

Dear Reader,  
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints claims it is the only true and living church on the face of the earth.<sup>1</sup> All other churches are "wrong" and their creeds are "an abomination."<sup>2</sup> These

doctrines of the Mormon church, and those listed below, are built upon the revelations of modern day prophets. Below are a few of the Biblical doctrines of orthodox Christians, compared to the doctrines of the modern day prophets of the Mormon church.

## BIBLE DOCTRINE

### The Nature of God

1. Eternal, no beginning, no end, unchangeable, Holy.<sup>3</sup>
2. Has always been God.<sup>5</sup>
3. Is Spirit.<sup>7</sup>
4. Only one God.<sup>9</sup>
5. Is not man.<sup>11</sup>
6. Father, Son and Holy Ghost in one God.<sup>13</sup>

### Jesus Christ

1. Has always existed as God.<sup>15</sup>
2. Is the only begotten Son.<sup>17</sup>
3. Born into this world by miraculous conception.<sup>19</sup>
4. His blood cleanses all sin.<sup>21</sup>
5. Jesus is *the* son of God.<sup>23</sup>
6. Jesus was born in Bethlehem.<sup>25</sup>

### Man

1. Cannot become a God.<sup>27</sup>
2. Full salvation (eternal life) is a gift, not earned by keeping laws and ordinances.<sup>29</sup>

## MORMON DOCTRINE

### The Nature of God

1. Origin is explained by man.<sup>4</sup>
2. Was once a man.<sup>6</sup>
3. Is man of flesh and bones.<sup>8</sup>
4. Plurality of Gods.<sup>10</sup>
5. Is an exalted man.<sup>12</sup>
6. Father, Son and Holy Ghost are three Gods.<sup>14</sup>

### Jesus Christ

1. A created being, God's first spirit child, who attained Godhood.<sup>16</sup>
2. Has brothers—one is Lucifer, the devil.<sup>18</sup>
3. Born through natural sexual conception between God the Father (a God of flesh and bones) and Mary, one of His own spirit children.<sup>20</sup>
4. Man must atone for some sins.<sup>22</sup>
5. Jesus is *a* son of God.<sup>24</sup>
6. Jesus was born at Jerusalem.<sup>26</sup>

### Man

1. Can become a God.<sup>28</sup>
2. Full salvation (eternal life) requires grace (redefined) but also works, i.e. keeping laws and ordinances.<sup>30</sup>

Jesus said: "Many false prophets shall arise, and shall deceive many" (Mt. 24:11). Many are deceived by Mormonism. The way to Heaven is through the Jesus of the Bible (Jn. 14:6). All other ways lead to destruction (Mt. 7:13-14).

NOTES: Footnotes with bullets are from Mormon sources.

- 1. "Which Church Is Right?" Tract pub. by LDS Ch. SLC, UT. 1982, p. 17; D&C 1:30.
- 2. PofGP, JS 2:18-19.
- 3. Ps. 90:2; Mal. 3:6; Jas. 1:17; Isa. 57:15.
- 4. *J.D.* vol. 6, p. 3.
- 5. Ps. 90:2; Rev. 22:13.
- 6. *J.D.* vol. 6, p. 3.

- 7. Jn. 4:24; Jer. 23:23-24.
- 8. D&C 130:22; *Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith (TPJS)*, pp. 345-347.
- 9. Isa. 43:10; 44:8; Mk. 12:32; Deut. 6:4.
- 10. *TPJS*, p. 370. B. McConkie, *Mormon Doctrine (MD)*, p. 317.
- 11. Nu. 23:19; 1 Sam. 15:29; Hos. 11:9.
- 12. *TPJS*, p. 345.

- 13. Mt. 28:19; Rom. 8:8-11; Isa. 44:8.
- 14. *TPJS*, p. 370.
- 15. Jn. 1:1-14.
- 16. "What the Mormons Think of Christ" (WMTC), Tract pub. by LDS Ch. SLC, UT. 1982, p. 22; M. Hunter, *The Gospel Through the Ages (GTA)*, pp. 15, 51; *MD*, p. 323.
- 17. Jn. 3:16; Col. 1:15-16.

- 18. *GTA*, p. 15.
- 19. Mt. 1:18-23; Lk. 1:34-35.
- 20. WMTC, pp. 6-7, 26; *MD*, p. 742.
- 21. 1 Jn. 1:17.
- 22. J. F. Smith, Jr., *Doctrines of Salvation*, vol. 1, pp. 133-138.
- 23. 1 Jn. 4:15.
- 24. Alma 36:17.
- 25. Mt. 2:1-6; Lk. 2:4; cf. Micah 5:2.
- 26. Alma 7:10.

- 27. Isa. 43:10; 44:6; 48:11.
  - 28. D&C 132:20; *J.D.* vol. 6, p. 4.
  - 29. Eph. 2:8-9; Ro. 3:20; 4:4-5; 1 Jn. 5:1-13; Jn. 3:16.
  - 30. Third Article of Faith; *MD*, p. 540; Moro. 10:32-33.
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## Quotations From Mormon Publications Noted in TRACT-1

The following quotations are taken from documents published by the Mormon Church or its Authorities. They correspond to the numbered footnotes in TRACT-1. These quotes are offered as supporting evidence concerning the Mormon teachings found in that tract. The reader is invited to study further these sources and the Bible, and draw his own conclusion.

1. "Is there such a Church upon the earth? Until 1830 there was not. It had been lost through the falling away we have described in this pamphlet." "And also those to whom these commandments were given, might have power to lay the foundation of this church and to bring it forth out of obscurity and out of darkness, the only true and living church upon the face of the whole earth..."

2. "I was answered that I must join none of them, for they were all wrong; and the personage who addressed me said that all their creeds were an abomination in his sight; that those professors were all corrupt;"

4. "...it is necessary that 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."

6. "God himself was once as we are now, and is an exalted Man, and sits enthroned in yonder heavens."

8. "The Father has a body of flesh and bones as tangible as man's;" "...he was once a man like us; yea, that God himself the Father of us all, dwelt on an earth the same as Jesus Christ did;"

10. "When I have preached on the subject of the Deity, it has been the plurality of Gods. It has been preached by the Elders for fifteen years." "There are three Gods—the Father, the Son, and Holy Ghost..."

12. "God himself was once as we are now, and is an exalted Man, and sits enthroned in yonder heavens!"

14. "I have always declared God to be a distinct personage, Jesus Christ a distinct personage from God the Father, and that the Holy Ghost was a distinct personage and a Spirit: and these three constitute three distinct personages and three Gods."

16. "Christ was the first-born spirit child; and from that day forward he has preeminence in all things." "Christ, the word, the first born, had of course, attained the status of Godhood while yet in pre-mortal existence." "The appointment of Jesus to be the Savior of the world was contested by one of the other sons of God. He was called Lucifer, son of the morning. Haughty, ambitious, and covetous of power and glory, this spirit-brother of Jesus desperately tried to become the Savior of mankind." "Jesus became a God and reached his great state of understanding through constant effort and continuous obedience to all Gospel truths and universal Laws." "Our Father in Heaven...is the literal parent of the Spirit

Christ and of all other spirits. Inasmuch, however, as Christ attained Godhood while yet in pre-existence..."

18. See 16, above.

20. "Many reliable surveys have been made among present-day ministers and lay-men, inquiring relative to a belief in Christ as the literal Son of God. Few have knowledge that he is such, literally, personally, actually, as other men are the sons of mortal parents." "He is the Son of God, literally, actually, as men are the the sons of mortal parents;" "And Christ was born into the world as the literal Son of this Holy Being; He was born in the same personal, real, and literal sense that any mortal son is born to a mortal father....he was begotten, conceived and born in the normal and natural course of events..."

22. "*Joseph Smith taught that there were certain sins so grievous that man may commit, that they will place the transgressors beyond the power of the atonement of Christ. If these offenses are committed, then the blood of Christ will not cleanse them from their sins even though they repent. Therefore their only hope is to have their own blood shed to atone, as far as possible, in their behalf.*" (Italic in orig).

24. "Concerning the coming of one Jesus Christ, a son of God, to atone for the sins of the world." (emphasis added).

26. "And behold, he shall be born of Mary at Jerusalem..."

28. "Then shall they be gods, because they have all power, and the angels are subject to them." "Here then, is eternal life—to know the only wise and true God; and you have got to learn how to become Gods yourselves, and to be kings and priests to God, the same as all Gods have done before you,..."

30. "We believe that through the atonement of Christ, all mankind may be saved, *by obedience to the laws and ordinances of the Gospel.*" "All men are commanded to ...endure to the end in righteousness by obedience to *all* the laws and ordinances of the gospel. They *thereby* attain a hope of eternal life in the kingdom of God." "...and *if ye shall deny yourselves of all ungodliness and love God with all your might, mind and strength, then is his grace sufficient for you, that by his grace ye may be perfect in Christ;...unto the remission of your sins...*" (Italics added for clarity and emphasis).