

MORMONISM IS OCCULT IN ITS ORIGINS AND IN ITS CURRENT PRACTICE

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is the fastest growing Church in the world. It traces its origins back to 1830 when a young man called Joseph Smith of Palmyra, New York, founded the Church of Christ based on the Book of Mormon which he said he translated from golden plates that he found in a hill by the guidance of an angel called Moroni. The book was translated with magic glasses and firstly three witnesses saw the plates and later eight more were granted the privilege. Smith called out what he saw on the glasses to his secretary who wrote what he dictated down. The Book of Mormon was supposed to have been written in Reformed Egyptian. Smith proclaimed himself to be a Prophet and he brought out several revelations before his assassination by a mob in 1844. He had claimed that the Father and the Son appeared to him in 1820 when he prayed about what Church to join. They told him to join none for they were all abominations and the disciples of these Churches were all corrupt. There is so much religious fraud going on that one or two frauds have to strike it lucky and get away with it. The founders of Christianity and Mormonism struck it very lucky indeed.

It is known that Smith at the time he declared finding the book was a glass looker. He claimed to be able to divine where treasure could be found. He was committed to occult beliefs. He carried a Jupiter charm.

The Christian Church says that God and morality are somehow inherently the same entity. The Church argues that you cannot really understand what justice and love are unless there is a God. The Church says that the problem of evil and babies suffering unfairly cannot disprove God for without God you cannot believe in fairness in the first place.

Mormons do not believe in this kind of God. For them, God was not always God. He became God by living a righteous life. For Mormons, there are many Gods. They deny that God dwells in your heart. The Mormon God is just a pagan God who seems decent. But how decent is he when he lets people die and babies suffer? Mormons have no hope of solving the problem of evil and they adore a bystander man god who lets terrible things happen and who kills people making him a murderer. Their god is just the devil if there is one. He is not a god but a man with magical powers. He cannot be distinguished from a wizard. He is progressing in power and wisdom and glory and thus does not know all things. Thus the notion, "evil happens for it results in a greater good which is why God puts up with it" does not really agree with the Mormon deity. He cannot know enough to have the right to let babies starve to death.

The Book of Mormon gives us the Christian God who is everywhere. Theologians say that God hearing us and protecting us is not magic for God by his nature, his presence, is everywhere. If you can move a pot on the cooker because you are there that is normal. If you can move a pot on earth while you are on the moon that is magic. Mormonism now teaches that God is a man of flesh and bone and exists only in one small space. He is not everywhere for he is a resurrected man. Thus when he hears prayers and does you a favour that is magic. Mormonism is an occult religion. It redefines Christian terms such as God. When it talks about man's spirit or soul it means that spirit or soul is a bodily entity - its a body that cannot be detected. Spirit and soul are understood in a materialistic way. Spiritualism does the same thing. The medium will tell you that Uncle Tom is enjoying his pipe in the afterlife and had boiled eggs this morning. Mormonism is firmly occult.

The Temple Ceremony is full of occultism and depends heavily on Masonic ideas and rituals. There are magic handclasps and magic words given by which you can enter Heaven. The oaths used to be bloodcurdling and malevolent and invoked supernatural forces to cut ones throat and spill ones guts should the secrets of the Temple be revealed. Oaths and prayers taken from occult rituals have been identified in the ritual. Plus Adam prays to God in the ceremony and Satan answers! The ceremony shows just how flawed and limited the Mormon "God" is. He is like the weak god of the witches who has to get power from the witches before he can do anything magical.

THE WEB

FULFILLED PROPHECIES OF JOSEPH SMITH

www.jefflindsay.com/LDSFAQ/FQ_prophecies.shtml

THE BOOK OF MORMON WITNESSES

www.exmormon.org/file9.htm

Excellent refutation of the claims of the witnesses of the Book of Mormon

JOSEPH SMITH AS A PROPHET by Richard Packham

www.exmormon.org/prophet.htm

Refutes the Mormon claim that Smith was a real prophet of God. The Mormons accept the validity of Ezekiel 12:21-28 which says that if a prophecy is too long in being fulfilled then it is a false prophecy. A prophecy will come true by chance given long enough. Smith made many prophecies that have not come true yet so he was a false prophet. By the same criteria, the Old Testament prophets failed and the Christian claim that they predicted Jesus and his life by the power of God is false for even if the prophecies did come true it was not God that was behind it. Doctrine and Covenants 1:37 pledges that every word prophesied by Smith will come true for God has spoken. On January 4th 1833 Smith predicted by the authority of Jesus that there were people then living who would see the twelve tribes of Israel gathered to Missouri. This never happened. Slaves did not rise up and cause a war as he predicted in Doctrine and Covenants 87. God told Smith that the communism practiced by his Church would never be done away and would still be done when he comes again (Doctrine and Covenants 104). The Mormon Church dropped the communism causing minor schisms on the basis that the Church could no longer be the true Church for doing that.

JERALD AND SANDRA TANNER'S DISTORTED VIEW OF MORMONISM: A RESPONSE TO MORMONISM, SHADOW OR REALITY?

www.xmission.com/~country/reason/ldshist1.htm This page shows plainly the harm that the Christian Church in general is doing with its rotten Bible for the evil commanded by God in the Bible is defended on the basis that it has a purpose known to God and this is used to justify the terrible doctrines such as polygamy that the Mormons used to live out. The page does what all apologists for religion does, ignore the major problems and nitpicks on rather minor errors in the hope of showing the critics to be not worth listening to. For example, the Tanners believed that Joseph Smith copied his father's story of a dream he had in 1811 into the Book of Mormon as the dream of Lehi because Joseph's mother Lucy wrote about the dream in 1845 and the two were identical in all serious points. The page says that Lucy Smith simply filled in her memory of her husband's dream subconsciously from the Book of Mormon. But she had family and friends to help her remember. The page says that since the Book of Mormon was written first and she was writing 15 years later it is wrong to say that the author of the Book of Mormon was the one doing the copying. But how do you know? It is still most probable that the Tanners are right. If it is not then we still have no reason to take one side or the other. Anyway, what about the more serious objections to the Book of Mormon that the Tanners made? He's nitpicking.

The page says that since the Temple ceremony of the Mormons has many elements in it like Masonry that Smith did not borrow from Masonry for Masonry might have been partly divinely inspired. This denies Occam's Razor, stick to the simplest explanation and that is that Smith stole Masonic rites. With the logic of the page you could say the book or song you got caught plagiarising was not copied on purpose but somebody must have telepathically put the words of an existing song and the music into your unsuspecting mind.

BY HIS OWN HAND ON PAPYRUS, Charles Larson
At Mormons in Transition Website www.irr.org

MORE PROBLEMS WITH THE FIRST VISION, ANSWERING DR CLANDESTINE, Jerald and Sandra Tanner
www.xmission.com/~country/reason/clndst10.htm

PHILOSOPHICAL PROBLEMS WITH THE MORMON CONCEPT OF GOD, Francis J Beckwith,
www.equip.org/free/DM410.htm

Barry R Bickmore
www.geocities.com/Athens/parthenon/2671/EC.html

MORMON SCHOLARSHIP, APOLOGETICS AND EVANGELICAL NEGLECT, Carl Mosser and Paul Owen,
www.gospelcom.net/apologeticsindex/cpoint10-2.html#mosserowen

BOOK OF MORMON QUESTIONS
www.lds-mormon.com/bookofmormonquestions.shtml

MORMONISM UNVAILED: MORE EVIDENCE THAT IT IS TRUE. Christian Apologetics and Research Ministry
www.carm.org/lds/unveiled_defended.htm

THE ABRIDGEMENT OF D&C 137
www.saintsalive./com/mormonism/falseprophetjs/htm

THE BOOK OF MORMON: ONE TOO MANY M'S Stephen Van Eck
www.infidels.org/library/modern/stephen_eck/toomany.html

EGYPTIAN CHARACTERS
www.mormonstudies.com/seer2.htm

This shows that when Smith translated the book of Abraham he invented hieroglyphics where there was a piece missing from the papyri. The characters Smith added make no sense to translators. Yet he translated these imaginary hieroglyphics! His mother and close associate David Whitmer spoke of Joseph copying characters of the gold plates of the Book of Mormon before he translated and that like the Book of Abraham Smith often produced two lines in the manuscript with the translation of a single character which shows that the whole Book of Mormon thing was a hoax.

MORMON FARMS

www.xmission.com/~country/reason/farms_1.htm

by Jerald and Sandra Tanner. Gathers evidence that indicates that it was possible that Smith was insane and had manic depression.

DR CHARLES ANTHON RE AUTHENTICITY OF WRITING SAMPLES ALLEGEDLY COPIED FROM THE GOLDEN PLATES

www.mormonism-web.com/anthon.htm

INTERVIEW OF MARTIN HARRIS

www.xmission.com/~research/about/docum4.htm

COMMENTS ON THE BOOK OF MORMON WITNESSES: A RESPONSE TO JERALD AND SANDRA TANNER

www.mormons.org/response/bom/witnesses_Roper.htm

A ridiculous rebuttal that has been taken into account for this book and refuted.

FACTS ON THE BOOK OF MORMON WITNESSES, PART 1

www.irr.org/mit/bomwit1.html

Excellent refutation of the reliability of the witnesses to the Book of Mormon

THE STOLEN MANUSCRIPT

www.utlm.org/onlineresources/bom_early_problems/goldenbible_stolenmanuscript.htm