

# Mormonism



## Is Not Christian

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## Introduction

I believe that we are in the last days, ever closer to the judgment of God. It is fast approaching and few folks will be ready. While we all wait for the end of times, we are all trying to discover the meaning of life, why we are here and where we will spend eternity.

As Christians, we have, if we are true to the bible, the answers to these questions. We know that there is a narrow road to walk, Salvation through Jesus only, and life abundant here on this earth as we walk by faith.

However, there are many groups that claim Christianity that have polluted the truth. One of these groups is Mormonism. They have slipped under the curtain and now deceive people by claiming to be just another part of the Christian community. Their claim is to be **The Church Of Jesus Christ Of Latter-day Saints**.

## An Overview of History

Excerpts From Got\Questions.org

The Mormon religion, (Mormonism), whose followers are known as Mormons and Latter Day Saints (LDS), was founded less than two hundred years ago by a man named Joseph Smith. He claimed to have received a personal visit from God the Father and Jesus Christ who told him that all churches and their creeds were an abomination. Joseph Smith then set out to begin a brand-new religion that claims to be the “only true church on earth.”

The problem with Mormonism is that it contradicts, modifies, and expands on the Bible. Christians have no reason to believe that the Bible is not true and adequate.

To truly believe in and trust God means to believe in His Word. (“All Scripture is inspired by God”) which means it comes from Him (**2 Timothy 3:16**).

## **They Claim Four Sources of Divinely Inspired Words (The Bible Is The Only Source of Inspiration)**

- 1) The Bible “as far as it is translated correctly.” Which verses are considered incorrectly translated is not always made clear.
- 2) The Book of Mormon, which was “translated” by Smith and published in 1830. Smith claimed it is the “most correct book” on earth and that a person can get closer to God by following its precepts “than by any other book.”
- 3) The Doctrine and Covenants, containing a collection of modern revelations regarding the “Church of Jesus Christ as it has been restored.”
- 4) The Pearl of the Great Price, which is considered by Mormons to “clarify” doctrines and teachings that were lost from the Bible and adds its own information about the earth's creation.

## **Mormons Believe The Following About God**

- A) They believe that God has not always been the Supreme Being of the universe, but attained that status through righteous living and persistent effort.
- B) They believe God the Father has a “body of flesh and bones as tangible as man’s.”
- C) Brigham Young taught that Adam actually was God and the father of Jesus Christ.

In contrast, Christians know this about God: there is only one true God (Deuteronomy 6:4; Isaiah 43:10; 44:6-8), He always has existed and always will exist (Deuteronomy 33:27; Psalm 90:2; 1 Timothy 1:17), and He was not created but is the Creator (Genesis 1; Psalm 24:1; Isaiah 37:16). He is perfect, and no one else is equal to Him (Psalm 86:8; Isaiah 40:25). God the Father is not a man, nor was He ever (Numbers 23:19; 1 Samuel 15:29; Hosea 11:9). He is Spirit (John 4:24), and Spirit is not made of flesh and bone (Luke 24:39).

## Different Levels of Kingdoms

Mormons believe that there are different levels or kingdoms in the afterlife: the celestial kingdom, the terrestrial kingdom, the telestial kingdom, and outer darkness. Where mankind will end up depends on what they believe and do in this life.

In contrast, the Bible tells us that after death, we go to heaven or hell based on whether or not we had faith in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. To be absent from our bodies means, as believers, we are with the Lord (2 Corinthians 5:6-8). Unbelievers are sent to hell or the place of the dead (Luke 16:22-23). When Jesus comes the second time, we will receive new bodies (1 Corinthians 15:50-54). There will be a new heaven and new earth for believers (Revelation 21:1), and unbelievers will be thrown into an everlasting lake of fire (Revelation 20:11-15). There is no second chance for redemption after death (Hebrews 9:27).

## God And Mary Had Sex? No! No! No!

Mormon leaders have taught that Jesus' incarnation was the result of a physical relationship between God, the Father and Mary. Mormons believe Jesus is a god, but that any human can also become a god.

## Mormon View of Salvation

Mormonism teaches that salvation can be earned by a combination of faith and good works. Contrary to this, Christians historically have taught that no one can achieve the status of God—only He is holy (**1 Samuel 2:2**). We can only be made holy in God's sight through faith in Him (**1 Corinthians 1:2**). Jesus is the only begotten Son of God (**John 3:16**), is the only one ever to have lived a sinless, blameless life, and now has the highest place of honor in heaven (**Hebrews 7:26**). Jesus and God are one in essence, Jesus being the only One existing before physical birth (**John 1:1-8; 8:56**). Jesus gave Himself to us as a sacrifice, God raised Him from the dead, and one day everyone will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord (**Philippians 2:6-11**). Jesus tells us it is impossible to get to heaven by our own works and that only by faith in Him is it possible (**Matthew 19:26**).

We all deserve eternal punishment for our sins, but God's infinite love and grace have allowed us a way out. “For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord” (**Romans 6:23**).

Clearly, there is only one way to receive salvation and that is to know God and His Son, Jesus (**John 17:3**). It is not done by works, but by faith (**Romans 1:17; 3:28**). We can receive this gift no matter who we are or what we have done (**Romans 3:22**). "Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved" (**Acts 4:12**).

## **They Claim To Be Christian**

Almost everyone knows to beware of the Jehovah's Witness; but, the Mormons are different, they lure people in by claiming to be a Christian organization, and by their claim to be family oriented, and their friendly masquerade of kindness and love. Keep in mind they only "claim" to be a Christian organization.

The reason they say this is because they think that if you believe in Christ then you are a Christian, when in fact this is not true at all, because Satan and his demons believe in Christ, but that does not make them Christians now does it. They claim this while secretly in their doctrine they call our Christian churches the whore of Babylon, and Christian preachers, heretic disciples of Satan.

They believe that we are the occult, not them. The Mormons are very powerful in the world today and have Power because of their wealth. ***The Marriott Hotel chain is owned by the Mormon Church, and there is Mormon Literature in every room.***

## **Mormo, The God of The Living Dead And The King of The Ghouls**

Mormons are very affluent with the dead. They claim to be visited regularly by dead family members. They are being deceived By demons. They actually believe that through prayer, these people can receive salvation even in death. They associate very much with the dead. The Pastor of the *First Satanic Church*, and the author of the *Satanic Bible*, is Anton LaVey. In his *Satanic Bible*, LaVey lists, under "In fernal Names," one of them as "Mormo," which is the God of the living dead, and the king of the Ghouls.

The followers of Mormo are called Mormons. ***The Mormon Church is the owner of the largest Genealogy center in the world***, and they deal directly with the dead ancestors of the living. Mormon missionaries have had a hard time witnessing in China, and it is not because of its communist rule. *It is because the word Mormon in Chinese means Gates of Hell.*

# More History

Excerpts From GotQuestions.org

Now let me give you a little History on the Mormon Church. In 1821 a young treasure seeker named Joseph Smith claimed to have had a vision from God. First he said it was from Jesus, then he said from Jesus and many angels, and then he said that it was from Jesus and God the Father. This is what they go by today. Mormons claim that Joseph Smith was visited by Jesus and God the father; but the Bible tells us that no man can look upon the face of God and live. He was also visited by a so-called angel named Moroni, who supposedly told him about a secret manuscript, written on golden plates, telling the true Gospel.

And that he was to translate this into the *Book of Mormon*. Let me truly begin here and tell you what they believe. They believe that long ago from an unknown god and goddess was born a man named Elohim who was later born to human parents, and he lived his life and is also claimed to have fathered many children. Two of them in particular are named: one is Jesus, and the other is Lucifer.

## A Review of Damnable Mormon Doctrines

**1. Mormons believe that God is a being who has attained His exalted state by a path which now His children are permitted to follow.** In spite of the opposition of the sects, in the face of direct charges of blasphemy, the Mormon Church proclaims 'As man, God once was; as God is, man may be.'" They say that God started out as a man living on this earth.

**2. Mormons believe that they can attain eternal life by works, not grace.** They say that they are members of the family of the Eternal Father. That he is a glorified and exalted and eternal being, having a resurrected body of flesh and bones. His name is God, and the kind of life he lives is God's life. His name is also Eternal, and the name of the kind of life he lives is eternal life. Eternal life is God's life, and God's life is eternal life. We are commanded to be perfect as he is perfect and to advance and progress until we become like him, or in other words, until we gain eternal life.

**3. Mormons believe that God was not always God.** They say that He had a beginning and we know that He did not. He is from everlasting to everlasting. They promote the deity of man. This is what they say..."In order to understand the subject of the dead, for consolation of those who mourn for the loss of their

friends, it is necessary we should understand the character and being of God and how He came to be so; for I am going to tell you how God came to be God. We have imagined and supposed that God was God from all eternity. ***I will refute that idea***, and take away the veil, so that you may see. ... Mormons teach that man can become God, and that God was once a man: They say... 'God himself, the Father of us all, is a glorified, exalted immortal resurrected man!' (Bruce McConkie, Mormon Doctrine, pp. 322-23, 517, 643)

This is plain and simple heresy. Nowhere does the Bible say or imply that God was ever a man, or that man can become God! **Malachi 3:6** says, 'For I am the LORD, I change not... **Genesis 1:1** states that God existed 'in the beginning' before man was ever created. **John 4:24** states that God is a 'spirit,' and Jesus tells us in **John 1:18** that no man has seen God at any time. **Numbers 23:19** says that 'God is not a man that he should lie; neither the son of man that he should repent.'

**4. Mormons believe that we can learn how to be gods.** Hear what they say... you have got to learn how to be gods yourselves, and to be kings and priests to God, the same as all gods have done before you, namely, by going from one small degree to another, and from a small capacity to a great one; from grace to grace, from exaltation to exaltation, until you attain to the resurrection of the dead, and are able to dwell in everlasting burnings.

**5. Mormons believe that Jesus is the Spirit-brother of the Angel, Lucifer or (Satan)** The bible says all things, including the created beings were made by Him, (Jesus). He created Satan Lucifer as an angel. He could not be His brother.

**6. Mormons believe that they too can become a "God" and rule over "earths" like the Mormon's Heavenly Father does this planet.** To be god over your own world and thus part of a council of gods which is anti-Christ.

## **Mormons Deny The Deity of Jesus Christ**

The Deity of Jesus Christ is a fundamental doctrine of the faith, yet Mormons deny Christ's deity. Instead, Mormons promote man to the status of being "gods." Mormonism is straight from Hell and must be exposed for the lies that it teaches.

The Word of God proclaims that Jesus Christ is God (**John 1:1-3,10,14**). **Isaiah 9:6** called Jesus the "Everlasting Father." **John 10:33** reads, "The Jews answered

him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, **makest thyself God.**" The Jews were trying to kill Jesus because He was claiming to be God. They also tried to murder Jesus in **John 8:57-59**. In fact, Jesus professed Himself as Almighty God in **Revelation 1:8**, "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the **Almighty**. Jesus forgave sin as only God can do (**Mark 2:5**). Jesus accepted worship as only God is entitled to (**Isaiah 42:8; Matthew 8:2**).

Mormons wickedly deny Christ's deity, while selfishly proclaiming their own. Mormons have foolishly bought into the Devil's lie that they will one day become gods. The Word of God never teaches any such nonsense. There is and always will be only one Living God (**Deuteronomy 6:4**).

## **Mormons Teach Salvation By Works**

"Mormons believe that one's salvation is based on such good works as baptism, good deeds, missionary work, and following Mormon teachings. In The Articles of Faith, by James Talmage, justification by faith in Jesus Christ is called a "pernicious doctrine" twice and he states that it has been "an influence for evil." (pp. 107, 480) Bruce McConkie once stated at Brigham Young University that a personal relationship with Jesus Christ is "improper and perilous" (Church News, March 20, 1982, p. 5)" -quote by Pastor James Melton

The Word of God clearly teaches that salvation is by simple heart's faith in the Lord Jesus Christ (**Romans 10:10**). **Titus 3:5** reads, "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost." The "washing of regeneration" is NOT speaking about baptism, but about the blood of Jesus that washes our sins away..."...and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." -**1st John 1:7**. When we receive Christ as our Saviour, our sins are cleansed away by Jesus blood. **Colossians 1:14** declares, "In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins."

**John 1:12,13** proclaim, "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, **but of God**. Salvation is of God friend, NOT you or anyone else. Good works cannot save us. The Pope cannot save us. The priest cannot save us. The church cannot save us.

Baptism cannot save us. Missionary work cannot save us. The sacraments cannot save us. ONLY Jesus can save us, and Jesus is God! "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" -**John 14:6**. It's Jesus or Hell friend, turn or burn! Please turn from your unbelief while you still can, and place your complete trust in the Lord Jesus Christ to forgive your sins and save you.

## **Money! Money! Money!**

The Mormon Church receives \$5,800,000,000 annually in contributions just from members in the United States!!! Over five billion dollars a year, and yet they only give \$6.73 each to the poor and homeless. This is typical of a manmade cult that has nothing to do with Biblical Christianity. The Bible defines religion as helping the poor fatherless and widows in their affliction; yet remain unspotted by the wicked world. The Mormon Church is one of the wealthiest religions upon the earth...

"The Mormon Church's City Creek Mall and related development now at an astonishing \$5 Billion Dollars!! Do not give your hard earned money in tithing to the Mormon Church. An organization that spends 15-20 times more on real estate to develop malls than on helping the poor is, by any definition, a corporation, not a religion."

## **Reasons To Reject The Book of Mormon**

1. There is no room for the Book of Mormon because the Bible itself claims to be all-sufficient, complete and incorruptible and our judge on the last day.
2. The Book of Mormon contradicts the Bible.
3. The Book of Mormon makes many scientifically false statements.
4. Absolutely none of the specific historical content of the Book of Mormon has been verified through Archeological finds.
5. We do not have the Gold Nephi Plates for the world to examine.
6. Although the original 1830 edition of the Book of Mormon was alleged to be inspired in its English translation, there have been thousands of changes,

corrections, additions and deletions. Most Mormons have never seen the original 1830 "inspired" edition and would be shocked if they did.

7. Although they claim direct guidance by God, the Mormon church is among the most divided church in the world with more than 89 different sects who will not cooperate with each other.

8. The book of Doctrines & Covenants is very different depending upon which sect you are talking to.

9. The three witnesses of the B of M were all excommunicated by the Mormon church and were of less than ideal character.

10. **Mormon Theology** : Mormons believe that the Bible is God's revelation to the Jews and the East, while the Book of Mormon is His revelation to the Americans and the West.

## **The Real Skinny on Joseph Smith**

**Excerpts From Got\Questions.org**

Joseph Smith is widely known as the founder of the Mormon Church also known as Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Joseph Smith from an early age was thought to have certain occult powers. He was known at a young age as a seer and reportedly used a seer stone to tell him where he could find such precious metals as silver. Both he and his father were known "treasure seekers" and used divination and magic to carry out treasure seeking excursions. This of course brought him a name and a reputation. To this day, he is considered by some a saint and by others a complete charlatan.

Joseph Smith grew up during a time of spiritual revival in America known as restorationism. It was at this time, 1820 that Joseph Smith claimed to have received a marvellous vision in which God the Father and God the Son materialized and spoke to him as he was praying in the woods. He reportedly said that the two "personages" took a rather dim view of the Christian church and for that matter the world at large, and announced that a restoration of Christianity was needed, and that Smith had been chosen to launch the new dispensation. Since its beginnings until the present day, the Mormon Church holds the position that they alone represent true Christianity.

Mormon plates were a history of an ancient man named Mormon and his fabled ancient Hebrew tribe, who were said to be a new revelation, "another witness" to

the truth of the Christian gospel. It was recorded in Mormon historical documents that the angel had provided special spectacles needed to help Smith translate the writings from the golden plates. It was also reported that during the translation, the man who was helping him had the privilege of having John the Baptist, accompanied by Peter, James and John, come to Pennsylvania on that day May 15, 1829 to confer upon the men the “Aaronic Priesthood”.

These leaders have consistently taught that after the death of the Apostles, true Christianity had fallen into complete apostasy, making it necessary for a “restoration”. But even after the supposed heavenly visitation, Joseph Smith and friends continued to dig for treasure using occult methods.

These methods were illegal in that day, and Smith was convicted of “glasslooking” in 1826. But before that conviction in Chenango County New York, the new “prophet of the Lord” continued to stir up controversy with yet another amazing close encounter with heaven. In 1823, Smith claimed to have been contacted by an angel named Moroni who revealed that there were golden plates at a certain location near Palmyra, New York. On the golden and other amazing stories are recorded in Smith’s book, Pearl of Great Price.

Joseph Smith claimed to have special visions and an incredible opening up of heaven to him. But a statement signed by sixty-two residents of Palmyra, New York, who wanted others to know that they had known him, his family, his beliefs, and his occultic excursions to find treasure declared him to be “entirely destitute of moral character and addicted to vicious habits.” Yet, he claimed to be God’s mouthpiece, and when he spoke, he claimed that God was speaking.

This powerful position was taken seriously by many followers, and when Smith had a vision it was to be taken seriously, no matter if it flew in the face of “Christian” moral standards. His new “revelation from God” on polygamy is but one example.

Popular or not, his pronouncements “from God” took him quite a ways for quite a few years. His highly imaginative stories always read like science fiction, mixing and twisting Biblical truth with imagination. He was always careful to imitate Biblical truth, and many times he rewrites the Bible. To many, his theology is a twisted mirror image of real theology. It tempts by using a smattering of the real thing, the things that people know as Bible truth.

Joseph Smith met his end at the hands of an angry mob. Having attempted to quiet the polygamy issue after the church had settled in Nauvoo, Illinois, Smith and his followers destroyed an anti-Mormon newspaper building and consequently were arrested and in a jail awaiting trial. The jail was stormed by an angry mob of two hundred people and Joseph Smith and his brother were murdered. After his untimely death, there was a split in the “church”. The church he established remains centralized today both in Missouri, (the Community of Christ-RLDS) and in Utah, where many Mormons had followed their new leader, Brigham Young.

The doctrine of Mormonism is completely unscriptural and dates back to about 1830.

## **Beware of False Doctrines And Teachers**

1. **Galatians 1:8-9...** But even if we or an angel from heaven should proclaim to you a gospel contrary to what we proclaimed to you, let that person be condemned! What we have told you in the past I am now telling you again: If anyone proclaims to you a gospel contrary to what you received, let that person be condemned!
2. **Matthew 24:24-25...** False messiahs and false prophets will come and do great miracles and wonders, trying to fool the people God has chosen, if that is possible. Now I have warned you about this before it happens.
3. **2 Corinthians 11:4-6...** For if someone comes to you and preaches a Jesus other than the Jesus we preached, or if you receive a different spirit from the Spirit you received, or a different gospel from the one you accepted, you put up with it easily enough. I do not think I am in the least inferior to those “super-apostles.” I may indeed be untrained as a speaker, but I do have knowledge. We have made this perfectly clear to you in every way.
4. **1 Timothy 4:1...** The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons.
5. **1 John 4:1-2...** Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God.

6. **2 Peter 2:1-2**... But there were false teachers among the people. And there will be false teachers among you also. These people will work in secret ways to bring false teaching to you. They will turn against Christ Who bought them with His blood. They bring fast death on themselves. Many people will follow their wrong ways. Because of what they do, people will speak bad things against the way of truth.

7. **Matthew 7:15-16**... Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thorn bushes, or figs from thistles?

## Conclusion

This church is not Christian, nor is their Book of Mormon "another testament" of Christ because the Bible forbids this. We are to avoid them at all cost. They are wolves in sheep's clothing seeking to lead us astray. I will conclude by restating some of what has already been said to be sure you get the point.

### **The Theology Taught In Smith's Books And "Revelations" Include The Following Concepts**

1) **Plurality of gods** : Smith said, " The doctrine of the plurality of gods is as prominent in the Bible as any other doctrine. It is all over the face of the Bible."

Mormons basically believe that God the Father had a father, and so on. They also believe that the gods were once men. In Smith's famous sermon at the funeral of Elder King Follett in 1844, he said, "God himself was once as we are now, and is an exalted man, and sits enthroned in yonder heavens!" Lorenzo Snow, fifth president of the Mormon Church, put it this way: "As man is, God once was; as God is, man may become."

2) **Humanity of God** : Smith taught that God has a " body of flesh and bones" as tangible as a man's body. He also believed humans could become male and female gods. "Here then is eternal life," he said, "to know the only wise and true God; and you have got to learn how to be gods yourselves... from exaltation to exaltation, until you attain the resurrection of the dead... and sit in glory." Brigham Young taught that Adam was God.

**3) Sexuality of God** : Mormons identify Christ with Jehovah, the first born of Elohim's (God's) children. Thus, they distinguish two separate persons from the names of God. Jesus Christ, they believe, was the product of the physical union of God (Elohim) and the Virgin Mary. In turn, they believe Jesus was polygamously married to Mary, Martha & the other Mary at the wedding at Cana . Since Mormons teach that only those whose marriages are sealed for eternity can ever become gods, it was virtually "necessary" for them to believe Jesus was married. Unmarried people can only hope to become angels.

**4) Salvation By Works** : Mormons reject the doctrine of justification by faith. Mormons teach that four elements are necessary for one's salvation: (1) faith, (2) repentance, (3) baptism, and (4) laying on of hands. Mormons believe that one must be baptized by immersion by the Mormon Church in order to be saved. All others will be lost.

**5) Celestial Marriage** : Full exaltation -- the highest Mormon heaven -- requires that a married couple be sealed to each other for both time and eternity in a temple ceremony. Those who have been so sealed will live together forever with their children and will continue to have sex and procreate more children for all eternity. In their original teachings, Mormons also believed men could be married to several wives for all eternity.

**6) Exclusivity of Salvation** : Joseph Smith believed that the "everlasting gospel" had been revealed to him alone in the Book of Mormon.

**Revelation 22:18-19** "For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:

And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book."

They say that The Book of Mormon is another testament of Jesus Christ." This is wrong. It's all full of lies and is pure heresy.

**Beware! Beware! Beware!**