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## MORMONISM: CHRISTIAN OR CULT?

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(continued from last week)

### **More Doctrines Of Mormonism That Are Not Biblical -**

#### **❑ LDS TEMPLE RITUALS MOCK PREACHERS**

The scene is a place called The Lone and Dreary World. Adam is at an altar, wearing a Fig Leaf apron and with his offering of fruits and vegetables. (See Genesis, Chapter 4). He calls out:

“ADAM: Oh God, hear the words of my mouth!

LUCIFER: I hear you. What is it you want?

A: Who are you?

L: I am the God of this world.

A: You, the God of this world?

L: Yes! What do you want?

A: I am looking for messengers.

L: Oh, you want someone to preach to you? You want religion do you? I will have preachers here presently. (Lucifer goes out and gets an “Orthodox” preacher, The “preacher” enters the scene)

LUCIFER: Good Morning, Sir.

PREACHER: Good morning. A fine congregation!

L: Yes, they are very good people. They are concerned about religion. Are you a preacher?

P: I am.

L: Have you been to college and received training for the ministry?

P: Certainly! A man cannot preach unless he has been trained for the ministry!

L: Do you preach the orthodox religion?

P: Yes, that is what I preach.

L: If you will preach your orthodox religion to these people and convert them, I will pay you well!

P: I will do my best.”

(The above account was transcribed from audio tapes made by a Mormon in the Provo LDS temple in 1984)

#### **❑ JOSEPH SITS IN JUDGMENT**

“No man or woman in this dispensation will ever enter into the celestial kingdom of God without the consent of Joseph Smith. From the day that the Priesthood was taken from the earth to the winding up scene of all things, every man and woman must have the certificate of Joseph Smith, junior, as a passport to their entrance into the mansion where God and Christ are.” (Brigham Young, Journal of Discourses,, Vol. 7, p. 289)

“If we get our salvation, we shall have to pass by him; if we enter our glory, it will be through the authority he has received. We  
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cannot get around him.” President George Q. Cannon, quoted in 1988 Melchizedek Priesthood Study Guide, p. 142.

### ❑ **LDS PERFORM RESURRECTIONS**

“If we ask who will stand at the head of the resurrection in this last dispensation, the answer isóJoseph Smith, Junior, the Prophet of God. He is the man who will be resurrected and receive the keys of the resurrection, and he will seal this authority upon others, and they will hunt up their friends and resurrect them.” Discourses of Brigham Young, p. 116.

### ❑ **SAVIORS OF THE DEAD**

“We are the only people that know how to save our progenitors, how to save ourselves, and how to save our posterity in the celestial kingdom of God; that we are the people God has chosen by whom to establish his kingdom and introduce correct principles into the world; and that we are in fact the saviours of the world...” John Taylor (Prophet), Journal of Discourses, Vol. 6, p. 163.

### ❑ **SUN & MOON INHABITED**

“Nearly all the great discoveries of men in the last half century have, in one way or another... contributed to prove Joseph Smith to be a prophet. As far back as 1837, I know that he said the moon was inhabited by men and women the same as this earth, and that they lived to a greater age than we doóthat they live generally to near the age of a 1000 years, He described the men as averaging near six feet in height, and dressing quite uniformly in something near the Quaker style.” (O. B. Huntington, Young Women’s Journal, Vol. 3, p. 264, 1892)

“Who can tell us of the inhabitants of this little planet that shines of an evening, called the moon?... So it is with regard to the inhabitants of the sun. Do you think it is inhabited? I rather think it is. Do you think there is any life there? No question of it” (B. Young, Journal of Discourses, Vol. 13, p. 271)

### ❑ **TOTAL PERFECTION DEMANDED**

“We also have to forsake the sin and never repeat it, not even in our minds...In order to remain forgiven, we must never commit the sin again.” ( Uniform System for Teaching Families, pp.35,36)

“In other words, If there is one divine law that he does not keep he is barred from participating in the Kingdom, and figuratively guilty of all, since he is denied all.” Joseph Fielding Smith (Prophet), Answers to Gospel Questions, Vol.3, p. 26.

## **SOUND DIFFERENT?**

As unbelievable as it may seem, the above information is actual LDS doctrine. The quotations have not been taken out of context. LDS prophets have taught such things and are believed speak for God.

As former Mormons who once sincerely believed in and staked our lives on these doctrines, we assure you that they are accurately stated. This is given to you because you deserve to have the facts. Millions of dollars can create any image through

Readers' Digest ads and slick television commercials, but the doctrines of Mormonism are NOT Christian.

## **Mormonism is a counterfeit with:**

- A different “Jesus”!
- A different “God”!
- A different “Gospel”!

Read what the Apostle Paul said about different “gospels”, and those who brought them, in Galatians 1:6-9 and II Corinthians 11:3-15. Read what God has to say about false prophets in Deuteronomy 13:1-11, 18:20-22; Jeremiah 23:16-22 and what Jesus said in Matthew 7:15-20; 24:3-26.

### **MISSIONARIES AT THE DOOR:**

In 1977 the California Arcadia Mission sent out a directive to the Mormon missionaries entitled: “THE BAPTIZE NOW PLAN”...Teach to commit...Don't make the people think too much - Baptism must be our prime goal!”

We know the missionary strategy well. Many of us are former missionaries for the LDS Church. When they come to your door, asking to help you start a “Family Home Evening” or to tell you about their Church, ask them to give you the real “meat of the gospel” as above; not just the “milk” that sounds appealing but is designed to make you doubt your current faith and lead you into their counterfeit system .

They will constantly repeat a “testimony of the truthfulness of the Church” and ask you to read the Book of Mormon and pray about it to receive your own “testimony.” What they want is a feeling, or a “Burning in the bosom.” If you ignore the facts, Satan can cause you to experience feelings and sensations. Why not do as recorded in Acts 17:11 and check the “meat” of Mormonism out with God's Word, the Bible! Why pray about the Book of Mormon?

Ask them why this “holy Scripture” doesn't even contain the most basic teachings of Mormonism! Nowhere does it teach on the plurality of gods, that God was once a man, that man can become a god, that Jesus and Satan are brothers, that you must have celestial marriage and temple endowments, that there are three heavenly kingdoms, a heavenly mother, eternal progression, pre-existent spirits, baptism for the dead, etc.

**[PASTOR'S NOTE:** I strongly urge Christians **NOT** to invite the Mormon missionaries into their homes, nor to try to discuss their false doctrines with them.

My longtime friend and fellow Baptist pastor John L. Smith was an “experts’ expert” on Mormonism, and he often said that he had never seen a Mormon missionary won to the REAL Christ while he was on his mission. In fact, John L. often mentioned, many a Christian has been led INTO Mormonism while trying to convert a Mormon missionary!

This is because they are WELL TRAINED to deal with such situations. **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO REASON WITH THEM! INSTEAD, DO WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS:**

**“If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: For he that**

*biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds (II John 2:10-11).*

Instead, say this:

***“I am a Christian, and give you my personal testimony that God has shown me that the Book of Mormon is NOT the Word of God, and that Joseph Smith was NOT a prophet of God!”***

**THEN - SHUT THE DOOR!** If you are in a public place, **WALK AWAY!** Whatever you do, do NOT allow them to try to “reason” with you or keep th conversation going! By giving them your personal testimony that God has shown you that Joseph Smith is not a prophet of God and that the Book of Mormon is not the Word of God, you have done more to shake their faith than any arguing you could possibly attempt.]

### **THE MISSIONARIES WILL NOT TELL YOU**

- About their secret Temple Ceremonies.
- About secret names, signs, and grips you must know to go into Godhood.
- About their secret, magical underwear.
- About blood oaths you must swear death penalties for the disobedient (such as having your throat slit from ear to ear)
- They will not tell you how they use your tithing and offerings.
- How rich they are in the business world; how well their leaders are paid;
- How many businesses the church owns or controls.

### **A WORD TO THE MORMON READING THIS -**

This information has been given to you in love. We assure you that it is accurate and honest. The programs, and certainly the people, of the Mormon Church are good. However, you can have the greatest organization, and a sincere faith, but if that organization directs your faith to a “god” who is not the one and only true God of the Bible, but rather a false god who cannot save, then after your own death, that organization and that faith will amount to nothing.

Take up the challenge! Dare to question and become a genuine seeker of the truth. Were you given the information on the “meat” of Mormonism, which we have outlined here, during the missionary lessons before you joined the church? Were you asked to make an eternal decision, based upon incomplete and inaccurate information? WE URGE YOU to call out to the One True God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob to reveal Himself to you and to ask the One True Jesus to apply His sacrifice on the cross to your sins personally! There is no other God and no other say! Write to us! We will help you understand.

### **TO THE CHRISTIAN READING THIS -**

If you are an ex-Mormon who has never requested that your name be removed from membership, we urge you to do so! By leaving your membership in the church, you are directly aiding Mormonism's missionary efforts. We want to help you remove your name, and have a strong relationship with the Lord Jesus. Contact us about this.

If you are a Christian with a burden to reach Mormons, and

inform the public on the real doctrines of Mormonism, we need your help! Contact us for materials that you can share with your Mormon friends.

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## **Harold Camping Wrong Again: World Does Not End, But He Disappears**

Not once, not twice, but this is the third time that Harold Camping, the 90-year-old evangelistic radio broadcaster, has gone wrong again in his prophecy of the world coming to an end!



His first prediction was that the catastrophe would occur in 1994, but he later claimed a miscalculation was made and that the true Day of Judgment would occur on May 21, 2011, when God would supposedly take 200 million Christians to heaven. But then unfortunately (rather fortunately), the May 21 prophecy too went wrong. After that, Harold Camping emerged from a brief seclusion to say he had merely miscalculated by five months, and he pronounced a new Judgment Day, Oct. 21.

The very next month, after his May 21 prophecy went wrong, the former civil engineer was reportedly hospitalized for a stroke. Since then, he has been keeping away from the public eye and his daily radio program, “Open Forum,” broadcast on more than 60 U.S. stations has been canceled.

Once again, God has proved Camping wrong (very evident from the fact that you are reading this article right now); the media is having a tough time trying to get Camping or anyone from Family Radio to explain or comment on the third prediction gone wrong.

“I’m sorry to disappoint you, but we at Family Radio have been directed to not talk to the media or the press,” Camping’s daughter Susan Espinoza wrote to the AP on Friday.

Before the supposed end of the world, on Oct. 21, the preacher declined to comment on anything.

“We’re not having a conversation,” he told Reuters. “There’s nothing to report here.”

Ahead of May 21, thousands of his followers had spread the word in their hometowns and even quit their jobs to set out on caravans that crisscrossed the country. The network also spent millions on 5,000 billboards around the world warning of the coming Apocalypse.

At that time, a huge amount of money was spent by his supporters, and a man from New York City said he spent his life savings on advertisements notifying his fellow citizens that the apocalypse was near.

This time around, there was no such fanfare, probably because the people have grown weary of trusting a man who is now 0 for

3 when it comes to anticipating the Doomsday.

Not only have people lost trust in the man and his prophecy, but also they are ridiculing him on social networks and asking him to stop giving unrealistic predictions and retire.

“Harold Camping could u pls sit down & quiet ur self?!” tweeted user MsTangier. “Ur giving Christians a bad rap w/ the world. U don’t know when the world will end!”

“Harold Camping should call it quits now,” tweeted tom\_trearrow, reported Christian Post.

“Can u imagine if a super-volcano exploded today ... we’d never hear the end of it ... well, those of us still alive - # Harold Camping,” posted user cruiseunplugged.

“Does anyone know what time the world ends today?” asked nickcarroll. “Harold Camping hasn’t said, and I’m wondering whether to make plans for dinner or not.”

Harold Camping has completely disappeared from the public eye, and we wonder what explanation he might have for this one going wrong. ■

## 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.*

### NURSERY MINISTRY WORKERS FOR THIS WEEK

10:50 a.m. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Vicki Martin  
 Cradle Roll 2: Lou Martin  
 6:30 p.m. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Kristi Hooper  
 Cradle Roll 2: Andrea Hooper  
 Wed. Evening Service ---- Cradle Roll 1: Shirley White  
 Cradle Roll 2: Charity Crawford

### AND THE PEOPLE CAME...

*Week of October 16, 2011*

Sunday School ----- 21  
 Sunday Morning Service ----- 35  
 Sunday Evening Service ----- 31  
 Wed. Eve., 10/19/11 Service ----- 24

### AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

*Week of October 16, 2010*

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 2,226.64  
 Insurance Fund ----- \$ 11.00  
**Total Received for Week of 10/16/11: \$ 2,237.64**

**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 ----- \$ 19.00  
**Amount still needed by Nov. 5, 2011: - \$ 254.08**



## 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.

## Church Directory

Todd W. White ----- Pastor  
 Mickie Shatwell, Janell Diehl ----- Pianists  
 Dickie Eberle ----- Greeter, Custodian  
 Larry Mathews, Caryn Quinnelly, Todd W. White ----- S.S. Teachers  
 Larry & Mary Byars, Brian & Charity Crawford,  
 Dwayne English, Lou Martin, Don Diehl ----- Outreach  
 Flowers ----- Hannah and Shirley White