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# MORMONISM

The \$3.00 Bill of Christianity



If you accept a phony dollar bill, you are only out a buck. But if you accept a counterfeit gospel, you are out heaven!

Mormonism is the "\$3.00 bill" of Christianity — a phony. It is a hard saying for some to receive, but it is true. The Mormon "gospel" for all its Christian sounding terminology, is a false gospel (Galatians 1:6-9).

As a Christian I am obligated to warn people that Mormonism is not a Christian communion any more than the Mormon \$3.00 bill printed on the cover of this tract is genuine currency. In fact, even when Joseph Smith, the first Mormon prophet, issued that money, it wasn't sound, and the whole banking scheme collapsed almost immediately. Although Joseph Smith's banking career was a total failure, his "religious" pursuits were a bit more successful. His phony \$3.00 bill can't hurt you but his false gospel can!

You don't have to be an "expert" to identify a counterfeit, you just need to compare it to a genuine article. The Bible tells us to compare spiritual things with spiritual (1 Corinthians 2:13) as the means to proper spiritual discernment.

Therefore, I'd like to present a few of the aspects of Mormonism and its "gospel" for you to compare with Christianity.

Rather than make a lot of "charges" or "accusations" I prefer to simply let the Mormon Prophets and Apostles speak for themselves on a few subjects:

### OPINION OF "CHRISTIANS"

"Both Catholics and Protestants are nothing less than the 'whore of Babylon' whom the Lord denounces by the mouth of John the Revelator as having corrupted all the earth by their fornications and wickedness." Orson Pratt, (Apostle,) *The Seer*, page 255.

"It is a sounding brass and a tinkling symbol (sic); it is as corrupt as hell; and the Devil could not invent a better engine to spread his work than the Christianity of the nineteenth century." John Taylor, (4th Prophet,) *Journal of Discourses*, Volume 6, page 167.

### "VIRGIN" BIRTH

"The birth of the Saviour was as natural as are the births of our children; it was the result of natural action. He partook of flesh and blood — was begotten of his Father, as we were of our fathers." Brigham Young, (2nd Prophet,) *Journal of Discourses*, Volume 8, page 115.

"Christ was begotten by an Immortal Father in the same way that mortal men are begotten by mortal fathers." Bruce R. McConkie, (Apostle,) *Mormon Doctrine*, page 547.

### JESUS WAS MARRIED

"Jesus was the bridegroom at the marriage of Cana of Galilee, and he told them what to do . . . We say it was Jesus Christ who was married, to be brought into the relation whereby he could see his seed, before he was crucified." Orson Hyde, (Apostle,) *Journal of Discourses*, Volume 2, page 82.

### GOD, THE FATHER, IS A MAN

"God himself was once as we are now, and is an exalted man . . . I say, if you were to see him today, you would see him like a man in form — like yourselves, in all the person, image, and very form as a man . . . We have imagined and supposed that God was God from all eternity. I will refute that idea, and will take away the veil, so that you may see." Joseph Smith, (1st Prophet,) *History of the Church*, Volume 6, page 305.

### MORMON VIEW OF JOSEPH SMITH

"If it had not been for Joseph Smith and the restoration, there would be no salvation. There is no salvation outside of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints." Bruce R. McConkie, (Apostle,) *Mormon Doctrine* (1966), page 670.



## JOSEPH SMITH'S VIEW OF HIMSELF

"I have *more to boast of than ever any man* had. I am the *only* man that has ever been able to keep a whole church together since the days of Adam. A large majority of the whole have stood by me. Neither Paul, John, Peter, nor *Jesus ever did it*. I boast that *no man ever did such a work as I*. The followers of Jesus ran away from Him; but the Latter-day Saints never ran away from me yet." Joseph Smith, (1st Prophet,) *History of the Church*, Volume 6, page 408-409.

"God made Aaron to be the mouthpiece for the children of Israel, and He will *make me be god to you* in His stead, and the Elders to be mouth for me; *and if you don't like it, you must lump it!*" Joseph Smith, (1st Prophet), *Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith*, page 363.

## BLOOD OF CHRIST INSUFFICIENT

"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 . . .* Therefore their *only* hope is to have their *own blood* shed to atone . . ." Joseph Fielding Smith, (10th Prophet,) *Doctrines of Salvation*, Volume 1, page 135.

## THERE ARE MANY GODS

"I wish to declare I have always and in all congregations when I have preached on the subject of the Deity, it has been the *plurality of Gods . . .* the doctrine of a plurality of Gods is as prominent in the Bible as *any other doctrine*. It is *all over the face of the Bible*. It stands beyond the power of controversy." Joseph Smith, (1st Prophet,) *History of the Church*, Volume 6, page 474.



## MEN CAN BECOME GODS THEMSELVES

"Here then is eternal life — to know the only wise and true God; and 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 . . ." Joseph Smith, (1st Prophet,) *History of the Church*, Volume 6, page 306.

## A MOTHER IN HEAVEN

"The fact that there is no reference to a *mother in heaven* either in the Bible, Book of Mormon or Doctrine and Covenants, is *NOT* sufficient proof that no such thing as a mother did exist there. If we had a Father, which we did, for all of these records speak of him, then does not *good common sense* tell us that we *must* have had a mother there also?" Joseph Fielding Smith (10th Prophet,) *Answers to Gospel Questions*, Volume 3, page 142.

## VIEW OF THE BIBLE

"No one can tell whether *even one verse* of either the Old or New Testament conveys the ideas of the original author." Orson Pratt, (Apostle,) *Journal of Discourses*, Volume 7, page 28.

## MORMON SCRIPTURE SUPERIOR

"Q. Does the Book of Mormon contain any additional light *not* contained in the Bible?

"A. The *whole volume* without exception to *any of its parts*, contains additional light and truth." Orson Pratt, (Apostle) *The Seer*, page 212.

"I told the brethren that the Book of Mormon was *the most correct* of any book on earth, and the keystone of our religion, and a man would get *nearer to God* by abiding by its precepts,

than by *any other book*." Joseph Smith, (1st Prophet,) *History of the Church*, Volume 4, page 461.

## A CLOSING COMMENT

The above information, as unbelievable as it may seem to some — is the "gospel truth" about Mormon doctrines. The Mormon leaders really say such things and mean what they say. As a former Mormon who once believed such things, I assure you of the accuracy of these statements, and invite validation of each and every word!

The Bible prophesies that: "For the time will come when *they will not endure sound doctrine*; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth and shall be turned unto fables." ( 2 Timothy 4:3-4) We are also warned that, "There is a way which *seemeth right* unto a man, but the end thereof *are the ways of death*." (Proverbs 14:12) Both of these verses apply to Mormon doctrine, and I wanted you to be properly warned (Ezekiel 33:7-9).

The best part of all is, although Mormon doctrine is a counterfeit, *there is a genuine article*; not in a "church" but in the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ! As the scripture says, "For God so *loved the world*, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; *but that the world through Him might be saved*." (John 3:16-17)

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