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To: General Authorities; Area Seventies; Stake,  
Mission, District, and Temple Presidents;  
Bishops and Branch Presidents

From: Office of the First Presidency

Subject: False Statement

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THE CHURCH OF  
**JESUS CHRIST**  
OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

A statement has been circulated that asserts in part that the youth of the Church today “were generals in the war in heaven . . . and [someone will] ask you, ‘Which of the prophet’s time did you live in?’ and when you say ‘Gordon B. Hinckley’ a hush will fall, . . . and all in attendance will bow at your presence.”

**This is a false statement. It is not Church doctrine.** At various times, this statement has been attributed erroneously to President Thomas S. Monson, President Henry B. Eyring, President Boyd K. Packer, and others. None of these Brethren made this statement.

Stake presidents and bishops should see that it is not used in Church talks, classes, bulletins, or newsletters. Priesthood leaders should correct anyone who attempts to perpetuate its use by any means, in accordance with “Statements Attributed to Church Leaders,” *Church Handbook of Instructions, Book 1* (2006), 173.

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