

# STRANGE MORMON DOCTRINES

Hebrews 13:9 says, *Be not carried about with different and strange doctrines. Doctrines are teachings, and different and strange doctrines are teachings different from the truth of the Bible. They are strange to those who know the Gospel, Here are some of the strange teachings of Mormons:*

## THE CURSE ON CAIN WAS THE NEGRO'S FLAT NOSE AND BLACK SKIN

Brigham Young (second most famous Mormon founder) said, "Cain slew his brother. . . and the Lord put a mark upon him, which is the flat nose and black skin" (Brigham Young: *Journal of Discourses*, vol. 7, p. 290, 291.)

But Genesis 4:11—15 explains that the curse upon Cain was that the earth (which had drunk in his brother's blood) would not yield fruit for Cain (verses 11, 12.) He would be a wanderer on the earth and pursued by men. But to make Cain's punishment continue, God put a sign upon him that would warn pursuers not to kill him (verses 14, 15.) The Bible says nothing about this sign being a flat nose and black skin, and the sign applied to no one but Cain.

## THE CURSE ON HAM WAS UNENDING SLAVERY FOR NEGROES

Brigham Young also said, "Ham will continue to be the servant of servants, as the Lord has decreed, until the curse is removed. Will the present struggle (American Civil War over slavery) free the slave? No." (Brigham Young: *Journal of Discourses*, vol. 10, p. 250.)

But Genesis 9:20—27 explains that Ham's punishment was to serve his brothers Shem and Japheth (verses 26, 27), because he had sinned against his father Noah, but they had not. Ezekiel 18:20 says that a son will not bear the sin of his father, so Ham's sons have not carried this curse made only to Ham. The curse on Ham was not unending slavery for Negroes.

## DEATH TO A WHITE MAN MARRYING AN AFRICAN WOMAN

Brigham Young said, "Shall I tell you the law of God in regard to the African race? If a white man who belongs to the chosen seed 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" (*Journal of Discourses*, vol. 10, p. 111.)

But Exodus 2:21 says that Moses, a Jew, married Zipporah, a Midianite, and Joseph married Asenath, an Egyptian (Genesis 41:45.) Neither of these men was killed on the spot, because God does not forbid racially mixed marriages. Mormon whites have a racially superior view of themselves and a racially inferior view of blacks. James 2:9 says, *If ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin, and are convinced of the law as transgressors. Mormons commit the sin of respect of persons against blacks.*

## BLACK MORMONS CANNOT BE PRIESTS

Mormon President Harold B. Lee on December 15, 1969, said "From the beginning of this dispensation, Joseph Smith and all succeeding presidents of the church have taught

that Negroes, while spirit children of a common Father, and the progeny of our earthly parents, Adam and Eve, were not yet to receive the priesthood," but "sometime in God's eternal plan the Negro will be given the right to hold the priesthood."

But I **Peter 2:9** says that all Christians are God's *chosen generation and royal priesthood*. Revelation 1:5, 6 shows that all Christians washed from their sins in Christ's blood are *kings and priests unto God*. **Galatians 3:28** says that in Christ *there is neither Jew nor Greek. . . for ye are all one in Christ Jesus*. Mormons say blacks cannot be priests, but the Bible says that all Christians are priests, black or white.

#### **SLAVERY IS GOD'S INSTITUTE NOT TO BE ABOLISHED**

Joseph Smith said, "We do not believe in setting the negroes free" (Joseph Smith: *History of the Church*, vol. 3, p. 29.) Brigham Young said, "We consider slavery of divine institution and not to be abolished until the curse pronounced on Ham shall have been removed from his descendents" (Brigham Young, quoted in *History of Utah*, by A.L. Neff.)

But I **Corinthians 7:21** says to slaves, *if thou mayest be made free, use it rather*, and verse 23 says, *Ye are bought with a price; be not ye the servants of men*. Slavery came from men, not from God, and has no connection whatever to Ham's sin. Christian slaves were instructed in many New Testament verses to be faithful and good slaves, not to look upon slavery as a curse handed down from an ancestor's sin. Mormon founders taught that Negroes must always be slaves.

#### **GOD IS AN EXALTED MAN, AND MORMONS BECOME GODS**

Joseph Smith said, "God himself was once as we are now, and is an exalted man and sits enthroned in yonder heavens! . . . I say, if you were to see him today, you would see him like a man in form—like yourselves in all the person, image, and very form as a man... he was once a man like us" (*Discourses of Joseph Smith*, p. 263.) Brigham Young said, "He is our Father. . . and was once a man in mortal flesh as we are" (*Journal of Discourses*, vol. 7, p. 333.) Mormon President Heber C. Kimball said, "for our God is a natural man" (*Journal of Discourses*, Vol. 8, p. 211.) Lorenzo Snow said, "As man is, God once was; as God now is, man may be" (*Church News*, December 27, 1952, p. 16.) Mormons do not make the difference which the Bible makes between God and man, the Creator and the creature. They say that God was a man and that they become Gods.

But **Numbers 23:19** says, *God is not a man that he should lie*. **Job 4:17** asks, *Shall mortal man be more just than God? Shall a man be more pure than his maker?* **Isaiah 45:12** says, *I have made the earth and created man upon it*. **Romans 9:20** asks, *Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus?* Creatures are not creators.

#### **GOD IS NOT FROM ALL ETERNITY, NOT ETERNAL**

Joseph Smith said, "I am going to tell you how God came to be God. We have imagined and supposed that God was from all eternity. I will refute that, and take away the veil, so that you may see" (*Discourses of Joseph Smith*, p. 263.) Mormon President Orson Hyde said, "Our heavenly Father was perhaps once a child and mortal like we ourselves, and rose step by step in the scale of progress. . . until he arrived at the point where he now is" (*Journal of Discourses*, vol. 1, p. 123.) But even the 1835 edition of *Doctrines and*

Covenants says that God is". . . without beginning of days or end of life." This whole 74 page section has been deleted from present editions because it contradicts present Mormon teaching. Mormon doctrine opposes the Bible and opposes itself.

But Psalms 90:2 says, . . . *even from everlasting to everlasting thou art God*. Psalms 93:2 says, . . . *thou art from everlasting*. Romans 16:26 calls him *the everlasting God*. Isaiah 57:15 says that he *inhabiteth eternity*.

### THERE ARE MANY GODS

Joseph Smith said, "Thus the head God brought forth the Gods in grand council. . . The head God called together the Gods and sat in grand council to bring forth the world" (*Discourses of Joseph Smith*, p. 265.) On page 27 he said, "I will preach on the plurality Gods. . . when I have preached on the subject of Deity, it has been the plurality of Gods. It has been preached by the elders for fifteen years/Tour pages of *Pearl of Great Price* (pages 38—41) speak of 'the Gods' 46 times. Brigham Young said, "How many Gods there are, I do not know. But there never was a time when there were not Gods and worlds" (*Journal of Discourses*, vol. 7, p. 333.) Orson Pratt, one of Mormonism's Twelve Apostles, said, "If we should take a million of worlds like this and number their particles, we should find that there are more Gods than there are particles of matter in those worlds" (*Journal of Discourses*, vol. 2, p. 345.) But Mormon doctrine contradicts itself in the *Book of Mormon*, Alma 11:27—29: "Is there more than one God? and he answered, No."

Isaiah 44:6 says, *I am the first and the last; and beside me there is no God*. Isaiah 45:5 says, *There is no God beside me*. I Corinthians 8:4 says, *There is none other God but one*.

### MORMONS WILL BECOME GODS

Joseph Smith said, ". . . you have got to learn how to be Gods yourselves. . . the same as all Gods have done before you, namely by going from one small degree to another" (*Discourses of Joseph Smith*, p. 264.) On page 32 he said, "In the resurrection some. . . are raised to become Gods." Brigham Young said, "The Lord created you and me for the purpose of becoming Gods like himself. . . we are created for the express purpose of growing up from the low estate of manhood to become Gods like unto our Father in heaven" (*Journal of Discourses*, vol. 3, p. 93.) Young said, "The God that I serve is progressing eternally, and so are his children" (*Discourses of Brigham Young*, p. 22.) Orson Pratt quotes Isaiah, "There is no God before me, nor shall there be any after me." He then says, "How can we believe this, when we believe in the revelation given through Joseph Smith, which says there are many Gods. . . and that all good men in this Church shall become Gods?" (*Journal of Discourses*, vol. 2, p. 345.)

But a progressing series of men becoming Gods contradicts the changelessness of God. Malachi 3:6 says, *For I am the Lord, I change not*. James 1:17 says that with the Father of lights *is not variableness*. Exodus 20:3 warned Israel, *Thou shalt have no other gods before me*, and I Corinthians 8:5, 6 says that there are many that are called gods, *but to us there is one God, the Father, of whom are all things*. Romans 1:23 says that idolaters *changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man*.

### ADAM WAS MICHAEL, THE ARCH-ANGEL, AND IS NOW GOD

Brigham Young said, "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 helped to make

and organize this world. He is Michael, the Arch-angel, the Ancient of Days. . .He is our Father and our God, and the only God with whom we have to do" (*Journal of Discourses*, vol. 1, p. 50.) Young also said, "You believe Adam was made of the dust of this earth. This I do not believe" (*Journal of Discourses*, vol. 2, p. 6.) Did Adam enter Eden with a heavenly body (bringing Eve) to become creator of the world and to be God? Or was he made of the earth's dust, and was Eve taken out of his body, and was he always a creature instead of creator? The Bible is very clear.

**Genesis 2:7** says, . . .and the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground. **Verse 22** says, *And the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.* **Verse 23** says, *She shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of man.* **1 Corinthians 15:47** says, *The first man is of the earth, earthy.* Adam was always God's creature, never a creator. He entered Eden when his earthly body was made from dust. Eve was not brought with him, but was taken from his body. Michael throughout the Bible is always an angel (**Daniel 10:13**, **Jude 9**, **Revelation 12:7**). Instead of only one of Adam's wives, **Genesis 3:12** calls Eve *the woman* God gave him.

#### **JESUS WAS NOT BEGOTTEN BY THE HOLY GHOST**

Brigham Young said, "When the Virgin Mary conceived the child Jesus. . .He was not begotten by the Holy Ghost. And who is the Father? He is the first of the human family . . . Now remember from this time forth, and for ever, that Jesus Christ was not begotten by the Holy Ghost" (*Journal of Discourses*, vol. 1, pp. 50—51.) Was Jesus conceived by Adam or by the Holy Ghost?

**Matthew 1:18** says that Mary was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Even the Book of Mormon at Alma 7:10 says that Jesus was begotten by the Holy Ghost. **Luke 1:35** says that Jesus was to be called the Son of God because his conception was by the Holy Ghost.

#### **POLYGAMY WILL NEVER BE DONE AWAY**

Mormon President Heber C. Kimball said in 1855, "The principle of plurality of wives never will be done away" (*Deseret News*, November 7, 1855.) Kimball also said, "You might as well deny Mormonism and turn away from it, as to oppose the plurality of wives. Let the Presidency of this Church, and the Twelve Apostles, and all the authorities unite and say with one voice that they will oppose that doctrine, and the whole of them will be damned" (*Journal of Discourses*, vol. 5, p. 203.) But in 1890 Mormon President Wilford Woodruff issued a manifesto cancelling polygamy, but many Mormons still practice it in violation of their church's law and their nation's laws.

But **1 Corinthians 7:2** says, *Let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband.* **1 Timothy 3:2** requires that a bishop must be the husband of one wife, and **verse 12** says, *Let the deacons be the husbands of one wife.* In **Matthew 19:5** Jesus quotes Genesis two as to what God said about marriage in the beginning. *For this cause shall a man leave father and mother and shall cleave to his wife, and they twain shall be one flesh.* And **Romans 7:3** says that marriage to another person while the first partner lives is called adultery.

#### **NON-POLYGAMISTS WILL BE DAMNED IN HELL**

Joseph F. Smith said, "I understand the law of celestial marriage to mean that every man in this church, who has the ability to obey and practice it in righteousness and will not,

shall be damned" (*Journal of Discourses*, vol. 20, p. 31.) Orson Pratt said, "I want to prophecy that all men and women who oppose the revelation which God has given in relation to polygamy will find themselves in darkness, the Spirit of God will withdraw from them from the very moment of their opposition to that principle, until they finally go down to hell and be damned" (*Journal of Discourses*, vol. 17, p. 225.)

But Jesus commanded *two* (not many) to become one flesh (**Matthew 19:5**.) The apostle Paul in **1 Corinthians 7:2** commanded every man to have his own *wife* (not wives.) Bishops and deacons (as examples to the church, **1 Peter 5:3**) are to be husbands of *one wife* (**1 Timothy 3:2, 12**.) And **Romans 7:3** says, *So then if, while her husband liveth, she shall be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress.* **1 Corinthians 6:9, 10** teaches that no adulterer shall inherit the kingdom of God. Isn't it strange that the Bible clearly teaches that all polygamists today are adulterers and will be lost in Hell, while Mormonism has so long taught that all non-polygamists will be lost in Hell?

#### **CELESTIAL MARRIAGE BINDS POLYGAMISTS FOREVER IN HEAVEN**

The *Doctrine and Covenants* states, "Verily I say unto you, if a man marry a wife by my word, which is my law, and by the new and everlasting covenant, . . . it shall be done unto them in all things whatsoever my servant hath put upon them, in time, and through all eternity; and shall be of full force when they are out of the world" (page 241, verse 19.) Orson Pratt said, ". . . if plurality of marriage is not true. . . then marriage for eternity is not true, and your faith is all vain. . . for as sure as one is true the other must be true. Amen" (*Journal of Discourses*, vol. 21, p. 296.)

But when the Jews asked Jesus about a woman who had had seven husbands, *therefore in the resurrection whose wife shall she be of the seven?* He answered them, *Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God. For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven* (**Matthew 22:23—30**.) Jesus taught that marriage in heaven was false.

#### **JESUS WAS A POLYGAMIST**

Mormon Apostle Orson Hyde said, "Jesus Christ was married at Cana of Galilee, that Mary, Martha, and others were his wives, and that he begat children" (*Journal of Discourses*, vol. 2, p. 210.) Brigham Young said, "Thus this monogamic order of marriage, so esteemed by modern Christians as a holy sacrament and divine institution, is nothing but a system established by a set of robbers" (*Deseret News*, vol. 12, no. 6, 1862.) Since God ordained for two (instead of many) to become one flesh, Brigham Young accuses God of robbing Mormons of their polygamy.

#### **THE TRANSLATED BIBLE IS NOT THE WORD OF GOD, BUT OF MEN**

Mormon Apostle Orson Pratt said, "The Bible in English, French, German, Italian, Spanish, Danish, and indeed, in all the languages of the earth, except the original in which it was given, is not the word of God, but the word of uninspired translators. . . Therefore, so far as the uninspired translators and the people are concerned, no part of the Bible can, with certainty, be known by them to be the word of God. . . This uncertainty, combined with the imperfections of uninspired translations, renders the Bibles of all languages, at the present day, emphatically the words of men, instead of the pure word of God" (*Pamphlets By Orson Pratt*, p. 71.)

But 2 Timothy 3:16, 17 says, *All scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.* And the scripture Paul referred to and used himself and often quoted from was the Greek translation of the Hebrew Old Testament called the Septuagint. Jesus quoted from this same translation and said, *Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away (Matthew 24:35.)* God gave us the Bible and has preserved it through its translations.

#### THE BIBLE IS NOT NECESSARY

Mormon Apostle Lee Grand Richards said, ". . .the 'everlasting gospel' could not be discovered through reading the Bible alone. . .this is the only Christian church in the world that did not have to rely upon the Bible for its organization and government; . . .if we had no Bible we would still have all the needed direction and information through the revelations of the Lord 'to his servants, the prophets' in these latter days" (*A Marvelous Work and a Wonder*, 1966, p. 41.)

But Revelation 22:18 says, *I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book.* Mormons have added and will be added God's plagues.

#### A MAN IS A FOOL WHO SAYS WE NEED NO MORE BIBLE

The *Book of Mormon* says, "Thou fool, that shall say: a Bible, we have got a Bible, and we need no more Bible" (page 101.) Brigham Young said, ". . .the testimony establishing the *Book of Mormon* is far superior to that establishing the Bible in its present form" (*Journal of Discourses*, vol. 7, p. 36.)

But Jude 3 commands Christians to *earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.* The original word for once means *once for all*, and the *faith* is the Gospel. Therefore, the Gospel had already been *once for all* delivered to the Christians in New Testament days. This means that no more revelations of the Gospel were to come in "latter days," as claimed by Mormons. A man is a fool who says that we need more than the Bible.

#### WOE BE TO HIM WHO SAYS WE NEED NO MORE THAN THE BIBLE

The *Book of Mormon* says, "Woe be unto him that shall say: We have received the word of God, and we need no more of the word of God, for we have enough" (page 100, verse 29.) It also says, "Wherefore, because that ye have a Bible ye need not suppose that I have not caused more to be written" (page 101, verse 10.)

But 2 Timothy 3:17 says that scripture *thoroughly* furnishes the man of God unto all good works: 2 Peter 1:3 says that *all things that pertain to life and godliness* are given to Christians in the knowledge of Christ. And John 16:13 says that Jesus promised his twelve apostles that the Spirit of truth would guide them *into all truth*. These verses, therefore, mean *woe be to him who says we need more than the Bible*.

#### CHRIST'S GOSPEL WAS NOT COMPLETE

*Doctrines and Covenants*, 1835 edition, says, "I have sent forth the fullness of my gospel by the hand of my servant Joseph" (page 117, verse 4.) *Joseph Smith's Testimony* states that the angel Moroni told Joseph Smith that the hidden plates contained "the full-

ness of the everlasting gospel" (page 10.) Many similar Mormon statements show their belief that Christ's gospel in the Bible was incomplete until Joseph Smith's gospel was revealed to him in America in the 1820's. This means that no Christians, even those in the New Testament, had the full gospel until Smith's gospel was given to him.

But I Corinthians 15:1—4 says that the Corinthian Christians had been saved by the gospel which Paul had preached to them. And Paul also said in Galatians 1:6—9 that the Galatians had been called into Christ's grace by the gospel Paul had preached. Verses 6 and 7 say that they were already removed unto another gospel, which was not truly another gospel, but troublemakers were perverting the gospel Paul had preached. Verse 8 then says, *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.* This clearly says that Christ's gospel had been preached in Galatia. It had already been perverted by men preaching another gospel. And Paul solemnly warns that even an apostle or an angel which preached another gospel would be accursed. Both Joseph Smith and his imaginary angel preached another gospel and will be accursed. ...

#### THE STRANGEST DOCTRINE OF ALL:

##### MORMONS BASE EVERYTHING UPON A TEEN-AGED BOY'S WILD CLAIM!

The official Mormon book, *The Prophet Joseph Smith's Testimony*, claims:

1. At age 15 the Father and Son appeared to Joseph to tell him all churches were wrong.
2. At age 18 the angel Moroni told him of the gold plates of *The Book of Mormon*.
3. The plates were hidden on a hill under a stone, but he could not get them for four years.
4. After four years Joseph began translating the plates into *The Book of Mormon*.
5. Mormon President David O. McKay said, "The appearance of the Father and the Son to Joseph Smith is the foundation of this church."

But I Corinthians 3:11 says, *Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.* I John 4:1 says, *Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God, because many false prophets are gone out into the world.* I Corinthians 14:37 says, *If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord.* Just thinking one is a prophet does not make him one.

#### GOD IS SMITH'S RIGHT-HAND MAN

Smith said, "I know more than all the world put together" (*Discourses of the Prophet Joseph Smith*, p. 256.) He said, "I solve mathematical problems of universities with truth-diamond truth, and God is my 'right-hand man.'" (*History of the Church*, vol. 6, p. 78.) He said, "God made Aaron to be the mouth piece for the children of Israel, and He will make me be God to you in his stead, and the elders to be mouth for me: and if you don't like it, you must lump it" (*History of the Church*, vol. 6, pp. 319-320.) He said, "I have more to boast of than any man ever 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" (*History of the Church*, vol. 6, pp. 408-409.)

But Paul said, *I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was in me* (1 Corinthians 15:10.)

### SMITH FORGIVES SINS AND SAVES MEN IN HEAVEN

Smith claimed that God said to him, "Whosoever sins you remit on earth shall be remitted eternally in the heavens and whosoever sins you retain on earth shall be retained in heaven" (*Doctrines and Covenants*, page 243, verse 46.) Brigham Young said, ". . . no man or woman in this dispensation will ever enter into the celestial kingdom of God without the consent of Joseph Smith. . . 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— . . . I cannot go there without his consent. . . He reigns there as supreme a being in his sphere, capacity, and calling, as God does in heaven" (*Journal of Discourses*, vol. 7, p. 289.)

Surely the strangest Mormon doctrine of all is how thinking people can swallow these words of blasphemy and base their eternal salvation upon the imaginary claims of a teen-aged boy!

### LATTER-DAY REVELATIONS

The whole system of Mormonism is based upon the need for "latter-day revelations." This is another way of saying that the revelations God gave in the Bible were not enough. It means that the Bible's revelations are insufficient. It means that the Bible was outdated and needed updating. It means that the Bible cannot do what God said it can and must do.

But the holy scriptures are able to make us *wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus* (2 Timothy 3:15.) The Bible *thoroughly furnishes us unto all good works* (verse 17.) The Mormon claim of the Bible's insufficiency contradicts the Bible's claim of its sufficient completeness. The Bible's completeness denies any need for additional books.

Instead of promising newer revelations in "latter-days," the Bible promised that *in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils* (1 Timothy 4:1.) The Mormons are among those who have departed from the faith. They have given heed to *seducing spirits* (like seducing harlots) who have spoken *doctrines of devils*.

2 Thessalonians 2:11 says that God has sent them a *strong delusion* that they should *believe a lie*. Verse 12 says that *they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness*. Joseph Smith began a long line of believers in the Mormon delusion (deception) and will be damned, because he believed not the sufficiency of the Bible's truth, but had pleasure in polygamy and other forms of unrighteousness.

2 Corinthians 11:13 says that Mormon apostles are *false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ*. Verse 14 says that this is not surprising, since *Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light*. Verse 15 says that *Satan's ministers* (like Joseph Smith and Brigham Young) have counterfeited themselves into *ministers of righteousness, whose end shall be according to their works*.

### THE REAL QUESTION

These Bible warnings make the real question to be this: Do you want to listen to the apostles and ministers of Jesus or those of Satan? Do you want latter-day doctrines of devils or the first century doctrine of Christ? Will you swallow the Mormon delusion and believe a lie, or will you stand firm with the faith once for all delivered to the saints? May God help us to love and obey the truth of Jesus and to reject the false Gospel of Joseph Smith