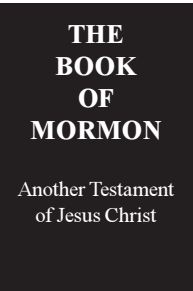


(A) FALSE BOOKS

Another Testament vs. Only One?



MORMONS SAY, “The Book of Mormon is **another** testament of Jesus Christ in addition to the New Testament. It’s from God.” In 1830, Joseph Smith published it claiming he received revelation from God by an angel, Moroni, to do this (*P. of G.P.J.S. History* 1:29-46). In 1981, the LDS Church expanded the title to “The Book of Mormon: **Another** Testament of Jesus Christ.”

BIBLE SAYS, “... though we [an apostle, prophet, teacher], or an angel from heaven [including Moroni], preach **any other** [another] gospel [testament] unto you... let him be accursed.

As we said before, so say I now again, if **any man** [including Joseph Smith] preach **any other** [another] gospel unto you... let him be accursed” (Ga 1:8, 9 KJV). **Conclusion:** From these verses it is clear that no one from this world or beyond, no matter whom he claims to be, would ever be authorized by God to bring “**any other**” testament to the world. These verses double curse Joseph Smith and Moroni. They have preached a forbidden “**any other**” testament, a testament that is a totally different story that came out nearly 1, 830 yrs *after* the gospel of Jesus Christ was delivered. But in an attempt to get around the very truth that God does not permit “**any other**” testament, only one, Mormons try to justify their books by discrediting the Bible as the one single source of revelation and truth about Jesus Christ. For example,

MORMONS SAY, “We can’t rely on the Bible alone, because even the Bible says that every matter must be established by the mouth of two or three witnesses. This is why we need the book of Mormon. It is a second witness.”

BIBLE SAYS, “For **we** did not follow cleverly devised tales when **we** made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but **we** were **eyewitnesses** of His majesty” (2 Pe 1:16). **Conclusion:** From these verses, we can easily see that the Bible is not just one eyewitness account, but several eyewitnesses gave testimony in it with their own mouths, such as Matthew, John, Peter, etc. It is an excellent example of the multiple witness concept to establish truth. So the “two witnesses” argument is invalid. But...

MORMONS SAY, “The Bible is mistranslated and incomplete. This is why God told Joseph Smith to write another testament and this to establish the one true church with the one true message.”

BIBLE SAYS, “... contend earnestly for the faith which **was once for all delivered** to the saints” (Jude 3 NKJV).

Conclusion: (a) This verse clearly reveals God’s plan to not only give a faithful testament to all His people, but also that He would only do it once and that’s it: “**once for all**” meaning finally and forever, for all time. Furthermore, it “**was... delivered**”, past tense, by the time that Jude wrote his inspired letter in the first century A.D. It is the only complete testament for which we have received commandment to contend earnestly. God had no plan for another testament, so there is no need for the book of Mormon. It is an invalid argument to say that the Bible is incomplete. (b) Remember, Mormon arguments against the reliability of the Bible are a pre-text for tempting others to accept or permit “**any other**” testament which Galatians strictly forbids and curses (Ga 1:8, 9). (c) Among any other ancient book, the Bible has proven by far and overwhelmingly to be one of the best preserved textually, as far as accuracy, and the best supported with abundant ancient copies and many archeological proofs [I give evidence about the reliability of the Bible in the Introduction to the Bible for Believers & Skeptics at FreeBibleStudy.org]. But every word in the Book of Mormon is unreliable, every word is false. It is a total and complete fake! The Book of Mormon and their other scriptures are highly unreliable, such as The Pearl of Great Price, Doctrine and Covenants, and Journal of Discourses. So much evidence can be given about the unreliability of these books [go to utlm.org free online book section, specifically *Mormon’s Claims Answered* by Marvin Cowen]. Below, consider just this one point about conflicting and unharmonious statements made by two of their most powerful prophets. Understand that Mormons trust what these men said as scripture.

JOSEPH SMITH, “**Take away the *Book of Mormon* and the revelations, and where is our religion? We have none**” (*Teachings of Prophet Joseph Smith*, p.71).

BRIGHAM YOUNG [Smith’s Successor], “There is the New Testament; **you may leave out the *Book of Mormon* and the *Book of Doctrine and Covenants*, and follow the precepts of that book faithfully** [the New Testament], and I will warrant [guarantee] you to arrive at salvation” (*Journal of Discourses*, Vol. I, p. 244). **Conclusion:** This is an irreconcilable contradiction. One prophet says their church has nothing without the book of Mormon, but the other prophet says if you leave out the book of Mormon you can have salvation with just the Bible. This prophet gives credence to the idea that the Bible alone is sufficient, another testament is not needed. It also reveals, from the start, their prophets utter confusion and discord over the Bible and its value for their followers. This is one of many examples of Mormon prophetic inconsistency. All through these books are glaring contradictions and unsubstantiated statements. Because Joseph Smith introduced “another” testament or covenant of Jesus Christ, it is without a doubt a false book and he is a false prophet/teacher. Likewise, anyone who teaches or adds to Joseph Smith’s works is without a doubt a false prophet/teacher/and book writer. Mormon teachers are false prophets, which is the next point.

(B) FALSE PROPHETS

Prophets from God or Not?



A copy of an daguerreotype taken of Joseph Smith in Nauvoo, just before his death in 1844, submitted to the U.S. Library of Congress in 1879 by his son.

False Prophecy on Jesus

MORMONS SAY, “Joseph Smith is God’s prophet.”

JOSEPH SMITH PROPHESED IN 1835, “... the *coming of the Lord*, which was nigh—even ***fifty-six years*** should wind up the scene” (*History of the Church*, volume 2, page 182).

JOSEPH SMITH SAID A VOICE TOLD HIM, “ ‘My son, if thou livest until thou art **eighty-five years of age**, thou shalt see the face of the Son of Man.’ I was left to draw my own conclusions concerning this; and I took the liberty to conclude that if I did **live** to that time, **He would make His appearance**. But I do not say whether He will make his appearance or I shall go where He is’ ” (*History of the Church*, vol. 5, p.336).

JOSEPH SMITH, “There are those of the rising generation who shall not taste death **till Christ comes.**” (*History of the Church*, vol. 5, p.336).

JOSEPH SMITH, “... **I prophecy** in the name of the Lord God— & let it be written: that the Son of Man will not come in the heavens till I am **85 years old 48 years hence or about 1890**....” (Joseph Smith’s diary, March 10, 1843—July 14, 1843).

BIBLE SAYS, “**But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone**” (Mk 13:32). “**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 of him**” (Deut 18:22).

Conclusion: Joseph Smith is a boldfaced liar on three counts. First, he claimed to have knowledge of Jesus’ return, even though Jesus prophesied that the Father would not give this knowledge to anyone, not even to His Son, Jesus Christ. Second, he boldly claimed to know when Jesus was returning, even to the point that he specified the year, 1890. Third, what he said did not come true. These are utterly obvious marks of a false prophet. Joseph Smith is not God’s prophet. No one should give heed to him.

Joseph Smith Used Divination

DAVID WITMER, [ONE OF THE THREE EYE WITNESSES TO THE BOOK OF MORMON] “I will now give you a description of the manner in which the Book of Mormon was translated. Joseph would put **the seer stone into a hat**, and put his **face in the hat, drawing it closely around his face to exclude the light**. A piece of something resembling parchment would appear, and on that appeared the writing” (*An Address to All Believers in Christ*, by David Whitmer, 1887, p.12).

EMMA SMITH [Joseph’s Wife], “Now the first that **my husband** translated, was translated by the use of the Urim and Thummim, and that was the part that Martin Harris lost, **after that he used a small stone**, not exactly black, but was rather a dark color...” (Letter from Emma Bidamon, formerly Emma Smith, to a woman requesting information as to the translation of the Book of Mormon, March 27, 1876).

BROTHER TRAUGHBER, “With the sanction of David Whitmer [witness to the book of Mormon], and by his authority, I now state **he does not say that Joseph Smith ever translated in his presence by aid of Urim and Thummim, but by means of one dark colored, opaque stone** called a ‘**Seer Stone**,’ which was placed in the crown of a hat, into which Joseph put his face, so as to exclude the external light. Then, a spiritual light would appear before Joseph, upon which was a line of characters from the plates, and under it, the translation in English; at least, so Joseph said” (David’s testimony to brother Traughber *Saints’ Herald*, November 15, 1962, page 16).

A BAINBRIDGE, NY 1826 ARREST WARRENT FOR JOSEPH SMITH SAID, “Warrant issued upon written complaint upon oath of Peter G. Bridgeman, who informed that one **Joseph Smith** of Bainbridge was a disorderly person and **an imposter**. Prisoner brought before Court March 20, 1826. Prisoner examined: says that he came from the town of Palmyra, and had been at the house of Josiah Stowell in Bainbridge most of the time since; had small part of time been employed by said Stowel on his farm, and going to school. That **he had a certain stone** which he had occasionally looked at to determine where hidden treasures in the bowels of the earth were; that be professed to tell in this manner where gold mines were a distance under ground, and had looked for Mr. Stowel several times, and had informed him where he could find these treasures, and Mr. Stowel had been engaged in digging for them. That at Palmyra he pretended to tell **by looking at this stone** where coined money was buried in Pennsylvania, and while at Palmyra had frequently ascertained in that way where lost property was of various kinds; that he had occasionally been **in the habit of looking through this stone** to find lost property for three years, but of late had

pretty much given it up on account of its injuring his health, especially his eyes, making them sore; that he did not solicit business of this kind, and had always rather declined having anything to do with this business” (*Mormonism - Shadow or Reality?*, by Jerald and Sandra Tanner, page 32).

BIBLE SAYS, “**There shall not be found among you anyone who...uses divination... practices witchcraft... interprets omens, or a sorcerer**” (Deut 18:10). “**Sorcerers...shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire**” (Re 21:8).

Conclusion: Both Old and New Testaments condemn divination. Joseph Smith was involved in the occult and was even in trouble with the Law for it *during* the time that he claimed he was being instructed by the angel Moroni, for in 1826 Joseph was arrested, tried and found guilty by a justice of the peace in Bainbridge, New York. Damning! This is how he without a doubt created the book of Mormon, with a seer stone. That’s like a crystal ball! That’s divination, soothsaying, and sorcery.

Crazy Statements

BRIGHAM YOUNG, [SMITH’S SUCCESSOR] “I have never yet preached a sermon and sent it out to the children of men, that they may not call **Scripture**” (*J. of D.*, Vol XIII, p. 95). “I will now give **my scripture**—“Whosoever **confesseth** that **Joseph Smith** was sent of God . . . that spirit is of God; and every spirit that does not confess that God has sent Joseph Smith, and revealed the everlasting Gospel to and through him, is of Anti-christ . . .” (*Journal of Discourses*, vol. 8, p. 176).

BIBLE SAYS, “By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that **confesses** that **Jesus Christ** has come in the flesh is from God; and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God; this is the spirit of the antichrist” (1 Jn 4:2, 3). **Conclusion:** Being of God, belonging to Him, or being sent by Him, has nothing to do with confessing Joseph Smith, but everything to do with confessing Jesus Christ, accurately I may add. Brigham Young confessed Joseph Smith and his gospel over the Son of God and His gospel, and tried to get others to do the same. Because of this, clearly, Brigham Young was of the antichrist.

BIBLE SAYS, “He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God” (1 Jn 5:12-13) **Conclusion:** Everlasting life has nothing to do with believing in the name of Joseph Smith, but everything to do with believing in the name of Jesus Christ alone.

BRIGHAM YOUNG, “Who can tell us of the *inhabitants* of this little planet that shines of an evening, called the *Moon*?... 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 about it; it was not made in vain” (*J. of D.*, Vol. XIII, p. 271).

Conclusion: These men were lunatics, mad, and crazy! There is so much more to point out about the sinful folly of these men and what they claim to have said in the name of the Lord. But these examples are just the tip of the iceberg of evidence against them and those like them. Next consider some of the twisted false teachings of these prophets, starting with the worst of all, their perverted teaching about God.

(C) FALSE TEACHINGS

The Greatest Issue of Mormonism: God, Man, Salvation & Marriage: Entangled

THUS
SAYETH
THE
LORD!

The Mormon view of God is mixed *inseparably* with man, salvation, and marriage. Obviously, this has led to polygamy here in America, especially in the past when they could get away with it, and now specifically in reference to the eternal realms it is emphasized, promised, and deified.

God Was Man, Man Can Be God?

LDS APOSTLE JAMES E. TALMAGE, “In spite of the opposition of the sects, in the face of direct charges of blasphemy, the Church proclaims the eternal truth: **‘As man is, God once was; as God is, man may be’**” (*Articles of Faith*, Ch.24, p.430 - p.431).

JOSEPH SMITH, “**God** himself was once as we are now, and **is an exalted man**, and sits enthroned in yonder heavens! That is the great secret. ... **I am going to tell you how God came to be God**. We have imagined and supposed that **God was God from all eternity**. **I will refute that idea**, and take away the veil,... It is the first principle of the gospel to know for a certainty the character of God, ...and that **He was once a man like us**; yea, that God himself, **the Father** of us all, dwelt on an earth, the same as Jesus Christ Himself did; ...you have got to learn how to be gods yourselves, and to be kings and priests to God, the same as all gods have done before you, namely, by going from one small degree to another,... from exaltation to exaltation, until you attain to the resurrection of the dead, and are able to dwell in everlasting **burnings** and to sit in glory, as do those who sit enthroned in everlasting power” (*History of the Church*, Vol.6, Ch.14, p.305-6).

JOSEPH SMITH, “**The Father** is a glorified, perfected, resurrected, **exalted man who worked out his salvation** by obedience to the same laws he has given to us so that we may do the same” (*A New Witness for the Articles of Faith*, p.64) “We are precisely in the **same condition** and under the same circumstances that God our heavenly **Father** was when he was passing through this, or a similar ordeal” (*Gospel Doctrine*, p.54).

BIBLE SAYS, “... from **everlasting** to **everlasting**, thou art God” (Ps 90:2). **Conclusion:** God the Father has always, from the beginning to the end, been God & not a man. And He certainly does not need to have, as Joseph Smith said, “worked out his salvation”. God does not need to be saved, man does. It is evident that Mormons teach a twisted “evolutionary” theory about God, that He evolved & progressed, etc., & that we can do the same. Ridiculous!

BIBLE SAYS, “**I am the Lord; that is my name; and my glory will I not give to another**” (Isa 42:8). **Conclusion:** Man cannot become God because He will not give His glory or His name to another.

Jesus Not Begotten by the Holy Ghost?

BRIGHAM YOUNG, “When the Virgin Mary conceived the child Jesus, **the Father** had begotten Him in His own likeness. He was **not** begotten **by the Holy Ghost**. And who is **the Father**? He is the first of the **human** family... Jesus, our elder brother, was begotten in the flesh by the same character that was in the garden of Eden, and who is our Father in Heaven. Now remember from this time forth and forever, that Jesus Christ was **not** begotten **by the Holy Ghost**” (*J. of D.*, Vol. I, pp. 50-51).

BIBLE SAYS, “**Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost**” (Mt 1:18 KJV). **Conclusion:** Jesus was begotten of the Holy Ghost, not by a flesh and blood man, as Brigham Young implied.

God Had Wives on Earth & in Heaven?

ORSON PRATT, “As God **the Father** begat the fleshly body of Jesus, so He, before the world began, begat his spirit. As the body required an earthly Mother, so his spirit required **a heavenly Mother**. As **God associated in the capacity of a husband with the earthly mother**, so likewise He **associated** in the same capacity with the **heavenly one**” (*The Seer*, pp. 158-159). “... God the Father had a plurality of wives, one or more being in eternity, by whom He begat our spirits as well as the spirit of Jesus His Firstborn... *(Ibid.*, p. 172). **Conclusion:** God the Father does not have wives and He does not have intercourse with women on earth or in heaven. There is no such thing as a heavenly mother.

Marriage (s) Eternal vs. Temporary, & To Be Saved?

BRIGHAM YOUNG, “The only men who become Gods, even the Sons of God, are those who enter polygamy” (J. of D., Vol. XI, p. 269). “... I say so to every man upon the face of the earth: if he wishes to be saved he **cannot be saved without a woman** by his side” (*Times and Seasons*, 6:955, April 6, 1845)

JOSEPH SMITH, “**No man can be saved** and exalted in the kingdom of God **without the woman**, and **no woman can reach** the perfection and exaltation in the kingdom of God alone” (*G.D.*, p. 341).

JOSEPH SMITH, “...if a man **marry** a wife, and make a covenant with her for time and **for all eternity**,... they shall [have]... a continuation of the seeds [children] **forever and ever**. Then shall they be gods, because they have **no end**; therefore shall they be from **everlasting to everlasting**,... Then shall they be gods, because they have all power,... and continuation of the lives,... [endless procreation of spirit children]” (*Doctrine and Covenants* Section 132:18-22).

JESUS, “**For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage**, but are like angels in heaven” (Mk 22:30). **Conclusion:** Mormons, like other religions, are promising their followers abundant sexual experience in heaven. But as Jesus said, there will be no marriage in heaven. We will be like angels, and angels evidently do not marry nor do they have sexual functions. It's utterly obvious that the Mormons teach and worship a different god, a god who is not the same God of the Bible. And they, like the Corinthians, do an excellent job at promoting this. “**For if one comes and preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted, you bear this beautifully**” (2 Cor 11:4). Clearly, Joseph Smith is one who came to the world with another Jesus, a different spirit, and a different gospel. Many have accepted this. But you must reject it.

Mormons Contend for Christ’s Priesthood

MORMONS SAY, “Like Jesus, our men can become priests and high priests in the order of Aaron and Melchizedek.”

BIBLE SAYS, “And **no one** takes the honor to himself, but receives it when he is called by God, even as **Aaron** was. So also **Christ did not glorify Himself** so as to become a high priest, but He who said to Him, “**YOU ARE MY SON, TODAY I HAVE BEGOTTEN YOU**”; just as He says also in another passage, “**YOU ARE A PRIEST FOREVER ACCORDING TO THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK**.” (He 5:4-6).

Conclusion: “**No one**” can take the honor on himself to become a priest, much less a high priest. God had to specifically command it, like with Aaron in the old covenant. He mentioned Aaron's name and male offspring only and He specifically excluded all else under penalty of death (Ex 28:1; Nu 18:7). When other men challenged this and tried to take the honor upon themselves, even if they claimed that God specifically called them, they were dealt with severely by the Lord (Nu 16). Besides, there was ever only *one* Aaronic high priest at a time. There were not many, but only one. Likewise, in the one new covenant, only one man was specifically called/named to be a High Priest, especially in the order of Melchizedek, Jesus. Only deity can be a priest in that order. And since only one priest can be high priest at a time, Jesus is it for all time. So then, what will happen to Mormons who take His glory of being high priest upon themselves, even though the one gospel never specifically called their names? They will end up perishing for joining in the rebellion of Korah, and even more so (Jude 1:11), for they equate themselves with the Son of God, deity! Mormons think they can become god. No wonder they are led to believe they can become equal with Jesus as high priest. It's utterly blasphemous! These men are just arrogant devils selfishly contending to be god, like Satan.

Mormons Can Save the Dead?

MORMONS SAY, “The Bible says to baptize for the dead.”

BIBLE SAYS, “**Now if Christ is preached, that He has been raised from the dead**, how do some among you say that there is **no resurrection of the dead**?... Otherwise, what will those do who are baptized for **the dead**? If **the dead** are not raised at all, why then are they baptized for them?” (1 Cor 15:12, 29).

Conclusion: The issue is: baptism for the dead vs. a resurrected Lord? Throughout this context, “**the dead**” refers to Jesus. Is Christ dead or alive, not whether someone should be baptized for the dead? Besides, baptizing for the dead is demonic and occultish! Since some were falsely teaching that there is no resurrection, obviously Jesus would not be alive, but dead. So then why be baptized for the dead? This is the whole point. Here Paul wasn't teaching those alive to be baptized in place of all their dead relatives or any other [i.e. Mormon proxy baptisms], but that Christ is not dead. He first raised the question of Christ being dead, and then went into a *rhetorical* discourse of raising *various* questions, consisting of seventeen verses, about our faith in Christ, if Christ was not raised, but is dead. And he ends his teaching by invalidating our baptisms if the dead are not raised, meaning if Christ was not raised, then why be baptized for Him if He is dead? Obviously, Christ is not dead, but resurrected. So consequently, the argument Paul raised meant that we are not baptized for a dead person, but for a living person, Jesus. We are not baptized for the dead, but for the Living One. The conclusion is this: there is no baptism for the dead. Even if some are noted in uninspired history for doing so, they are mistaken. Mormons twist these Scriptures and take them out of context to create an unauthorized doctrine of proxy baptisms for dead people. They have a morbid interest in the occultish otherworld of the dead which they inherited from Joseph Smith.

WHAT MUST I DO?

Realize & admit that Joseph Smith was a false prophet & the Book of Mormon is not from God. Leave the Mormon church. Be converted to the gospel of Jesus Christ alone, not the gospel of Jesus Christ of the LDS, for they believe in a different god and a different gospel. This means that you must be re-baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit of the Bible alone, dying to your sins and rising to seek after the kingdom of God with those who have done the same (Mk 16:16; Ac 22:16; Mt 6:33). For more studies by Patrick Yanello, go to **FreeBibleStudy.org** For more on Mormonism compared to Christianity, go to **utim.org**, to which I acknowledge special thanks for use of their online resources in developing parts of this tract. All verses from the NASV, unless otherwise noted . May God bless you! Pat

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