

# So What's the Difference?

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Chapter Nine  
Mormonism

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# Chapter Six

## Mormonism: As God Is, Man Can Become

PLUMB LINE: 1 Cor. 15:3-4

Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures...he was buried...he was Raised on the third day according to the Scriptures

# Introduction

- Mormonism is the **fastest** growing and most successful cult in the history of the United States.
- Mormonism is officially known as The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (**LDS**). [<sup>\*</sup>]
- Mormonism reached 10.6 million members worldwide in 1999 (now over 16 million)



<http://abcnews.go.com/blogs/extras/2012/10/05/nightline-daily-line-oct-5-young-mormons/>

Mormons strongly insist that they do not fit the definition of a cult.

Cults:

- Reject the **Trinity**. (Matthew 28:19-20) [\*]
- Cults usually believe that all Christian churches are **wrong** and that their group has the only real truth about God. (So what about all people before 1834) Hebrews 11:1 faith saves not a church. [\*]



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- Cults claim to believe the Bible but they distort its teachings to suit their own peculiar view of mankind, God, the Holy Spirit, heaven and hell, salvation and many other doctrines.
- Cults usually find the source of these peculiar beliefs in their leaders, who claim to have new **interpretations** of the Bible or even valuable additions to it. (What about Jesus as our leader? He is the only one who claimed to be God) [\*]



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- Cults deny that people can be saved by faith in Christ alone.
- They teach their members that they can make themselves right with God through **good works** and through obedience to the doctrines and requirements the cult has set down as "God's will" for their lives. (Ephesians 2:8) [\*]



- Cults are skillful at using Christian **terminology**, but they are not talking the same language as biblical Christians.
- Words like “God,” “Christ,” “faith,” “sin,” “salvation,” etc., mean entirely **different** things to a cultist and a Christian.



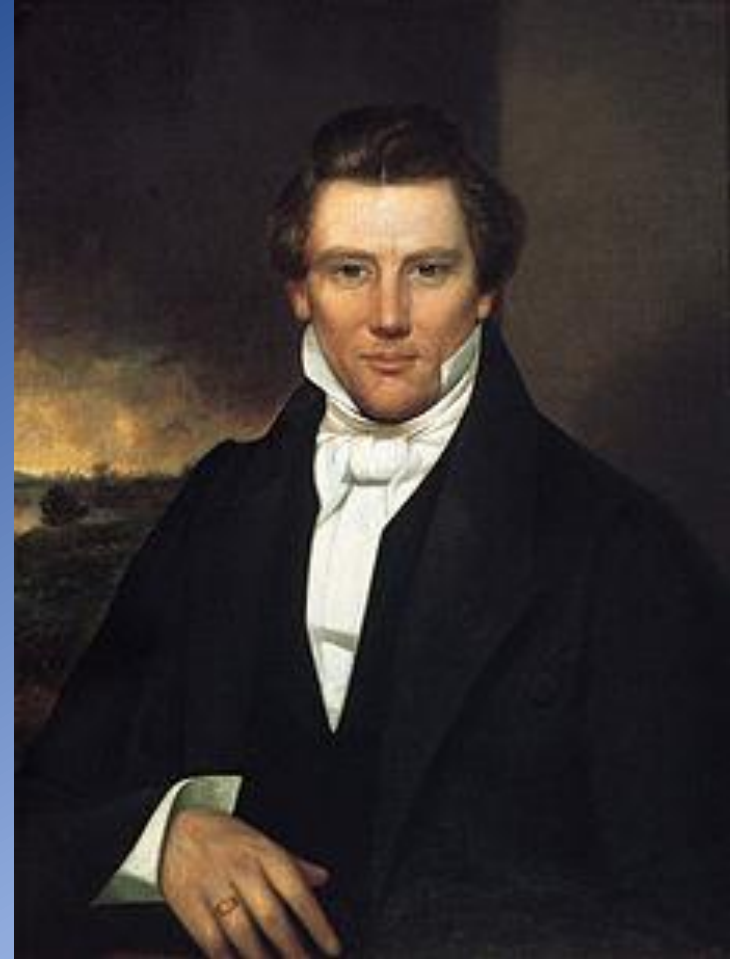
- The first task, then, when sharing your faith with someone who seems to have different ideas, is to define terms.
- Mormonism disagrees with biblical Christianity at many points, but two of the major issues are:
  - What is authoritative revelation (Scripture)?
  - Who (or what) is God?





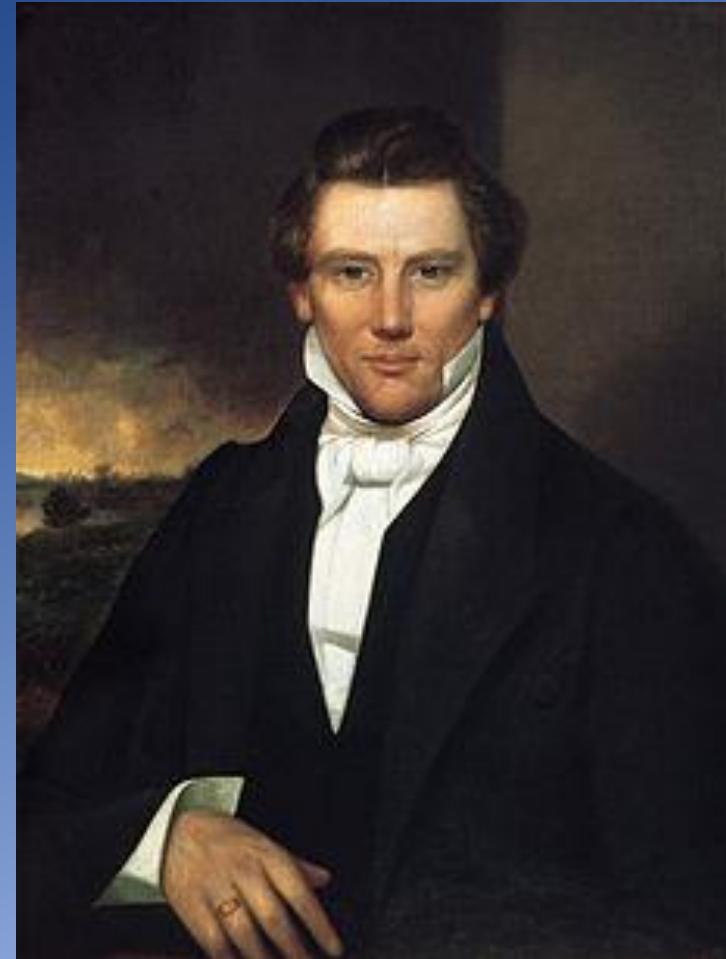
# Joseph Smith, Jr.: How It All Began

- The story of Mormonism started when a 14-year-old boy named Joseph Smith, Jr., had a vision in which two personages-whom he believed to be the Father and the Son-appeared before him.
- [Interesting fact]:
  - Joseph Smith was 14
  - Charles Taze Russell was 18



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- He asked them which Christian denomination he should join, and they told him to join none of them because they were all **“wrong and corrupt.”**
- \*Note: God has always had a people.

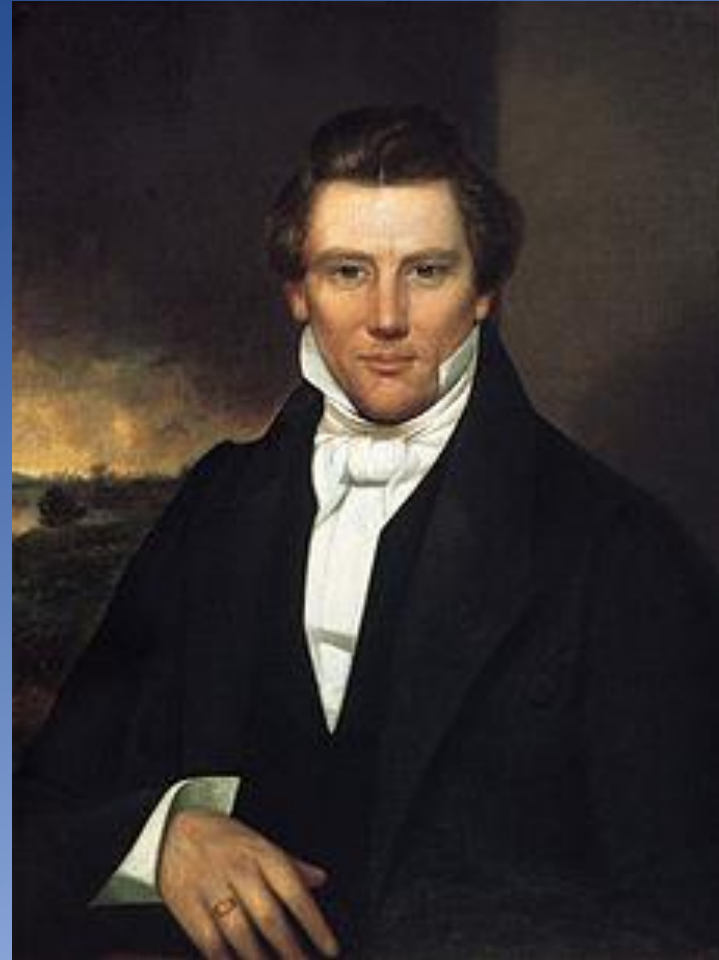


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- “In 1823, Smith, then 17, saw the angel Moroni appear at his bedside and tell him of a book written on golden plates by former inhabitants of the continent that would contain ‘the fullness of the everlasting gospel.’”

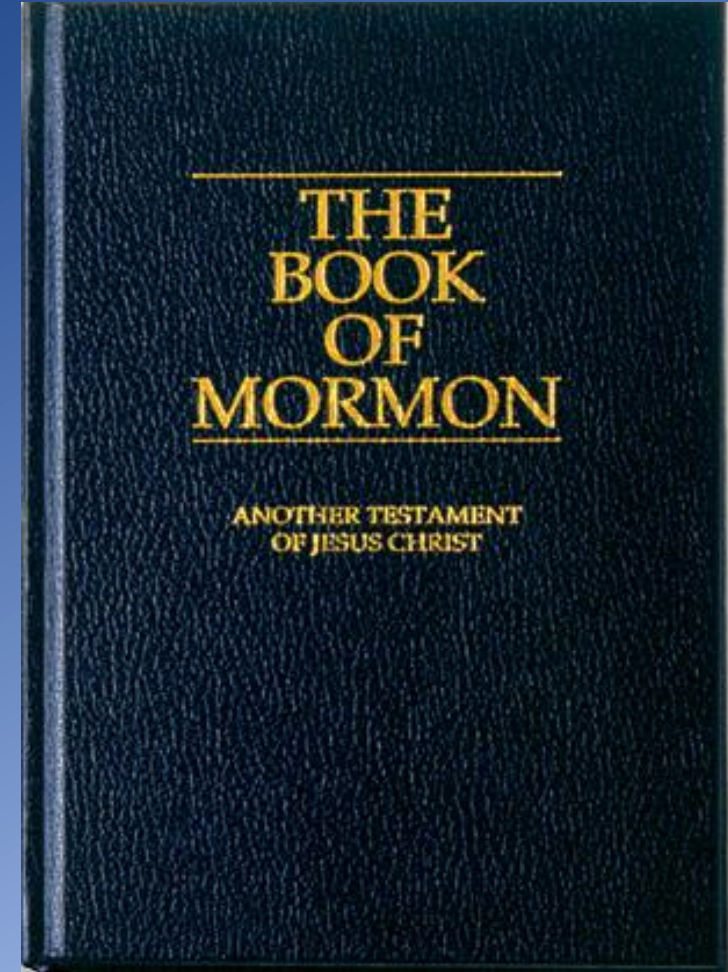
Compare this secret encounter to:

- Exodus 14:21-22; 19:18-19
- Mark 3:9-12 [\*]

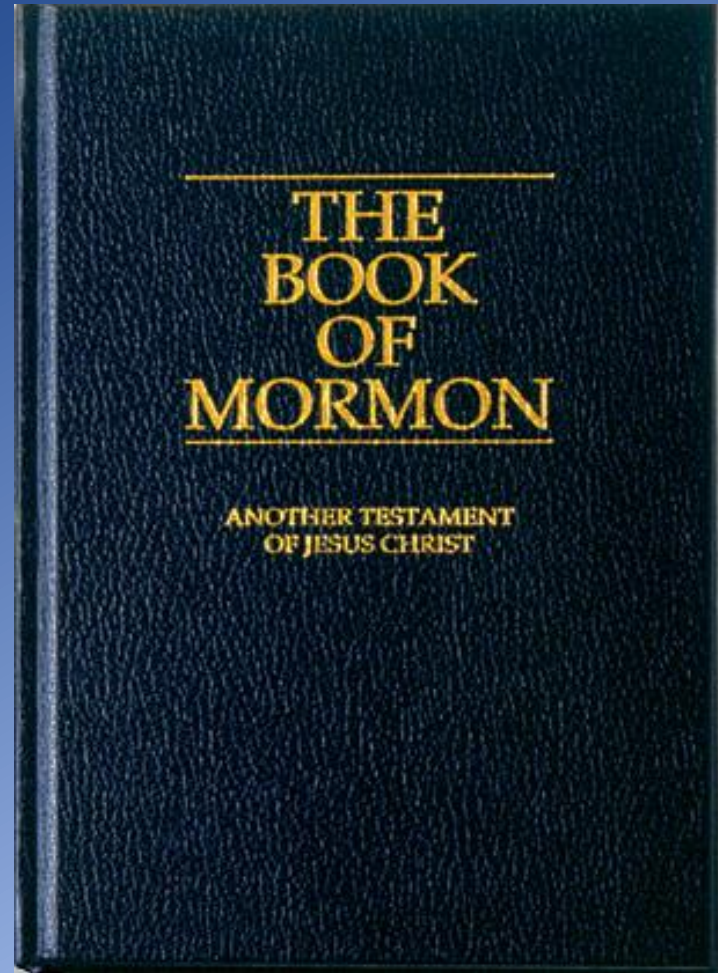


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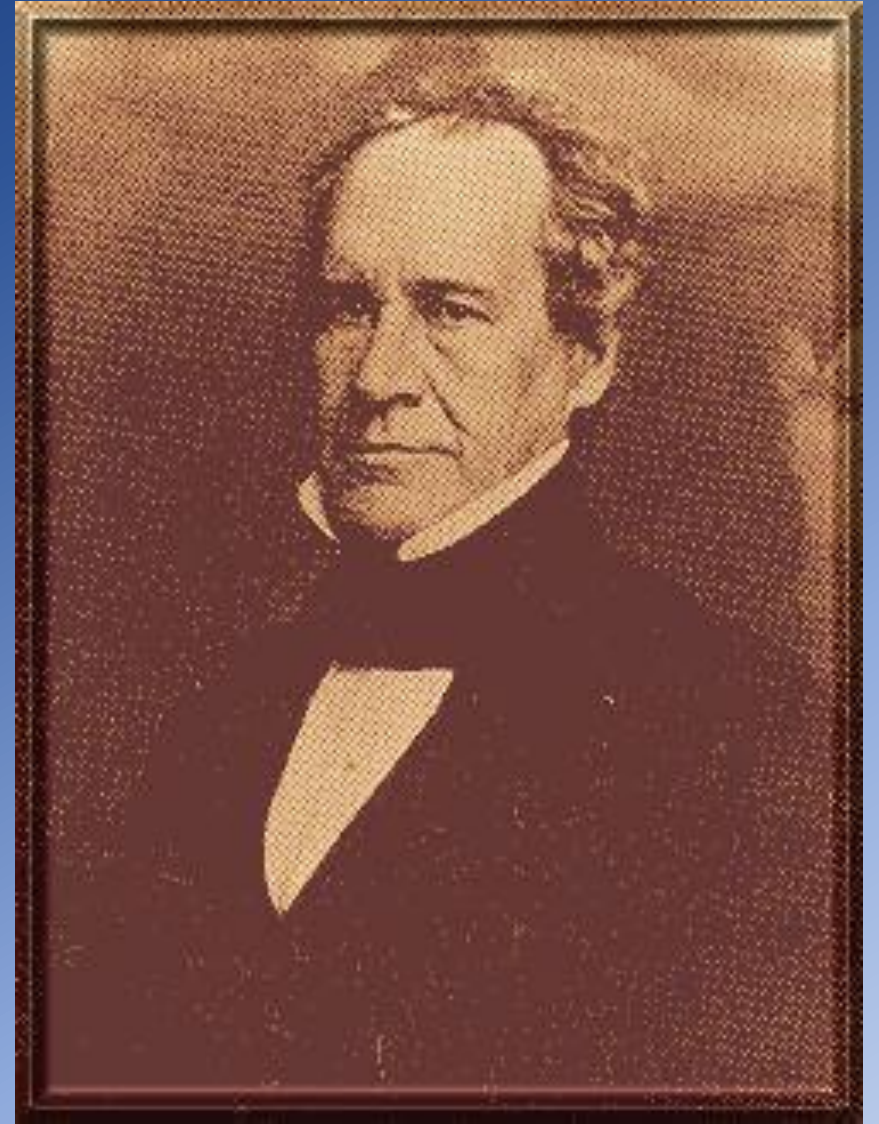
- Four years later, Smith dug up the plates and began translating their “**Reformed Egyptian**” writing with the help of two special stones called “Urim” and “Thummim.” See Exodus 28:30 [\*]
- As Smith translated the plates, he sat behind a curtain, gazing into a hat, supposedly reading lines of the **Book of Mormon** (BOM) as they appeared on “seer stones” and dictating each line to a scribe outside the curtain.



- It should be noted that as a youth and young man, Joseph was a well-known hunter for buried treasure with the aid of a seer (or peep) stone.
- Evidence shows that in 1826 Smith was convicted of “**glass looking**” (using a seer stone), a misdemeanor, because those who did scrying were often con men.

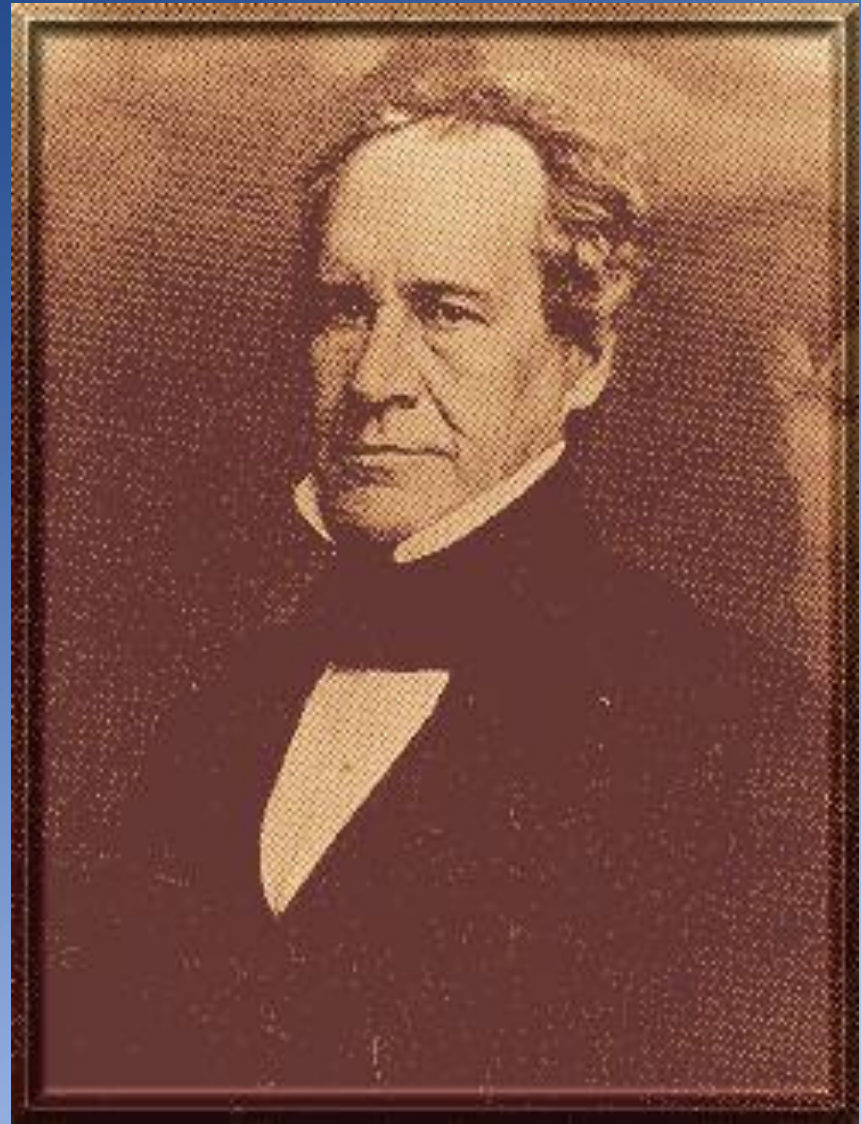


- Martin Harris, a wealthy farmer assisting Smith, decided to check and see if the plates and translation were genuine.
- He showed a sample to Professor Charles Anthon of Columbia College and reported back to Smith that Anthon recognized the characters he had been shown as “Egyptian, Chaldaic, Assyriac, and Arabic,” and that the translation was “correct.”

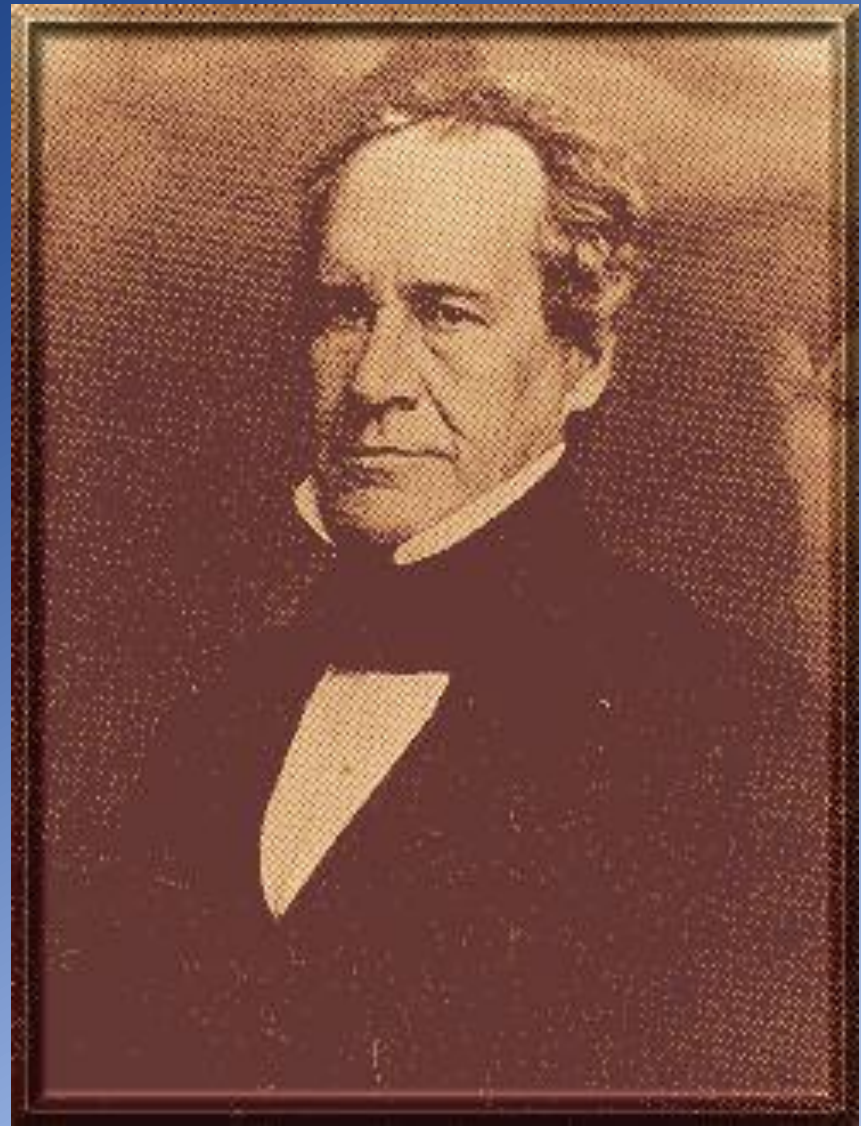


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- Anthon later learned of Harris's report and wrote a lengthy letter to Mr. E.D. Howe, a prolific researcher of Joseph Smith and the origins of **Mormonism**.

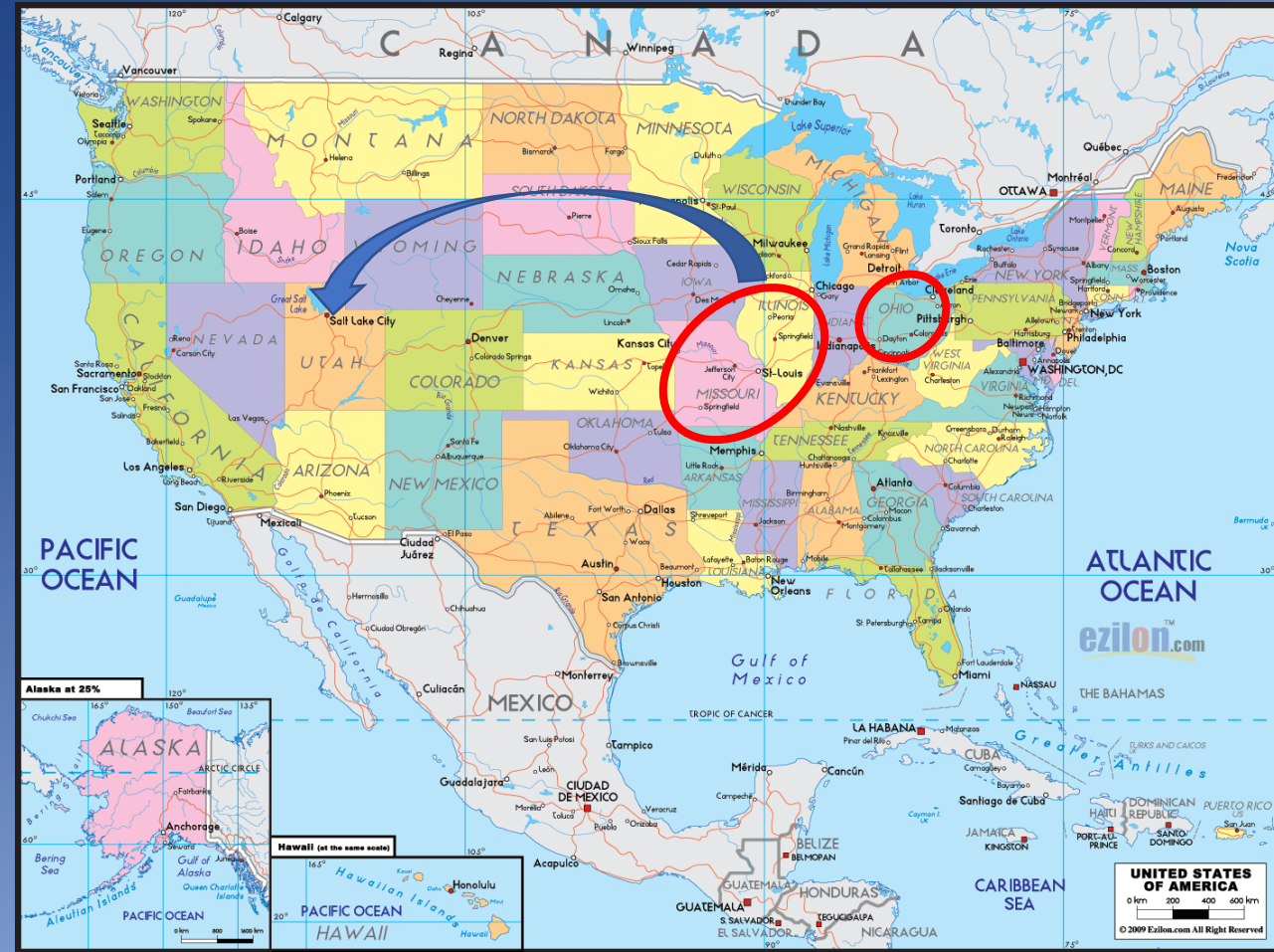


- The gist of Anthon's letter to Howe was, "The whole story about my having pronounced the Mormonite inscription to be 'Reformed Egyptian hieroglyphics' is perfectly false." Anthon well remembered 'that the paper contained **anything else but** 'Egyptian hieroglyphics.'"





- By 1830, Smith had published the BOM, financed by Martin Harris. From 1831 to 1844, Smith established Mormon strongholds in Ohio, Missouri and Illinois. Wherever they went, the Mormons drew hostility and **persecution**.
- Note: The Bible contains 66 books written by 40 authors with no contradictions.



<https://www.ezilon.com/maps/north-america/united-states-of-america-maps.html>

- From the early 1830s to the early 1840s, Smith continued to receive **revelations** that guided him in where to go and what to do next. The books of revelations are titled *Book of Commandments* and *Doctrine and Covenants* which would become “inspired Scripture” alongside the BOM.



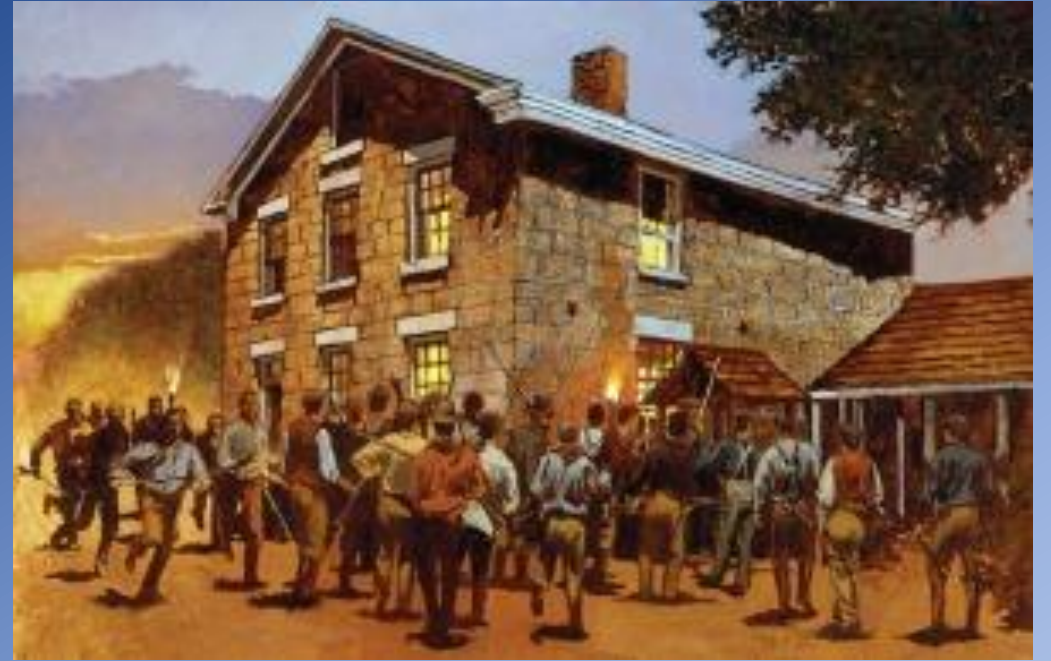
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- By 1838, the Mormons had been driven completely from Missouri into **Illinois**. He established the thriving city of Nauvoo. It was here that Smith came up with revelations concerning the Godhead, origin and destiny of the human race, eternal progression, baptism for the dead, plural marriage (polygamy) and sacred temple ordinances.

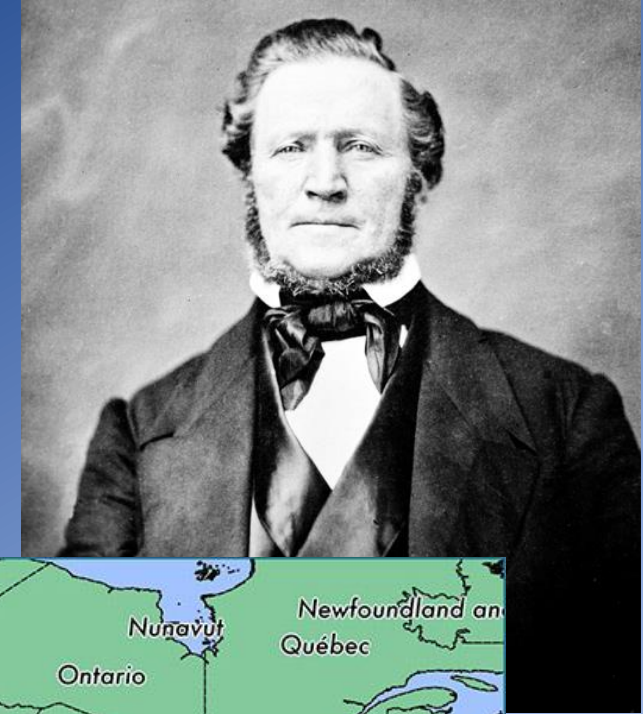


- Smith landed in jail for his views. A crowd of around 200 attacked the building, and a gunfight erupted. Smith died in this battle while using a six-shooter. Mormons believe that he died as a “Christian martyr.”

See Matthew 28:5-7 [\*]



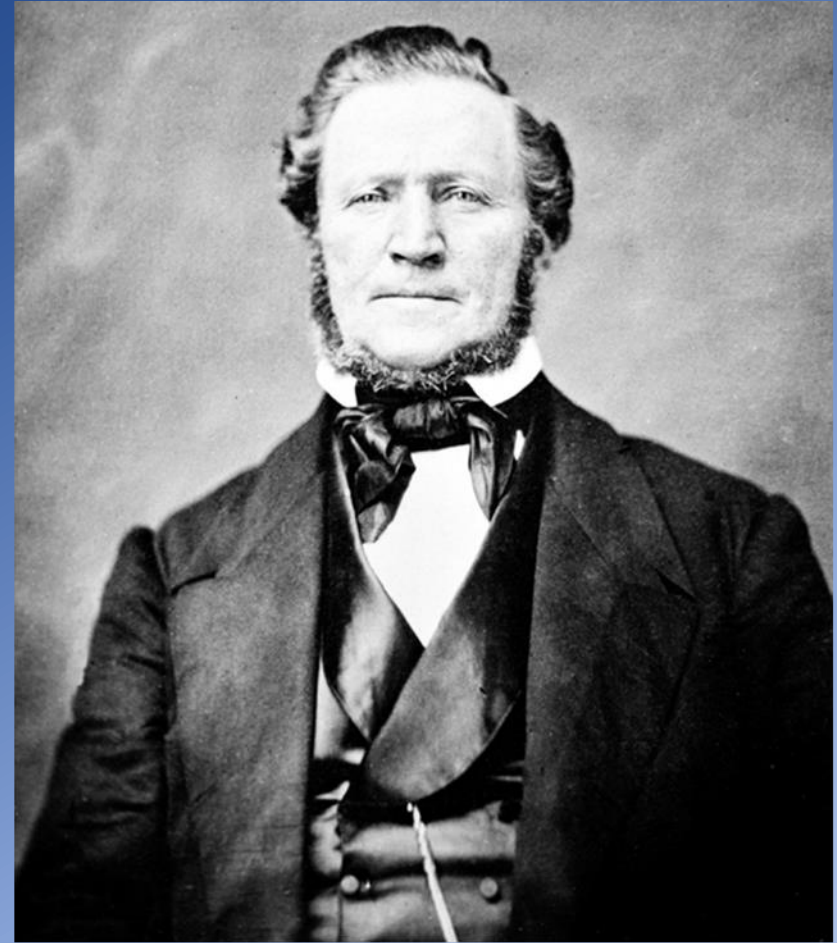
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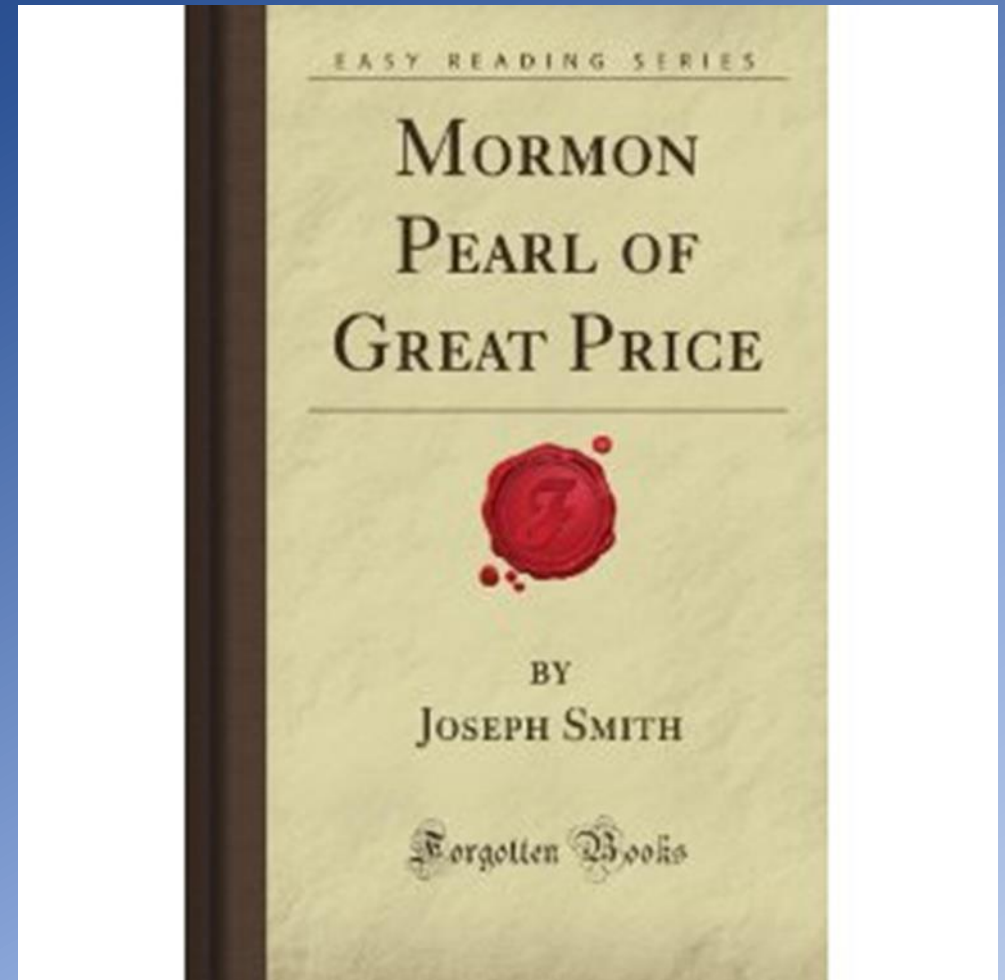
- Following Joseph Smith's death, **Brigham Young** won a power struggle for leadership and led a large number of LDS west, where they settled in the Valley of the Great Salt Lake in 1847. Under Young, **polygamy** became a formal practice of the church, and he himself had 20 wives and fathered 57 children.



- Despite all their troubles with the **United States** government over polygamy, the Latter Day Saints built a prosperous church and society under the ironfisted rule of Brigham Young, who taught that Jesus had been conceived through literal sexual relations between God the Father and the Virgin Mary.



- Mormonism bases their definition of “Christian” on four “**standard works**” of Scripture. Besides the Bible, Mormons trust the BOM, *Doctrine and Covenants* and the *Pearl of Great Price* as containing the word of God.
- The LDS Church claims the biblical canon never closed and revelation continued with **Joseph Smith**, as well as other presidents/prophets of the church, right up to the present day.



# Is The Book Of Mormon Correct?

- The BOM covers the history of two great civilizations, which supposedly arrived in America from the Middle East around 600 B.C. Two great nations, the Nephites and the Lamanites, fought intermittently over many centuries.
- This would have been the time period of Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and Daniel-no mention of these nations in Hebrew history.



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- Most of the BOM was allegedly put down on gold plates by **Mormon**, commander in chief of the Nephites.
- After completing his part of the account, Mormon gave the plates to his son, Moroni, who hid them in the Hill Cumorah after adding a few words of his own.



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- The Nephites then fought the Lamanites to the death and all were killed. The Lamanites went on to become the “principal ancestors of the **American Indians**.”
- The BOM speaks of at least **38** “mighty cities,” these cities have never been found.

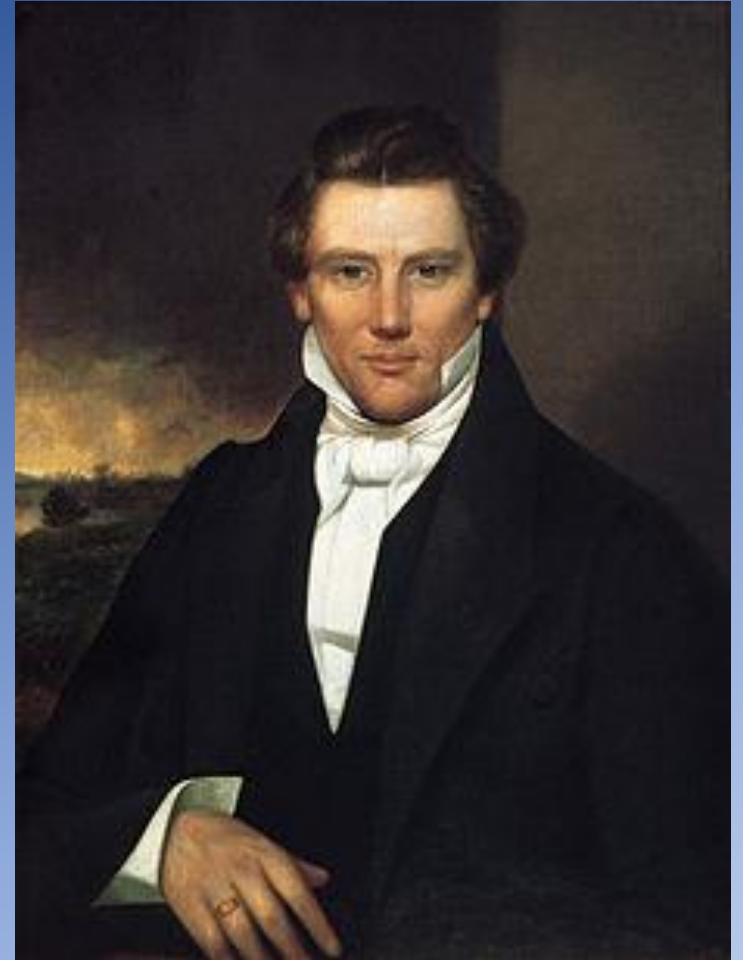


- No institution of higher learning in America except Brigham Young University tries to substantiate or support the BOM.
- There are no manuscripts for the BOM. According to Joseph Smith, the gold plates were taken back by the angel Moroni, and Mormons simply rely on his “word as a prophet.”



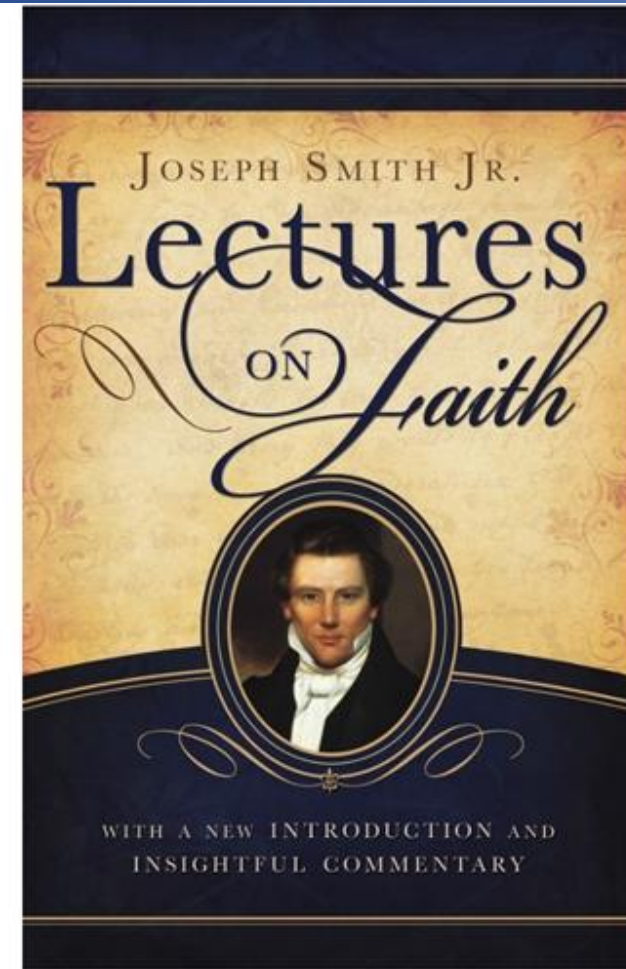
# Mormon Theology Goes Beyond The BOM

- Joseph Smith claimed that the BOM was the most **complete** book on Earth and that it contains “the fullness of the gospel.” He then added 13 key Mormon doctrines in *Doctrine and Covenants* that aren’t found anywhere in the BOM. See Deuteronomy 18:22 [✳]



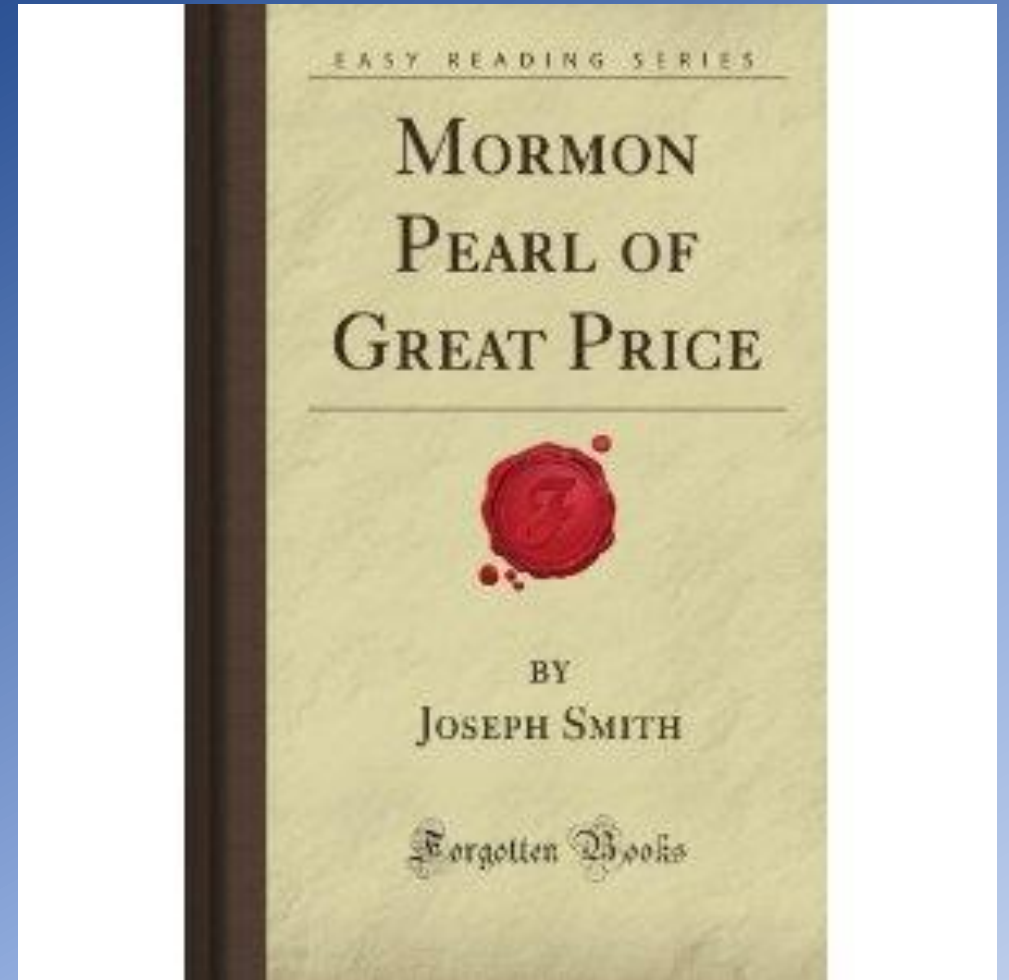
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- Mormon Church officials have made many changes themselves, including deletion of “Lectures of Faith,” in which Smith clearly taught that God has no beginning or end and is unchangeable-direct contradictions of what Mormon theology teaches today.

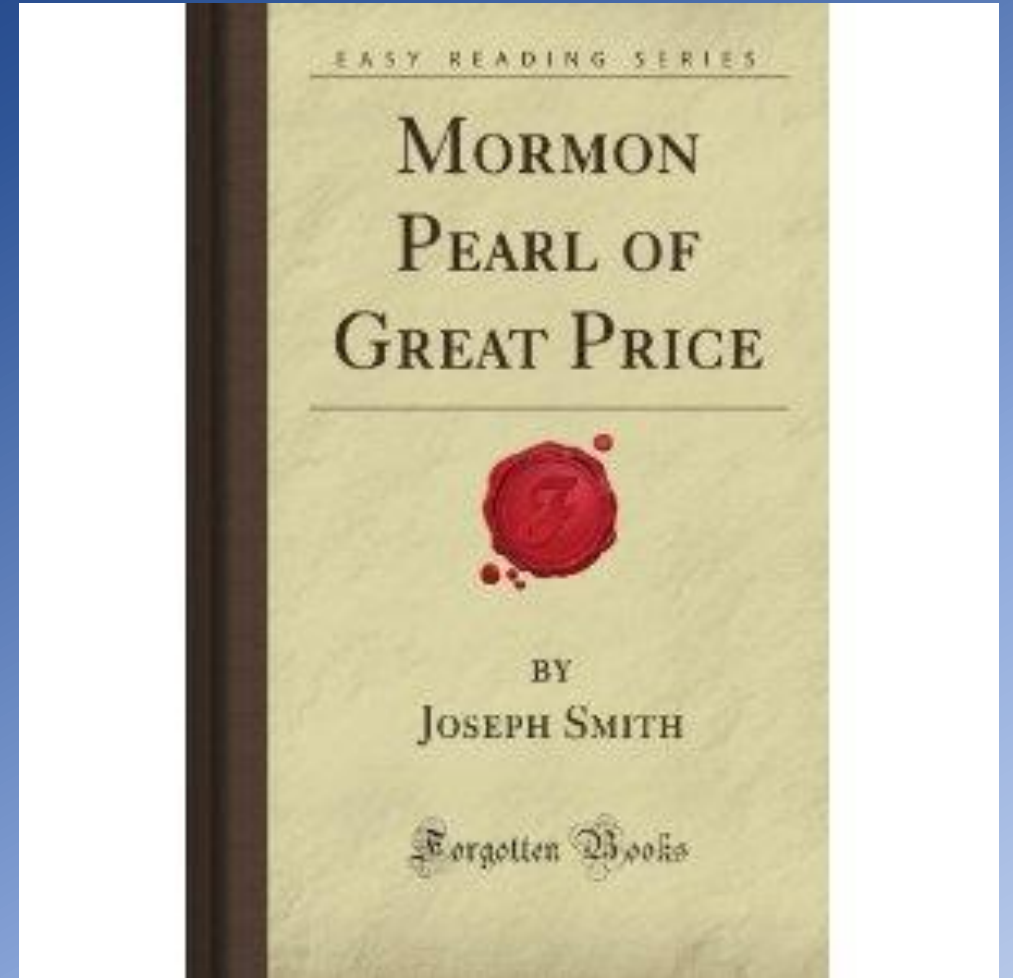


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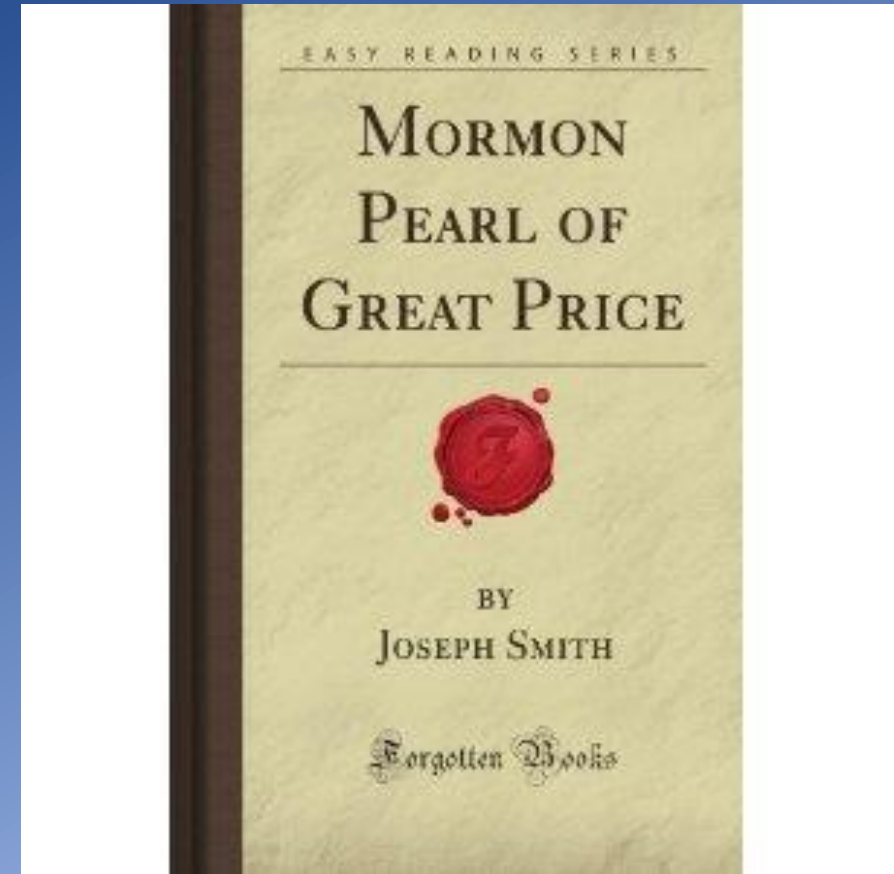
- The PGP was translated (in part) from **papyri fragments**, which Smith bought, along with some Egyptian mummies, from a traveling lecturer in 1835.
- According to Smith, the Egyptian hieroglyphics on the parchment were a record of writings by Abraham while he was in Egypt.



- These fragments turned up in 1967. Investigation of the fragments by Mormon and non-Mormon Egyptologists showed that the papyri contained nothing more than an Egyptian **funeral text** with instructions to embalmers.



- Undismayed by this scientific evidence, *The Encyclopedia of Mormonism* unblushingly states that when Smith looked at the Egyptian hieroglyphics on the piece of papyrus, he “sought revelation from the Lord” and “received the **Book of Abraham**” (part of the Pearl of Great Price).

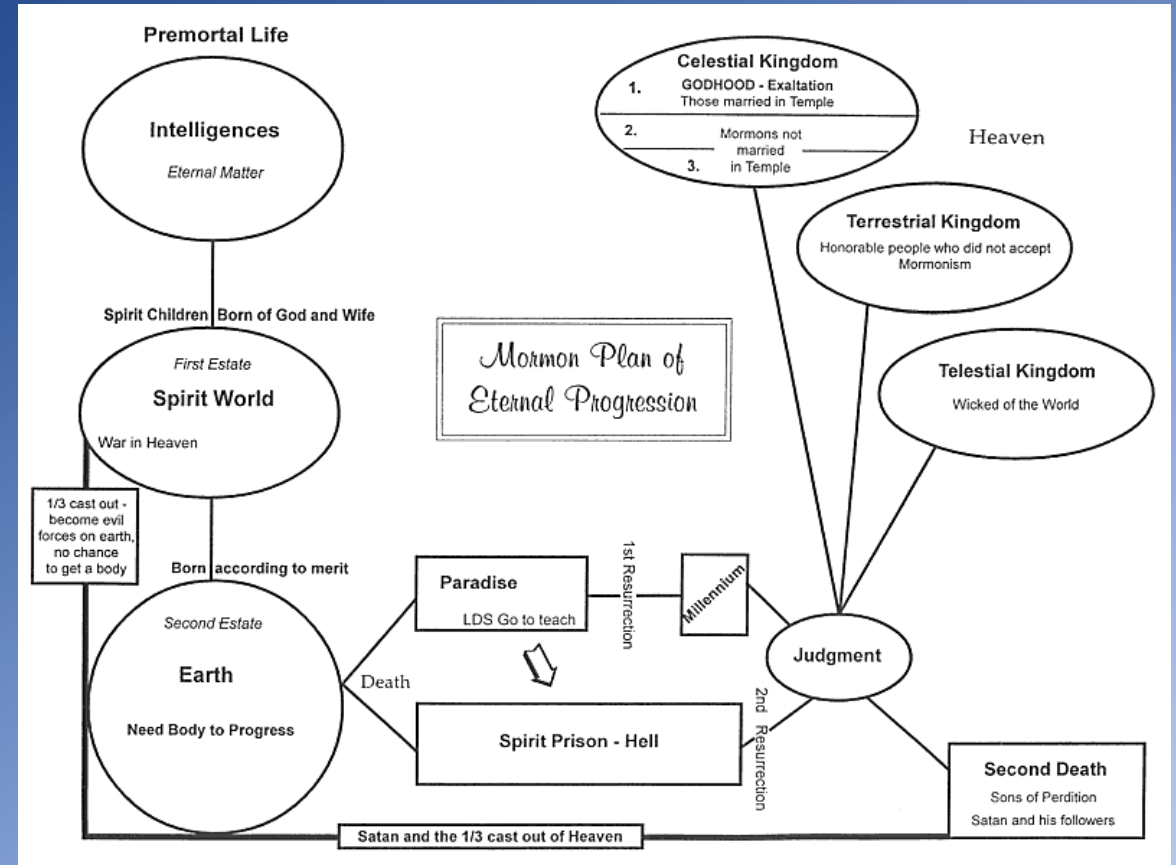


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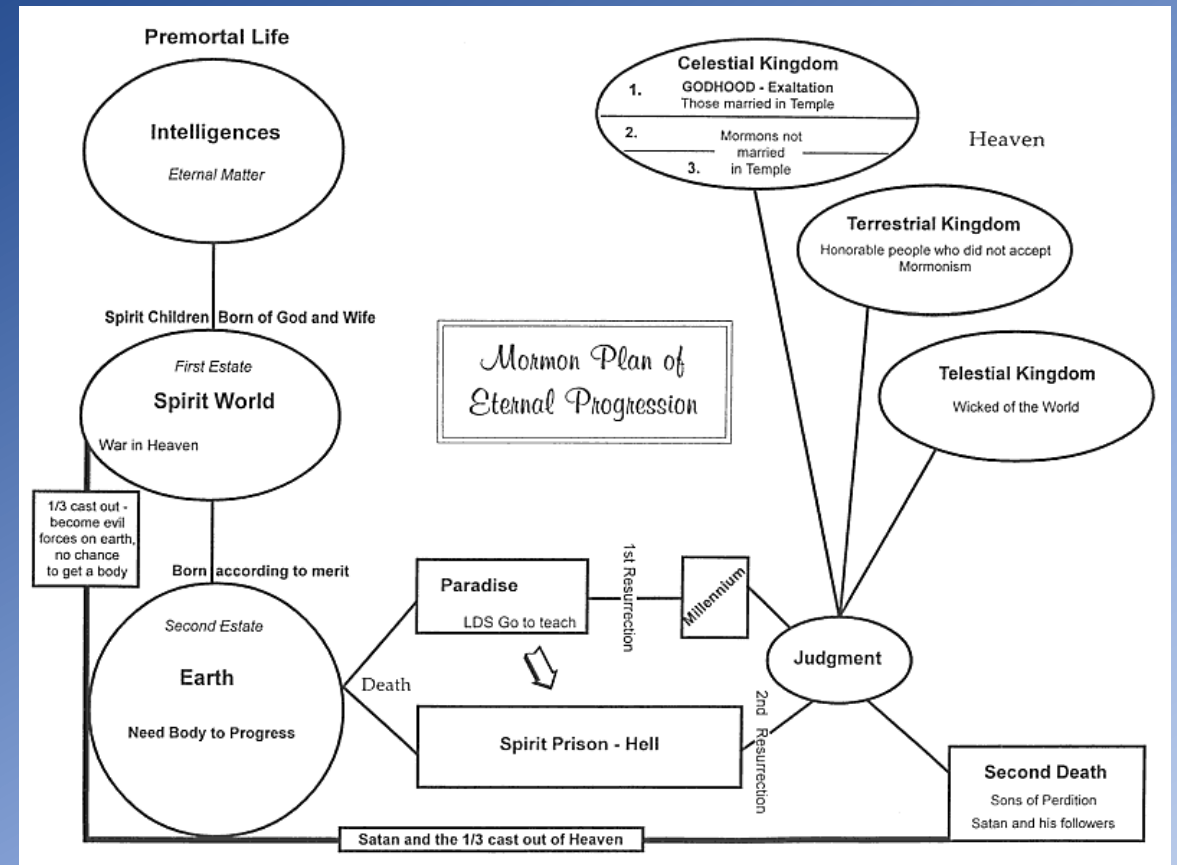


# Eternal Progression: Heart Of Mormonism

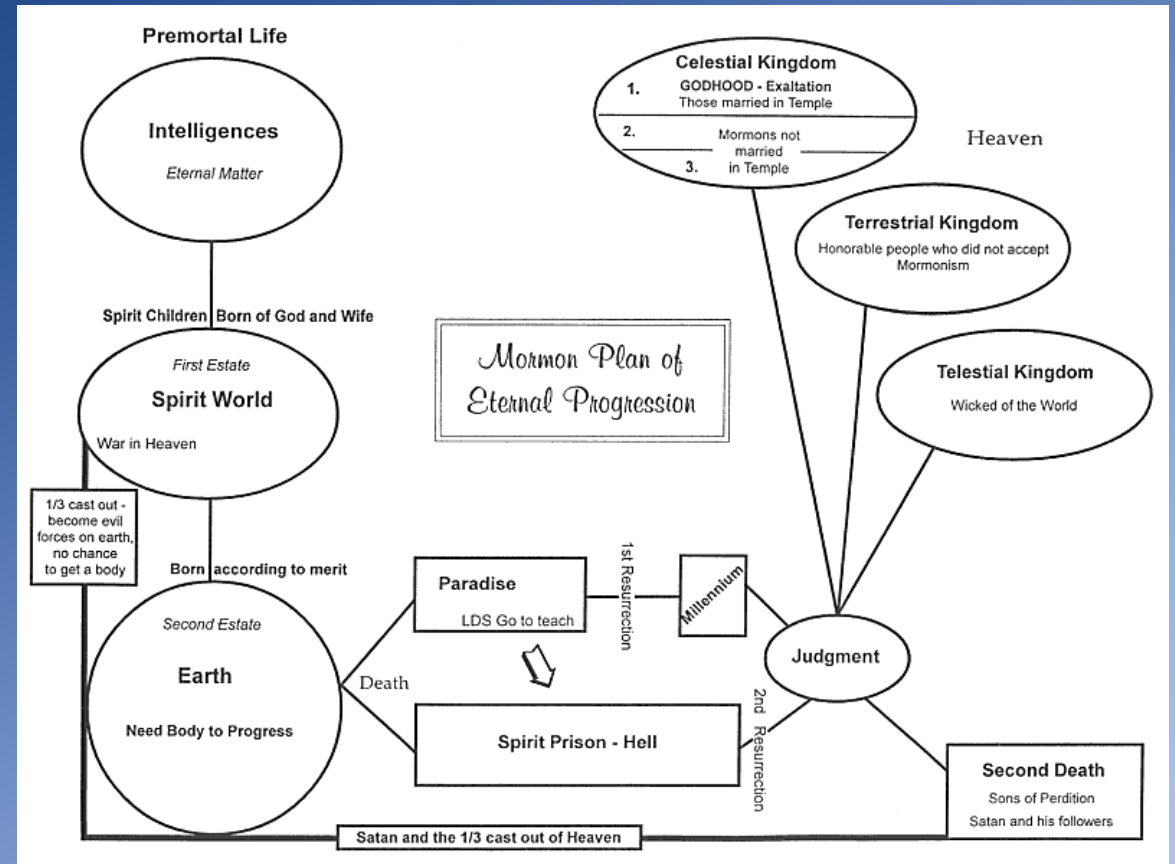
- The Mormon's believe that God is "progressive," having attained His exalted state by advancing along a path that His children (Mormons) are permitted to follow. "As man is, God once was: as God is, man may be."



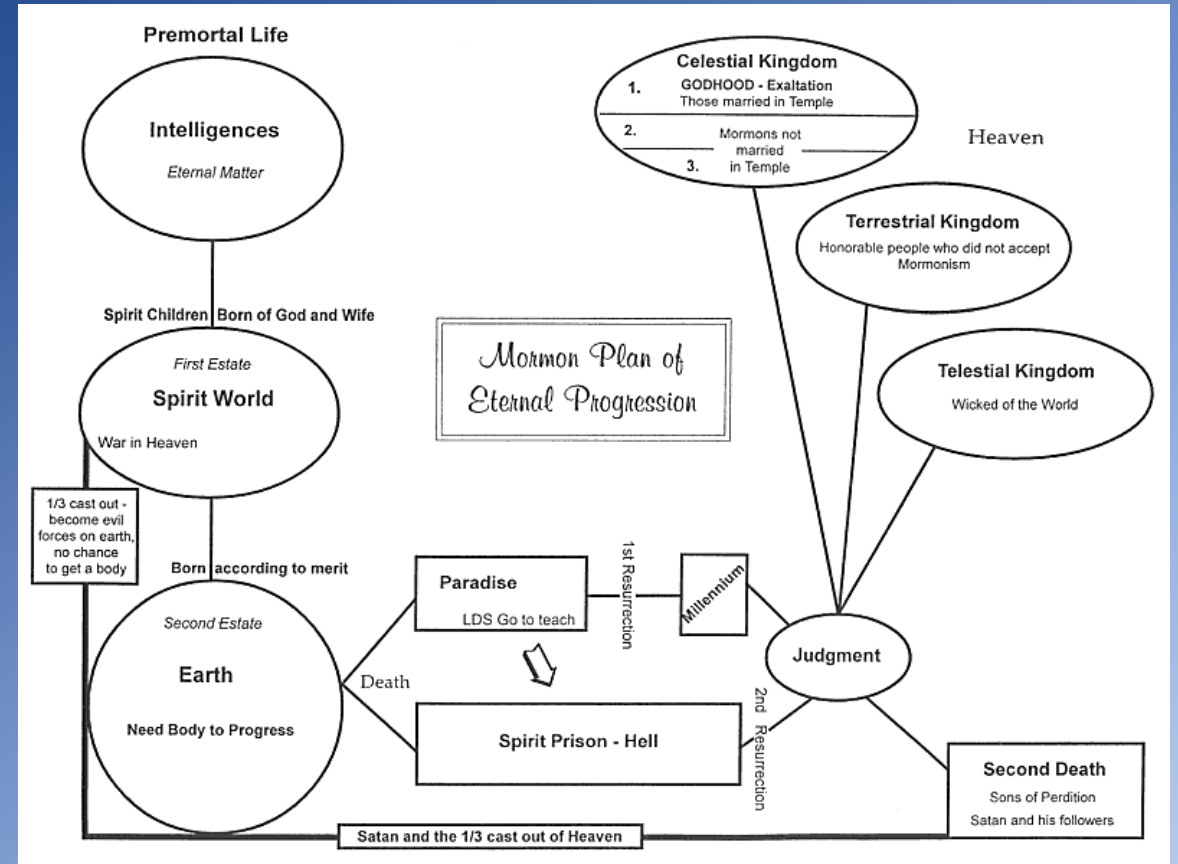
- Mormons believe that Father-God, the present God of our universe, was **created**, he became a spirit-being who grew to full maturity and was then sent to a planet other than Earth where he lived as a man.



- Having attained **Godhood**, he returned to a heavenly abode with a body of flesh and bones, where he joined with his goddess wife (Mother-God) to have millions of spirit children who would eventually populate planet Earth.
- Jesus was the firstborn of the **spirit children**. Lucifer was Jesus' brother.



- Mormon apostles strongly imply that Jesus did **marry** and commit polygamy being wed to Mary, Martha and the other Mary during the wedding at Cana. They teach that Jesus had children by the women he married before He died on the cross.



- Just like Jesus, all those who are born to Earth come from the spirit world where they have been **waiting** in the preexistence for their turn at earthly experience. If they take part in celestial marriage (being married in a Mormon temple), a man and his wife can eventually have their own **planet**.



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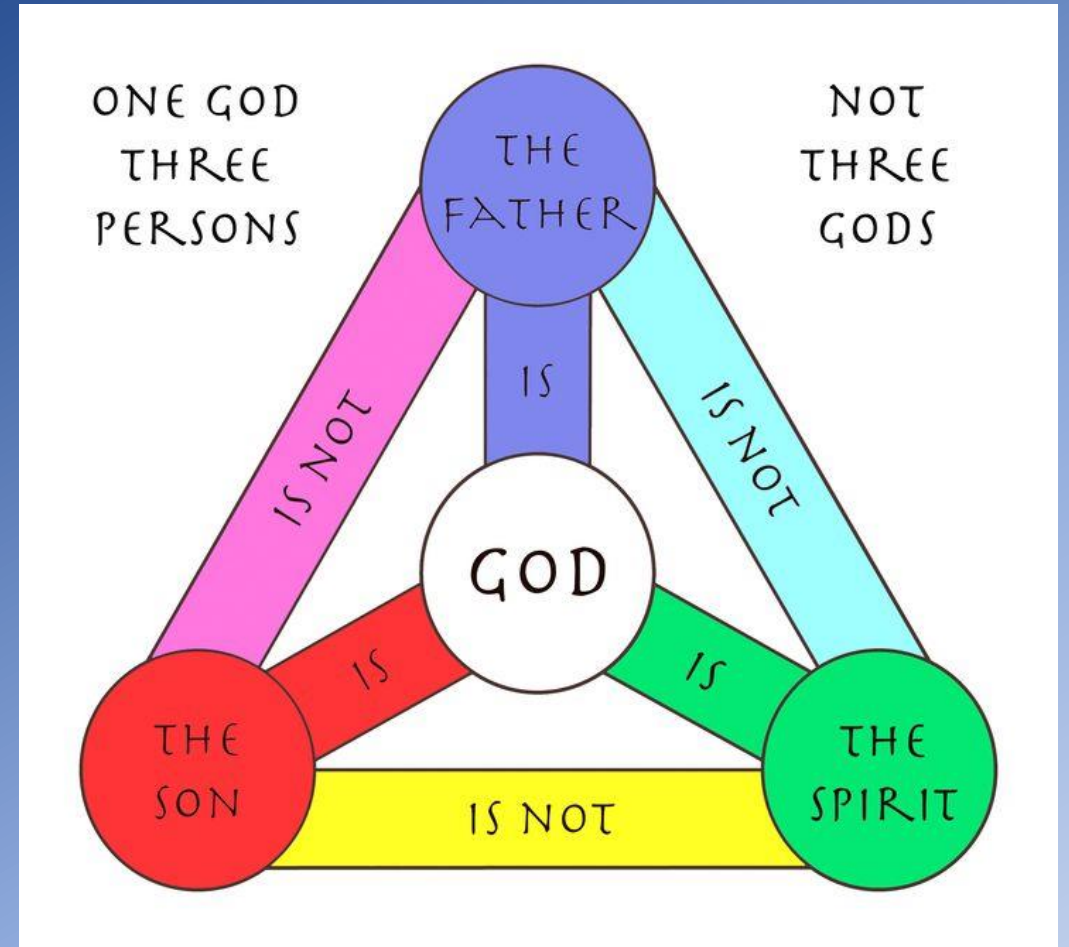
- Mormons believe that there are many gods (**polytheism**). Smith taught, “You have got to learn to become Gods yourselves...the same as all Gods have done before you-namely, by going from one small degree to another.” The Bible, however clearly teaches, “Before me no god was formed, nor will there be one after me” (Isa. 43:10); “I am God, and not **man**” (Hos. 11:9); “I the Lord do not change” (Mal. 3:6).



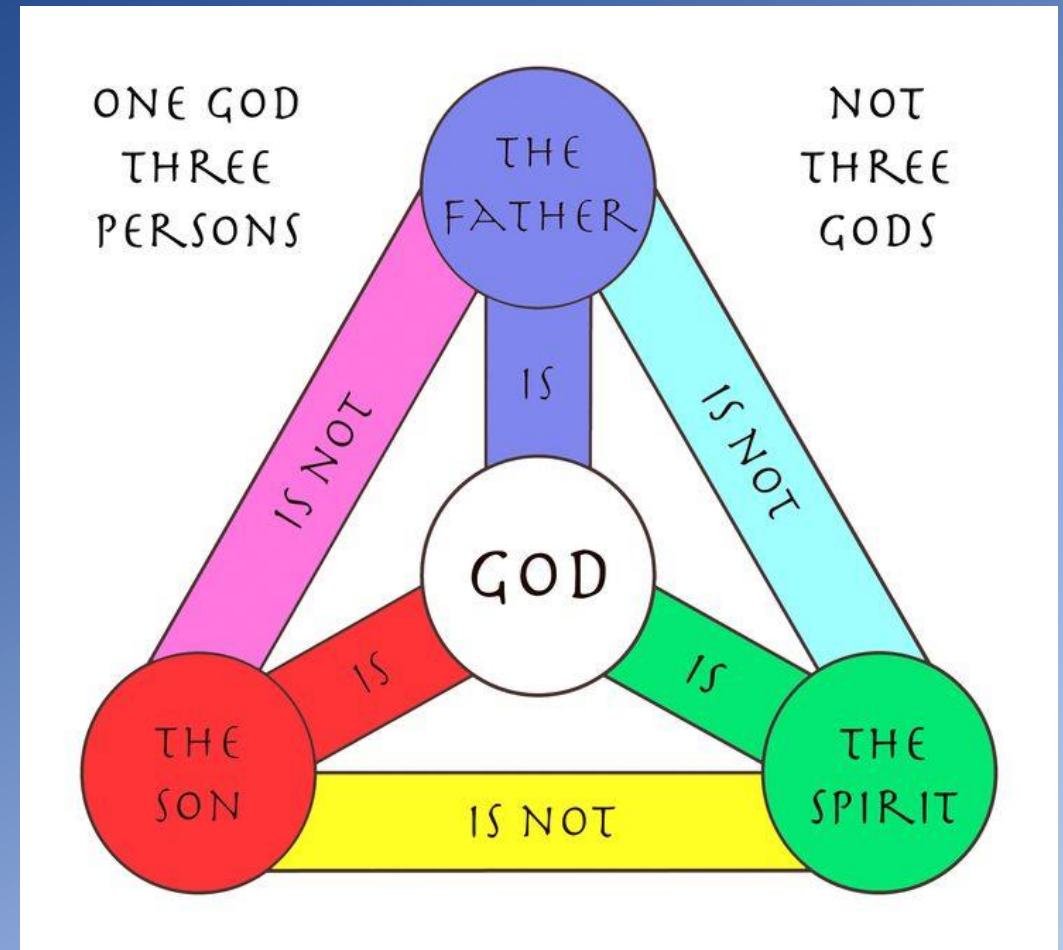
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# Other Major Mormon Errors

- The Trinity is made up of three Gods. Smith made light of the **Trinity**, saying, “It would make a strange God anyhow. He would be a giant or a monster.” [Disbelieving the Trinity is similar to Jehovah’s Witnesses].
- Salvation comes in two parts: general and individual.



- General salvation is what Mormons mean when they say, “We believe that through the **atonement** of Christ, all mankind may be saved.”
- General salvation is given regardless of a person’s actions or beliefs.





- Because Christ's atonement paid for Adam's sins only, people are still responsible for their personal sins.
- Christ's atonement provides the **opportunity**, then, to earn individual salvation by obeying the laws and ordinances of the gospel (i.e., the teachings of the LDS church).



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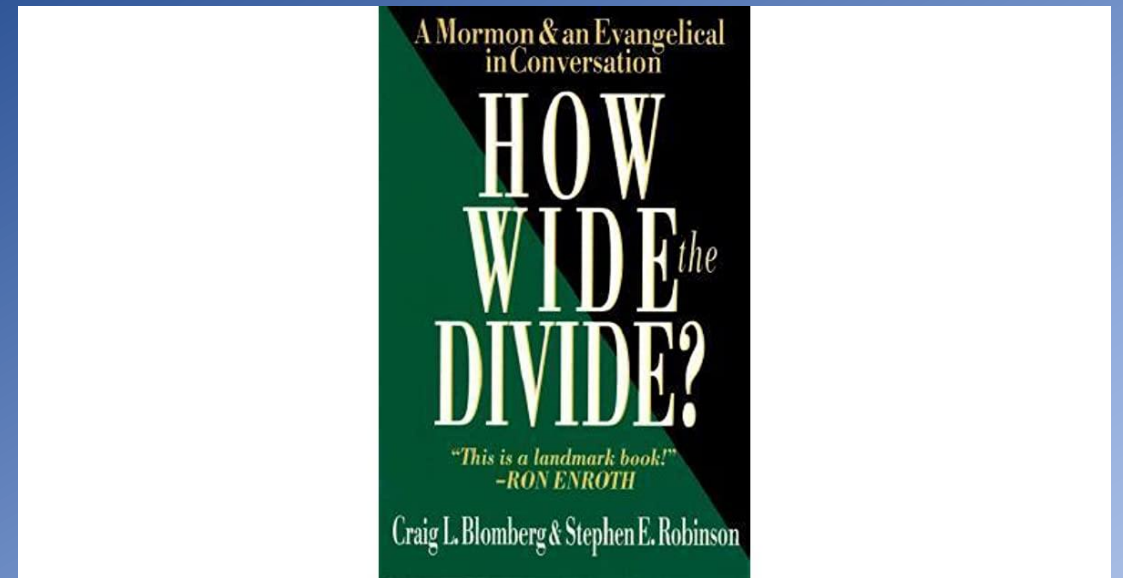
- Mormons list **eight** requirements that must be met if a person is to merit forgiveness from personal sins and thereby attain godhood.
- Some of these include: faith in Christ, being baptized, becoming a member of the LDS church, keeping the commandments, doing temple work and accepting **Joseph Smith** and his successors as “God’s mouthpiece.”



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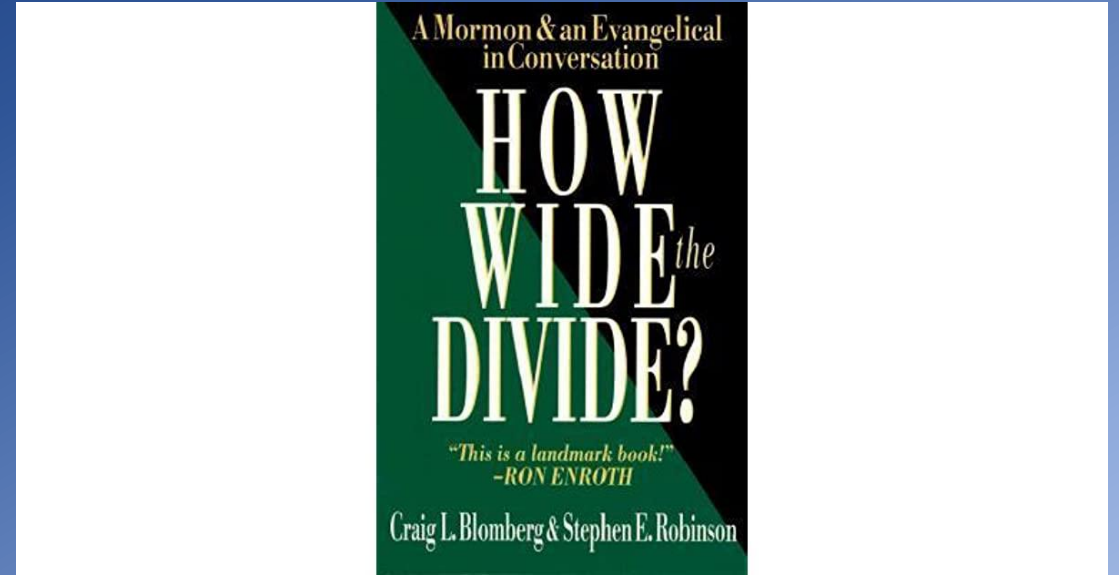
# How Wide Is The Divide?

- *How Wide the Divide?*  
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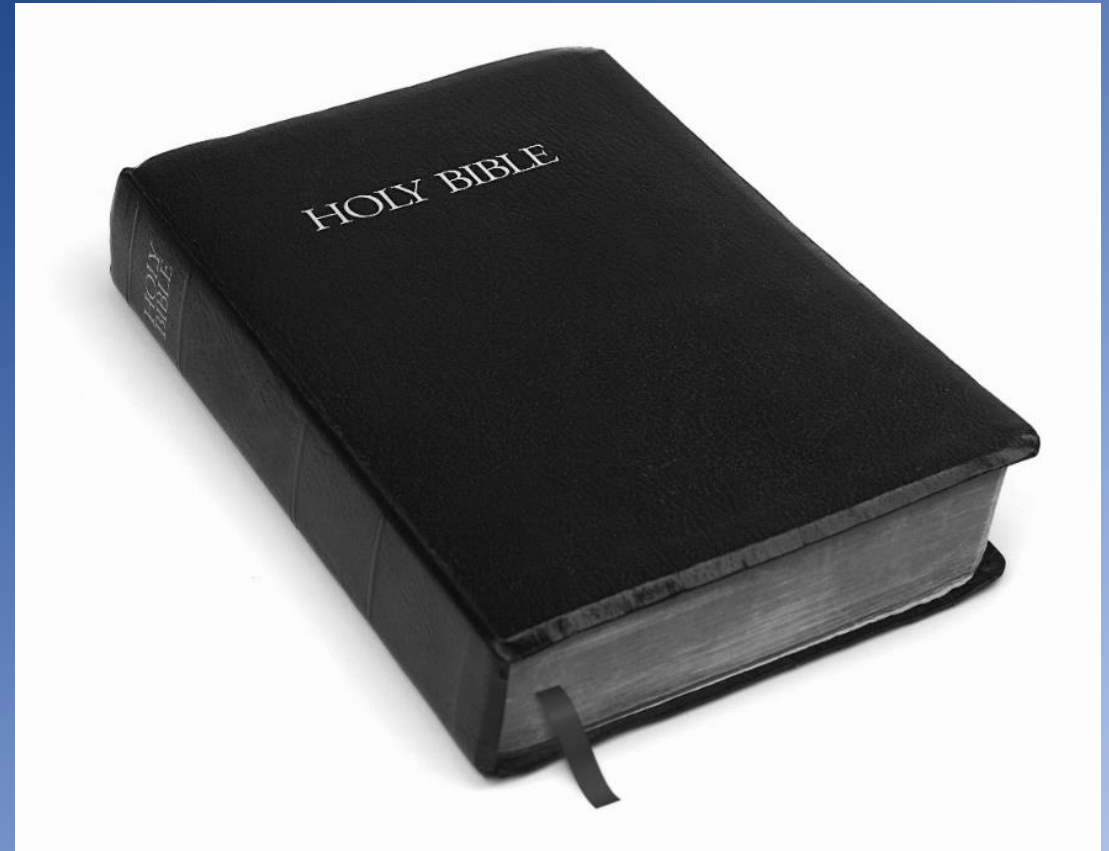
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- As he dialogues with Blomberg, Robinson corrects, “interprets” or **dismisses** as speculative almost all of earlier Mormon teachings used as examples of what Mormons have believed since 1830.

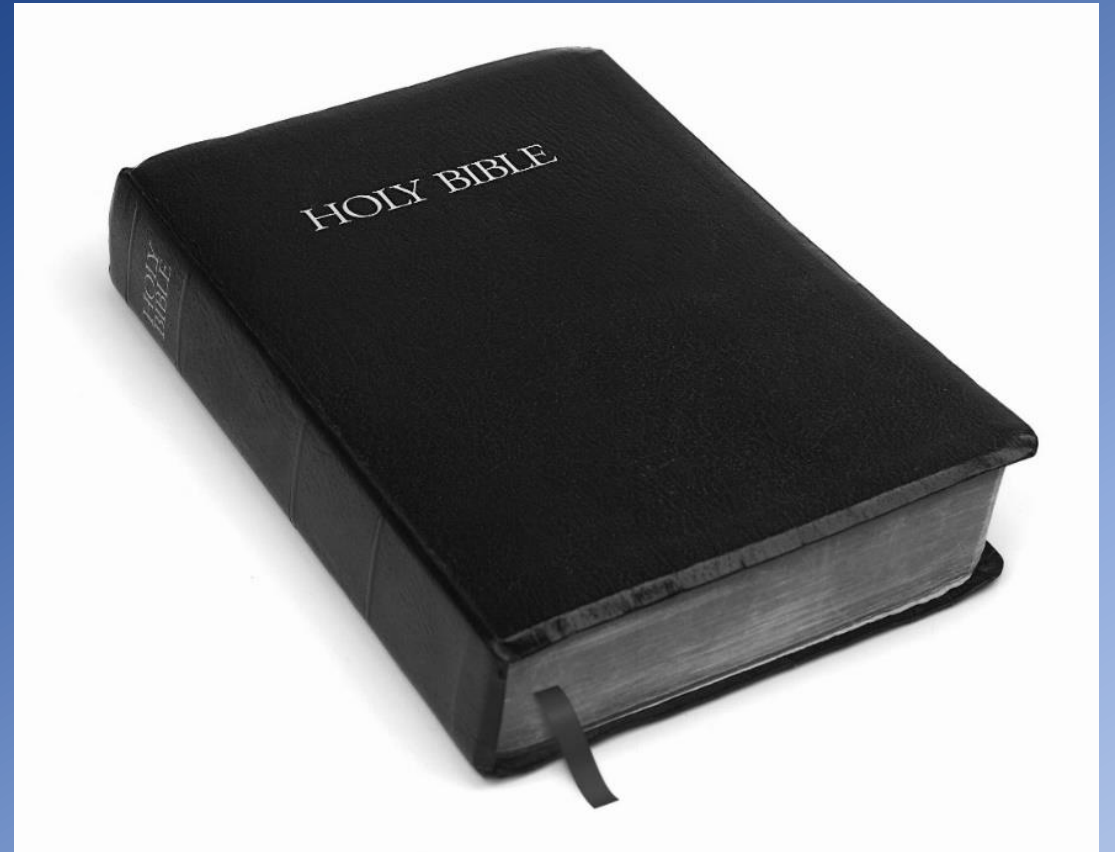


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- Robinson strongly insists that “there is not a single verse of the Bible the Latter Day Saints do not accept,”; but in many places he makes it clear that LDS reject the **Greek** philosophy they believe is in the Creeds hammered out by Early Church councils.

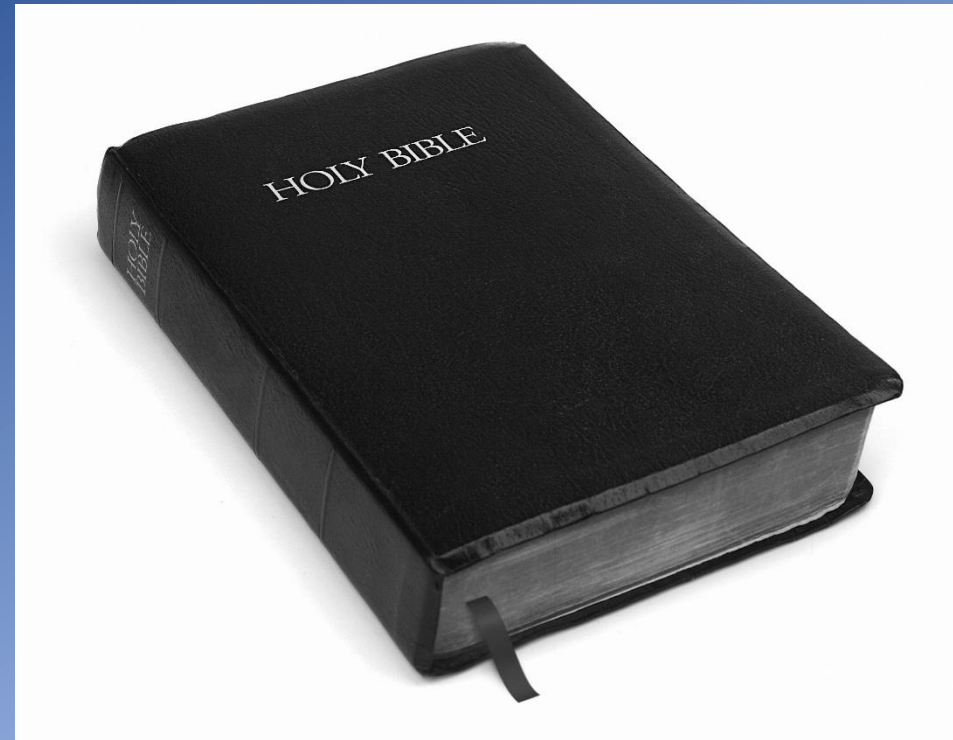


- While Robinson admits he is not representing the LDS Church but only giving his own opinions, he adamantly insists that what he says is standard LDS theology.
- Not many **current** LDS General Authorities seem to agree with Robinson.

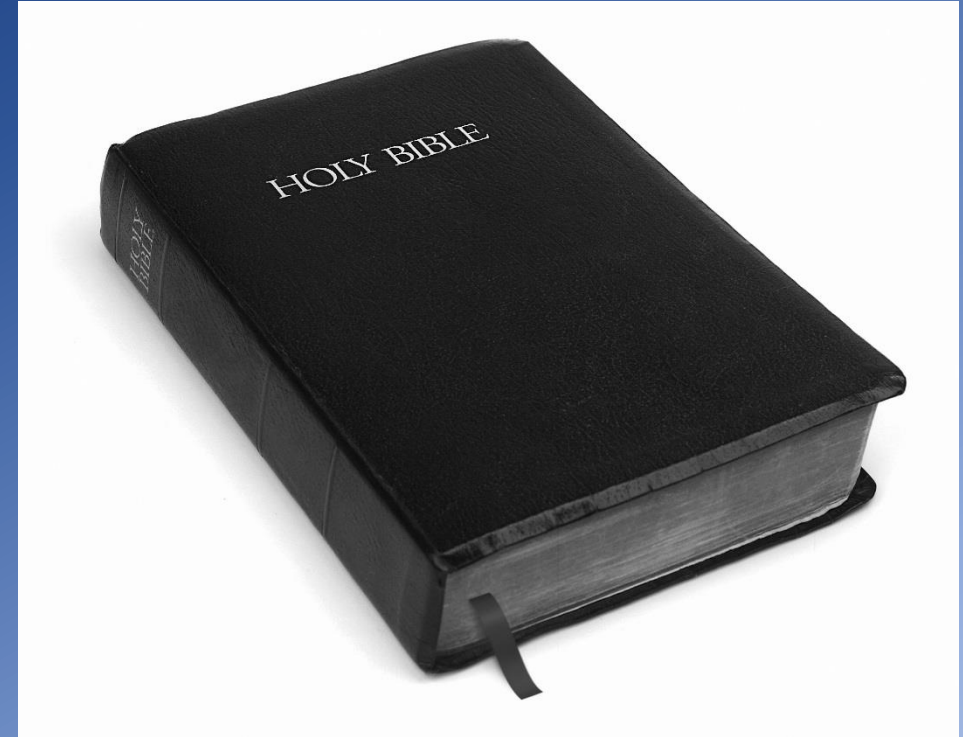


# Summing Up Major Differences Between Mormonism And biblical Christianity Regarding Scripture:

- The Mormons believe that the canon of Scripture **is not** closed and that “modern revelation is necessary...(God) continues to speak.



- Biblical Christians hold that the canon **is** closed and accept only the Bible as Scripture, believing it is “God-breathed” (2 Tim. 3:16; Jude 3; Gal. 1:8; 2 Pet. 1:3, **Eph. 1:3**). [**\***]





# Regarding God and the Trinity

- Christians believe in the “**trinity**” which means “three-in-oneness” (Deut. 6:4; Matt. 28:19).

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# Regarding sin and salvation

- General salvation means “all men are saved by **grace alone**.” Full (individual) salvation comes only through the LDS Church, and without the Mormon priesthood and continuous revelation, “there would be no salvation.”



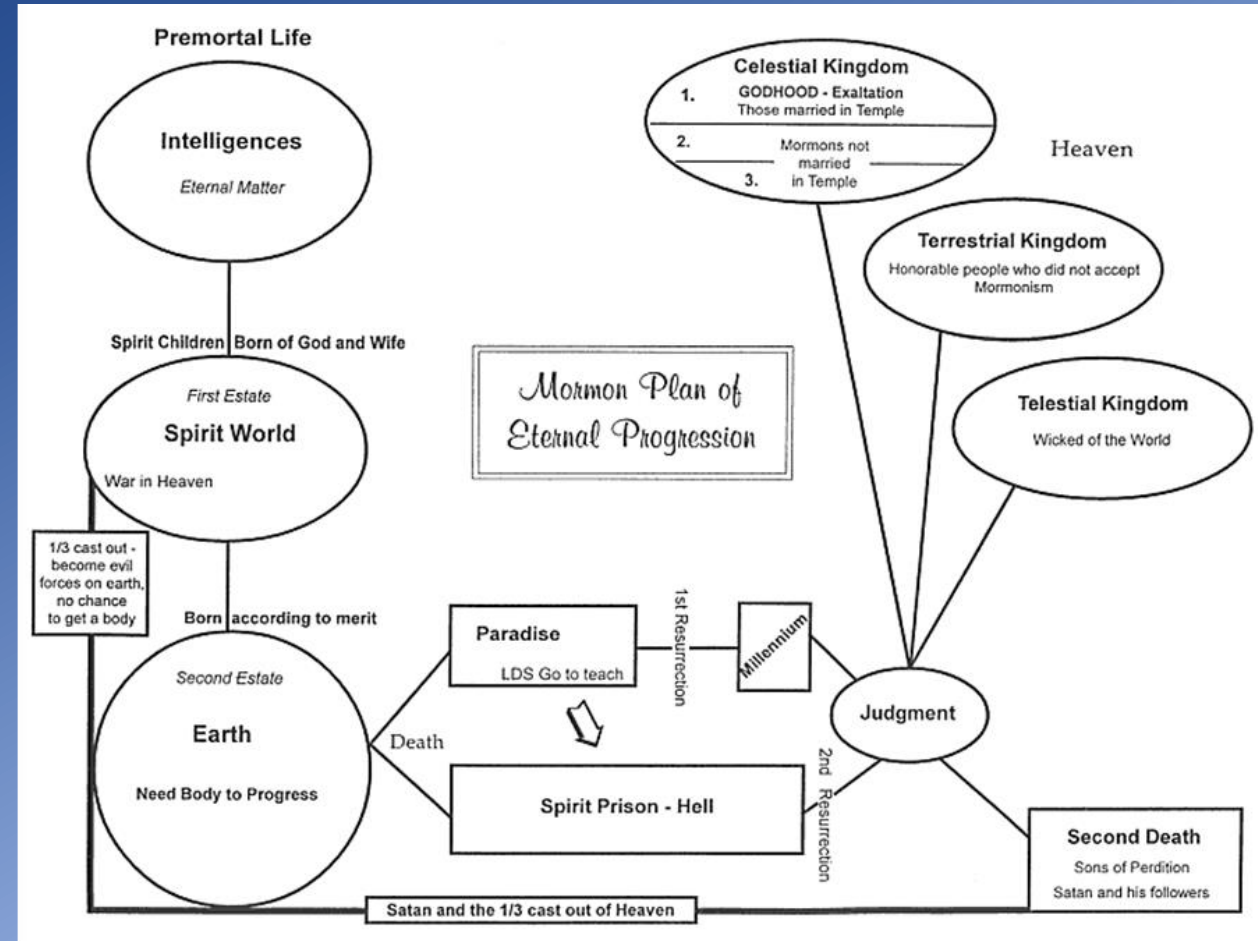
- Biblical Christians believe salvation is a **free** gift, provided by God's grace for all who believe in Christ and His atoning (to establish relationship) work on the cross (Eph. 2:8-9). [\*]
- Christians do good works **not** to earn salvation but because they have salvation (Rom. 3:24-26; Eph. 2:10). [\*]
- See handout [\*]



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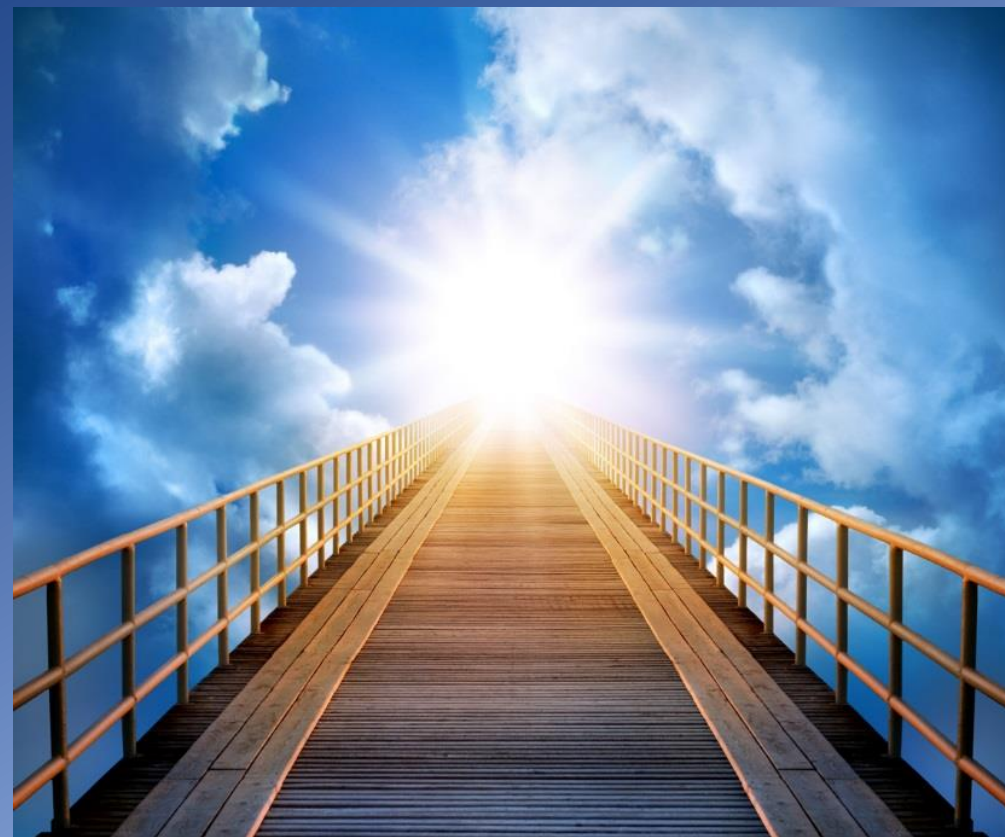
# Regarding Heaven

- Joseph Smith taught that most of mankind will enter one of three levels of heaven: telestial, terrestrial or celestial. Eternal life in **celestial** heaven is for Mormons only.



- Biblical Christians believe heaven is the dwelling place of God (Ps. 73:25) [\*], which will become home for **all** who believe in Christ's full atonement [for personal sins (1 John 4:10). [\*] To be in heaven is to be in Christ's presence (Luke 23:43; John 14:3; 2 Cor. 5:8; 1 John 3:2). [\*]

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<http://faithsmessenger.com/heaven-on-earth/>

## 2 Timothy 3:16

16 All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;

## Jude 3

3 Beloved, while I was making every effort to write you about our common salvation, I felt the necessity to write to you appealing that you contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all handed down to the saints.

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## Galatians 1:8

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!

## 2 Peter 1:3

3 Seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence...

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## Ephesians 1:3

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ... [\*]



Deuteronomy 6:4

4 "Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God [Elohim-masculine plural noun], the Lord is one!

Matthew 28:19

19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit... [\*]

## Ephesians 2:8-9

8 For by grace you have been saved through faith;  
and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; 9 not  
as a result of works, so that no one may boast. [\*]

## Romans 3:24-26

24 being justified [just-as-if-I had not sinned] as a gift by His grace [unmerited favor] through the redemption [buying back] which is in Christ Jesus; 25 whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation [be completely satisfied; removal of wrath] in His blood through faith. This was to demonstrate His righteousness [holy, pure], because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed; 26 for the demonstration, I say, of His righteousness at the present time, so that He would be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

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## Ephesians 2:10

10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

Note: Because we are sanctified (set apart) for Jesus, we should become mature in Him. [\*]

1 John 4:10

In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation [to appease; to satisfy] for our sins. [<sup>\*</sup>]

## Luke 23:43

43 And He said to him, "Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise."

## John 14:3

3 If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also. [\*]

## 2 Corinthians 5:8

8 ...we are of good courage, I say, and prefer rather to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord.

## 1 John 3:2

2 Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is. [\*]

## Exodus28:30

30 You shall put in the breastpiece of judgment the Urim and the Thummim, and they shall be over Aaron's heart when he goes in before the Lord; and Aaron shall carry the judgment of the sons of Israel over his heart before the Lord continually.



## 1 Samuel 14:41-43

41 Therefore, Saul said to the Lord, the God of Israel, "Give a perfect lot." And Jonathan and Saul were taken, but the people escaped. 42 Saul said, "Cast lots between me and Jonathan my son." And Jonathan was taken. 43 Then Saul said to Jonathan, "Tell me what you have done." So Jonathan told him and said, "I indeed tasted a little honey with the end of the staff that was in my hand. Here I am, I must die!" [✎]

Psalm 73:25

25 Whom have I in heaven but You? And besides  
You, I desire nothing on earth. [\*]

1. Why is Mormonism called The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints?
  - a. The Church of Jesus Christ refers to the Mormon Church
  - b. Latter Day refers to the soon coming of Jesus Christ in 1834.
  - c. Saints refers to the members of the Mormon Church
2. Prophetic emphasis upon Jesus return was common among many during the 1830's-1850's such as Jehovah's Witnesses.
3. These splinter religions took place during the Great Awakening of the 1820's-1850's. The Great Awakening was a powerful Biblical Christian movement that spread throughout the United States during the early to mid 1800's.



## Matthew 28:19-20

19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

See Note [[\\*](#)]

## John 10:30

29 My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. 30 I and the Father are one."

## John 14:8-9

8 Philip \*said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." 9 Jesus \*said to him, "Have I been so long with you, and yet you have not come to know Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; how can you say, 'Show us the Father'? [\*]

## Ephesians 2:8

8 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; 9 not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. [\*]

## Exodus 14:21-22

21 Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the Lord swept the sea back by a strong east wind all night and turned the sea into dry land, so the waters were divided. 22 The sons of Israel went through the midst of the sea on the dry land, and the waters were like a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

## Exodus 19:18-19

18 Now Mount Sinai was all in smoke because the Lord descended upon it in fire; and its smoke ascended like the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mountain quaked violently. 19 When the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder, Moses spoke and God answered him with thunder.

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## Mark 3:9-12

9 And He [Jesus] told His disciples that a boat should stand ready for Him because of the crowd, so that they would not crowd Him; 10 for He had healed many, with the result that all those who had afflictions pressed around Him in order to touch Him. 11 Whenever the unclean spirits saw Him, they would fall down before Him and shout, "You are the Son of God!" 12 And He earnestly warned them not to tell who He was. [\*]



## Exodus 28:30

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## Matthew 28:5-7

5 The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; for I know that you are looking for Jesus who has been crucified. 6 He is not here, for He has risen, just as He said. Come, see the place where He was lying. 7 Go quickly and tell His disciples that He has risen from the dead; and behold, He is going ahead of you into Galilee, there you will see Him; behold, I have told you.” [\*]

## Deuteronomy 18:22

22 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. [\*]

**Oh I've heard a thousand stories  
Of what they think You're like  
But I've heard the tender whisper  
Of love in the dead of night  
And You tell me that You're pleased  
And that I'm never alone**

**Over---**

**You're a Good, Good Father**

**It's who You are**

**It's who You are**

**It's who You are**

**And I'm loved by You**

**It's who I am**

**It's who I am**

**It's who I am**

**Over---**

**Oh and I've seen many searching for answers**

**Far and wide**

**But I know we're all searching for answers**

**Only You provide**

**'Cause You know just what we need**

**Before we say a word**

**Over---**

**You're a Good, Good Father**

**It's who You are**

**It's who You are**

**It's who You are**

**And I'm loved by You**

**It's who I am**

**It's who I am**

**It's who I am**

**Over---**

**Because You are perfect in all of Your ways**

**You are perfect in all of Your ways**

**You are perfect in all of Your ways to us**

**You are perfect in all of Your ways**

**You are perfect in all of Your ways**

**You are perfect in all of Your ways to us**

**Over---**



**Oh this love so undeniable I, I can hardly speak**

**Peace so unexplainable I, I can hardly think**

**As You call me deeper still**

**As You call me deeper still**

**As You call me deeper still**

**Into love, love, love**

**Over---**

**You're a Good, Good Father**

**It's who You are**

**It's who You are**

**It's who You are**

**And I'm loved by You**

**It's who I am**

**It's who I am**

**It's who I am**

Good, Good Father

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Note:

Baptism is a symbol of the cleansing of sin. Only God can cleanse of sin. Baptizing in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit clearly indicates all three parts of the Trinity are taking part in the cleansing process. Therefore, all three parts of the Trinity are God.

## 1-God the Father

Luke 23:34

34 Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”

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## 2-God the Son (Jesus)

Ephesians 1:7

7 In him (Jesus) we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace

## 3-God the Holy Spirit

Matthew 12:31

31 And so I tell you, every kind of sin and slander can be forgiven, but blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven. 32 Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but anyone who speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come. [\*]

## Hebrews 11:1

1 Now faith is the certainty of things hoped for, a proof of things not seen. 2 For by it the people of old gained approval. [\*]

## Definition of Terms:

1. Justification-to be righteous; just-as-if-I had not sinned
2. Grace-unmerited favor; did not earn
3. Redemption-to let go free for a ransom; to buy back
4. Propitiation-to appease; be completely satisfied; removal of wrath
5. Righteous-holy, pure
6. Sanctification-to be set apart; now that we are set apart we should become mature in Christ.
7. Atonement-To Cover; Used primarily in the Old Testament Romans 5:11 should be Reconciliation [\*]