

MORMONS—ARE THEY CHRISTIANS?

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As friendly and family oriented as Mormons are, and all the good they do for one another and mankind, Mormons are not Christians and are not destined for Heaven or as the Bible calls it, the New Jerusalem (Rev. 21:2). Mormons consider themselves Christians, but so do Jehovah's Witnesses. We know the Witnesses are a cult, and not a Christian organization, because they teach that Michael the Archangel was Jesus Christ. The Bible, though, states that Jesus is the *only begotten* Son of God (John 1:14).¹ In human terms, to be *begotten* means that the baby has the exact *human* nature of the begetter (the father). Therefore, Jesus, the *only begotten* Son of God, has the exact *divine nature* as His Father. Adam and Eve were created. Cain and Able were *begotten* in the identical 'image' (human nature) of Adam (and Eve). This means that Jesus was never an angel because angels are created beings, and obviously, do not have the divine nature of God. So, the 'Jesus' of the Jehovah's Witnesses is a fictitious Jesus with no power to save anyone.

It doesn't matter how much 'good' a cult does for people, if the nature of their Jesus is false or if they teach a false way for salvation. They won't be happy on Judgment Day. The Mormons teach that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, but *their Jesus* is not the Jesus of the Bible *and their way of being saved* is not biblical or God's Way. The LDS (Mormon) Church adds to its "cult-ness" by teaching that their Jesus has a 'brother' named Lucifer (the Devil), but how can Jesus have a brother if Jesus is the *only* begotten of the Father? The Mormons err greatly, to their eternal damnation.

Mormons have been deceived by Satan through Joseph Smith. Two points, "God the Father was a Man?" and "Salvation," will bring this out and reveal that Mormons are not Christians and are destined for the Lake of Fire (i.e. Hell; Rev. 20:10, 14, 15), along with the JW's and most Roman Catholics.

1. **God the Father was a Man?**—As ridiculous as this seems, Mormons teach that God the Father was once a man, like any other human being, but he became a god through what they call *eternal progression*, and so this man was made a god and given this Earth by other gods, who were also once men. The Mormons call their earthly god, 'heavenly Father.'
 - A. The Church of the Latter Day Saints, known simply as LDS or Mormons (for their "Bible" is really the Book of Mormon and not the Bible), primarily follow Joseph Smith, their founder, and Brigham Young, who succeeded him. On April 7, 1844, Smith gave a eulogy (message/sermon) for a Mormon elder named Follett, known as the King Follett discourse (for the man's first name was 'King'), and among other things, Smith said:
 - B. "God himself was once as we are now, **and is an exalted man**, and sits enthroned in yonder heavens. That is the great secret! If the veil were rent today, and the great God who holds this world in its orbit, and *who upholds all worlds* and all things by his power, was to make himself visible—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.*"
 - C. The Christian Bible states that God the Father was God from eternity past and *nowhere* does it say that He was ever a man. The biblical God, the Creator God, created everything in the Universe through *His only begotten Son*, Jesus (John 1:3, 10; Col. 1:16). The Bible's first verse states:
 - (1) "In the *Beginning* God created the Heavens and the Earth" (Genesis 1:1). It doesn't say that God was given the Heavens and the Earth by other gods or that He became God through eternal progression, neither of which is found anywhere in Scripture.
 - (2) Also, the Hebrew word for *Beginning* obviously implies that the Heavens and the Earth were the first things that God created, and not that there were other worlds or universes before this one, which were inhabited by gods and/or men. Scripture never even hints at 'other worlds' or peoples before this Creation, or gods greater or lesser than the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Mormonism is a form of Greek mythology.
 - D. The Mormon 'heavenly Father' procreated with a 'heavenly Mother' and that's how the Mormon Jesus came

¹ "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth" (John 1:14 NKJV; see also Jn. 1:18; 3:16, 18; cf. Col. 1:f.; Hebrews 1:1-4f.; Rev. 1:1f.).

into existence. *They also had another son*, Lucifer, for the Mormons teach that Jesus and Lucifer are ‘spirit brothers.’ This is beyond the biblical pale and utterly bizarre. The Bible never speaks of Jesus Christ and Lucifer (Satan; the Devil; Rev. 20:2), being brothers. The Bible repeatedly states that Jesus is the *only* begotten Son of God, and so Lucifer cannot also be a *begotten* Son of God. Mormons teach that, “Jesus progressed through obedience *to the status of a god* (prior to his incarnation on earth).”² Like father like son...

(1) The Mormon Jesus only exists in the minds of Mormons and cannot save nor justify anyone. He is as fictitious as the Jehovah Witness Jesus.

E. The biblical God the Father is eternal, meaning that from eternity past He has always existed as God. The Mormon god does not claim that, as he was once a man. The Bible declares God saying: “Thus says Yahveh,³ the King of Israel and his Redeemer, Yahveh of Hosts: ‘I am the *First* and I am the *Last*; *Besides Me there is no God*” (Isaiah 44:6), yet Mormons teach that there are many gods.

2. **Salvation**—In the New Testament, Jesus says to Nicodemus, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is *Born Again*, he cannot *see* the Kingdom of God...unless one is Born of Water and the Spirit he cannot *enter* the Kingdom of God” (John 3:3, 5). Obviously, it’s extremely important to be Born Again, but like Roman Catholicism, which is also a cult because of their teaching that being Born Again means being sprinkled by the priest as a baby,⁴ Mormons are not Born Again because their ‘heavenly Father’ and their Jesus are false entities, and baptism in water is the *sign* that one has been Born Again—it doesn’t cause a baby nor anyone else to be Born Again. It’s not magic water.

A. Lynn Wilder served in the Mormon Temple and as an LDS professor in Utah. She explains what convinced her to leave Mormonism and become a Christian. “During my 30 years as a Mormon, I sincerely believed that mystical ‘spiritual experiences’ aligned me with my heavenly Father, Jesus and the Holy Ghost...When a patriarch laid his hands on my head to give me a blessing...I felt something like electricity course through my body. I was frequently overcome with emotion serving as an ordinance worker in the Chicago Temple or as a professor at the Church’s leading education institute, Brigham Young University. I bore testimony that Joseph Smith restored ‘the only true and living Church.’ I trusted feelings that flowed from these experiences, *not aware that they might be counterfeit*; rooted in what the Bible calls ‘another Jesus’ who teaches ‘another gospel’ (2nd Cor. 11:4). Today, I...test truth” (by reading) “the Bible.” Mrs. Wilder continues, speaking about her son, Micah:

B. “While he was a Mormon missionary, our third son, Micah, read the Bible several times, eventually challenging his Mormon family to do the same. Like cold water in my face, I was stunned to find *profound doctrinal conflicts* between the Bible and the LDS scriptures. As a Mormon I believed the Bible *was missing precious truths revealed in our own faith*, but I wanted to look at it for myself to decide. As soon as I read it I recognised obvious doctrinal conflicts, and I reasoned: ‘*If they teach different terms of salvation, they can’t be the same Jesus.*’ The Bible clearly teaches that salvation is a free gift. One crosses from death to life instantly upon believing in the One who paid for my sins on the cross. *There was no waiting until the end of my life to see if I had done enough.* No Mormon temple works, whose signs, tokens and handshakes are actually Masonic, are required for eternal life...Which Jesus was I to believe? The Mormon Jesus and the biblical Jesus teach a different nature of Christ and, at the very crux of Christianity, *they teach different ways to salvation...*LDS prophet Gordon Hinckley said, ‘The traditional Christ of whom they’ (Christians) ‘speak, is not the Christ of whom I speak.’”⁵

Both these points (the Mormon god and Jesus, and salvation; being Born Again) negate Mormons from ‘entering’ God’s Kingdom. Choose this day whom you will serve! The fictitious Jesus of Mormonism, who has no power to save, or the true Son of God, Savior, Jesus of the Bible. Contact Avram at The SeedofAbraham.net to learn more about the biblical Jesus and how to be Born Again. It’s truly a matter of eternal life and eternal punishment.⁶

² https://www.equip.org/bible_answers/does-mormonism-really-teach-that-jesus-is-the-spirit-brother-of-satan/.

³ “Yahveh” is the personal name of the God of Israel; the God of Creation, found 6,823 times in the Old Testament.

⁴ For why Catholicism is a cult and not capable of having their followers to enter the Kingdom, see, What’s Wrong with the Catholic Church? at <http://seedofabraham.net/Whats-Wrong-with-the-Catholic-Church.pdf>.

⁵ See more of Mrs. Wilder’s testimony and why she left the LDS at <https://www.premierchristianity.com/Past-Issues/2015/August-2015/The-Christian-Why-I-left-the-Mormon-Church-to-follow-Jesus>.

⁶ Matthew 25:46.