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Robert McKay

IS MORMONISM A CULT?

The first question that must be answered, for it is the basis of all that comes after, is: “Is the Mormon Church Christian, or is it a perversion, a cult in the guise of Christianity?”

Today the Mormon (LDS) church claims to be Christian. The church’s leading theologian for several years declared, “Mormonism is Christianity;

Christianity is Mormonism; they are one and the same, and they are not to be distinguished from each other in the minutest detail” (Mormon doctrine, Bruce R. McConkie, Bookcraft, 1966, pg. 513). This Mormon apostle went so far as to say that “Mormons are true Christians; their worship is the pure unadulterated Christianity authored by Christ and accepted by Peter, James and John and all the ancient saints” (ibid).

In a book written at the direction of the LDS General Authorities, the late Milton R. Hunter described Mormon doctrine as (“*The Gospel through the Ages*, Deseret Books, 1958, pg.287).

An article in the quasi-official LDS newspaper claimed that when told that Mormonism is neither Protestant nor Catholic, people “wrongly assume members of the Church must not be Christian” (*Church News*, March 29, 1980, pg.8)

In spite of these claims to begin a Christian church, the facts show that Mormonism is in fact a cult. Every evangelical writer on the cults who has addressed the subject of Mormonism has called the LDS a cult.

M. Thomas Starkes said of the LDS church, “This is the largest group of the more than one hundred some times labeled cults or sects” (*No Man Goes Alone*, Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, 1972, pg. 7). This author has no axe to grind, yet he freely admits that Mormonism is a cult.

A recognized authority on the cults, Walter Martin, has written, “The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day saints (LDS) is unique among all the religious cults and sects active in the United States” (*The Maze of Mormonism*, Zondervan, 1962, pg. 15). This researcher obviously considers Mormonism to be a cult rather than a Christian church.

Dave Hunt states, “Mormonism’s goal of becoming a god seems slightly lower than that of Hinduism’s. However, both ideas involve man’s inherent divinity...

This is an occult concept that is denied in the Bible” (*The Cult Explosion*, Harvest House, 1980, pg. 50). Once again, someone who has studied the subject feels that Mormonism is definitely **not** Christian.

The unanimous opinion of evangelicals who have studied the LDS church is that it is anything but Christian. And those who are familiar with the cults do not hesitate to include Mormonism in that category. The claim of the Mormon Church, that it is “the only true and living church upon the face of the whole earth” (*Doctrine & Covenants* 1:30), is without factual support. Mormon servicemen who are buried at government expense even have a different gravestone emblem than Christians. The gravestone of Christians carry the universal symbol of Christianity—a cross—while those of LDS servicemen have the angel Moroni (*Church News*, May 31, 1980, pg. 13). This is just one indication that Mormonism is not part of Christianity.

WHY DO WE SAY MORMONISM IS A CULT?

Although it is true that many researchers consider the LDS church a cult, which does not prove that it is one. In fact, the mere labeling of a group does not mean that the label is correct. The LDS church marshals some impressive claims in its fight to show that the cult label does not fit. One of the things that the Mormon Church says makes it Christian is that it believes in Christ. Mormon scripture declares, “We believe in...

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“Be ready always to give an answer to every man...” (1 Peter 3:15)

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The Gospel in Brief

There is one, and only one, eternal, true God, almighty, all-knowing, and good. He created everything by His word. God has told us the truth about Himself in the word He has given us, the Bible, which He commands us to obey. God is compassionate and just to all. God is pure and Holy; sin is destroyed in His presence. However, we have all sinned, falling short in the evil we do, and the good we fail to do. Yet our problem is not just what we do, but also who we are; we are selfish, corrupt, and estranged from God. Because God is just, He will punish sin impartially, yet God still bestows His love to men. So our Savior, Jesus, the only begotten Son of God (The God-man, John 1:1, 14), was graciously sent to suffer and die on the cross for our sins and to purify us from all unrighteousness by the sacrifice of His body and blood. He was born of the virgin Mary, lived a sinless life, and was physically raised from the dead and ascended into heaven. Jesus will physically return to judge the world. God commands everyone to repent and believe in him. God's Spirit lives in each of us who believes in Him to guide us into truth, convict us of our sin, and to work in us to sanctify us to live a more holy life, pleasing to our Lord. God's children will dwell forever with God and those who reject Jesus will suffer eternal torment. There is no other way for anyone to come to God except through Jesus (Jn. 14:6). Please, do not depend on anyone else, your own efforts, your religion, but simply put your faith in Christ our Master. So, as Rom. 10:9 says, "That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

You are urged not to despise God's mercy, but call out to the Lord and trust only in Him.

See also Acts 10:36-43

THOUGHTS FROM THE DIRECTOR



Larry Wessels

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."-II Tim2:15 (KJV)

The late Christian apologist Walter Martin used to quote II Timothy 2:15 constantly to exhort believers in their battles against false doctrine and false prophets. There is no substitute for a knowledge and understanding of God's word the field of Christian apologetics, or in simply living the Christian life. God's word must be the standard for the spiritual warfare all around us.

This *CHRISTIAN ANSWERS NEWSLETTER* finds us dealing with the patently counterfeit "Christian" religion known as Mormonism otherwise known as *The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints*, "LDS" for short. To the uninformed and ignorant, Mormonism appears to be just another Christian denomination which utilizes all the usual Christian terminology. However, Mormonism, like the wolf hiding under the sheepskin (Matt 7:15), changes the orthodox understanding of Christian terminology into a morass of unorthodox and antichrist doctrines that can only damn the soul.

Robert McKay, Christian apologist and expert on Mormonism, writes our lead newsletter article, while Christian Answers researcher Steve Morrison and Christian Answers Missionary Gene Fojtik add their insights. Unfortunately, space does not allow for inclusion of an article concerning my visit to the Mormon Temple in Dallas, Texas (see photo below) but for those who would like a free copy of it, they may obtain it by calling or writing Christian Answers.

God bless you all



The Dallas Temple where faithful Mormons engage in numerous ceremonies including "baptism for the dead" and marriages for all eternity."

WHAT IS CHRISTIAN ANSWERS

Our ministry name is derived in part from 1 Peter 3:15 which states, "But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have." (NIV). This is the goal of CHRISTIAN ANSWERS in an increasingly anti-Christian society here in America and throughout the world.

The biblical commands to "fight the good fight of faith" (1 Tim. 6:12), to be "set for the defense of the gospel" (Phil. 1:17), to "earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints" (Jude 3), to "be able both to exhort in sound doctrine and to refute those who contradict" (Titus 1: 9), to "put to the test those who call themselves apostles, and they are not" (Rev. 2: 2), to "Beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves." (Matt. 7:15), to "examine everything carefully; hold fast to that which is good" (1 Thess. 5:21), "with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition, if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth" (2 Tim 2:25), to follow the example of Paul and Apollos who "vigorously refuted the Jews in public debate, proving from the Scriptures that Jesus was the Christ." (Acts 18:28) These are but a few of the marching orders for the call to ministry.

The inerrant Word of God (2 Tim 3:16-17) whereby the gospel is preached, which is "the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth" (Rom 1:16), is the weapon of our evangelism. As Heb 4:12 states, "For the word of God is living and active, Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart." This is the evangelical missionary methodology of CHRISTIAN ANSWERS—to bring the Biblical perspective to a culture that is completely ignorant of it. To bring Christian truth, Christian answers to those who, as the prophet Isaiah said, have made "lies...and falsehoods" their refuge (Isa. 28:15). To smash lies and falsehoods with the "hammer" of God's Word (Jer.23:29).

CHRISTIAN ANSWERS utilizes all outreach that God allows us including television, radio, audio cassettes, video tapes, speaking engagements, and printed pages. The materials we have been able to produce have been used by churches, Bible teachers, Christian apologetics, laymen and others as well as those seeking life in Jesus Christ.

We are not afraid to stand up for Jesus Christ in public forums or wherever the Lord leads. Of course this type of ministry is not for the faint of heart and very often leads to the same type of suffering and persecution that we find in the Book of Acts. But as the old sayings goes, "one life will soon be past, only what's done for Christ will last," and as Paul said, "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." (Phi. 3:14). Amen!

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LDS TRICKS FOR NAIVE CHRISTIANS



Steve Morrison

Here are some of the common approaches Mormon missionaries use with Christians. Christian answers for these follow.

How can you trust the Bible today, since it has over 200,000 known changes in it? That figure even includes one letter changes in over 20,000 manuscripts. That is roughly ten per manuscript, which is amazingly good. That compares to over 4,000 changes in the *Book of Mormon* and many in the *Doctrines and Covenants*. As one Mormon said, Joseph Smith wrote it, and Joseph Smith had the right to change it. That is the point: Joseph Smith wrote it and not God.

Two examples of trivial contradictions in the Bible are Ezra 2 vs. Neh 7 and Matt 27:9. With corrupt scripture and a corrupt Medieval Church, true Christianity was not on the earth as many said. That is why God needed to re-found the Church with Joseph Smith, and that is why the Mormon Church is the only one with the true authority.

God gave His word without error, and He preserved His word without significant error. Ps 119:89-91, Is 55:11, and Mark 13:31 promise, and archeology confirms, that God preserves His word. Though many have fulfilled 2 Pet 2:1-3 and Tim 4:1-3, every age had some believers (such as the Waldenses in the Middle Ages). Our authority comes straight from Christ dwelling within us, and not indirectly through a convicted occult practitioner and proven counterfeit. The issue is not authority and organization, but following the right Jesus and the right God.

If you are a member of a Christian church, then which one is the true one, since there are over 2,000 different ones?

That's a case of the pot calling kettle black. In 2,000 years, those 2,000 supposedly Christian churches include over 200 "Mormon" churches that started within the last 160 years. True Christians are in many Christian denominations, because the true Church is not an organization unified in mere men, but all are Christians who believe and obey Gods truth.

I can't relate to a remote God—"without body, parts, or passion". Certainly God loves.

Of course. In that historically Presbyterian phrase, passions mean fleshly passions, and the real God never had sex or passion with his creatures--unlike the Mormon god and Mary.

In Gen. 1:26-27 God says let us make man in our image. So of course God looks like a man.

Even in Mormon belief, neither Jesus nor the Holy Spirit had a physical body at the time of Genesis 1. So "image" cannot mean physical body here.

Many passages talk of God's right arm and hands, so God has a body like a man. Ps. 91:4 KJV says God cover us with his **pinions** (mother hen's breast feathers). That expression of God's love does not make God look like a bird! Isaiah 44:13 says men worship images in the form of man. If God's body was like man, Isaiah should say in God's form.

Both Jesus in John 10:35 and Paul in 1 Cor 8:5 said there were many gods. 1 Cor 8:5 refers to all the idols many believed in. Paul worships the "only wise God" (ONE God) 1 Tim 1:17 (KJV), not a god of this world (2 Cor 4:4, 1 John 5:19).

James 1:3 says if anyone lacks wisdom, he should ask God and God will give it. Was it wrong for Joseph Smith to go in the woods to pray to God which religion was correct?

Which first vision? There are at least three conflicting first visions, and the most popular one was made up in part after Joseph Smith's death. It is difficult to believe he even had a first vision.

Will you pray with me right know to ask God if Joseph Smith is a true prophet?

Unless you can answer all the objections in *The Changing World of Mormonism*, why should I pray about a convicted occult worker and proved counterfeit?

Why do you reject the Bible practice of baptism for dead people as 1 Cor 15:29 teaches?

If baptizing for the dead is one of the most important things we can do, like Mormons teach, then why are we not once commanded to do this in scripture.

Paul said others (they) in 1 Cor 15:29. A cult called Serinthians baptized for the dead, but nobody ever said Christians were to.

Other points: If someone is worshiping the wrong god, has another Christ (2 Cor 11:4), and has a different salvation, then whether he is right or wrong on other issues does not really matter.

A Question for Mormons

How does a Mormon explain what Brigham Young said in *Journal of Discourses* Vol. 1 p.50-51 about Adam being the only God with whom we have to do?

Mormons often respond that these paragraphs were all a printer's error. If an honest person really wanted to know if it was a printer's error or not, how would he tell? Perhaps by saying if the writings of other Mormons who heard Brigham Young affirmed or denied that Brigham taught that Adam was God.

The following Mormon writings affirm that Brigham taught the Adam god doctrine.

1. Wilford Woodruff's *Journal* under 2 /19/1854. (Look in BYU library)
2. *Deseret Evening News* 6/14/1873
3. *Deseret Evening News* 6/18/1873
4. *Diary of Hosea Stout: On the Frontier* vol. 2 p.438
5. *The Millennial Star* vol.16 p.543
6. *The Millennial Star* vol.15 p.769-770. One and a half years after.
7. *Journal of John Nuttall* vol.1pp.18-21
8. *Diary Journal of Abraham H. Cannon* vol. 11 p.39 (taught for 50 years)
9. *Sacred Hymns and Spiritual Songs for the Church of Jesus Christ* of LDS 1856 p.375
10. *Women of Mormondom* p.179
11. *Journal of Discourses* vol.4 p. 1 (president Heber C. Kimball is speaking on 6/29/1856)
12. *Finally, a much later book: The position of Adam in L.D.S. Scripture and Theology* says, "The identification of Adam with God the Father by President Brigham Young is an irrefutable fact." P.58

Conclusion: You decide.

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Jesus Christ" (*The pearl of Great price*, Article of Faith 1). The official name of the church is The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Joseph Smith said of Christ, "this is the testimony, last of all, which we give of him: that he lives!" (*Doctrine & Covenants* 76:22). An apostle of the LDS church has declared, "all things center in Christ" (*Mormon Doctrine*, pg. 129).

Another point the Mormons make is that the Bible is considered scripture by the church. Bruce R. McConkie says of the Bible, "These writings in their original form were perfect scripture" (*Mormon Doctrine*, pg.82). Mormonism says, "The church reveres and respects the Bible" (1979 LDS edition of the Bible. *Bible Dictionary*, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints). The second president of the LDS church once said "take up the Bible, compare the religion of Latter-day Saints with it, and see if it will stand the test" (Brigham Young, *Journal of Discourse*, Vol. 16 pg. 46).

A reason that is given for considering Mormonism Christian is that it possesses officers that the early church is supposed to have possessed. The late LDS apostle Mark E. Petersen wrote of the church, "It possesses the divine priesthood of God. It is headed by prophets and apostles, as was the church in the days of Peter and Paul" (*Which Church is Right?*, pamphlet, 1982, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, pg.18). Joseph Smith declared, "We believe in the same organization that existed in the Primitive Church, namely, apostles, pastors, teachers, evangelists, and so forth" (*Pearl of Great Price*, Article of Faith 6). James E. Talmage wrote, "The Latter-day Saints declare their high claim to be the true Church organization, similar in all essentials to the organization, effected by Christ among the Jews" (*Article of Faith*, 1973, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints,

pg. 204)

These and many other claims are put forward by the LDS church in an attempt to show that Mormonism is not only Christian, but that it is the only true Christian church on earth. To oppose these claims with the mere statement that "Mormonism is a cult" leads nowhere. That makes the issue "our word against theirs" and proves absolutely nothing. If, as has been stated, the LDS church is a cult, we need to do more than simply hurl the accusation. We must factually answer the question, why is Mormonism a cult?

After all the claims and counter claims are heard, one question must still be answered. Why is Mormonism a cult? Unless this question is answered, the charge that the LDS church is a cult can properly be ignored. The reason that it is fair to call the Mormon Church a cult is that it exhibits every trait that is characteristic of other cults. Therefore, the things that make the Jehovah's Witnesses, the Unification Church, or The Way International cults can also apply equally to Mormonism, thus demonstrating that the Mormon Church is also a cult. An analogy here would be that we know a Great Dane is a dog because it has four legs, sharp teeth, and a bark. Although we have never seen a Boxer before, we know that it is a dog because it exhibits the known characteristics of a dog.

This of course is an over simplification, but the principal is valid. If we know nothing of Mormonism, but find that it has the same traits as a group we know to be a cult, we can safely say that Mormonism is also a cult.

The first sign of a cult we will examine is a *faulty interpretation of the Bible*. No cult that professes to accept the Bible as an authority interprets the Bible according to the accepted principles of hermeneutics. It has been said that cults interpret the Bible "unreasonably and in a way

different from that of orthodox Christianity" (*Understanding the Cults*, Josh McDowell and Don Stewart, Here's Life Publishers, 1982, pg. 22). This characteristic is very obvious in Mormonism, coming up continually in the discussion given by the LDS missionaries to prospective converts.

The Mormon doctrine of baptism for the dead is based on a faulty interpretation of the Bible. I Corinthians 15:29 says, "Else what shall they do which are baptized for the dead, if the dead rise not at all? Why are they then baptized for the dead?" The LDS church takes this to mean that people can and should be baptized vicariously on behalf of those who have died without an opportunity to hear and respond to the message of Mormonism. The Mormon apostle Bruce McConkie wrote, "Baptism is the gate to the celestial kingdom... Obviously, during the frequent periods of apostate darkness when the gospel light does not shine, and also in those geographical areas where legal administrators are not found, hosts of people live and die without ever entering in at the gate of baptism so as to be on the path leading to eternal life. For them a just God has ordained baptism for the dead, a vicarious proxy labor" (*Mormon Doctrine*, pg. 73). Joseph Smith quoted this verse of Scripture, and then declared, "If there is one word of the Lord that supports the doctrine of baptism for the dead, it is enough to establish it as a true doctrine" (*History of the Church*, Deseret Book, 1978, Vol. 4, pg. 569). The 10th president of the LDS church wrote, "Paul has given us the clearest insight in his first epistle to the Corinthians saints wherein he spoke of baptism for the dead, implying that this principal was very well understood" (*Answers to Gospel Questions*, Joseph Fielding Smith Deseret Book, 1958, Vol. 2, pg. 80). A LDS missionary pamphlet,

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after quoting I Corinthians 15:29 states that "baptism for the dead must have been widely practiced among church members of that day" (*Why Genealogy?*, 1982, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, pg. 8)

This interpretation of the Bible seems logical on the surface. But a careful reading of the verse in its proper context shows that the LDS church actually misinterprets I Corinthians 15:29. The passage in question is a discussion of the resurrection of the dead. Paul is not addressing the subject of baptism. He talks to the Corinthian Christians using the pronoun *you* (I Cor. 15:12), he refers to the Christians he is with using the pronoun *we* (v. 30), and mentions some other group in verse 29 using the pronoun *they*.

Those who practiced baptism for the dead were neither Corinthian Christians nor did they belong to the group Paul was with. The apostle merely refers to this group as the people who, even though they were not Christian, showed by their actions- as wrong as those actions may be- that they believed in the resurrection of the dead. This reference is analogous to Paul's quote of a pagan poet in Acts 17:28- in neither case did he agree with the theology of the one he mentioned.

There is no indication in the rest of the Bible that one can gain eternal life after death. Indeed, such scriptures as Luke 16:26 and Heb. 9:27 make it abundantly clear that if one is not saved at death he can never change his eternal condition afterwards.

Nowhere else in the Bible is baptism for the dead even mentioned. If this were such an important doctrine surely God would have provided more and clearer information about it. Basing an important doctrine on only one verse has its pit falls, and Mormonism has fallen into this one headlong.

Other passages commonly misinterpreted by the LDS church are James 1:5, Ezekiel 7:15-19, Mathew 16:19, and John 10:34-35. A good reference in studying LDS misuse of Scripture is *The Bible and Mormon Doctrine* by Sandra Tanner. Other differences between Christianity and Mormonism include:

Mormons believe:

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- Jesus is the spirit-brother of the devil, and that he was not born of a virgin.
- God the Father has a body of flesh and bones, and was once a sinful man on another planet, and has many wives.
- Men can become polygamous gods themselves, and populate their own planets with their spirit-children.
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BY GENE FOJTIK



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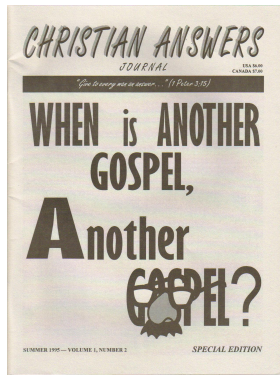
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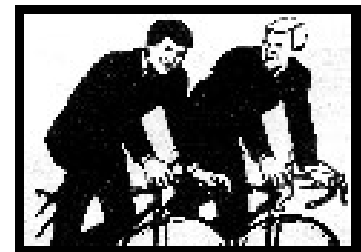
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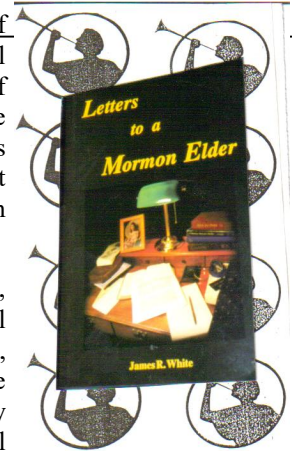
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Burbank, CA

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M. S.
San Juan, Trinidad

Christian Answers, October 1997 had brain surgery to relieve tremors in my hands. Unfortunately, I suffered a stroke on my right side after I came home. Last Monday P.O. let me work a light duty, 40 hours thankfully, but since I've had no significant improvement they are fixing to terminate me the last of December. I've been doing odds and ends like checking C.O.A.'s and some filing. My right arm doesn't work good, I walk with a cane, and I stutter, I'm going to try Workman's Comp. because my job is affected and my tremor is worse, but that is a long-shot. Going out with 75% would be better than 40% financially but also it will be hard to find other work in my condition even though I can do all things in Christ, the world can't understand that. Anyway, I'm doing O.K. and my 3 children still display the childlike faith Jesus talked about.

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Amarillo, TX

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Sincerely,
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