

The Latter Day Saints (Mormons)

The founder of the *Latter Day Saints (LDS)*, Joseph Smith, was heavily involved in occult practises. His father was a mystic who used divination in attempting to find hidden treasure; sold 'blessings'; and was known for counterfeiting coins. His mother, also involved in the occult, was a known clairvoyant and fortune-teller. Joseph Smith followed in the occultic ways of his father using witchcraft in his attempt to find hidden treasure. He was convicted on March 20, 1826 in Bainbridge for taking money from people to fund his treasure hunt which produced nothing.

Throughout his life Joseph made many prophesies, all of which came to nought, (see our booklet '*The Errors of Mormonism*').

Other founding members of the *LDS* were Oliver Cowdrey, David Whitmer and Martin Harris. These are the three witnesses mentioned at the front of the book of Mormon. These men declared that they saw the 'Gold Plates' which the Book of the Mormon supposedly came from. Joseph Smith later expelled these three men after *they declared that it was all a hoax*.

The *Book of Mormon*, which is claimed by Mormons to be *inspired scripture*, is a complete fabrication as is attested to by the numerous contradictions, errors, plagiarisms and changes made over the years. It contains passages from the *King James Bible* of 1611 as well as part of Solomon Spalding's 1812 novel *Manuscript Found*. Mrs. Spalding eventually took the early *LDS* to court for stealing her husband's book! The *Book of Mormon* also contains parts of a book called *View of Hebrews* written by Eltham Smith in 1823.

The Book of Mormon mentions the use of a compass, which was only invented in 1100AD. It also mentions elephants, sheep, armour, wheels, brass and iron; yet these never existed in America until the modern era. Over 4000 changes have been made to the book of Mormon since 1830.

Another book the *LDS* hold to be inspired scripture is *The Pearl of Great Price*. This book came about when two mummies were dug up in Egypt and sent to America. On the chest of each mummy was a papyrus script. Eventually they came to be in the hands of Joseph Smith who interpreted them to be the book of Moses and the book of Abraham and later named them *The Pearl of Great Price*. In time the mummies were sold to the Chicago Museum and were destroyed in the great fire of Chicago. But in the 1960's a scholar was going through old texts in the Chicago museum archives and came across the two papyrus scripts. These scripts were viewed by expert Egyptologists and found to be no more than *common funeral notices*. Joseph Smith's interpretation was proved to be completely fraudulent and many left the organisation because of this.

The book of Mormon talks about massive civilisations on the ancient American continent but archaeologists today have found *no real proof*. Thomas Stuart Ferguson, an *LDS* who was head of the New World Archaeological Institution sponsored by the Mormon *Brigham Young University*, left the *LDS* organisation and declared there was no evidence.

Members of the *LDS* conduct secret ceremonies in their temples. The members swear oaths similar to Masonic temple oaths. The early *LDS* leaders were members of the *Masonic Lodge* and hence many of their temple rituals have similarities to the Masons. The *LDS* religion believed that people with dark skin were cursed by God. This landed them in the High

Courts on racial charges. The day before the judge handed down his verdict, the *LDS* living 'prophet' allegedly had a vision from God telling him that black people were no longer cursed. The case was subsequently dismissed.

The *LDS* are tireless in their efforts to conceal the past and convince the public they are an 'orthodox' moral 'Christian' organisation. *LDS* missionaries are trained to use the familiar terminology of Christianity yet their teachings are heretical and not 'the faith once delivered' to the true Christian church, (Jude 3).

What Mormons Will Not Tell You At The Door:

* That they intend to be 'gods' some day. (The Bible says there is but one God: Is.46:9; 44:6-8)

* That God is a man like us with flesh and blood. (The Bible says God is spirit: Jn.4:24; Matt.16:16-17)

* That God evolved up to his godhead. (The Bible says God has always existed: Ps.90:2; Num.23:19)

* That God had sex with Mary to produce Jesus and Satan - spirit brothers. (The Bible says Jesus was born of a virgin by the Holy Spirit: Lk.1:34-35)

* That the highest salvation is earned by faith and works through the *LDS* religion. (The Bible says salvation is by Grace alone apart from works or law: Eph.2:8-9; Gal 2:16)

* That they deny the Biblical and historical doctrine of the Trinity. (Read Is.9:6, Titus 2:13...)

* That the *LDS* is the only true church; all other groups are false and corrupt. (Read Jn.3:16; Jude 3)

* That our Christian creeds are an abomination to God and your pastor is a hireling of Satan.

* That those who have been through temple rituals are wearing secret underwear to protect themselves from evil and the likes of you.

* That women receive salvation only through their husbands who can have many wives in heaven; that the Mormon Jesus had many wives on earth.

* That God the Father lives on a planet called 'Kolob'.

* That they consider the Bible to be untrustworthy.

* That although the Mormons claim Joseph Smith to be a martyr, while in gaol he shot two men and wounded a third.

* That the founder/prophet Joseph Smith made many *false prophecies*:...eg. That the earth would '*tremble and reel to and fro*' not many days after Dec.27,1832...Bloodshed in South Carolina, USA, would lead to the second coming of Christ in 1890-91...England and other nations would become involved in the American Civil War...The moon is inhabited by six foot men dressed like Quakers...A Mormon temple would be built in Smith's generation at a lot in Missouri; David Patten would go on a missionary tour with himself (Joseph Smith) and twelve others in 1839...and more...

Mormonism was founded by a false prophet who wrote a book full of errors which teaches a man made religion turning the grace of God into the works of man.

Christianity was founded by Jesus Christ whose Spirit moved men to write an infallible inspired best selling book that has never been proved erroneous, but continues to change the sinful heart of men by its message of grace alone.

(This material borrowed from various sources. For more information on the errors and false prophecies of Mormonism, see our booklet '*The Errors of Mormonism*')

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