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# FROM CHAR'S DESK

One day a Mormon missionary told me he could give me ten reasons why he liked the Mormon Church. I told him I couldn't give him ten reasons why I liked the Mormon Church but I could give him ten reasons why I don't BELIEVE in the Mormon Church.

I don't believe that:

- 1. Joseph Smith was a true prophet of God.
- 2. God was once a man who lived on another planet and went through the law of eternal progression until he became a god.
- 3. God had a father and his father had a father, etc.
- 4. God was married
- 5. God inspired Joseph Smith to correct the bible and call it the Inspired Version
- 6. The Book of Mormon is true
- 7. Jesus' blood did not cleanse us from all sin
- 8. We need Joseph Smth's consent in order to enter the Celestial Kingdom
- 9. Lucifer is the spirit brother of Jesus
- 10. The Mormon gospel, which is the plan of salvation, is true

And then I told him why I didn't believe in these things is because they are not Biblical! However, I told him if he could show me these things from the Bible, I would believe them. Ask your LDS friends to do the same thing.

# ~ STEVE'S CORNER ~

Morality, families, and love of country are generally important things for both the LDS and Christian community. Many believers don't truly know what Mormons believe and, therefore, think they are a Christian church or just another denomination. Also, because the Mormons are usually nice people and talk about Jesus Christ, it is often assumed they are Christian. The most important standard on the Mormons being Christian is not anyone's opinion, but what the Bible teaches. Proverbs 14:12 says, "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." Feelings can deceive you. The main test the Mormons give on the truthfulness of the Book of Mormon is to pray about it and God will give you a special feeling or a burning in your bosom.

Jesus taught in John 14:6, "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." We believe in the Biblical Jesus, not based on our feelings, or opinions, but on what the Bible teaches. The Bible teaches Jesus is eternally God, virgin born, our King and our God, and is to be prayed to and worshiped.

The Mormon Jesus is just one of countless gods, didn't always exist, is married, is their elder brother and the brother of Lucifer, and is not virgin born.

Matthew 7:21-23 is an appropiate passage regarding Mormons. Jesus said, "Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? And in thy name have cast out devils? And in thy name done many wonderful works? And then I will profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity."

Again, these are people who feel they are saved. How important it is to share the good news of the true gospel with the precious Mormon people so they might be saved.

#### **NEW TEMPLES**

The Mormon Church has announced that they will be building a new temple in Yorba Linda, CA, which is very close to the Ex-Mormons for Jesus Information and Visitors Center. They have already demolished the LDS ward that was there.

Mormons consider their temples sacred, not secret. The Bible teaches there is one temple on earth and that is in Jerusalem. The fact that the LDS church has numerous temples around the world is not Biblical. The Biblical temple was used for animal sacrifices on behalf of the people to cover their sins. Priests were the ones who did the temple work. The LDS church uses temples for eternal marriage ceremonies so that they can become gods, baptism for the dead, and endowment ceremonies which include certain rituals, tokens and ordinances. Mormons must pass temple interview questions to determine their worthiness to enter in. If they pass these interviews, they get a temple recommend card.

In the July 2022 LDS magazine Liahona on page one, it says, "The covenants received and the ordinances performed in temples are essential to the sanctifying of our hearts and for the ultimate exaltation of God's sons and daughters."

Nowhere in the Bible is it taught that the temple is to be used for eternal marriage cerremonies, baptism for the dead, and endowment ceremonies. The Mormon temples are a clear example of why the LDS church is not Christian. When Christ died on the cross the veil of the temple was torn in two, signifying that humanity has direct access to the Father through Jesus Christ. We don't need temples on earth anymore. However, the Book of Revelation talks about there being a heavenly temple. The topic of Mormon temples can be an avenue for Christians to share with the LDS people that Christ fully paid for sins and earthly temples are unnecessary.

The last temple interview question asks the Mormon if they deem themselves worthy to enter the temple. We are only allowed into heaven based on what Jesus did on the cross. Relying on your own hearts to determine your worthiness is spiritually dangerous indeed!

For those who live in Orange County. California, we will keep you posted when the Yorba Linda temple opens so we can be there to witness for Jesus Christ.

#### THE ONLY TRUE CHURCH?

We have a list from the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints with their world headquarters in Independence, Missouri, of 96 breakoffs from the original 1830 church founded by Joseph Smith. They each claim that they are the only true church! Bruce McConkie claimed that the existence of different denominations is proof positive of the universal apostasy of the church.

If this is the case, then Mormonism, with all its divisions, must also be proof positive that it is apostate, too. I believe as man tries to unite under anything but Jesus Christ, there will always be divisions.

There is no such thing as an "only true church." Jesus is the only one who is the TRUTH! There is **only one faith**, faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, **only one Lord**, the Lord Jesus Christ and **only one baptism**, the baptism the Lord Jesus Christ gives. Yes, **Jesus** is the only one who is the TRUTH! Hallelujah!!

### CITATIONS OF CONCERN (From LDS Leaders)

A loving Heavenly Father has provided us with living prophets to receive and help us understand his mind and will. In speaking of his servants, the Savior said, "And whatsoever they shall speak when moved upon by the Holy Ghost shall be scripture, shall be the will of the Lord, shall be the mind of the Lord, shall be the word of the Lord, shall be the voice of the Lord and the power of God unto salvation. D&C 68:4

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#### SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS

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