“I have a great and compelling sense of gratitude and optimism about the youth of the Church.

In saying this, I do not wish to imply that all is well with all of them. There are many who have troubles, and many who live far beneath the high expectations we have concerning them.

But even considering these, I have great confidence in our young people as a whole.

I regard you as the finest generation in the history of the Church.

I compliment you, and I have in my heart a great feeling of love and respect and appreciation for you.

‘Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood…’”

# President Gordon B. Hinckley