

THE FIRST VISION

*" The First Vision of
1820 is of first importance
in the history of Joseph
Smith. Upon its reality
rest the truth and value
of his subsequent work! "*

(JOSEPH SMITH-SEEKER AFTER TRUTH , pg. 19)

FIRST VISION ACCOUNTS BY JOSEPH SMITH [Born Dec.23,1805]

Description of Each First Vision

Joseph Smiths handwritten account, written in 1832, 6 yrs. before Official version. He said he saw Vision in 1822, (2 yrs. later than Official version.) "...in the SIXTEENTH year of my age a pillar of light above the brightness of the sun at noonday came down from above and rested upon me and I was filled with the spirit of God and the Lord opened the heavens upon me and **I SAW THE LORD** (Jesus) and he spake unto me...I Am the Lord of glory I (Jesus) was **CRYCIFYED** for the world...". (God the Father is absent) [The Ensign, Dec. 1984, pg. 25-26]

(Brigham Young University Studies, Spring 1969, pg. 277-278)

Mormon Historian, James B. Allen said; "In this story, **ONLY ONE PERSONAGE** was mentioned, this was obviously the **SON** (alone)". (Dialogue: A Journal of Mormon Thought, Autumn 1966, pg. 40)

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Joseph Smiths diary; handwritten in 1835 (3 yrs before Official version) "Jesus Christ is the Son of God...". (In this version **TWO ANGELS** (plural) are mentioned-neither Jesus Christ nor Heavenly Father are present!) [Documentry History of the Church, PHC 2:312, Nov.14, 1835] and (Deseret News, May 19, 1852)

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Joseph Smiths handwritten, in 1836, diary (SIXTEEN yrs. after Official version) "...a pillar of fire...rested down upon me...**A PERSONAGE** (one) appeared in the midst of this pillar of flame...**ANOTHER PERSONAGE** (next one) soon appeared...he testifiyd unto me that Jesus Chríst is the Son of God; and **I SAW MANY ANGELS** (plural) ...I was about 14 yrs. old when I recieved this **FIRST** communication...". (Dean C Jessee's "Dialogue: A Journal of Mormon Thought , " Spring 1971, pg.87)

Official Version; Vision Spring of 1820. This account was written in 1838, EIGHTEEN yrs. after this vision; "When the light rested upon me (Joseph S.) I saw TWO PERSONAGES, whose brightness and glory defy all descriptions, standing above me in the air." (Joseph S. never said WHO these personages were?) [Mormon Doctrine, pg. 284-285] (History of the Church, Vol. 1, Ch. 1-5) [The History of Joseph Smith the Prophet]

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"Deseret News," printed the portion of Joseph Smiths History, a statement made by Joseph Smith himself, on Nov. 15, 1835; "...I recieved the FIRST VISITATION OF ANGEL'S (plural) which was when I was about 14 yrs. old." (& see Manuscript History, Book B-I, pg. 542)

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In 1855, Brigham Young said the First Vision was in 1819. He also said; "THE LORD DID NOT COME,...to communicate to ...yough (14 yrs. old), the sincere inquirer after the knowledge of God. But HE DID SEND HIS ANGEL (ONE) to this same obscure person, Joseph Smith jun...". (Journal of Discourses, Feb.18, 1855, 2:171)

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In 1863, President and Prophet George A. Smith said; "...he (Joseph Smith) went humbly before the Lord and inquired of Him, and the Lord answered his prayers, and revealed to Joseph, by the MINISTRATION OF ANGEL'S (plural), the true condition of the religious world. When THE HOLY ANGEL (one) appeared, Joseph inquired which of all these denominations was right and which he should join...". (President George A Smith, Nov. 15, 1863, 12:334)

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In 1869, President and Prophet Wilford Woodruff said the FIRST VISION was in 1827, when Joseph Smith was 21 yrs old! W. Woodruff said;"--- How did it (the vision) commence? It commenced by AN ANGEL (one) of God flying through the midst of heaven and visiting a young man (age 21) named Joseph Smith, IN THE YEAR 1827."

"...While in the state of uncertainty...HE WENT INTO HIS SECRET CHAMBER (a CLOSET) and asked the Lord what he must do to be saved. The Lord heard his prayer and SENT HIS ANGEL (one) to him, who informed him all sects were wrong..."

(ONE ANGEL appeared in CLOSET/NOT IN GROVE!)

[Wilford Woodruff, Sept. 5, 1869, 13:324]

Joseph Smith joined the Methodist Episcopal church or class in Harmony, Pennsylvania, in the summer of 1828, (see articles in the Amboy [Illinois] Journal vol. 24 for the following issues: 23, 30 Apr., 21 May, 4, 11 June, 2, 9, 30 July, and 6 Aug. 1879. See also *Saints, Herald* 26 (15 June 1879): 190-91, and (15 Dec. 1879): 376

Conclusion: The facts are very obvious, each of the First Vision accounts differ and contradict each other! Which, if any, version is the truth? These facts are extremely confusing, therefore not from God; "For God is not the Author of confusion...". (1Cor.14:33). Smith's First-Vision story's become suspect and an "inspired" Mormon scripture is flawed! It means that the "story's" on which the Mormon Church rests its origin and its claim to be Gods only true church sits on sinking sand.

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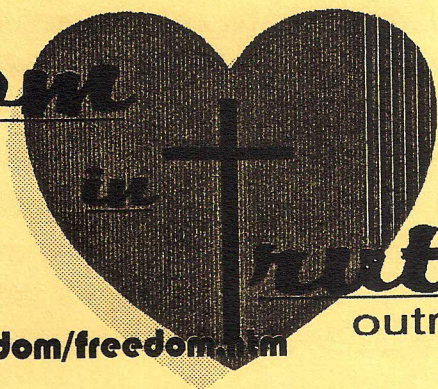
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