE BOOK OF MORMON AND OTHER COMMON RELIGIOUS SOURCES

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The Book of Mormon. Trans. Joseph Smith, Jr. Salt Lake City, UT: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1981, 2nd Nephi 32.3.

Preach My Gospel. Salt Lake City, UT: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2004, pp 23-46.

The Doctrine and Covenants of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Salt Lake City, UT: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1981. Section 5.

Randall, Naomi W. "I Am a Child of God*." LDS Hymnal,* Salt Lake City, UT: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1981. 301

APA DOCUMENTATION

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In-Text Citation for *The Holy Bible, Quran, and Book of Mormon*
Ex: "If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me…" (John 13:8 King James).

(Quran 5:25)
(Mosiah 2:41 Book of Mormon)

Additional In-Text Citations:
For other religious sources that are not major works, you must add them to your references page.

"Family: A Proclamation to the World"
(Shortened title, paragraph #)
Ex: (The Family, para. 3)

General Conference Talks and *Ensign* Articles.
(Surname, year, p. # or paragraph #)
Ex: (Cook, 2014, p. 55) (Cook, 2014, para. 5)

LDS Church Manuals
(Surname, year, p. #)

References:

"Family: A Proclamation to the World." (1995, November). Ensign, 25, p. 102.

General Conference Talks and *Ensign* Articles:
Cook, Q. L. (2014, November). Choose Wisely. *Ensign*, 44(11), 55-57.

LDS Church Manuals:
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. (2013). Strengthening and preserving the family. *Teachings of Presidents of the Church: Joseph Fielding Smith* (pp. 72-81).

CHICAGO DOCUMENTATION

Citations for religious texts in a Chicago Style paper will appear in the footnotes, but not in the bibliography. Traditionally a colon is used between the chapter and verse, but a period is also acceptable in this format. Use abbreviations for book titles. For examples look at the abbreviations handout. For more information, refer to section 14.253 of *The Chicago Manual of Style 16th ed.*