

SOONER OR LATER . . .

Two young Mormon missionaries on bicycles will come to your door offering to tell you more about their church. They will tell you, “Of course, there is no obligation on your part and nothing for you to buy.”

If you object that you already have your own religion, the missionaries will probably respond, “Wonderful. Our message is for families of all faiths.” They will now attempt to persuade you to permit them to present a series of short lessons about their church.

However, this series of proselytizing discussions is aimed at pressing you into leaving your church and joining the Mormon Church by baptism. If you should decide to join, you will be taught to abandon any past religious training contrary to Mormon doctrine, whether or not these strange new teachings contradict the Bible or violate your conscience.

Because of the offensive nature of the following Mormon doctrines, the missionaries will not reveal them to you in their lessons. The real “meat” of “their gospel” will be gradually given over a period of years. If you question these teachings, you will be told not to question God’s appointed leaders. To question them is to question God.

Perhaps the most blatant statement that the LDS Church has ever made concerning the control of the church over the thinking of its members was made in the Mormon publication, *Improvement Era* for June, 1945:

“When our leaders speak, the thinking has been done. When they propose a plan—it is God’s plan. When they point the way, there is no other which is safe. When they give direction, it should mark the end of controversy. God works in no other way.”

This control is just as true today as any member *openly* questioning fundamental doctrines held by the church will result in excommunication followed by shunning.

The following are just a few teachings of Mormonism compared with the Bible and the historic Christian faith:

GOD WASN’T ALWAYS GOD

“God himself was once as we are now and is an exalted man We have imagined and supposed that God was God from all eternity. I will refute that idea...” (*Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith*, p. 345.)

Bible: God the Father was never a man and has always been God.

“... even from from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.” (Psalms 90:2)

“... for I am God, and not man...” (Hosea 11:9)

GOD THE FATHER AND JESUS ARE MARRIED AND POLYGAMISTS

“... the great Messiah who was the founder of the Christian religion, was a polygamist ... both God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ inherit their wives

in eternity as well as in time;...” (Apostle Orson Pratt, *Seer*, p. 172.)

“The grand reason of the burst of public sentiment in anathemas upon Christ and his disciples, causing his crucifixion, was evidently based on polygamy,... a belief in the doctrine of plurality of wives caused the persecution of Jesus, and his followers. We might almost think they were ‘Mormons’.” (Jedediah M. Grant, Second Counselor to Brigham Young, *Journal of Discourses*, vol 1, p. 346)

BIBLE: Absolutely no mention of any “wife or wives” of God the Father or the Lord Jesus Christ.

MAN MAY BECOME A GOD

“... You have got to learn how to be gods yourselves the same as all gods have done before you To inherit the same power, the same glory and the same exaltation, until you arrive at the station of a God.” (*Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith*, pp. 346,347)

BIBLE: “... I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me.” (Isaiah 43:10)

“... the Lord he is God; there is none else beside him.” (Deuteronomy 4:35)

JESUS & SATAN ARE BROTHERS

“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 this spirit brother of Jesus desperately tried to become the savior of mankind.” (*The Gospel through the Ages*, p. 15.)

BIBLE: Jesus created all the angelic hosts including Satan, so he can’t be his brother!

“For by him [Jesus] were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him.” (Colossians 1:16)

DENY VIRGIN BIRTH

“The fleshly body of Jesus required a Mother as well as a Father. Therefore, the Father and Mother of Jesus, according to the flesh, must have been associated together in the capacity of husband and wife: Hence the Virgin Mary must have been, for the time being, the lawful wife of God the Father.” (Apostle Orson Pratt, *Seer*, p. 158.)

BIBLE: Mary was indeed a virgin and the child Jesus was begotten by supernatural action of the Holy Ghost:

“... that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost Behold, a virgin shall be with child” (Matthew 1:20,23)

SAVED BY WORKS

“... we know that it is by grace that we are saved, after all we can do.” (*Book of Mormon*, 2 Nephi 25:23)

“Individual [Salvation]--that which man merits

through his own acts through life and by obedience to the laws and ordinances of the gospel.” (*Doctrines of Salvation*, vol. 1, page 134.)

BIBLE: “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God; not of works, lest any man should boast.” (Ephesians 2:8,9)

MORMONISM ATTACKS ALL OTHER CHURCHES

“I was answered that I must join none of them, for they [All Churches] 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...” (Mormon Scripture, *Pearl of Great Price*, Joseph Smith 2:19)

“... all other churches are entirely destitute of all authority from God;... the most corrupt of all people. Both Catholics and Protestants are nothing less than the “whore of Babylon” whom the Lord denounces” (Apostle Orson Pratt, *Seer*, p. 255)

“We talk about Christianity, but it is a perfect pack of nonsense.... the Devil could not invent a better engine to spread his work than the Christianity of the nineteenth century.” (Prophet John Taylor, *Journal of Discourses*, vol. 6, p. 167)

“There is no salvation outside The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.” (Apostle Bruce McConkie, *Mormon Doctrine*, 1979 edition, p. 670)

MORMONISM ATTACKS THE BIBLE

“... it was apparent that many important points touching the salvation of men, had been taken from the Bible, or lost before it was compiled.” (Joseph Smith, *Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith*, p. 10)

“Thou fool, that shall say: A Bible, we have got a Bible, and we need no more Bible.” (*Book of Mormon*, 2 Nephi 29:6)

“But the Bible has been robbed of its plainness; many sacred books having been lost, others rejected by the Romish Church, and what few we have left, were copied and recopied so many times, that it is admitted that almost every verse has been corrupted and mutilated ...” (Apostle Orson Pratt, *Seer*, p. 213)

THE BIBLE ANSWERS THE ATTACK OF MORMONISM

“Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.” (Matthew 24:35)

“But the Word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.” (1 Peter 1:25)

“The grass withereth ... but the Word of our God shall stand for ever.” (Isaiah 40:8)

“It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man.” (Psalms 118:8)

JOSEPH SMITH vs. JESUS CHRIST

1) “NO SALVATION WITHOUT ACCEPTING JOSEPH SMITH. If Joseph Smith was verily a prophet No man can reject that testimony without incurring the most dreadful consequences, for he cannot enter the kingdom of God.” (*Doctrines of Salvation*, vol. 1, pages 189, 190)

BIBLE: “Neither is there Salvation in any other: [Jesus] for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.” (Acts 4:12)

2) “... Joseph Smith, and many other ‘noble and great’ ones played a part in the great creative enterprise.” (*Mormon Doctrine*, 1979 edition, p. 169)

BIBLE: “In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.” (Genesis 1:1)

“For by him [Jesus] were ALL things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth ALL things were created by him, and for him!” I Col. 1:16)

3) “... I [Joseph Smith] am going like a lamb to the slaughter....” (*Doctrine and Covenants* 135:4)

However, Smith shot and killed at least 2 people in a gun battle while in jail! (*History of the Church*, vol. 7, pp. 102, 103)

BIBLE: [Concerning Jesus] “He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.” (Isaiah 53:7)

4) “... no man or woman in this dispensation will ever enter into the celestial kingdom of God without the consent of Joseph Smith.” (Brigham Young, *Journal of Discourses*, vol. 7, p. 289)

BIBLE: “For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.” II Timothy 2:5)

5) “I [Joseph Smith] 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 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.” (*History of the Church*, vol. 6, pp. 408,409)

BIBLE: Jesus said, “... Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist” (Matthew 11:11)

John the Baptist said this concerning Jesus:

“... There cometh one mightier than I after me, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to stoop down and unloose.” (Mark 1:7)

THE BIBLE WARNS: “Beware of FALSE PROPHETS,

which come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.” (Matthew 7:15)

“But there were FALSE PROPHETS also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies and many shall follow their pernicious ways; ...” (II Peter 2:1,2)

WHAT IS THE TRUTH?

Salvation is in the ONE true and living God who exists in 3 persons. This salvation is of GRACE alone through FAITH. It is the work of the Spirit of God in the heart Who grants faith and gives repentance. This transformation of the heart we call being “born again”. We have gone from death to life, are adopted into His family, and have the righteousness of Jesus. The fruit of this new life are new affections producing good works.

“Fear ye not, neither be afraid: have not I told thee from that time, and have declared it? ye are even my witnesses. Is there a God beside me? yea, there is no God; I know not any.” (Isaiah 44:8)

“...Salvation is of the LORD.” (Jonah 2:9)

“... I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.” (John 14:6)

“Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, REPENTANCE toward God, and FAITH toward our Lord Jesus Christ.” (Acts 20:21)

“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the GIFT of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.” (Ephesians 2:8,9)

“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.” (II Corinthians 5:17)

YOU CAN KNOW YOU HAVE ETERNAL LIFE:

“He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may KNOW that ye have eternal life...” (I John 5:12,13)

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