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Commencement

Sunday, April 27, 2025
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Commencement

Sunday, April 27, 2025
10 a.m.

Processional: *Pomp and Circumstance* (Edward Elgar) Jack Ergo, MM
Associate Professor of Music

The Commencement Speakers, Members of the Administration and Board of Trustees,
the Faculty, and the Candidates for Graduation

Welcome.....Joel D. Shrock, PhD
President

Invocation..... Gwendolyn Hawks-Blue
Board of Trustees

Posthumous Degree Presentation.....Joel D. Shrock, PhD
Denali Smith, Bachelor of Arts in Physical Education

Introduction of Speaker Michael R. Wiley, PhD
Chair, Board of Trustees

Address.....Charlie Conway, PhD
Retired Chief Scientific Officer,
Biohaven Pharmaceuticals Inc. and Pfizer Inc.

Faculty RecognitionsJoel D. Shrock, PhD
Excellence in Scholarly Achievement
Exceptional Service

Alumni Award for Excellence in Teaching Melissa Sherer
President Elect, Alumni Board of Directors

Conferring of Professor Emeritus Status.....Joel D. Shrock, PhD
Kevin Brunner, PhD
Jack Ergo, MM
Daniel V. Pratt, PhD

Conferring of Master's DegreesJoel D. Shrock, PhD

Hooding and Presentation of Graduate Diplomas
Reading of Graduate Names..... David Schaal, EdD
Vice President for Student Life and Dean of Students

Hooding of Graduates	Jacqueline McGlade, PhD Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty Sharon Little-Stoetzel, PhD, Dean, School of Nursing Sean A. McMannamy, PhD, Director, Master of Data Science and Analytics Program James Geiselman, DC, Associate Professor of Allied Health, Master of Nutrition and Human Performance Program
Conferring of Bachelor's Degrees	Joel D. Shrock, PhD
Presentation of Undergraduate Diplomas	
Announcement of Academic Achievements	Jacqueline McGlade, PhD
Reading of Undergraduate Names	David Schaal, EdD
Alumni Induction Statement.....	Melissa Sherer
Congratulations to Graduates	Michael R. Wiley, PhD
Closing Remarks.....	Joel D. Shrock, PhD
<i>Alma Mater Hymn</i> (see back)	Graceland Chamber Ensemble Please rise and remain standing throughout the recessional. Lauren Clark, MM Director of Choral and Vocal Studies Assistant Professor of Music
Reflection/Benediction	Ishbel Wilson Graceland Student Government President
Recessional: <i>Trumpet Tune in D</i> (Purcell).....	Jack Ergo, MM

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If you would like to donate your cap and gown for future graduates,
please drop it in the box located by The Corner in Newcom
Student Union immediately following the ceremony.

Graceland University

CANDIDATES *for* GRADUATION

April 27, 2025

HONOR GRADUATES

Summa Cum Laude (3.90-4.00)

Ishbel Kathleen Wheaton Wilson
Cydney Johanna Stables
Alexis Nicole Zabel
Jacey Marie Lewis
Torie Kay Martz
Grace Ann Moores
Brenna Lauren Crabtree
Logan Dean Miller
Pharoh Clay Tapia
Joseph Boyce
Samantha Garcia
Demi Rae Austin
Mun Thang Thawng
Mya Kylene Lozoya
Christopher James Wilson
Griffin Daly Haugh
Jayda Lynn Gay
Anna G Miller
Samantha Lindsey Perryman
Isadora Avalee Cote
Carly Jo Maedel

Magna Cum Laude (3.75-3.89)

Maudie Hope McKiernan
Jillian Frances Hough
Liam Daniel Frank
Kayli Meagan Crawford
Tyler Dailey
Thiago Phillip Telles Urgiles
Alissa House
Noah Hughes
Karissa King
Hunter Ellis-Hanscom
Jett Leeroy Nelson

Cum Laude (3.50-3.74)

Zachary Hiroaki Tanabe
Joseph Alan Moore
Harrison Michael Sellars
Carson John Busch
Dylan James Simoes Batista
Layla Pohakala Aiwohi
Simon Victoriano
Jy James Smith
Sidney Josephine Gilliland
Bryce Andrew Clausen
Miguel Palacio Perez
Brooke Nichole Salmi
Kyndal Garza
Daniel Mimoto Dennis
Matthew Ryan Mangels
Nathan Thomas Oakley
Rene Alejandro Romero
Carleigh A. O'Dell
Charlotte Anne Peters
Manuel De Jesus Zambrano

Bachelor of Arts Honors

	Layla Pohakala Aiwohi Nathan Alexander Cadet	Art Marketing Sport Management	Ewa Beach, HI Naples, FL
AX	Brenna Lauren Crabtree ~ Justice Lee Cunningham	Criminal Justice Psychology Social Change Transformational Leadership	Fresno, CA Porterville, CA
	Mickenzie Marina Fisher ~ Kenzlee Frizzell Alissa House	Music History Communication Theatre	Redding, CA Chicago, IL Peculiar, MO
AX	Mya Kylene Lozoya Mylin J. McDaniel Jy James Smith Vivian Diane Tracy	Elementary Education English Business Administration Marketing Economics Business Administration	Hemet, CA Kansas City, MO Pontiac, MI New Market, IA
	Ishbel Kathleen Wheaton Wilson	Communication Sustainability Studies Social Change	Independence, MO

Bachelor of Arts

Jacob Scott Abernathy	Sport Management	Lee's Summit, MO
	Business Management	
Edy Alejandro Alvarado	Business Administration	Guatemala City, Guatemala
~ Jakyah L Amous	Business Management	Chicago, IL
Ryan Zachary Anderson	Criminal Justice	Deerfield Beach, FL
	Psychology	
Angelina Arthur	Psychology	San Tan Valley, AZ
Demi Rae Austin	Elementary Education	Corydon, Iowa
Alison Camila Barreno Campana	Business Management	Ambato, Ecuador
Dylan James Simoes Batista	Business Management	Palgrave, Ontario, Canada
	Sport Management	
~ Jonathan Lamar Blackman	Criminal Justice	Los Angeles, CA
~ Dakota Deek Boswell	Art	Lamoni, IA
Joseph Boyce	Marketing	Shaftesbury, England, United Kingdom
	Social Change	
Carter T Brown	Psychology	Ogallala, NE
Carson John Busch	Psychology	Lincoln, NE
Tessa Jean Butt	Psychology	Blue Springs, MO
Kellen Zachary Cameron	Sport Management	Sheffield, IA
~ R'moni A Canady Dunn	Elementary Education	Kansas City, KS
Siddiq Canty	Business Management	Tampa, FL
~ Kristian TamateaArikiNui Cardejon	Physical Education and Health	Kekaha, HI
	Transformational Leadership	
Braydon Wade Chase	Interdisciplinary Studies	Adel, IA
Konnor L Chase	Interdisciplinary Studies	Adel, IA
Bryce Andrew Clausen	Criminal Justice	Lisbon, IA
	Forensic Psychology	
Kevin B. Cook	Interdisciplinary Studies	Milwaukee, WI
Isadora Avalee Cote	Elementary Education	Lamoni, IA
Kayli Meagan Crawford	Elementary Education	Trenton, MO
Anthony Michael Cray	Criminal Justice	Lamoni, IA
Tyler Dailey	Economics	Lee's Summit, MO
	Finance	
Darrius Ian Davis	Interdisciplinary Studies	Pittsburgh, PA
Ja'Quez Davis	Interdisciplinary Studies	Midway, FL
K'von Payton Dixon	Sociology	Detroit, MI
Kato Dougan	Sport Management	Kansas City, MO
	Business Administration	
Emily Carmen Eijpe	Criminal Justice	Almere, Flevoland, Netherlands
	Psychology	
~ Larissa Carol Eivins	Elementary Education	Bethany, MO
Isaac James Elliott	Physical Education and Health	Oklahoma City, OK
Hunter Ellis-Hanscom	Criminal Justice	Lorimor, IA
Samuel Zuriel Fleming	Criminal Justice	Brooksville, FL
Cassian Henry Foreman	Psychology	Dallas, TX
Nickolas Adam Foster	Sport Management	Sparks, NV
Aroa Gallego Esteve	Psychology	Alicante, Spain
Samantha Garcia	Criminal Justice	Glendale, AZ
Kyndal Garza	Elementary Education	San Antonio, TX
	Psychology	
Jayda Lynn Gay	Communication	Martensdale, IA
Ella Gerlach	Social Change	Vacaville, CA
Sidney Josephine Gilliland	Psychology	Lee's Summit, MO
Mateo Gomez Keep	Sport Management	Cali, Colombia
~ Mayra Abigail Gutierrez	Psychology	Dallas, TX
	Business Management	
Jessa Harms	Psychology	Sterling, NE

Griffin Daly Haugh	Business Management	Dana Point, CA
Brett Coy Hightshoe	Transformational Leadership	
Dieter Matko Horten	Criminal Justice	Mount Ayr, IA
Noah Hughes	Sport Management	Villa Carlos Paz, Cordoba, Argentina
	Business Administration	Agency, MO
	Economics	
	Agricultural Business	
Aaron Leaveah James	Interdisciplinary Studies	Ocala, FL
Ramsel Francisco Jerez	Business Management	New York, NY
Jeremiah Jones	Sport Management	St. Louis, MO
~ Cyril Ivan Lucius Joseph	Finance	Waterloo, Ontario, Canada
	Transformational Leadership	
~ Jessica H Kenward	International Studies	Moline, IL
	History	
Parker Jordin Kerf	Agricultural Business	Dubuque, IA
	Business Management	
Micah James Lamberth	Business Management	Colorado Springs, CO
Sophia Lynn Lancaster	Elementary Education	Saint Paul, MN
~ Owen Brett Lee	Sustainability Studies	Cottage Grove, WI
Jacey Marie Lewis	Business Administration	Lamoni, IA
	Social Change	
Clayton Linville	Business Management	Bolckow, MO
Emariye D'jon Travon Loudon	Criminal Justice	South Central Los Angeles, CA
Carly Jo Maedel	Criminal Justice	Lamoni, IA
~ Paul Richard Marchand	Physical Education and Health	Nashua, NH
Madison P. Martin	English	Woodburn, IA
Torie Kay Martz	Elementary Education	Lamoni, IA
Gabriel Alejandro Matos Hidalgo	Accounting	Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
	Business Management	
Stefano Jose Mazzariol Saba	Business Management	Valencia, Venezuela
	Marketing	
Justin McCaulley	Agricultural Business	Lucas, IA
	Business Management	
	Marketing	
Maudie Hope McKiernan	Art	Lamoni, IA
	Social Change	
Jordan Meyer	Art	Missouri Valley, IA
	Psychology	
Anna G Miller	Psychology	Maryville, MO
	Criminal Justice	
Joseph Alan Moore	Accounting	Saint Peters, MO
	Business Administration	
Grace Ann Moores	Business Management	Woodbine, IA
	Economics	
Elio Jose Narvaez	Business Management	Maracay, Venezuela
Jett Leeroy Nelson	Business Management	Boise, ID
Kenna Lee Nickell	Elementary Education	Corydon, IA
Carleigh A. O'Dell	Criminal Justice	Grand River, IA
	Psychology	
	Forensic Psychology	
Hajime Osaki	Sport Management	Tama, Tokyo, Japan
Ethan Owen	Business Management	Lamoni, IA
Miguel Palacio Perez	Art	Medellin, Colombia
~ Breanna Monet Paymond	Psychology	Detroit, MI
Jeremiah Payne	Interdisciplinary Studies	Dallas, TX
Nicholas Lee Payne	Business Administration	Beckley, WV
	Sport Management	
Samantha Lindsey Perryman	Art	Garden Grove, IA
Charlotte Anne Peters	Psychology	Norwalk, IA

~	Brayden Kennedy Phillips	Economics	Stansbury Park, UT
	Jalen Elijah Poinson	Art	Los Angeles, CA
~	Izaac Cesar Rabelo	Physical Education and Health	Fullerton, CA
~	Axel Somera Rasquero	Business Administration	Kapolei, HI
	Elvin Noel Reyes	History	Houston, TX
	Rayvion Deon Reynolds-Flowers	Physical Education and Health	Houston, TX
	Patience J. Roberts	Elementary Education	Litchfield, IL
~	Robert Javonne Robinson	Business Management	Saint Cloud, FL
	Catalina Daniela Rojas Rodriguez	Business Management	Santiago, Chile
	Justin Robert Rombough	Sport Management	Chandler, AZ
		Communication	
	Rene Alejandro Romero	Sport Management	Liberty, TX
		Transformational Leadership	
~	Al-Farouk Mayowa Salako	Elementary Education	
	Brooke Nichole Salmi	Art	Lamoni, IA
	Alex Sanz Ramon	Business Management	Cabrils, Barcelona, Spain
		Marketing	
~	John David Schuttler	Accounting	Barnum, IA
		Sport Management	
		Finance	
	Harrison Michael Sellars	Business Administration	Lamoni, IA
		Marketing	
†	Denali Dedre Smith POSTHUMOUS	Physical Education and Health	Wellington, FL
	Terrance T Smith	Criminal Justice	Chicago, IL
		Psychology	
	Cydney Johanna Stables	Agricultural Business	Gaston, OR
		Business Administration	
		Communication	
		Economics	
	Hayden Stewart	Sport Management	Lamoni, IA
	Estanislao Suhit Nadal	Economics	Santiago de Chile, Argentina
		Finance	
		Business Management	
~	Joseph Lee Kenmegne Teguia	Accounting	Pine Hill, NJ
		Transformational Leadership	
	Thiago Phillip Telles Urgiles	Psychology	Carolina, Puerto Rico
		Sustainability Studies	
		Criminal Justice	
~	Tristan Alexander Tepen	Business Management	Kansas City, KS
		Marketing	
		Data Analytics for Business Management Certificate	
		Data Analytics for Business Marketing Certificate	
	Mun Thang Thawng	Business Management	Offenbach, Germany
		Accounting	
~	Carlos Daniel Toledo	Business Management	San Salvador, El Salvador
	Alli Nicole Tommer	Sport Management	Frankfort, KS
		Business Management	
	Richard Mateo Torres	Sociology	Pacoima, CA
~	Zion Trimboli	Psychology	Orlando, FL
		Transformational Leadership	
	Yannick Tsafack-Nanhou	Accounting	Montreal, Quebec, Canada
		Business Management	
	Hailey Jeanne Tuel	Art	Lehigh, IA
	Simon Victoriano	Business Management	Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
		Marketing	
	Lance Kyle Wallace	History	Chariton, IA
		Sport Management	
~	Tymar West	Criminal Justice	Los Angeles, CA
		Transformational Leadership	
~	Jullie Jean Wheaton	Interdisciplinary Studies	Independence, MO

Christopher James Wilson	Physical Education and Health	Creston, IA
Reggie Lavon Wilson	Transformational Leadership	Fort Lauderdale, FL
Trevor W. Yorges	Psychology	Lincoln, NE
	Business Administration	
	Sport Management	
Alexis Nicole Zabel	Elementary Education	Branson, MO
Manuel De Jesus Zambrano	Business Management	Tolleson, AZ

Bachelor of Science Honors

~ Rinor Berisha	Psychology	Prishtina, Kosovo
	Computer Science & Information Technology	
	Transformational Leadership	
Hensley N. Brink	Biology	Topeka, KS
Abel Celemin Perez	Data Science	Gijon, Spain
	Mathematics	
Jillian Frances Hough	Biology	Port Angeles, WA
Karissa King	Biology	Thorton, CO
	Psychology	

Bachelor of Science

Daniel Amez Luengo	Data Science	Gijon, Asturias, Spain
	Mathematics	
~ Marlis Aviles	Biology	Hatillo, Puerto Rico
~ Dither Beltran II	Allied Health	Calexico, CA
Bene' Butler	Biology	Philadelphia, PA
Juan Canela Garcia-Arias	Computer Science & Information Technology	Madrid, Spain
	Business Administration	
~ Callie Rebekah Clarke-Smith	Allied Health	Liverpool, United Kingdom
Daniel Mimoto Dennis	Biology	Lee's Summit, MO
Randy Emilio Diaz	Allied Health	Dominican Republic, Bronx, NY
Dominic Lee Farrell	Allied Health	San Antonio, TX
Jordyn Elizabeth Fischer	Allied Health	Beresford, SD
Jack Flickinger	Computer Science & Information Technology	Earlham, IA
	Mathematics	
	Data Science	
Liam Daniel Frank	Data Science	Lee's Summit, MO
	Mathematics	
~ Demarjae Dejuan Gilmore	Computer Science & Information Technology	Inglewood, CA
Riley Taylor Harger	Allied Health	Earlham, IA
~ Neilen Manaloa Kahoopii	Allied Health	Kaneohe, HI
~ Sierra Kauwelo	Allied Health	Nanakuli, HI
Mason Gunnar Krogsgaard	Allied Health	Temecula, CA
Juan Ramon Lopez	Allied Health	Fontana, CA
Matthew Ryan Mangels	Computer Science & Information Technology	Fontanelle, IA
Kohlter Jude Mariscal	Allied Health	Chugiak, AK
Victoria Melendez	Allied Health	Laredo, TX
Logan Dean Miller	Allied Health	Fort Collins, CO
Nathan Thomas Oakley	Computer Science & Information Technology	Dyer, IN
Charles Louis Phoenix III	Computer Science & Information Technology	Riviera Beach, FL
Miguel Rocas Diaz	Data Science	Norena, Spain
	Mathematics	
~ Allison Renae Sander	Allied Health	Papillion, NE
	Transformational Leadership	
Alejandro Soto	Allied Health	Tres Rios, Cartago, Costa Rica
Zachary Hiroaki Tanabe	Allied Health	Waipahu, HI
John David Tapia Flores	Computer Science & Information Technology	Phoenix, AZ

Pharoh Clay Tapia	Allied Health	Stockton, CA
Ayrianna Destiny Teachout	Computer Science & Information Technology	Waukee, IA
Treviante T. Thomas	Biology	Topeka, KS
Avery Noelle Walker-Henry	Allied Health	Lubbock, TX
~ Maijhe Wiley	Allied Health	Omaha, NE

Master of Science in Nursing

Kristen Rae Jaster	Family Nurse Practitioner	Waconia, MN
Jean Ann Rushing	Family Nurse Practitioner	Lebanon, MO
	Postgraduate Nurse Educator Certificate	

Master of Science

Logan Jaymes Harder	Data Science and Analytics	Greeley, CO
Adam Paul Sherer	Data Science and Analytics	Woodbine, IA
Grace Anna Stewart	Nutrition and Human Performance	Perry, IA
Yohanes Woldeeslassie	Data Science and Analytics	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
Akeen Jakobi Woods	Nutrition and Human Performance	Minneapolis, MN

AX Alpha Chi — National College Honor Society

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~ Participating in today's ceremony with plans to complete graduation requirements between June – December 2025. Do not qualify for honors at this ceremony.

† A posthumous degree may be awarded to a student whose death precedes completion of all requirements for either an undergraduate or graduate degree based on the following criteria:

- The student's academic division/school recommends that such a degree be awarded.
- The student is in good standing and not in a stop out at the time of their death.
- The student has completed 75% of the degree requirements, including the residency requirement.

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the printed program. The appearance of a name in the list of degree candidates is not to be regarded as conclusive. Degrees to be earned after March 31, 2025, are not awarded until all final grades are received and requirements are verified.

Honor graduates were determined based on cumulative grade point average and letter-graded credits as of April 15, 2025, and will be changed appropriately after posting final spring grades.

CHARLIE CONWAY, PhD

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS



Charlie Conway, PhD, is a pioneering neuroscientist and retired Chief Scientific Officer of Biohaven Pharmaceuticals and Pfizer Inc., where he played a central role in developing and launching two groundbreaking migraine treatments: Nurtec® ODT and Zavzpret®. These FDA-approved medications are transforming the lives of millions by offering rapid, sustained relief and prevention of migraine symptoms.

Conway's career in pharmaceutical research spans over 30 years, with expertise in pain mechanisms and drug development. He is an inventor on more than a dozen patents and has published extensively in leading medical and scientific journals. His innovative work has helped set new standards in neuroscience and migraine care, leading to real, lasting impact for patients around the world.

His academic journey began at Graceland University in 1980, where he studied psychology, sang in choir, performed in theater, and played intramural sports. He also discovered his early passion for technology in a Graceland coding class — a spark that would later shape his data-driven approach to clinical research. His deep love for volleyball began on campus and continues to this day.

Conway earned his PhD in Neuroscience from the University of California, Santa Barbara, and completed postdoctoral research in anesthesiology at UC San Diego. His leadership in science was recognized with numerous accolades, including BMS's first Animal Welfare Award for developing humane research models that also improved efficiency and outcomes.

Today, Charlie Conway, PhD, is proud to return to the university that set him on his path. His story is a powerful example of how a Graceland education can lead to global impact — through curiosity, compassion, and a commitment to making the world better through science.

DENALI SMITH

POSTHUMOUS DEGREE

Upon the recommendation of our faculty, Graceland University is proud to confer Denali Smith the posthumous degree of Bachelor of Arts in Physical Education.

Denali embodied the best of Graceland: joy, kindness, and excellence. He brightened classrooms, friendships, and our community, leaving a lasting impact. All the members of our community deeply feel his absence.

Our faculty lauded Denali's academic achievements. Tanya Coffelt, Chair of the Education Department, shared, "Denali was an excellent student and role model." Melanie Mason, Chair of the Health and Movement Science Department, added, "He was an outstanding leader and inspiring presence." Our registrar noted his dedication, achievements, and merit in awarding this degree.

Denali's warmth, kindness, and leadership enriched our community. His memory inspires us to cherish connections and lead with compassion.

Graceland stands with Denali's family in gratitude for his life. His light endures in the lives he touched. We are honored and humbled to celebrate him with this degree and hope it brings comfort and pride.

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ACADEMIC ATTIRE

The caps and gowns worn during formal academic ceremonies in American colleges today are the direct descendants of the everyday costumes worn in the universities of medieval England. Each school had its peculiar dress so that an Oxford student could be distinguished from a Cambridge student, or a divinity student from a layperson.

Because of the tremendous growth of American colleges and the attendant confusion that would result if each were to adopt distinct attire, the Intercollegiate Bureau of Academic Costume was organized. The Bureau has established a uniform code that most institutions of higher education, including Graceland, have adopted.

The distinctions of the code are simple. The bachelor's gown has a long, pointed sleeve; the master's gown has a long, closed sleeve extending well below the knee with the arm coming through a slit near the elbow; the doctor's gown has velvet panels down the front and voluminous, bell-shaped sleeves on which there are three velvet bars. The velvet is usually black but may reflect the color of the discipline.

The hood is the most important and distinctive feature of the attire. The inside of the hood is lined with silk in the official academic color(s) of the institution conferring the degree. The outside of the hood demonstrates the official color of the broad academic area in which the degree is earned. The lining is exposed when the hood is worn.

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Faculty Marshals

Kevin Brunner, PhD
Tanya Coffelt, EdD

Student Marshals

Steven Glazer, PhD
Jennifer Poulton, PhD

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Any questions may be addressed to gradteam@thegradteam.com.

ALMA MATER HYMN

Roy A. Cheville, 1926

R. A. Cheville (arr. Verna Schaar)



Come, Grace-land sons and daugh - ters all, And join our hap - py throng,
Through mem - o - ry a thread shall run, Of gold - en rich - ness made,
Through years and dec - ades long to come Thy bat - tle - men - ted tower



With loy - al voi - ces let us raise Our Al - ma Mat - er song;
Ce - men - ting there the treas - ures rare In thy foun - da - tion laid;
Shall rise to call the youth of lands To an - swer to the hour;



O hill - crest, home of vis - ion wide, Where bonds of love hold sway,
O Al - ma Ma - ter, guide us on, Thy stan - dard e'er un - fold,
And while thy work shall car - ry on, Our ben - i - sons are told



Where all may learn in life and lore, 'Tis thee we praise to - day.
And call us on with mem - o - ries Of days 'neath the Blue and Gold.
In lives of hon - or, truth, and right: The seal of the Blue and Gold.



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