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OUR FAITH WILL WORK BY LOVE OR IT WILL NOT WORK AT ALL



FROM CHAR'S DESK

How we pray that in this New Year God will give us wisdom on how to let the Mormons know we are not against THEM but against the ENEMY of their souls that has them in spiritual darkness by following a false prophet. I read something very significant in one of my daily devotionals regarding this: *“Let a man question the inspiration of the Scriptures and a curious, even monstrous, inversion takes place; thereafter he judges the Word instead of letting the Word judge him; he determines what the Word should teach instead of permitting it to determine what he should believe; he edits, amends, strikes out, adds at his pleasure, but always he sits above the Word and makes it amenable to him instead of kneeling before God and becoming amenable to the Word!”* (“Renewed Day by Day”, by A. W. Tozer, Nov.7).

Isn't that exactly what Joseph Smith did with the Word of God? In the Book MORMON DOCTRINE, by Apostle Bruce R. McConkie, it says, *“...the Prophet corrected, revised, altered, added to and deleted from the King James Version of the Bible to form what is now commonly referred to as the INSPIRED VERSION OF THE BIBLE* (p.383). Isn't that incredible? Joseph Smith walked away from the God of the Bible and little by little he invented his own version of what God is like which caused him to reinvent Christianity and turn it into Mormonism. We pray God will give us the desire to never cease praying for such a deceived people.

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If God is your co-pilot- swap seats!

~ Jenell's Jots & Tittles ~

**BELIEFS BORDERING ON
BLASPHEMY**

When comparing Mormonism to Christianity, there are many things one can be shocked and appalled about, however, we take time to share only a few such examples:

Mormonism: *“There is not a man or woman, who violates the covenants made with their God, that will not be required to pay the debt. The blood of Christ will never wipe that out, **your own blood must atone for it...**”* (Brigham Young, JOURNAL OF DISCOURSES, Vol.3, pg.247, emphasis added)

Bible: *“How much severer punishment do you think he will deserve who has trampled under foot the Son of God, and has regarded as unclean the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has **insulted the Spirit of grace?**”* (Heb.10:29 NAS)

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Mormonism: “...All those who believe in their hearts and confess with their mouths that **Joseph Smith** is a true Prophet, at the same time trying with their might to live the holy principles Joseph the Prophet has revealed, are in possession of the Holy Spirit of God and are entitled to a fulness...” (Brigham Young, JOURNAL OF DISCOURSES, Vol.9, pg.312, emphasis added)

Bible: “that if you confess with your mouth **Jesus** as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved.” (Rom.10:9 NAS)

Mormonism: “...for we know that it is by grace that we are saved, **after all we can do.**” (B.O.M. 2Nephi 25:23, emphasis added)

Bible: “For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; **not as a result of works**, that no one should boast.” (Eph.2:8-9 NAS)

Mormonism: “God himself was once as we are now, and is an exalted man, and sits enthroned in yonder heavens!” (TEACHINGS OF THE PROPHET JOSEPH SMITH, pg. 345)

Bible: “Before the mountains were born, or Thou didst give birth to the earth and the world, even **from everlasting to everlasting, Thou art God.**” (Ps.90:2 NAS, also see Hosea 11:9 & Num.23:19)

Mormonism: “Three separate personages – Father, Son, and Holy Ghost comprise the Godhead. As each of these persons is a God, it is evident, from this standpoint alone, that a plurality of Gods exists. To us, speaking in the proper finite sense, these three are the only Gods we worship. But in addition there is an infinite number of holy personages, drawn from worlds without number, who have passed on to exaltation and are thus gods.” (Mormon Doctrine by Bruce R. McConkie, Pgs.576-577)

Bible: “Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me. I, even I, am the Lord; and besides me there is no saviour.” (Isa.43:10-11, also see Isa.45:14, 18, 22; Isa.46:9, James 2:19, etc.)

Mormonism believes these things and still has the audacity to call itself Christian! We hope you will use this information to help your LDS friends examine their faith in the light of scripture.

ASK A MORMON.....

Once again, we use this part of our newsletter to give our Christian readers questions they can use to ask their Mormon acquaintances. Some of us who used to be LDS know from personal experience that most Mormons do not know a whole lot about their faith, **especially a new convert.** Many of us came out of Mormonism because someone shared this type of information with us. This month we suggest you read the following paragraph to the Mormon you know and ask them if they knew of these LDS beliefs –

“As shown in this chapter, our Father in heaven was once a man as we are now, capable of physical death. By obedience to eternal gospel principles, he progressed from one stage of life to another until he attained the state that we call exaltation or godhood. In such a condition, he and our mother in heaven were empowered to give birth to spirit children whose potential was equal to that of their heavenly parents. We are those spirit children.” (“Achieving A Celestial Marriage”, pg.132)

So did they know their church believes:

1. Father in heaven was “once a man” just like us?
2. That he was capable of physical death?
3. That at one time he was subject to being obedient to “eternal gospel principles” in order to become a god?
4. That as a Mormon, they have the potential to become **equal** to their heavenly parents?

Achieving A Celestial Marriage, is an “official” manual, now out of print. However, we have one here at the EMFJ Center and can probably also be found on the LDS website. Some Mormons may already know their church teaches these things and feel there is no problem. If this is the case, you can be ready with scriptures to show them how much their beliefs deviate from the Bible.

THE JOSEPH SMITH TRANSLATION OF THE BIBLE

In an “Ensign” article, we read: *“In the words of Elder Bruce R. McConkie (1915-85) of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, ‘The Joseph Smith Translation, or Inspired Version, is a thousand times over the best Bible now existing on earth.’”* (The Ensign, June 1999, pg.21). Imagine that – a **thousand times** over the best Bible, wow! So why not get rid of the K.J.V. that Mormons use in favor of the J.S.T. **exclusively**? After all, if you thought the Bible you used was not accurate and you had a “prophet” who corrected it, wouldn’t you be wise, not to mention overjoyed, to use the one that is a thousand times better? Well, I will share a few thoughts I have as to why I think they will not ever discard their K.J.V. for the “Inspired” one.

1. When Mormon Missionaries knock on our doors, they want us to believe they are Christians with just a little more to offer. If they didn’t have the same Bible that a Christian has, their “wolves clothing” would be more obvious (see Matt.7:15)

2. Joseph Smith added verses to his translation regarding a prophecy about himself: *“a seer will I raise up...and his name shall be called Joseph, and it shall be after the name of his father...”* (i.e. Joseph Smith Sr., J.S.T. Gen.50:30-33). I believe many Mormons are embarrassed by Joseph’s ridiculous attempt to include himself in scripture!

3. The Bible has no LDS doctrine or theology in it (e.g. baptism for the dead, God is an exalted man who is a product of eternal progression, men can become Gods, pre-existence, marriage for eternity, three degrees of glory, heavenly mother, etc.). Their excuse for the Bible’s silence on these beliefs has always been that the *“great and abominable church ...have taken away from the gospel of the Lamb many parts which are plain and most precious...”* (1 Nephi 13:26). However, there is no good excuse for the J.S.T. not to have restored those so-called missing parts.

Once again, Mormonism makes bold claims that end up falling apart under a little scrutiny. The above was

only a short list of reasons and others could be added. How grateful I am to serve the true God whom I know is powerful enough to protect and preserve His word for those who are wise enough to accept it as such: *“Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.”* (Mark 13:31 NAS)

SHATTERING THE FIRST COMMANDMENT

It is a well documented fact that Brigham Young and other early Mormon leaders taught their people that Adam was their God and Heavenly Father⁽¹⁾. However, this embarrassing and problematic theology is not advantageous to present day Mormonism, and they would love to be able to forget it was ever taught.

While *some* Mormons know about the earlier Adam-god teaching, very few realize that it is still being propagated through their scripture today. Doctrine and Covenants 116:1 says: *“Spring Hill is named by the Lord Adam-on-di-Ahman, because, said he, it is the place where Adam shall come to visit his people, or the Ancient of Days shall sit, as spoken of by Daniel the prophet.”* (My emphasis; for other LDS references of Adam being the “Ancient of Days”, see D&C 27:11; D&C 138:38).

When we read about the Ancient of Days, “as spoken of by Daniel the prophet” (Dan.7:8-22), we clearly see it is the true God of the Bible (not Adam) being spoken of! If we take this along with other LDS teachings, such as God has a body of flesh and bones⁽²⁾, he was once a mortal man who advanced step by step⁽³⁾, he worked out his Kingdom with fear and trembling ⁽⁴⁾, he became God by obedience to all of the gospel law⁽⁵⁾, and he was a polygamist⁽⁶⁾, we can sadly see that Mormons are indeed worshiping another god and have not only broken, but have shattered the first of the Ten Commandments: *“You shall have no other gods before Me...You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God...”* (Ex.20:3,5).

(1) Journal of Discourses, Vol.1, p.50-51; Vol.4, p.271; Vol.5, p.331; Millennial Star, Vol.15, p.769-770, Vol.16, p.482, Vol.17, p.195; Deseret Weekly News, June 18, 1873, p.308, etc.

(2) Doctrine & Covenants, 130:22

(3) Achieving A Celestial Marriage Manual, p.129

- (4) History of the Church, Vol.6, p.306
- (5) Achieving A Celestial Marriage Manual, p.4
- (6) The Seer, p.172

PRIDE VS. HUMILITY

Joseph Smith made the following statement when addressing the council concerning the subject of “sound currency”:

“...The Constitution acknowledges that the people have all power not reserved to itself. I am a lawyer, I am a big lawyer and comprehend heaven, earth and hell, to bring forth knowledge that shall cover up all lawyers, doctors and other big bodies...” (“History of the Church”, Vol.5, p.289)

On another occasion he stated:

“...I combat the errors of ages; I meet the violence of mobs; I cope with illegal proceedings from executive authority; I cut the gordian knot of powers, and I solve mathematical problems of universities, with truth—diamond truth; and God is my ‘right hand man.’” (“History of the Church”, Vol.6, p.78)

These crude statements reveal, among other things, Joseph Smith’s inept knowledge of the Bible. True servants of God spoke words of humility such as this example from the Apostle Paul:

“And when I came to you, brethren, I did not come with superiority of speech or of wisdom, proclaiming to you the testimony of God. For I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified. And I was with you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. And my message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit of power of God.” (1 Cor.2:1-5 NAS)

How different is that from the leader and founder of Mormonism?! 1 Cor.3:18-19 should be further embarrassment to anyone who holds Joseph Smith up as their prophet and seer:

“Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you thinks that he is wise in this age, let him become foolish that he may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness before God...”

SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS

We hold monthly support group meetings at 7:30 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of every month. These gatherings include a mini-lesson, testimony of an ex-Mormon, a question and answer time, and refreshments. All are welcome - those who have a burden to reach the Mormons, those who want to learn more, those who need support, and the Mormons themselves. The address is 240-A W. Chapman Ave. in Orange and we look forward to seeing you there.

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