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MORMONISM: CHRISTIAN OR CULT?

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More Doctrines Of Mormonism That Are Not Biblical -

Ed Decker ❑ MRS. GOD?

"In the heaven where our spirits were born, there are many Gods, each of whom has his own wife or wives, which were given to him ...while yet in his mortal state" - Orson Pratt (Apostle), The Seer, p. 37. *"This doctrine that there is a Mother in Heaven was affirmed in all plainness by the First Presidency of the Church"* - Bruce R. McConkie (Apostle), Mormon Doctrine, p. 516.

THE BIBLE SAYS: Absolutely no mention of any "wives" of God! (Matthew 22:29,30)

❑ MORMONISM DENIES VIRGIN BIRTH

"Christ was begotten by an Immortal Father in the same way that mortal men are begotten by mortal fathers...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" - McConkie, Mormon Doctrine, pp. 547, 742.

THE BIBLE SAYS: Jesus was begotten by the Holy Ghost. Mary was indeed a virgin right up to the Lord's birth. (Matthew 1:18-23; Luke 1:35)

❑ MORMONISM'S JESUS AND 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" - Milton R. Hunter, The Gospel Through the Ages, p. 15.

THE BIBLE SAYS: The real JESUS is the only begotten Son and is God the Son (John 1:1-14). Satan was a created angel, not a son of God (Isaiah 14:12). Jesus created all things and in Him the fullness of God dwells! (Colossians 1:15-20; Philippians 2:5-11; Hebrews 1:1-13)

❑ MORMONISM'S JESUS WAS MARRIED

"Jesus was the bridegroom at the marriage of Cana of GalileeóWe say it was Jesus Christ who was married...whereby he could see his seed" - Orson Hyde, Apostle, Journal of Discourses, Vol. 2, p. 82.

THE BIBLE SAYS: NO! Check out John 2:1-12! This LDS doctrine is generally not taught openly today. However, since marriage in a LDS temple is mandatory to progress to become a god in Mormonism, to fit the theology of Mormonism the LDS "Jesus" has to be married. Otherwise He would only be a ministering servant to those in Mormonism's heaven who have "celestial marriage."

❑ AUTHORITY OF THE BIBLE DENIED

"Ignorant translators, careless transcribers, or designing and corrupt priests have committed many errorsómany plain and precious things were deleted, in consequence of which error and falsehood poured into the churches. One of the great heresies of modern Christendom is the unfounded assumption that the Bible contains all of the inspired teachings now extant among men"

- McConkie, Mormon Doctrine, pp. 82,83.

THE BIBLE SAYS: The Bible says of itself that God's Word therein will stand forever (Isaiah 40:8; I Peter 1:25). Ask the
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Mormon to show you exactly where the errors exist. Most of these doctrines added by Mormonism are not in the Book of Mormon either (said to contain the “fullness of the everlasting gospel!”)

❑ **MORMONISM SAYS ALL OUR CHURCHES ARE FALSE**

“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; and those professors were all corrupt” - Pearl of Great Price, Joseph Smith 2:19.

“This Church is the only true and living church upon the face of the whole earth” - Doctrine and Covenants 1:30.

“There is no salvation outside the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints” - McConkie, Mormon Doctrine, p. 670.

“All other churches are entirely destitute of all authority from God; and any person who receives Baptism or the Lord's Supper from their hands will highly offend God; for He looks upon them as the most corrupt of all people. Both Catholics and Protestants are nothing less than the whore of Babylon” - Orson Pratt, The Seer, p. 255.

THE BIBLE SAYS: The CHURCH is the spiritual body of Christians with Jesus at its head. That is the true church - not an organization! (Ephesians 1:22-23, 4:11-16; I Corinthians 1:2, 12:12; Matthew 16:18).

❑ **WHAT JOSEPH SMITH SAID 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, History of the Church, Vol 6, pp.408,409).

THE BIBLE SAYS: No prophet of God ever spoke like that. Yet Mormons are trusting their eternal salvation in a system set up by this man. In Daniel 4:28-33 King Nebuchadnezzar had such pride and was driven out by God to live with the animals . Just one month after delivering the above speech, Joseph Smith was killed by a mob (but only after he had shot and killed two of the mob) History of the Church, Vol. 7, pp. 102,103).

❑ **MORMON LEADERS' VIEW OF THEMSELVES**

“When our leaders speak, the thinking as been done. When they point the way, there is no other which is safe. When they give direction, it should mark the end of controversy” - Improvement Era (Official LDS church magazine), June 1945, p. 345.

“The living Prophet is more vital to us than the Standard Works (Bible, Book of Mormon, etc.). The living Prophet is more important to us than a dead prophet (David, Moses, Isaiah, etc.). Those who would remove prophets from politics would take God out of government” - LDS prophet, Ezra Taft Benson, address at Brigham Young University, Feb. 26, 1980.

THE BIBLE SAYS: In these last days God speaks through His Son (Hebrews 1:1-2). The authority claimed by the Mormon Church is through an “Aaronic Priesthood,” which cannot be valid since Jesus abolished it, as He took its place (Hebrews 7:11-19, 8:6-13); and a “Melchizedek Priesthood” which never existed as any operative “priesthood.” Jesus is our only High Priest. He alone holds this permanently and no one else! (Hebrews 7:15-28, 9:11-15).

❑ **NEGRO WAS CURSED**

“Not only was Cain called upon to suffer, but because of his wickedness, he became the father of an inferior race. A curse was placed upon him and that curse has been continued through his lineage and must do so while time endures. Millions of souls have come into this world cursed with a black skin and have been denied the privilege of Priesthood and the fulness of the blessings of the Gospel” - Joseph Fielding Smith (Prophet), The Way To Perfection, p. 102.

“You see some classes of the human family that are black, uncouth, uncomely, disagreeable and low in their habits, wild, and seemingly deprived of nearly all the blessings of the intelligence that is generally bestowed upon mankind” - Brigham Young (Prophet), Journal of Discourses, Vol. 7, p. 290.

“Shall I tell you the law of God in regard to the African race? If the white man...mixes his blood with the seed of Cain, the penalty, under the law of God, is death on the spot. This will always be so” - B. Young, Journal of Discourses, Vol. 10, p. 110.

While the LDS god “forgave” blacks in June, 1978, their firm doctrine still is that this whole race of people are **“cursed with a black skin”** for sins committed by them before they were born.

The new revelation announced that worthy blacks could now receive the privileges of the LDS priesthood and secret temple rites like the whites. May all true Christians flee from such hypocrisy!

❑ **COUNCIL IN HEAVEN**

“The head God called together the Gods and sat in grand council to bring forth the world...In the beginning, the head of the Gods called a council of the gods; and they came together and concocted a plan to create the world and people it” (Joseph Smith, Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith, pp. 348, 349)

“The contention in heaven was...Jesus said there would be certain souls that would not be saved; and the Devil said he could save them all, and laid his plans before the grand council, who gave their vote in favour of Jesus Christ. So the Devil rose up in rebellion against God, and was cast down, with all who put up their heads for him” (Joseph Smith, Journal of Discourses,, Vol. 6, page 8.

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THE MORMON TEMPLE IN SALT LAKE CITY



**Andrew
Murray**
1828-1917

THE PRAYER LIFE

by Andrew Murray
(continued from last week)

The greatest stumbling-block in the way of victory over prayerlessness is the secret feeling that we shall never obtain the blessing of being delivered from it. Often have we put forth effort in this direction, but in vain. Old habits and the power of the flesh, our surroundings with their attractions, have been too strong for us. What good is it to attempt that which our heart assures us is out of our reach? The change needed in the entire life is too great and too difficult. If the question is put: "Is a change possible?" our sighing heart says: "Alas, for me it is entirely impossible!" Do you know why that reply comes? It is simply because you have received the call to prayer as the voice of Moses and as a command of the law. Moses and his law have never yet given anyone the power to obey.

Do you really long for the courage to believe that deliverance from a prayerless life is possible for you and may become a reality? Then you must learn the great lesson that such a deliverance is included in the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, that it is one of the blessings of the New Covenant which God himself will impart to you through Christ Jesus. As you begin to understand this you will find that the exhortation, "Pray without ceasing", conveys a new meaning. Hope begins to spring up in your heart that the Spirit - who has been bestowed on you to cry constantly, "Abba, Father"- will make a true life of prayer possible for you. Then you will hearken, not in the spirit of discouragement, but in the gladness of hope, to the voice that calls you to repentance.

Many a one has turned to his inner chamber, under bitter self-accusation that he has prayed so little, and has resolved for the future to live in a different manner. Yet no blessing has come - there was not the strength to continue faithful, and the call to repentance had no power, because his eyes had not been fixed on the Lord Jesus, If he had only understood, he would have said: "Lord, thou seest how cold and dark my heart is: I know that I must pray, but I feel I cannot do so; I lack the urgency and desire to pray."

He did not know that at that moment the Lord Jesus in his tender love was looking down upon him and saying: "You cannot pray; you feel that all is cold and dark: why not give yourself over into my hands? Only believe that I am ready to help you in prayer; I long greatly to shed abroad my love in your heart, so that you, in the consciousness of weakness, may confidently rely on me to bestow the grace of prayer. Just as I will cleanse you from all other sins, so also will I deliver from the sin of

prayerlessness-only do not seek the victory in your own strength. Bow before me as one who expects everything from his Saviour. Let your soul keep silence before me however sad you feel your state to be. Be assured of this - I will teach you how to pray."

Many a one will acknowledge: "I see my mistake; I had not thought that the Lord Jesus must deliver and cleanse me from this sin also. I had not understood that He was with me every day in the inner chamber, in His great love ready to keep and bless me, however sinful and guilty felt myself to be. I had not supposed that just as He will give all other grace in answer to prayer, so, above all and before all, He will bestow the grace of a praying heart. What folly to think that all other blessings must come from him, but that prayer, whereon everything else depends, must be obtained by personal effort! Thank God I begin to comprehend-the Lord Jesus is Himself in the inner chamber watching over me, and holding himself responsible to teach me how to approach the Father. This only He demands - that I, with childlike confidence, wait upon him and glorify Him."

Brethren, have we not seriously forgotten this truth? From a defective spiritual life nothing better can be expected than a defective prayer life. It is vain for us, with our defective spiritual life, to endeavor to pray more or better. It is an impossibility. Nothing less is necessary than that we should experience that he who is "in Christ Jesus is a new creature: old things have passed away; behold, all things are become new." This is literally true for the man who understands and experiences what it is to be in Jesus Christ.

Our whole relationship to the Lord Jesus must be a new thing. I must believe in His infinite love, which really longs to have communion with me every moment and to keep me in the enjoyment of his fellowship. I must believe in His divine power, which has conquered sin and will truly keep me from it. I must believe in Him who, as the great intercessor, through the Spirit, will inspire each member of His body with joy and power for communion with God in prayer. My prayer life must be brought entirely under the control of Christ and His love. Then, for the first time, will prayer become what it really is, the natural and joyous breathing of the spiritual life, by which the heavenly atmosphere is inhaled and then exhaled in prayer.

Do you not see that, just as this faith possesses us, the call to a life of prayer which pleases God will be a welcome call? The cry, "Repent of the sin of prayerlessness", will not be responded to by a sigh of helplessness, or by the unwillingness of the flesh. The voice of the Father will be heard as He sets before us a widely opened door and receives us into blessed fellowship with Himself. Prayer for the help of the Spirit to pray will no longer be in fear of an effort too great for our power; it will be but falling down in utter weakness at the feet of the Lord Jesus, to find there that victory comes through the might and love which stream from His countenance.

If the question arises in our mind: "will this continue?" and the fear comes: "You know how often you have tried and been disappointed", faith will find its strength, not in the thought of

what you will, or do, but in the changeless faithfulness and love of Christ, who afresh has succored you and assured you that those who wait on him shall not be ashamed.

If fear and hesitation still remain, I pray you by the mercies of God in Jesus Christ, and by the unspeakable faithfulness of his tender love, dare to cast yourselves at his feet. Only believe with your whole heart that there is deliverance from the sin of prayerlessness. **“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1.9).** In his blood and grace there is complete deliverance from all unrighteousness and from all prayerlessness, Praised be his name for ever! *- more next week*

NURSERY MINISTRY WORKERS FOR THIS WEEK

10:50 a.m. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Mary Byars
 Cradle Roll 2: Larry Byars
 6:30 p.m. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Kristi Hooper
 Cradle Roll 2: Andrea Hooper
 Wed. Evening Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: LeAnna White
 Cradle Roll 2: Seth White

AND THE PEOPLE CAME...

Week of October 9, 2011

Sunday School ----- 17
 Sunday Morning Service ----- 38
 Sunday Evening Service ----- 30
 Wed. Eve., 10/12/11 Service ----- 26

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

Week of October 9, 2010

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 904.00
 Insurance Fund ----- \$ 8.00
Total Received for Week of 10/09/11: \$ 912.00

Average amount of Undesignated Offerings needed to operate the church EACH WEEK, as a minimum = \$ 1,400.00

INSURANCE FUND REPORT FOR OCTOBER:

Monthly Requirement ----- \$ 273.08
 Amount Received during October thusfar ----- \$ 8.00
Amount still needed by Nov. 5, 2011: - \$ 265.08

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WHAT IT MEANS TO BE SAVED

1. **Admit that you are a sinner.**
2. **Admit that God says all sins must be paid for.**
3. **Accept the fact that Christ took upon Himself the suffering necessary to pay for all your sins.**
4. **You must change your mind about sin and sinning (God calls this repentance).**
5. **By an act of your will, accept by faith the Lord Jesus Christ, who can save you from the penalty of sin. Then, tell God about this in a simple prayer. Believe that God keeps His promise to save you, and thank Him for His salvation.**

Please Remember To Be Faithful to Give!



As with everything else, the costs of keeping a church going never go down - they always go **up**. Bills wait for no one, and churches are no exception to this. An extra, sacrificial gift today by everyone present would go a long way...

We encourage all of our membership to practice obedience to God by being faithful every payday to give back to Him His tithe (10%). *If every family in our church would practice this one simple discipline, we would never have weeks where we have to put off paying some bills until the following week!*

Everything is expensive, especially for a small church like ours, but ours is a BIG God, and He LOVES to bless His children when they are obedient to Him!

If you are already a tither, we thank you, and encourage you to also give offerings as well. If you're currently not tithing, won't you please start **today** - OK? Thank you.

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