

accept no “other gospel” even if it be proclaimed by “an angel from heaven.”

Galatians 1:6-8—“I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, *to a different gospel*, which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and *want to pervert the gospel of Christ*. But even if we, *or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel* to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed.”

Mormonism claims that very distinction in the person of the “angel” Moroni who allegedly appeared to prophet Smith in 1823 and told him where to find the supposed golden plates of the Book of Mormon. Mormon scripture, given by an angel and Joseph Smith, contradict the Bible and jeopardizes salvation as an accursed false gospel.

The Apostle Jude reminds the Christian Church that in the New Testament Witness we have “the faith which was *once for all* delivered unto the saints” (Jude 3) and we have had it now for more than 2,000 years. There is therefore no need for its “restoration” by Joseph Smith. Mormonism is no restoration at all, but a systematic perversion of historic Christianity. Let it never be forgotten that the Bible is the oldest revelation of God antedating, as the Mormons admit, their own “sacred” books, *The Book of Mormon, Pearl of Great Price and Doctrine and Covenants*. Since the Mormons agree that God cannot contradict Himself (Titus 1:2; 1 Corinthians 14:33), the fact that the Bible contradicts their other books, as we have seen, proves unquestionably their unreliability and error. The gods of Mormonism cannot be equated with the God of the Bible. Between them there is a great gulf fixed called Scripture, which reveals Mormonism to be “another gospel” about which God has warned His Church.

2 Corinthians 11:3-4—“But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. For if he who comes preaches *another Jesus* whom we have not preached, or if you receive *a different spirit* which you have not received, or *a different gospel* which you have not accepted— you may well put up with it!”

2 Corinthians 11:13-15—“For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. And no

wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.”

Our task then is twofold: to evangelize those who follow “prophet” Smith, for they too are souls for whom Christ died, and secondly to “always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear” (1 Peter 3:15). This is the challenge of every age, and will continue to be until, as Our Lord declared, “I will come again” (John 14:3).

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¹Please note that this is based upon 2012 figures; thereafter the LDS denied open financial accountability. <http://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-politics-mormons-idUSBRE87B05W20120813>.

² Joseph Smith, *Documentary History of the (Mormon) Church*, 1:5, 6, italics added.

³ *Ibid.*, 6:308.

⁴ *Ibid.*, 6:305.

⁵ Doctrine and Covenants, Section 130:22, italics added.

⁶ Joseph Smith, *Documentary History of the Church*, 6:476, italics added.

⁷ *Ibid.*, 6:304.

⁸ *Ibid.*, 6:306.

⁹ Brigham Young, in *Journal of Discourses*, 1:50. Note: Some Mormons have attempted to evade the fact that both Young and other LDS prophets taught “the Adam-god doctrine.” Numerous Mormon writers spanning a fifty-year period confirm it. Cf. Brigham Young in JD 1:51; 5:331, and the LDS prophet Wilford Woodruff’s Diary, 4:129, “Adam is Michael or God,” and in 1867, “President Young said Adam was Michael . . . the father of Jesus Christ & was our God & that Joseph Smith taught this principle” (6:381).

¹⁰ Brigham Young, in *Journal of Discourses*, 7:238.

¹¹ Lorenzo Snow, in *Millennial Star*, 54:404.

¹² Parley Pratt, *Key to the Science of Theology*, 44.

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MORMONISM COMPARED TO THE BIBLE



THE CHURCH of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, commonly known as the Mormon Church or LDS, numbers 16 million members and they have 74,000 missionaries spreading their gospel. They are the second wealthiest religious organization with over \$35 billion in church owned buildings (aside from multiple farms and other income-producing assets) and the church brings in over \$7 million annually in tithes alone.¹

The Mormons are zealous, well organized, and sincere in the propagation of their religion, which they claim is a Christian faith, in fact the “restored” Christian faith for our time. True Christianity, the Mormons affirm, had virtually perished from the earth when in 1820 Joseph Smith, Jr., their founding prophet, was selected by God to restore the historic Christian religion. The prophet Smith described his encounter with God in the following terms that clearly reveal the Mormon attitude toward all non-Mormons, whom they call “gentiles.” Smith wrote:

“My object in going to inquire of the Lord was to know which of all the sects was right, that I might know which to join. No sooner, therefore, did I get possession of myself, so as to be able to speak, than I asked the Personages who stood above me in the light, which of all the sects was right - and which I should join.

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: ‘they draw near to me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; they teach for doctrines the commandments of men, having a form of godliness, but they deny the power thereof’ . . . *He again forbade me to join with any of them.*”²

Mormonism, then, since its inception has been hostile to *all* Christian churches, a fact that most Mormons carefully avoid discussing.