

Gal. 1:8 "But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, he is to be accursed! "

As we have discussed any church or religion that works at identifying itself with the Bible, but does not teach the gospel given to us in the Bible is a cult. This includes both the obvious religions like Mormonism that we will discuss tonight. But also those who call themselves mainstream Christians or Evangelical Christians, but have perverted the scriptures. Some of these we will tackle at some point in the future.

Joseph Smith, Jr.
(born 1805 - died. 1844)

He and His father engaged in "treasure hunting" using "diving rods" and "peek stones." Arrested in 1826

1820 - Vision of Father-God and God the Son saying he was chosen to restore unity of the Church

1823 - Angel Moroni showed him golden plates

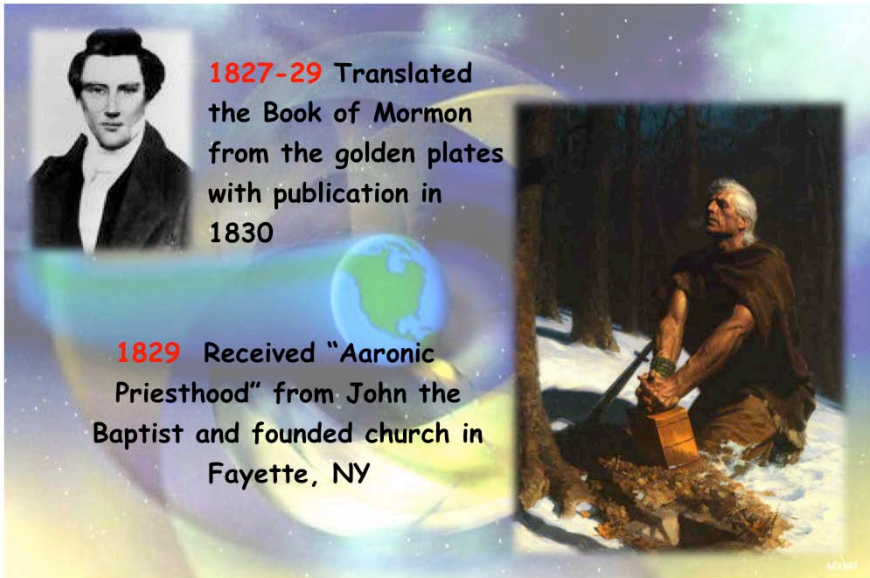
The son is often like the father. We see this in the scriptures – Jesus, God the Son of God the Father are one. I have mannerisms and traits like my father – just ask Joyce.

So too, is Joseph Smith Jr. – His father was a Mason, a cult of which I once belonged, Joseph became a Mason on March 15, 1842 and Grand Master of Nauvoo Lodge. Joseph Smith Sr. received 3rd Degree in Ontario Lodge #23 on May 7, 1818. Brigham Young suspended Mason/LDS ties with the Nauvoo Temple in April 1844 after Joseph's death. Brigham led the LDS after Joseph's death and led the LDS people to Utah in 1846. Back to Joseph – his father was a conman – a treasurer hunter, a fortune seeker, a huckster, etc. Joseph Smith practiced these same things. Joseph was charismatic in his personality and used this to take advantage of people, just as his father had done. We all know people like this. We see them today within what is called Christianity – those who pervert the gospel of Jesus Christ for their own glory. Benny Hinn, Kenneth Copeland, Joel Osteen and many others. It is about how special God has made them. It is not focused directly on Jesus. These men are great motivational speakers, but they are not severing the kingdom.

Back to Joseph – he was raised in a confused setting of Masons and churches that were off the right track. Revival had begun in the eastern USA and Joseph saw how some of these men were becoming famous and wealthy through their ministries. His mother, Lucy Mack Smith had visions that Joseph Sr. would accept "the pure and undefiled Gospel of the Son of God." Joseph Sr. would lead a new movement – however, instead it was led by Joseph Jr. Joseph Jr. installed his father as Grand Patriarch of the LDS Church and this passed to his oldest son Hiram upon his death. LDS and reformed LDS churches.

At the age of 14 Joseph claims he had the first visit of the angel Moroni and that as we see today with a number of men leading ministries – they believe God had called him to do something special. Only Joseph Smith Jr. could reestablish the true church on earth.

Into this picture comes the special golden plates



1827-29 Translated the Book of Mormon from the golden plates with publication in 1830

1829 Received "Aaronic Priesthood" from John the Baptist and founded church in Fayette, NY

As is typical with false prophets and teachers the special revelation they have received from god has disappeared and you have to trust them for god has made them special. The golden plates have been reburied by the angel Moroni. How was the Book of Mormon translated from the Golden Plates? Joseph would go into a room by himself and place one of these plates on a table then place his hat over it and then place a special stone (*same stone he was arrested for using earlier*) into the hat and finally place his face into the hat and the stone would reveal the translation of the characters on the golden plate one by one. This is how the book of Mormon came into being.

The Bible was written by 43 to 45 men over a few thousand years. It is well written and all works together. A mathematician once calculated the odds of everything in the Bible being consistent with so many writers and over a long time span and it was 1 to several trillion. The Book of Mormon has had over 3000 corrections since 1830 and it still has numerous problems that show it to be man-made not from God.

Now god gave these plates to Joseph and a special stone and the characters are revealed one at a time. The Book of Mormon is written in poor grammar, it like the Qu'ran has plagiarized much from many sources. Much of the Book of Isaiah is in the Book of Mormon. There were several novels written that were popular at the time whose theme was the Lost Tribe of Israel. The Book of Mormon follows this very theme. We can prove that the men around Joseph saw the novel Paradise Lost written by a Pastor. Mormons claimed this novel did not exist. However, in the early 1900s it was found by the great nephew of the Pastor who wrote it. The nephew lived in the Sandwich Islands – can anyone tell me were these islands are?

Not one major geographical site or historical event of the Bible has NOT been confirmed. Yet, in the Book of Mormon there is not ONE geographical or historical evidence to be found. In fact there is not one supporting piece of evidence - period. Smithsonian??

- **1831** - Persecution forced move to Kirtland, Ohio. Joseph discovered Adam-Ondi-Ahman
- **1839** - Moved to Nauvoo, Illinois. Nauvoo Expositor newspaper destruction and arrest.

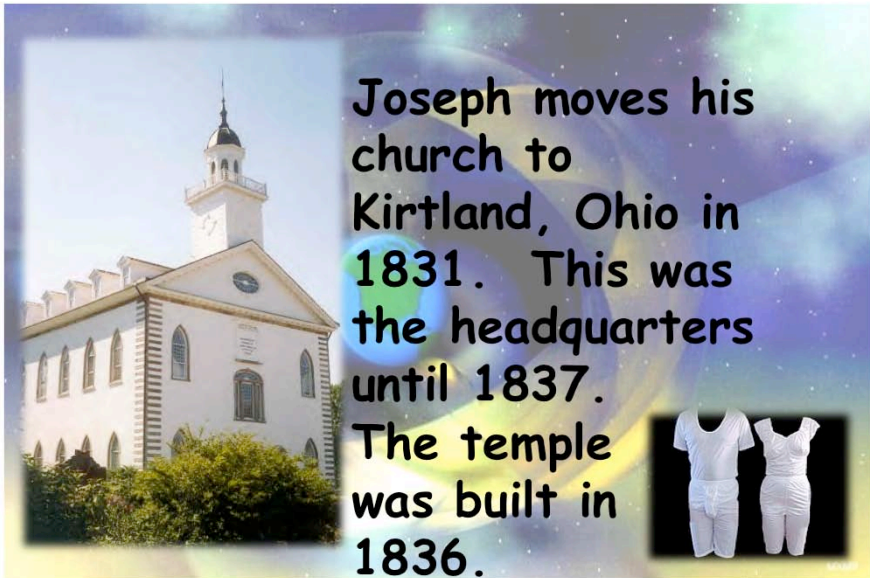



Mormonism is full of strange ideas that Joseph was able to sell to people and get them to believe them. This is amazing and shows how charismatic he was.

This is a map of where Joseph claims the Garden of Eden really was. It was located on the Missouri River. According to the Prophet Joseph – Eden was located in Jackson County, Missouri. Two of the three rivers mentioned in the Bible for the Garden of Eden were the Missouri and Mississippi. Noah sailed from Missouri and landed in the Middle East. Smith claimed he found the altar on the banks of the Missouri that Adam used to offer sacrifices to Jehovah. Adam was driven out of the Garden and he went 40 miles to establish Adam-Ondi-Ahman. The city of Enoch mentioned in Genesis 4:17 was located on the gulf of Mexico.

There have been 3,913 changes and corrections to the Book of Mormon since it was written in 1830 to fix the many problems. There are still a number of problems left. The Pearl of Great Price and Doctrine and Covenants have tried to fix these without success. Just like the Hadith has tried to justify and fix all the problems with the Quran.

Mormons believe in many gods. “God himself was once as we are now, and is an exalted man and sits enthroned in yonder heavens...I am going to tell you how God came to be God. We have imagined and supposed that God was God from all eternity...Here then, is eternal life – to know the only wise and true God; and you have got to learn how to be Gods yourselves,..” Joseph Smith Jr., J.D. 6:4



Promises of Prophet Smith of wealth for his followers sounds much like the prosperity and faith movement of today.

You can become a god – this is appealing to any man’s ego.

You get multiple wives. Smith’s wife Emma refused his idea of polygamy that Joseph received in revelation from God. Smith then had another revelation from God in which he named Emma as unfaithful. She saw at this point that her husband’s power had grown to the point that she would not be able to stop him.

As the god of your own plant you will have many wives to have sex with them to give birth to spiritual babies. This is an appealing idea to the male ego. Babies must be born in heaven before they be born here on earth.

In the mid 1830s descent was growing in the LDS church. The communities they came to, grew tired of the pressure Smith put on them politically, financially and with his private militia he exerted control over others. As we will see with the great unrest that developed in Nauvoo between the Mormons and the Masons.

1844 - Joseph and his brother Hyrum "martyred" at the Carthage, Illinois jail pending trial.

1846 - Brigham Young leads Mormons on the journey to the promised land - Salt Lake City, Utah.

Mormon church grows
Strong in isolation -

Polygamy

Massacres

Death Squads



The church moves to Nauvoo. The local newspaper begins to publish articles exposing Smith. Smith forms a band of brothers and destroys the newspaper office and press.

Joseph and his brother, Hyrum, surrendered themselves to the sheriff and relied on their being Master Masons for help, their hope was for the governor of Illinois to help them, as he too was a Mason. The governor was supportive, but refused to get involved directly.

One of the close friends of Smith, Cyrus Wheelock, was allowed to visit in prison on a rainy day. He wore a overcoat and was not searched. During his visit he slips Joseph and Hyrum six shooters. Joseph then in turn removed a pistol from his jacket that had been given to him by John Fullmer. He and his brother Hyrum attempt to shoot their way out of jail.

As you can see the stage is being set. Mormons would have you believe that Joseph and his brother went to the slaughter like a lamb. They want to portray Joseph as the prophet of god and relate him to Jesus. The story can go on – but it is enough to say there were those killed on both sides and that Joseph killed 2 in the shoot out.

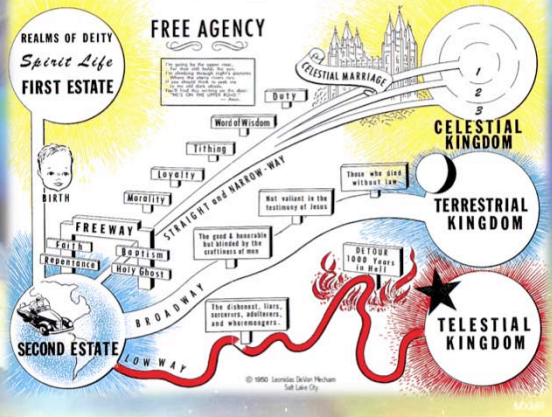
Joseph had hoped that his Mason ties would help him. Many Mormons want you to believe it was gentiles (non-Mormons) who attacked the jail. There is evidence that they were in reality disgruntled Mormons who wore hoods in order not to be recognized. Men who feared Joseph's desire to take their wives and the wives of those they knew.

Mormon theology is fluid

Joseph adds to beliefs & redefines words concepts.

Eternal Progression

- First Stage we are beings called "intelligences"
- Second Stage we are born as spiritual babies
- Mortal Probation valiant spirits have earned to be human



As man is god once was, as god is, man may become.

If god is an elevated man then where is the "First Cause"?

We exist as spiritual beings without form

God has sex to create spiritual babies in order that they might be born here on earth as physical babies. Each planet has a god and each god must populate his planet. Jesus was such a man who became a god, the god of earth .

3 levels of heaven – there is no hell

Elevation from level to level is based on works

Can you imagine if I where god of a planet – I would have it in chaos within a couple of minutes if not seconds.

What is in heaven for women? Do you see the similarities between Mormonism and Islam?

Visions from God

becomes Joseph's means to get what he wants

- Polygamy - Emma rejects Joseph's request. Then God speaks
- Blacks are barred from the Priesthood
- Control
- Book of Abraham

Joseph had 2 revelations about polygamy. The first coming after he had sexual relations with another man's wife. Emma reject the first revelation. The second revelation names her and she is to be condemned if she does not submit.

When Cain slew Able he was given the mark by God and that mark was Black skin. Any one with one drop of negro blood was barred from the priesthood. The new revelation that blacks could receive the priesthood in 1974 led me out of Mormonism. Mormons believe in "progressive revelations" just like Islam.

One is to submit to the leadership of the Mormon church without question. Mormons are a people group within the USA and now other countries.

Book of Abraham - written by Joseph from ancient Egyptian papyrus that was about 4000 years old in 1835. On Nov. 27, 1967 the Metropolitan Museum of Art offers to give back to the Mormon church a collection of papyri that was owned by Joseph and has his handwritten notes on the back. Both Mormon and non-Mormon scholars prove the Book of Abraham a fake within 6 months. Smith used less than 4 lines from the papyrus to make 49 verses which contain over 2000 English words. The papyrus has been translated by experts and they come from the Book of Breathings which was contained in the Egyptian Book of the Dead. Even though Mormons now claim these are not the same papyrus that Smith used to translate the Book of Abraham - the hand written notes on the back are confirmed to be Smith's and contain passages from the Book of Abraham and the cover of the book uses symbols the clearly say Book of Breathings.

Joseph Smith's Prophecies

Deuteronomy 18:20-22 "But the prophet who speaks a word presumptuously in My name which I have not commanded him to speak, or which he speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die." You may say in your heart, "how will we know the word which the Lord has NOT spoken?" When a prophet speaks in the name of the Lord, if the thing does NOT come about or come true, that is the thing which the Lord has NOT spoken. The prophet has spoken it presumptuously; you shall NOT be afraid. NASB

Joseph Smith gave approximately 69 prophecies. Of which, if one wants to be kind 6 came true. Joseph claimed that he and he alone spoke for God and what he spoke would remain forever. D&C 132:13-14. Sounds like Muhammad.

Hyrum, Joseph's brother, who was also considered a prophet of God in the Mormon church said on Nov. 1, 1831, "if you hit once in ten times, that is alright".

What percentage must a prophet be right to be of God?

- All nations of the earth shall bow to the Mormon gospel
- Missouri will be Zion and home to the Mormon faith within 3 years of 1834
- Christ's return is in a few years – 1831 and in 1835 that Christ would return within 56 years or by 1891.
- New York city, Albany and Boston will be destroyed 1832
- 1832 The sun will not give light, the moon shall be bathed in blood and the stars shall fall within a few days
- Mormons will become rich 1837
- Joseph's son would succeed him. Brigham Young led the Mormons to Utah.
- The Mormon church would build the city of Zarahemla in Iowa and possess it forever. It was never built.
- US Government will be destroyed
- 1844 Mormons will no longer have to cook within 5 years. Holy food will be provided by God.
- Joseph will have a son, named David and he will become King of Israel.

Joseph Smith's People of the Moon

"In my patriarchal blessing, given by the father of Joseph the Prophet, in Kirtland, 1837, I was told that I should preach the gospel before I was 21 years of age; that I should preach the gospel to the inhabitants upon the islands of the sea, and -- to the inhabitants of the moon, even the planet you can now see with your eyes"

The thought of life on other worlds was clearly taught by both Joseph Smith and Brigham Young. According to Oliver B. Huntington, Joseph Smith instructed, "The inhabitants of the moon are more of a uniform size than the inhabitants of the earth, being about six feet in height. They dress very much like the Quaker style and are quite general in style or the one fashion of dress. They live to be very old; coming generally, near a thousand years" (*History of the Life of Oliver B. Huntington*, pg. 10, typed copy, University of Utah). Huntington also records: "In my patriarchal blessing, given by the father of Joseph the Prophet, in Kirtland, 1837, I was told that I should preach the gospel before I was 21 years of age; that I should preach the gospel to the inhabitants upon the islands of the sea, and -- to the inhabitants of the moon, even the planet you can now see with your eyes" (*The Young Women's Journal* 3:264, 1892).

Huntington's comment seems pale in comparison to those made by Brigham Young. Not only did Young acknowledge that the moon was inhabited, but he also insisted that the sun was inhabited as well! In a sermon given on July 24, 1870, Young declared: "Who can tell us of the inhabitants of this little planet that shines of an evening, called the moon? When we view its face we may see what is termed "the man in the moon," and what some philosophers declare are the shadows of mountains. But these sayings are very vague, and amount to nothing; and when you inquire about the inhabitants of that sphere you find that the most learned are as ignorant in regard to them as the most ignorant of their fellows. 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; it was not made in vain. It was made to give light to those who dwell upon it, and to other planets; and so will this earth when it is celestialized" ([Journal of Discourses 13:271](#)).

What Do We Do Now?

John 13:34-35 Love - the proof that we belong to Jesus. Build relationships. Evangelism is a process not an event.

1 Timothy 2:4 Remembering God's intention for all unbelievers

Colossians 1:28 Desiring to see Muslims complete in Christ

John 4:1-42 Samaritan woman- Jesus intention was to bring life
He discerned the real need
He opened her eyes to see Him as the Messiah

Mark 10:43-45 Jesus enjoined us to be servants

1 Corinthians 9:19 Paul made himself a slave to all

Matthew 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom **will be preached** in the **whole world** as testimony to **all nations**, and then the end will come.

Jn. 13:34-35 A New commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another.

1 Tim. 2:4-5 Who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.

Col. 1:28 We proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man complete in Christ.

Mk. 10:43-45 But it is not this way among you, but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant; and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be slave to all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.

1 Cor. Becoming all things within the Holy Scriptures that some might be saved.

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