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JESUS

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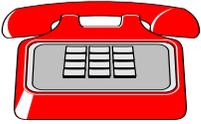
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FROM CHAR'S DESK

We will soon be celebrating Christmas, that wonderful time of year when we can honor the birth of our precious Lord and Savior, JESUS CHRIST. He came to earth to die in our place and GIVE us the gift of everlasting life. Nevertheless, our dear Mormon friends and loved ones have been told by their leaders that they must EARN eternal life. Not only that, they have now been told by the President of their Church that they can no longer refer to themselves as Mormons or LDS! He said that Jesus had already told them what they were supposed to call themselves, "The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints" as per Doctrine & Covenants 115:3,4!

However, the "Jesus" that told them that is not the Jesus of the Bible, but rather the Mormon Jesus who is the spirit-brother of Lucifer and Christians do not have to heed his instructions. To us, the church will always be known as the Mormon Church after the Book of Mormon and we will always be called Ex-MORMONS FOR JESUS!

How we need to pray for the Mormons, that they will come to realize that something is seriously wrong when their leaders are always having to make changes in their religion. Jesus loves them and wants them to be set free from bondage and experience the glorious liberty that there is in Christ Jesus.

Have a Blessed Christmas everyone and remember to thank God every day for the wonderful freedom you have in the ONE we celebrate this Holy season!

PRE-PROGRAMMED

I wonder how many members of the Mormon Church realize that they have been "set up" regarding their testimony of the truthfulness of the Book of Mormon through the process of pre-programming.

In the Book of Mormon, it says, "*And when ye shall receive these things* (referring to the BOM, see the introduction to chapter 10), *I would exhort you that ye would ask God, the Eternal Father, in the name of Christ, if these things are not true; And if ye shall ask with a sincere heart, with real intent, having faith in Christ, he will manifest the truth of it unto you, by the power of the Holy Ghost. And by the power of the Holy Ghost ye may know the truth of all things.*" (Moroni 10:4-5)

What does their leaders tell them is supposed to happen to them when they pray according to Moroni 10:4-5 and ask God if the Book of Mormon is true? They are told that they will receive some kind of super-natural manifestation like a burning in the bosom!

What kind of heart are they supposed to pray with? A sincere heart!

What happens if they get a NO answer from God? Then they didn't pray with a sincere heart.

Of course, the Mormon doesn't want to be accused of not praying correctly, so they have already been set up! They have to keep trying until they get some kind of witness (and sadly many do, see 1Tim.4:1 & 2Thess 2:10-11).

Therefore, if the answer from God is “no, the Book of Mormon is not true”, they must reject that answer or they will be accused of having an insincere heart, or not praying with real intent, or not having faith in Christ! In other words, God is not allowed to give a NO answer to that prayer!

So, dear Mormon friend, when you pray a prayer to God and ask Him a question, you must allow Him to say yes OR no. If God’s answer is NO, you will never know it because you have been pre-programmed that the only answer you are allowed to get is YES!!!

~ Jenell’s Jots & Tittles ~

WITNESSING HINTS

When witnessing to a Mormon (or anyone), love must be our greatest aim. On the front of every newsletter we send out, it says “our faith will work by love, or it will not work at all.” We truly believe this because God loves these precious souls and He has given us His heart to minister with gentleness, patience and respect.

One way to do this is to ask a Mormon questions rather than try and tell them something that is wrong with their beliefs. When done in the right spirit and tone, this can be a helpful tool in getting them to see some of the problems that exist in their teachings. Following are three contradictions from their scriptures you might inquire about:

1) “Behold, **David and Solomon** truly had many wives and concubines, **which thing was abominable before me, saith the Lord.**” (Jacob 2:24 in Book of Mormon, my emphasis)

Contradiction: “Verily, thus saith the Lord unto you my servant Joseph, that inasmuch as you have inquired of my hand to know and understand wherein **I, the Lord, justified my servants Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, as also Moses, David and Solomon, my servants, as touching the principle and doctrine of their having many wives and concubines—**” (D&C 132:1, my emphasis; verse 4 says that this is a “new and an everlasting covenant; and if ye abide not that covenant, then are ye dammed...”)

2) “Then shall they be gods, because they have no end; therefore shall they be from everlasting to everlasting, because they continue; then shall they be above all, because all things are subject unto them. Then shall they be gods, because they have all power, and the angels are subject unto them. (D&C 132:20, also see vs.37 of this chapter)

Contradiction: “...In order that you may know and believe Me, and understand that I am He. Before Me there was no God formed, and there will be none after Me...” (Isa.43:10, also see vs. 44:6,8; 45:5-6; 46:9; James 2:19)

3) “And this I know, because the Lord hath said he dwelleth not in unholy temples, **but in the hearts of the righteous doth he dwell...**” (Alma 34:36 in Book of Mormon, my emphasis)

Contradiction: “John 14:2 – The appearing of the Father and the Son, in that verse, is a personal appearance; and **the idea that the Father and the Son dwell in a man’s heart is an old sectarian notion, and is false.**” (D&C 130:3, my emphasis)

The reason Mormonism has to teach that the Lord (Father or Son) can’t dwell in a man’s heart is because they are flesh and bones: “The Father has a body of flesh and bones as tangible as man’s; the Son also; but the Holy Ghost has not a body of flesh and bones, but is a personage of Spirit. Were it not so, the Holy Ghost could not dwell in us.” Regarding this topic, you might also want to share a few scriptures from the Bible that contradicts D&C 130:3 – 2Cor.6:16, John 14:20,23; Eph.3:17.

Mormons will usually come up with some kind of answer but it is often not a good one. Think through what they respond with and stick with the question you asked. Again, be sure and pose your questions in a curious, non-threatening way. If you would like additional questions to ask or for more witnessing hints, be sure and call our Center. We are here to help in any way we can.

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Grace is only amazing when you realize
how much of a wretch you are!

CITATIONS OF CONCERN

“Inasmuch as this church of Christ has been reproached with the crime of fornication, and polygamy: we declare that we believe, that one man should have one wife; and one woman, but one husband, except in case of death, when either is at liberty to marry again.” (1835 D&C, Section C1, p. 251)

“You might as well deny ‘Mormonism,’ and turn away from it, as to oppose the plurality of wives. Let the Presidency of this Church, and the Twelve Apostles, and all the authorities unite and say with one voice that they will oppose that doctrine, and the whole of them would be damned....” (President Heber C. Kimball, Journal of Discourses, Vol.5, p.203)

CORRECTING THE BIBLE

Just writing down the title for this article makes me a little squeamish – after all, who in their right mind would be so brazen as to “correct” God’s holy word? Well, yes, you might have guessed it, none other than the founding leader of the Mormon church, Joseph Smith! An article in one of their official magazines boasts about this as follows:

*“After the Prophet Joseph Smith translated the Book of Mormon, one of the first things the Lord instructed him to do was to make numerous corrections to the Bible. These corrections are called the Joseph Smith Translation (JST)...These changes can often completely alter the meaning of a verse. For example, in Moses’ confrontation with Pharaoh, the King James Version says that ‘the Lord hardened the heart of Pharaoh’ (Ex.9:12). The JST changes this **mistake** to ‘And Pharaoh hardened his heart, and he hearkened not unto them’”* (“The Ensign”, Jan.’02, pp 58-59, my emphasis).

Mormonism has much to say regarding their belief in a corrupt Bible. For example, 1 Nephi 13:26-34 of the Book of Mormon, talks about the “great and abominable church” taking away “many parts which are plain and most precious” from the Bible. If they really

believed this, why on earth haven’t they discarded their Bibles and just use the JST exclusively? Maybe it is because it would make it even more difficult to portray themselves as Christians when they knock on our doors?

Mormons desperately need to know that the real God was and is capable of keeping His word in tact for all generations: *“The words of the Lord are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O Lord, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever”* (Ps.12:6-7). *“The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.”* (Isa.40:8) *“Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.”* (Matt.24:35).

I believe that one of the reasons Mormons have to try and discredit the Bible is because none of their ridiculous beliefs are in it. No temple marriages, no teaching that Jesus and Satan are brothers, no pre-existence, no teaching of men becoming a God or that Heavenly Father is a glorified, resurrected man, etc. The Bible is one of the greatest gifts God has given us and by reading it, we can be protected from false doctrines and become free from the traps of the enemy – *“Jesus therefore was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, ‘If you abide in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.’”* (John 8:31-32, NAS)

ULTERIOR MOTIVES

Mormons are usually known as family oriented people who are moral and always ready to do a good deed for their neighbors. It is this clean-cut life style that they like to point to as proof that they are Christians. They love to quote Matt.7:16, *“You will know them by their fruits...”*

While another, more hostile side can sometimes be seen when confronted, they know that it is their good reputation that promotes their church and makes it easier to proselytize. In this they are correct. We know of many who were converted to Mormonism for this reason alone, while knowing nothing of their doctrines

or theology. While today's Mormons are looked upon with favor by many, Brigham Young shared something quite different. He boasted:

"Some of the Elders seem to be tripped up in a moment, if the wicked can find any fault with the members of this church; but bless your souls, I would not yet have this people faultless, for the day of separation has not yet arrived. I have many a time, in this stand, dared the world to produce as mean devils as we can; we can beat them at anything. We have the greatest and smoothest liars in the world, the cunningest (sic) and most adroit thieves, and any other shade of character that you can mention.

We can pick out Elders in Israel right here who can beat the world at gambling, who can handle the cards, cut and shuffle them with the smartest rogue on the face of God's foot-stool. I can produce Elders here who can shave their smartest shavers, and take their money from them. We can beat the world at any game" (Journal of Discourses Vol.4, p.77)

The average Christian is not accustomed to dealing with people who have developed deception into an art-form. Mormonism (the organization, not always the individual) has its way of using half-truths and creative lying to make it difficult for their people, as well as outsiders, to know the truth. They are very good at using flexibility to blend in and believe it is permissible to be "wolves in sheep's clothing" if the end results in converts. How different this is from the Apostle Paul's method of making converts. He stated:

"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 my message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and power, that your faith should not rest in the wisdom of men, but on the power of God." (1Cor.2:1-5 NAS)

In closing, I refer back to the above scripture in Matt.7:16, "You will know them by their fruits". When read in context, we can see that this is a warning regarding "false prophets" (vs.15), not a recipe for knowing if one is a Christian or not. Of course the "fruit" of a prophet can be known through his

prophecies (c.f. Deut.18:20-22). Joseph Smith, as well as other LDS leaders, had many false prophesies, and if interested, you can contact us and request the tract, "We Thank Thee, O God, for the Prophets" (a donation to cover postage would be appreciated).

EMFJ ENCOUNTERS

Every year the city of Orange has an International Street Fair during the Labor Day weekend and our Center is (was) right in the middle of this event. Over four hundred thousand people attend so it gives us a wonderful opportunity to minister to many people. We keep the EMFJ Center open all three days and serve free cookies and lemonade. We have had some wonderful things happen for which we give God all the glory. Some of the Mormons that got saved during that time remain some of our dearest friends to this day.

We have had Mormons call as long as three years later and tell us they saw our sign when they attended the Street Fair and it made them so angry that they never forgot the name. Now they were glad as they knew right where to go when they needed us. Isn't God awesome? Sylvia was one of the Mormons that came in during the Street Fair and ended up getting wonderfully saved but Satan is not happy when this happens. Many of the ex-Mormons have had demonic attacks while trying to exit Mormonism and Sylvia was one of them. She would call us at the Center very frightened but through it all God was the victor and she was totally set free...

I remember another Mormon girl that came in during the Street Fair. She hid behind a counter in our "upper room", where our library is, because she was afraid some of her Mormon friends would see her in there. I don't understand that kind of thinking as I have gone to Mormon Visitors Centers many times and I never felt I had to hide to keep my Christian friends from seeing me there. Why are they so worried? What do their leaders do to them that causes them to them to be so fearful? (To be continued in our next newsletter)

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Wishing you one and all a blessed holiday while remembering that **JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON.**



Thank You

