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

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**FROM CHAR'S DESK**

As we look forward to this new year of 2011, we wish we could say that our burden for the Mormon people is not as strong as it used to be because they are starting to see the light. But, to our sorrow, that is not the case! Mormons are still teaching the same unbiblical doctrines, still proselytizing the innocent Christian that is unwary of their true beliefs, still blindly believing whatever their present prophet tells them, and still expecting to "Mormonize" the whole world. Thus our burden is greater than it has ever been! Please pray that God will give us wisdom and strength to be able to reach them this year as we continue to be faithful to our calling.

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~ Jenell's Jots & Tittles ~

**BRIGHAM YOUNG, A GOOD CHOICE?**

After the death of Joseph Smith, Brigham Young became the next prophet and seer of the LDS Church. However, if Mormons today knew a little more about him, I wonder if they would still think he was a good choice? The following quotes from Brigham give us some revealing insights regarding this successor to Joseph Smith:

*"I think these preliminaries will satisfy me, and I feel prepared to take my text. It is the words of Jesus Christ, but where they are in the Bible I cannot tell you now, for I have not taken pains to look at them. I have had so much to do, that I have not read the Bible for many years. I used to read and study it, but did not understand the spirit and meaning of it..."* (From

the unpublished Oct.8, 1854 Conference discourse as published by Stakes West Publishing Co., Scottsdale, AZ, my emphasis)

*"Who can tell us of the inhabitants of this little planet that shines of an evening, called the moon?...So it is with regard to the inhabitants of the sun. Do you think it is inhabited? I rather think it is. Do you think there is any life there? No question of it; it was not made in vain..."* (Journal of Discourses, Vol.13, p.271, my emphasis)

*"Gold and silver grow, and so does every other kind of metal, the same as the hair upon my head, or the wheat in the field; they do not grow as fast, but they are all the time composing or decomposing."* (Journal of Discourses, Vol.1, pg.219)

*I could refer you to plenty of instances where men have been righteously slain, in order to atone for their sins...This is loving our neighbor as ourselves; if he needs help, help him; and if he wants salvation and it is necessary to spill his blood on the earth in order that he may be saved, spill it."* (Journal of Discourses, Vol.4, p.220, my emphasis)

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**ALL GIFTS DONATED TO EMFJ ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED AS WELL AS YOUR PRAYERS FOR THIS MINISTRY**



*“The only men who become Gods, even the Sons of God, are those who enter into polygamy.”* (Journal of Discourses, Vol.11, p.269)

*“Some have grumbled because I believe **our God** to be so near to us as Father Adam. There are many who know that **doctrine** to be true.* (Journal of Discourses, Vol.5, p.331, my emphasis)

*“How much unbelief exists in the minds of the Latter-day Saints in regard to one particular **doctrine** which I revealed to them, and which God revealed to me—namely **that Adam is our father and God**— I do not know, I do not inquire, I care nothing about it...”* (Deseret News, June 18, 1873, my emphasis)

*“You see some classes of the human family that are black, uncouth, uncomely, disagreeable and low in their habits, wild, and seemingly deprived of nearly all the blessings of the intelligence that is generally bestowed upon mankind.... Cain slew his brother. Cain might have been killed, and that would have put a termination to that line of human beings. This was not to be, and the Lord put a mark upon him, which is the flat nose and black skin.”* (Journal of Discourses, Vol.7, p.290)

*“Shall I tell you the law of God in regard to the African race? If the white man who belongs to the chosen seed mixes his blood with the seed of Cain, the penalty, under the law of God, is death on the spot.* (Journal of Discourses, Vol.10, p.110)

*“Can you make a Christian of a Jew? I tell you, **no**.* If a Jew comes into this Church, and honestly professes to be a Saint, a follower of Christ, and if the blood of Judah is in his veins, he will apostatize.” (Journal of Discourses, Vol.2, pg.142, my emphasis)

*“With regard to true theology, **a more ignorant people never lived than the present so-called Christian world.**”* (Journal of Discourses, Vol.8, p.199, my emphasis)

*“I know just as well what to teach this people and just what to say to them and what to do in order to*

*bring them into the celestial kingdom, as I know the road to my office...**I have never yet preached a sermon and sent it out to the children of men, that they may not call Scripture.** Let me have the privilege of correcting a sermon, **and it is as good Scripture as they deserve.**”* (Journal of Discourses, Vol.13, pg.95)

The early Mormons were diligent record keepers, and it is their **own books** that condemn this false, man-made religion and its false prophets. It is my prayer that they would research some of their own history and become enlightened as many of us in this ministry have done.

## JOSEPH OR JESUS?

This is a question you may want to ask the Mormon you know – “Who do you believe has the authority and power of the resurrection, Joseph Smith or the Lord Jesus?” Evidently Brigham Young would have voted for Joseph because he said:

*“If we ask who will stand at the head of the resurrection in this last dispensation, the answer is - Joseph Smith, Junior, the Prophet of God. He is the man who will be resurrected and receive the keys of the resurrection, and he will seal this authority upon others and they will hunt up their friends and resurrect them when they shall have been officiated for, and bring them up.”* (Discourses of Brigham Young, p.116)

For any Mormons who are expecting to see Joseph Smith “*at the head of the resurrection*” (and we suspect there are many), they had better carefully study what Jesus had to say on the subject as follows:

*“For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him, may have eternal life; **and I Myself** will raise him up on the last day.”* (John 6:40 NAS)

*“...Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, and the living One; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and **I have the keys** of death and hades.”* (Rev.1:17-18 NAS)

The sole purpose of this ministry is to see Mormons switch their allegiance **from** Joseph Smith **to** the Jesus

of the Bible, and Him alone. We pray that you, our readers, would support us in this effort through your prayers and financial support. Thank you!

## BEING PREPARED

Friends of the ministry, do not assume your Mormon acquaintance understands or even knows about the **true gospel** “...for it is the power of God unto salvation...” (Rom.1:16). Always be ready to share with them that Jesus alone is the way, and the truth, and the life; and that no one comes to the Father, but through Him (John 14:6).

However, because Mormons believe in “a” Jesus (cf. 2 Cor.11:4), they do not understand why we do not consider them Christians. They also often use the same vocabulary as Christians when discussing subjects like salvation, atonement, and grace, but the meanings behind them are usually quite different. Because terminology can be a problem for both sides when trying to share with them, please request our “Terminology Differences” that shows what the Mormon Church teaches and then compares Bible scriptures on pertinent topics. A donation to cover the mailing would be appreciated.

## TIME, A FRIEND OR FOE FOR JOSEPH SMITH?

The old adage “time will tell” usually proves to be a dependable guideline to go by, lets see how it fares with Joseph Smith. He sounded a bit cocky when he said: “...I feel, like Paul, to glory in tribulation; for to this day has the God of my fathers delivered me out of them all, and will deliver me from henceforth; for behold, and lo, I shall triumph over all my enemies...” (D&C 127:2). However, the rest of that last line says “...for the Lord God hath spoken it”. Now that would make all the difference in the world, right? If **God** told Joseph that He would deliver him and that his enemies would not have victory over him, then he is not being cocky or presumptuous, he is merely repeating what God told him.

Yet one year and nine months later we read that Joseph’s “enemies” triumphed over him after all: “*To seal the testimony of this book and the Book of Mormon, we announce the martyrdom of Joseph Smith the Prophet and Hyrum Smith the Patriarch. They were shot in Carthage jail, on the 27<sup>th</sup> of June, 1844...*” (D&C 135:1).

When it came to God’s true prophets, time was always their friend. Obviously, because God is omniscient, whatever He says can be set in concrete and prophets, the true as well as the false ones, will be known by this test of time.

## CURRENT CORRESPONDENCE

*“I am an ex-mormon in Mesa, AZ. I am nervous about how I am going to withstand the attacks of my friends and family as I reveal the truth that I have found in my life. I get very flustered under pressure and being a new Christian, my understanding of Christ is limited (but being nurtured and growing!) So I was wondering if there is any information that offers help in this area. Also I was wondering if there is a support group here in Mesa. Thank you for taking the time to read this and I hope to hear back from someone soon! Also if you could pray for me for strength and peace and trust in God’s will that would help so very much! Sincerely, E”*

Dear E, We are so happy you have become a Christian. I wish you lived closer so you could come to our Support Group Meeting as you would be with many other ex-Mormons that understand where you are coming from. But you are being nurtured and you’re growing in the Lord which is so important. You don’t need to have all the answers for your loved ones and friends. Just be sure you show them the love and joy you have from knowing Him. God will do the rest.

We have put your name on our prayer list and we’ll be praying for you daily to have strength and peace and total trust in the Lord as to His will for your life. He loves you and will never leave you nor forsake you. There is a ministry to ex-Mormons in Mesa called Concerned Christian....If we can be of any further help, please let us know. God bless you, Charlotte Pardee (Director of EMFJ)

## CITATIONS OF CONCERN (From LDS Leaders)

The July 2009 "Ensign" (pg.35, an official Mormon publication) reprinted the following statement from their late prophet Joseph Fielding Smith: **"BECOMING ACQUAINTED** *'It remains the responsibility of each individual to know his kindred dead...Even if the [temple] work is done, then it is still each person's responsibility to study and become acquainted with his ancestors.'* **President Joseph Fielding Smith quoted in Hearts Turned to the Fathers: A History of the Genealogical Society of Utah, 1894-1994 (1995), 184"**

Nowhere in the Bible is anyone ever told to focus on their dead ancestors, let alone encouraged to "become acquainted" with them. In fact, the Bible seems to link this type of activity with witchcraft (see Deut.18:10-12).

### THE BIRTH OF A NEW BOOK

As many of you know, our director, Charlotte Pardee, has been writing the story of God calling her to the ministry of reaching the Mormon people. Although there are a multitude of books written on the subject of Mormonism, this one is unique in many ways. Charlotte was never a Mormon, so in 1972, when God put these people on her heart, she was a blank sheet on the subject.

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Starting from scratch, she read their "standard works" (she already knew the bible inside and out) and began having long talks with every Mormon she came across.

This book is also unique because it has never seen a publisher, it comes in manual form and it was not written by a professional, but rather by a novice who had no special literary talents. However, it did come from Charlotte's heart and contains 40 years of experiences that she has had with Mormons, ranging from bishops to little children.

You will find her stories of "going the extra mile" a real labor of love, which not only makes for very interesting reading, but is also most helpful for others who have a desire to reach these precious people. The book, "MORMONS, HOW GOD LOVES THEM (and how I do, too)" is well-documented and can be ordered from the EMFJ Center for a donation of \$12.00, plus postage.

### SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS

We hold monthly support group meetings at 7:30 p.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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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