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MORMON BL SPHEMIES

We certaily do not have any personal ill-will towards any member of the LDS Church. We are interested in teaching honest people the truth that makes men free of sin. We must however say with the apostle Paul that we "abhor that which is evil" and we want to "cleave to that which is good". (Rom. 12:9) Note below false Mormon teaching:

1. God Has Flesh And Bones: "The Father has a body of flesh and bones, but is a personage of Spirit." (Doctrines And Covenants, Sect. 130, v. 22) Now read Luke 24:39, Jn. 4:24.

2. Jesus Had Many Wives: "The evangelists do not particularly speak of

the marriage of Jesus, but one thing is certain that there were several holy women that greatly loved Jesus, such as Mary and Martha... and Jesus greatly loved them and associated with them much...if all the facts were written, we, no doubt, should learn that these beloved women were His wives." (The Seer, Vol. I p. 158,159) To have more than one wife is to commit sin (I Cor. 7:2) are we to believe that the spotless Son of God had many when the Bible does not even teach that He had one? (Ps. 19:13)

3. <u>There Are Many God's</u>: "A general assembly, quorum or grand council of the Gods, with their president at their head, constitute the designing and creation power." (Key Of Theology p. 52) Now see I Cor. 8:6 and Eph. 4:6!

4. Gods Marry, Bare Children: "Each God, through his wife or wives, raises up a numerous family of sons and daughters." (The Seer, Vol. I, p. 157-158) "God, angels and men are all of one species, one race, one great family." "Wisdom inspires the Gods to multiply their species." (Key Of Thoelogy, p. 41, 52) If you haven't read Ps. 19:13 by now this would be a good time!

5. Adam Was God: "When our Father Adam came into the garden of Eden, he came into it with a celestial body and brought Eve, one of his wives with him...He is our Father and our God, and the only God with whom we have to do." "God himself was once as we are now and is an exalted man and sits enthroned in yonder heavens." "And you have got to learn how to be gods yourselves ...the same as all gods have done before you." (Journal of Discourses, Vol. 6, 50-55) Now no doubt we have read Gen. 5:5, 2:7 and I Cor. 15:45.

AN OPEN CHALLENGE

If any responsible Mormon will affirm publicly what they teach from house to house namely:

"Joseph Smith was a true prophet of God, The Book Of Mormon is the inspired Word Of God, and the church of the Latter Day Saints is the only true church"

we will be most happy to deny them publicly in honorable debate.

* <u>ORDER OF SERVICES</u> * * Lord's Day: 10:00 a.m. Worship * * 7:30 p.m. Worship * *Thursday: 7:30 p.m. Bible Study* *****

"But whoso hath this world's good and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? (I Jn. 3:17)

THE BOOK OF MORMON--OF LATE ORIGIN!

BOOK OF MORMON

Page 60:35 (588 B.C.) Page 69:23:(550 B.C.) Page 209:57 (83 B.C.) Page 224:3 (82 B.C.) Page 300:27 (73 B.C.) Page 401:25 (3-5 B.C.) NEW TESTAMENT

Jas 1:25; 4:3 (A.D. 60) Rom. 8:6 (A.D. 58) II Cor. 6:17 (A.D. 57) Heb. 9:27-28 (A.D. 03) Rev. 22:17 (A.D. 96) Matt. 5:17 (A.D. 50)

The remarkable thing, however, is that they are in the exact words of the KJV, a translation which was made in 1611. Even the words supplied by the translators (italicised) are in the B.O.M. Now either (1) the translators or the KJV were guided by inspiration as J. Smith is said to have been, or (2) the writer of the B.O.M. had before him an open KJV when he wrote it. These are one of the many "fishy" things about the claims of the B.O.M.

B. O. M. AND THE BIBLE: The B.O.M. belittles the Bible and claims to be greater than the Bible (II Nephi 29:2,3,6). It claims the Bible has been corrupted and robbed of many truths (I Nep. 13:26) However Peter says God's word is "incorruptible" and that it "liveth and abideth forever" (I Pet. 1:23) It is claimed that the B.O.M. alone contains the "fulness of the everlasting gospel". That must mean then that the Bible does not contain the 'fulness of the everlasting gospel' and that it is incomplete and insufficient. Yet Jesus said his apostles were to be guided in "all truth" (Jn. 16:13) Peter said they had received "all things that pertain unto life and godliness" (II Pet. 1:3) and then said these things were "incorruptible" and "liveth and abideth forever" (I Pet. 1:23) Paul said the gospel he preached saved souls (Rom. 1:16,17) He said, "as I wrote afore in few words, whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ." (Eph. 3:3,4) We, therefore, have in writing exactly the same gospel Paul received from God in which he said saves souls. Since this gospel is incorrubtible and eternal, we must have the same gospel Paul and Peter received and preached. Moreover Paul said, "But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed." (Gal. 1:8) Joseph Smith was not to listen to an angel even if one were to come.

WHERE THE CONTRIDICTIONS ARE

- 1. Time of darkness at crucifixion. (Heleman 14:20 Vs. Lk. 23:44)
- 2. Time repentance and remission of sins was first preached. (Mosiah 4:2,3 Vs. Lk. 24:46,47)
- 3. When nature and extent of atonement understood.
- 4. Church in existence centuries before Christ. (Alma 46:14 Vs. Matt. 16:18)
- 5. At what time the disciples were called Christians. (Alma 46:13-16 Vs. Acts 11:26)
- 6. The Birthplace of Jesus. (Alma 7:10 Vs. Matt. 2:1)

IT IS EASIER: It is easier to compromise the truth than to stand for it. It is easier to ignore sin than to expose it. It is

easier to justify the sinner than to demand his repentance. It is easier to criticize the preaching of truth than to endorse it. It is easier to commit sin than to avoid it. It is easier to make excuses than to be faithful.

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Why is this true? Simply because it is easier to travel the broad way than the narrow way. (Matt. 7:13,14)