

Mormons – Part 2

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

I. Introduction

- A. This “church” boasts 15 million followers, world-wide, with the majority now outside of the US.
- B. They are Quite Dedicated to their religion
 - 1. They give large amounts of time and money to serving in their church – not a bad thing
 - 2. Many young Mormons choose to serve a full-time proselytizing mission – not a bad thing
 - 3. Have a health code that rejects alcoholic beverages, tobacco, coffee, tea, and other addictive substances – not a bad thing
 - 4. They tend to be very family-oriented, and have strong connections across generations and with extended family – not a bad thing at all
 - 5. Mormons also have a strict law of chastity, requiring abstinence from sexual relations outside of opposite-sex marriage and strict fidelity within marriage – not a bad thing
- C. Mormons label themselves as ‘Christian’ (Christ-followers), though MANY of their beliefs differ from mainstream Christianity.
 - 1. Believe in the Bible, but not only in the Bible. They believe other books are equal with the holy scriptures
 - a. The Book of Mormon
 - b. Pearl of Great Price – extra writings about Moses and Abraham’s discussions with God
 - c. Doctrine and Covenants – 138 special revelations to Joseph Smith, and a few later men
 - 2. They believe that Christ's church was lost after the first Century, and only restored in 1830 through Joseph Smith, and is now guided by living prophets and apostles.
 - 3. They believe Jesus and Satan are brothers
 - 4. They believe Jesus was born of a virgin named Mary – but that God the Father had sex with her to make Jesus!
 - 5. They believe EVERYONE is a Mormon, they just don’t know it.
 - 6. And so on.
- D. But, They are NOT Christ followers, but Joseph Smith followers. They are a CULT, and will keep any follower of their religion damned and under the wrath of God (John 3:36).

II. Review – Last Lesson

- A. How Mormonism Started
- B. The Life of Joseph Smith
- C. What Mormons Believe Part 1

- 1. They have a unique view of the universe
- 2. Jesus and Satan
- 3. Humanity
- 4. America
- 5. Joseph Smith

IV. Part 2 of Lesson on Mormonism

A. What Mormons Believe - Part 2

- 1. _____ .
 - a. Many Wives
 - b. Faithful and good Mormon men will decide which of his wives were worthy to be resurrected
 - c. Heaven for a faithful Mormon woman is eternal pregnancy, producing spirit babies for their god-husbands to rule over new planets with
- 2. _____ – exactly like the Masonic Temple rituals

- a. You are made to swear oaths that you will never reveal the secrets of the temple and you're told that 'God' may "take your life" if you do. Each member at these ceremonies repeats the hand gestures of god's potential wrath. These include having your throat cut and disembowelment. The participant extends his/her right arm with hand open and thumb extended, then move the extended thumb to just below his/her left ear. Next, in one motion, the extended thumb is drawn across the throat to the right ear "demonstrating how 'god' may take your life if you reveal the first token of the Aaronic priesthood".
- b. An endowment ceremony, which includes anointing with oil and the giving of a secret name .
- c. Another ceremony where the initiate wears a one piece undergarment called *the garment*. It has short sleeves, you step in through the neck, and it goes down to the knees. There are symbols on the garment, a compass and a square (on the chest), a small (1/4") slit over the navel and another over each knee. You are told it will protect you from all kinds of evils in the world. This is worn by both men and women.
- d. Secret handshakes and agreements stolen from freemasonry
- e. In the Mormon temple wedding ceremony, the man and the woman are joined "for time and eternity".
 - 1) The woman, during the ceremony, must tell the man what her temple secret name is.
 - 2) He does not tell her his.
 - 3) It is by this name, according to the Mormons, that the man will resurrect her IF she's faithful.
 - 4) In Mormon heaven, men will have multiple wives and create worlds of their own. These wives will make spirit children for all eternity.

3. _____.

- a. Hell is only for Satan and his angels, and people who have done the unpardonable sin
- b. Heaven is actually this universe – living on other planets and stars – but is only for the worthy Mormons
- c. People who are not worthy will be resurrected one day and confined this this planet

4. _____ – how to people get forgiven by God and made righteous?

- a. "We believe that through the atonement of Christ, all mankind may be saved, by obedience to the laws and ordinances of the gospel"
- b. Salvation is by grace "after all we can do" (2 Nephi 25:23).
- c. The ordinances of the gospel are said to be: faith on Christ; Repentance, Baptism by immersion for remission of sins; and Laying on of hands for the gifts of the Holy Ghost
- d. Temple Marriage is Required for Eternal Life. Yet the Lord says marriage between men and women is irrelevant to the hereafter (Luke 20:34-36)
- e. Baptism is the gateway into heaven! By accepting baptism into the LDS church you take the first step necessary toward your salvation and your ultimate entrance into the Kingdom of Heaven (the "Celestial Kingdom").

5. _____.

- a. Dead people can be saved by a good Mormon SAVING them by HIS or HER own righteous living, and by being BAPTIZED in their place! So, Abraham Lincoln is now a Mormon, as is Mother Theresa, and Joseph Stalin, and maybe even ADILF HITLER!

A. What is Wrong With Mormonism?

1. _____.

- c. Another set of books additional to the Bible
- d. They don't know the words of Scripture, but mainly the teachings of the Book of Mormon (which is the same as Catholics, Protestants and most religionists)
- e. They look to their leaders to tell them what to believe, and for even newer revelations about God (same with most modern religionists)

2. _____.

- c. _____ Gods vss only ONE God
- d. Absolute obedience to Mormon laws vss faith alone in Jesus Christ

- e. Teaches that our star, the sun gets its light from another star (_____) vss our Sun being the source of its own light
 - f. Everyone dies _____, not for Adam’s vss “*in Adam all die*”
 - g. The centre of their religion is clouded in _____ vss Jesus said, “I spake openly to the world; I ever taught in the synagogue, and in the temple, whither the Jews always resort; and in secret have I said nothing. Why askest thou me? ask them which heard me, what I have said unto them: behold, they know what I said.” (John 18:20,21).
3. No Problem Officially Breaking God’s Laws
- c. 1st Commandment – According to Mormonism, Elohim is one of countless Gods in the Universe.
 - d. 3rd Commandment – Elohim is God’s name, not Jehovah
 - e. 6th Commandment – people went about slaughtering anyone that did not live up to the expectations of the LD’s council. It was called Blood Atonement for unforgiveable sins.
 - f. 7th Commandment – constant adultery and polygamy (you can be “sealed” married for all eternity to as many women as you like)
 - g. 9th Commandment – It’s okay to lie to protect the Church
4. Moroni is a _____, and not an Angel of God (Gal 1:6-9)
5. Strange Things in the Book of Mormon
- c. The Book of Mormon is the vast similarities to the King James Bible. Literally hundreds and hundreds of verses in the Book of Mormon appear either in part or exactly as they were translated in the King James English. The following are a few examples:
 - 1) 1 Nephi 20, 21 ~ Isaiah 48,49
 - 2) 2 Nephi 7, 8 ~ Isaiah 50,51
 - 3) 3 Nephi 12, 14 ~ Matthew 5-7
 - 4) 3 Nephi 24, 25 ~ Malachi 3,4
 - d. There are a number of questions that need to be answered. How could large sections of the plates of Nephi and Mormon contain perfect **King James English**, *in translation*, 1,200 years before that English existed? Also, how could the King James be quoted exactly in the Book of Mormon? The Book of Mormon is a translation of Reformed Egyptian, and the King James is a translation of the Hebrew. Yet, the Book of Mormon repeats word for word the King James translation.
 - e. That is called _____!

1 Nephi 20	Isaiah 48
<p>1 Hearken and hear this, O house of Jacob, who are called by the name of Israel, and are come forth out of the waters of Judah, or out of the waters of baptism, who swear by the name of the Lord, and make mention of the God of Israel, yet they swear not in truth nor in righteousness.</p> <p>2 Nevertheless, they call themselves of the holy city, but they do not stay themselves upon the God of Israel, who is the Lord of Hosts; yea, the Lord of Hosts is his name.</p> <p>3 Behold, I have declared the former things from the beginning; and they went forth out of my mouth, and I showed them. I did show them suddenly.</p> <p>4 And I did it because I knew that thou art obstinate, and thy neck is an iron sinew, and thy brow brass;</p> <p>5 And I have even from the beginning declared to thee; before it came to pass I showed them thee; and I showed them for fear lest thou shouldst say—Mine idol hath done them, and my graven image, and my molten image hath commanded them.</p> <p>6 Thou hast seen and heard all this; and will ye not</p>	<p>1 Hear ye this, O house of Jacob, which are called by the name of Israel, and are come forth out of the waters of Judah, which swear by the name of the LORD, and make mention of the God of Israel, but not in truth, nor in righteousness.</p> <p>2 For they call themselves of the holy city, and stay themselves upon the God of Israel; The LORD of hosts is his name.</p> <p>3 I have declared the former things from the beginning; and they went forth out of my mouth, and I shewed them; I did them suddenly, and they came to pass.</p> <p>4 Because I knew that thou art obstinate, and thy neck is an iron sinew, and thy brow brass;</p> <p>5 I have even from the beginning declared it to thee; before it came to pass I shewed it thee: lest thou shouldest say, Mine idol hath done them, and my graven image, and my molten image, hath commanded them.</p> <p>6 Thou hast heard, see all this; and will not ye</p>

declare them? And that I have showed thee new things from this time, even hidden things, and thou didst not know them.

7 They are created now, and not from the beginning, even before the day when thou heardest them not they were declared unto thee, lest thou shouldst say—Behold I knew them.

8 Yea, and thou heardest not; yea, thou knewest not; yea, from that time thine ear was not opened; for I knew that thou wouldst deal very treacherously, and wast called a transgressor from the womb.

9 Nevertheless, for my name's sake will I defer mine anger, and for my praise will I refrain from thee, that I cut thee not off.

10 For, behold, I have refined thee, I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction.

11 For mine own sake, yea, for mine own sake will I do this, for I will not suffer my name to be polluted, and I will not give my glory unto another.

12 Hearken unto me, O Jacob, and Israel my called, for I am he; I am the first, and I am also the last.

13 Mine hand hath also laid the foundation of the earth, and my right hand hath spanned the heavens. I call unto them and they stand up together.

14 All ye, assemble yourselves, and hear; who among them hath declared these things unto them? The Lord hath loved him; yea, and he will fulfil his word which he hath declared by them; and he will do his pleasure on Babylon, and his arm shall come upon the Chaldeans.

15 Also, saith the Lord; I the Lord, yea, I have spoken; yea, I have called him to declare, I have brought him, and he shall make his way prosperous.

16 Come ye near unto me; I have not spoken in secret; from the beginning, from the time that it was declared have I spoken; and the Lord God, and his Spirit, hath sent me.

17 And thus saith the Lord, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; I have sent him, the Lord thy God who teacheth thee to profit, who leadeth thee by the way thou shouldst go, hath done it.

18 O that thou hadst hearkened to my commandments—then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea.

19 Thy seed also had been as the sand; the offspring of thy bowels like the gravel thereof; his name should not have been cut off nor destroyed from before me.

20 Go ye forth of Babylon, flee ye from the Chaldeans, with a voice of singing declare ye, tell this, utter to the end of the earth; say ye: The Lord hath redeemed his servant Jacob.

21 And they thirsted not; he led them through the deserts; he caused the waters to flow out of the rock for them; he clave the rock also and the waters gushed out.

22 *And notwithstanding he hath done all this, and greater also, there is no peace, saith the Lord, unto the wicked.*

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B. All the Signs of a Cult

1. Do they Deify Man?
 - a. YES! A Mormon Man is on his way to becoming a GOD!!!
2. Do they Have a Modern Day Prophet, Equal to or Greater than Scriptures?
 - a. YES! Their President is a prophet, able to overrule the Scriptures AND boom of Mormon
 - b. Joseph Smith himself is honoured right along-side with Jesus, and God the Father
3. Do they Humanize God?
 - a. YES! He was once a man, on a far away planet circling around a star called Kolob
 - b. But because he earned the right to become a god, he now reigns over the earth
4. Do they Minimize Sin?
 - a. Not really.
 - b. But they DO Officially break the 1st, 3rd
 - c. Teach that people don't have to be sinners, and that Mormons actually can obey all the commandments
5. Do they Change The Scriptures?
 - a. They have replaced the Bible
 - b. Believe THEIR Scriptures above the Bible
6. Do they Promote A Different Jesus?
 - a. YES! One that is not of the New Testament, but the one of the Mormon book
7. Do they Promote A Different Salvation?
 - a. YES! By faith and good works in obedience to the commandments, and especially the commandments of the Book of Mormon.
8. Do they Promote Different Spirit?
 - a. YES! The Holy Spirit is NOT really God, but just a power that emanates from Elohim
9. Do they Promote Feeling Over Thought?
 - a. YES! They trust warm burnings in their bosom as confirmation of truths
 - b. Joseph Smith trusted his "seer" stones to tell him what to do
10. Are they CLOSED minded?
 - a. YES! They are NOT allowed to read anything that is against their religion. PERIOD!
11. Do they Believe THEY are THE Only True Church? Elitist?
 - a. YES! Definitely
 - b. All other "churches" are an abomination to God
12. Do they Promote Secrets? Closed to the outside world?
 - a. YES! Secret ceremonies of marriage, baptism
 - b. Secret symbols and contracts that outsiders are not allowed to ever know about
13. Do they Abuse Sex
 - a. KIND OF. Promote endless sex in heaven, while acting like they are restricting it on earth
 - b. Adultery is rampant in the Mormon congregations
 - c. But in this one point, they do protect the sex that they allow, which is very restricted)
14. Can you Leave?
 - a. NO. Once a Mormon, always a Mormon

V. How to Win a Mormon to Christ

A. The Starting-Point

1. Most Mormons are not Mormons because they believe the Book of Mormon. I became a Christian because I believe the BIBLE
2. Most Mormons are Mormons because
 - c. They were born into the religion
 - d. They wanted to be clean and good like they think the Mormons are
 - e. They felt accepted and loved by the Mormons
3. So, pray FOR them (Acts 26:18)
4. MANY are getting born again recently! Youtube is FULLLED with people giving testimony of conversions from strict Mormonism, to Biblical Christianity!

B. Ask for a _____ of Inspiration of the Book of Mormon – they have none

1. Any prophecies that have been proven right?
2. Any Mormon-related historical places or people found in America?

C. Ask if they are _____ going to the Celestial Kingdom – they aren't

1. Tell them you HAVE eternal life, right now – received as a GIFT, the moment you were born again

D. Ask them if any Mormon Doctrines have _____ since 1830?

1. Its Doctrines have changed
 - c. Blood Atonement – other Mormons executing people who have violated Mormon doctrines and Mormon secrecy
 - d. Blacks are NOW allowed to be Mormons
 - 1) God curses certain individuals with dark skin.
 - 2) The races are determined by how worthy individuals were prior to this mortal life. Blacks were not as faithful in their first estate (Fielding Smith, Doctrines of Salvation 1:61-7; McConkie, Mormon Doctrine, 527-8; 1st Presidency Statement, August 17, 1949).
 - 3) The Book of Mormon teaches white superiority. Here God cursed certain Israelite American Indians with dark skin, and this was meant to keep them from interbreeding with their white brethren. This scripture also teaches that God blessed some who repented with white skin (Alma 3:6-9; 1 Ne. 12:23; 2 Ne. 5:21-4; Jacob 3:8; and 3 Ne. 2:14-6).
 - e. Polygamy has changed since 1830, back and forth.

E. Ask if the Book of Mormon has changed at all since 1830?

1. The Book of Mormon has been changed
 - c. Although Joseph Smith said that God had pronounced the completed translation of the plates as published in 1830 "correct," many changes have been made in later editions.
 - d. Besides thousands of corrections of poor grammar and awkward wording in the 1830 edition, other changes have been made to reflect subsequent changes in some of the fundamental doctrine of the church.
 - e. In 1981, the new edition replaced "white" with "pure," apparently to reflect the change in the church's stance on the "curse" of the black race.
2. There are more than 4,000 word changes since 1830

F. Ask them where was truth before 1830?

1. To the Mormon, truth was corrupted since the time of 400 AD – lost until 1830
2. ALL other churches (Presbyterians, Baptists, Catholics and Methodists are specifically mentioned in Joseph Smith, History 1:9, Pearl of Great Price) are "wrong," "all their creeds were an abomination," and "those professors were all corrupt" (Joseph Smith, History 1:19).

G. Ask them if there is ONE God, or MANY gods?

1. To the Mormon, the only God to worry about, OUR heavenly Father, the God of OUR world
2. But they admit there are MANY gods, ruling over many planets
3. But that is directly opposite of the Scriptures!

H. Ask them what did _____ do to save them?

1. Mormons emphasize that salvation is by grace "after all WE can do" (2 Nephi 25:23). What classic Mormon double-talk.
2. That eternal life is earned by perfect obedience to all gospel laws and ordinances.
3. Yet, the Bible says eternal life is a gift from God (Romans 5:15; 6:23) to those who believe in Christ (John 6:47), call upon Him (Romans 10:13) and receive Him as Lord and Savior (John 1:12). Contrary to Mormon dogma, this gift cannot be awarded meritoriously.
4. Biblical salvation results from God's grace alone through each believer's faith, not from obeying a checklist of laws and ordinances (Ephesians 2:8-9; 2 Timothy 1:9; Titus 3:5). All who confess Christ and believe in Him from the heart shall be saved (Romans 10:8-13).
5. Most Mormons know little about imputed righteousness — and neither did I during my mission. Essentially, as Christians know, the Lord credits believers with His perfect righteousness and charges their transgressions to His sinless spiritual "account." Paul explains this doctrine masterfully in Romans 4 and 2 Corinthians 5:18-21.

I. Ask them if _____ need to be born again?

1. They will say no
2. They have been baptized and are keeping all the commandments
3. Yet the Bible says that "there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not" (Ecclesiastes 7:20). "there is none righteous, no, not one" (Romans 3:10).
4. Jesus commanded that "YE" must be born again (John 3:7).

J. Tell them the Bible is proven and can be trusted!

- K. Tell them how YOU got born again.** Give them your own testimony and dare them to check out all the errors of the LDS church online! Dare them to be man or woman enough to at least check out the issues!

VI. Conclusion

- A. We have just started to look at what Mormons believe and teach, and when we compare it with what the Bible says, there is just NO WAY it can be considered "Christian" – only a CULT!
- B. These are serious differences
- C. Galatians 1:6-9 warns us about Mormonism!
- D. Religion damns – But Jesus saves!
- E. People have a choice! But they need the truth (Rom 10:13-15)
- F. Next Time... Scientology
- G. Any Questions?