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**A Study of
Mormon Errors**

in view of the

HOLY BIBLE



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FOREWORD

"O what goodly outside falsehood hath"
These words from the Merchant of Venice aptly describe the subject of this study. We are told in Jude verse 3 to contend earnestly for the faith, once delivered to the saints. This frank and earnest study is stated frankly and with the intent of doing good and only good is seeking to get people to open their eyes to the truth!

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BEWARE ! !

CONVERSATION IS NOT ONE SIDED: Mormons come to you feeling they have something to tell you and not that you in turn, or even first, have something to tell them! Humble though their approach may or may not seem, they are enhanced, imbued and filled with the idea that they must tell you of the Book of Mormon; they must place it on an equal or even above the Bible; but GUILT OF GUILTY IS in their approach for the first thing they do is approach you about the scripture, the Bible. They want to talk about the Bible BUT truthfully they wish to get over to you the Book of Mormon!!!!

THE BIBLE IS FIRST: Yes indeed! To the true Child of God the Bible is always above all else. It is God's word. It is His only revelation giving us His will. The Bible has NO COMPANION VOLUME, SUCH AS THE MORMON BOOK!

In 11 Jn. 9-11 "-whosoever comes to you and brings not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed, for he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deed". We are told in Jude verse 3 to contend earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints. There is but one FAITH, Eph. 4:5.

MORMONS SAY PRAY: They ask you to believe that the book of Mormon is the Word of God along with the Bible!!!! "Read it and ask God if it is not true. He will reveal it to you by the power of the Holy Ghost that it is true and Joseph Smith was a prophet of God" They have asked me on different occasions if I have prayed to see if it is true. I have always told them "No, and neither have I prayed to see if any "ism" is true, whether it be Catholicism or Mohammedanism or Adventism". But this I do: bring everything I hear to the test of the Scripture!!

THE MORMON ELDERS who come two by two to your door are not elders; and the best way to know this is read in 1 Timothy 3: the qualifications of "Elders". These young fellows are not even married, whereas Bible elders must be married men with children and ONE wife!!! Mormons make a difference between "Bishops" and "Elders" But the fact is that these two words along with "Presbyter", "Pastor" and "Overseer" all describe the same officer and office!

THE TRUTH AND ITS OPPOSITION

(introductory lesson)

"Add thou not to his words lest he reprove thee", Prov. 30:6



Fill in the blanks

1. Matt. 4:4 Man shall not live by _____ but by every _____ that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.
2. Matt. 24:35 Heaven and earth shall pass away but _____
3. Prov. 30:5 Every _____ of God is _____ he is a shield to them that put their _____ in Him'
verse 6 _____ thou not to his _____ lest he _____ thee and thou be found a _____.
4. 1 Peter 4:11 If any man _____ let him speak as the _____ of God...
5. John 20:31 But there are _____ that ye might _____.
6. Rom. 10:17 So then _____ cometh by _____ and _____ by the _____ of God.

Direct Answer

1. By His divine power what has God given us?
11 Peter 1:4 _____
2. From the same reference state through the knowledge of whom this is given _____
3. What is Jesus to the world? John 8:12 _____
4. For those who want to come to God what is Jesus?
John 14:6 _____
5. What connection exists between the last two questions and the thought expressed in John 6:35 _____
6. Note the scriptural connection between all the above thoughts and questions and the following verses:

Matt. 4:4 _____

John 12:48 _____

James 1:21: _____

7. What information in 11 Tim. 3:16-17 did Paul give to Timothy concerning the scripture? _____

8. What was Timothy commanded to preach? 11 Tim. 4:1-3

9. Does this information in questions 7 & 8 have any connection with what Timothy was to study? 11 Tim. 2:15

APOSTOLIC AUTHORITY

1. From among whom did Jesus choose his apostles?
Luke 6:13 _____

2. How many apostles did he choose and what does the word "Apostle" mean? _____

3. What two things in John 14:26 Did Jesus promise the apostles through the Holy Spirit? _____

4. In John 16:13 what was to be give us through the apostles and how much? _____

5. Consider and comment : Do we today need apostolic succession or apostolic doctrine? _____

6. Consider Acts 2:42 _____

7. CONSIDER IN THE FOLLOWING VERSES the authority of the WRITTEN WORD:

Rom. 10:17 _____

John 20:30-31 _____

LESSON 1

THE MORMONS AND THEIR NEW AND EVERLASTING COVENANT OF POLYGAMY

INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT: In the introductory lesson we noted the absolute religious authority of the written Word of God, the Bible. The Old Testament serving us by way of examples of faith and obedience and the New Testament being our law in the Christian dispensation of time. Jesus promised that his word would not pass away and that he through his word is to us the BREAD, the WAY, the LIFE. It is unthinkable therefore that the Book of Mormon and Doctrine and Covenants of the Mormon belief are what they claim. The integrity of an honest man's heart and his knowledge of the Word of God cries out in horror at the shame and grossness of ignorance contained in Mormon teaching. Note the following:

In Doctrine and Covenants, Sec. 132, Quote "Revelation on the eternity of the marriage covenant, including plurality of wives. Given through Joseph, the Seer, in Nauvoo, Hancock County, Illinois, July 12th, 1843".

COMMENT: If the Mormons still accept Joseph Smith as their prophet, and what ones don't? then they accept what is herein given from him to this very day on polygamy, if there is any consistency in them at all!!!!!!! If they tell you they reject the polygamy then they reject their prophet--Joseph Smith. The U. S. Government said of their polygamy, "Abandon this shameful abomination or go to prison". After this was said the Mormon president Wppdruff had a revelation to suspend polygamy. SEC. 132 of Doctrine & Covenants introduces the Satanic doctrine that the New and Everlasting covenant is polygamy! Sec. 132:27 of D & C teaches that he who does not abide this law of polygamy shall be damned!!!!!! (MORMONISM)!! Sec. 132:41 of D & C teaches that a woman married in polygamy one of other wives was an adulteress only if she had an affair with another man who was not her husband in polygamy! (Such is the callous heart of mormonism) and this same section also taught that such a woman must be destroyed!! MORMONISM !!!!!!

Sec. 132 of D & C teaches that Joseph Smith as a Holy Priest could take a woman and give her to a man so that he could be "ruler over many" and then OF ALL THINGS they cite Luke 19:15 from the Bible yet they deceitfully try to teach people that the Bible is so old and so much of it missing that it is not trustworthy!

SHAME ON THEM!!!!!!!!!!!!

Sec. 132:51 of D & C teaches and went to special pains to show that Emma Smith the wife of Joseph Smith had to remain married to him and have no other husbands, and yet this "CHARACTER" was claim ing the right to have many wives. He is the prophet of MORMONISM!!!!!!

Sec. 132:52 of D & C teaches had the obligation of receiving all the extra wives that Joseph Smith wanted to bring home with him; verses 54 says that she Emma Smith had to Cleave to Joseph and to no one else "But if she abide not this commandment she shall be destroyed"

How can any honest Mormon stick with this SO-CALLED prophet???????????????? Verse 62 says that Joseph Smith could NOT be guilty of Adultery even if he took ten more women!!!! (This is what Mormonism was and still IS IF they continue to follow their Prophet----and if they do not follow their Prophet let them quit Mormonism and follow the Bible!!!!!!!!!!!!)

Sec. 132:63 of D & C says that if any one of the ten virgins a man --a MORMON MAN might take in his polygamy went with another man "She has committed adultery and shall be destroyed, for they are given to him to multiply and replenish the earth--" SOOOOOO the Mormons were going to replenish the earth by polygamy!!!! THINK friends think !!!!! AND THEY ARE STILL SENDING THEIR LITTLE BOY OR YOUNG MEN ELDERS OVER THE CITIES AND COUNTRY OF AMERICA!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

If men knew and believed the Bible there would be NO room in their hearts to receive this Godless System of MORMONISM. But because the population of the land does not study the Bible diligently neither care for what it does say then we have such evils hibernating in the lives of otherwise good people. Do I hear some one say that the mormons do not believe in polygamy? Then they do not believe the man whom they praise to the sky as their divine leader and prophet!

Foolishness Within The Book of Mormon

1. In 1 Nephi 1:2-3 The book of Mormon makes some very poor claims to real religious authority. It claims to be of "the learning of the Jews and the language of the Egyptians. And I know that the record which I make is true-- and I make it according to my own knowledge" SUCH is the weakness at the very outset of this book which ought to be countermanded, abolished and repudiated as any authority whatsoever and let men accept the Bible!!!
2. Jacob 7:26 is another disclaimer from divine authority, "I have written according to the best of my knowledge--" These Mormons are doing all the know how to do to unseat God from His throne and disestablish Christ from his place as supreme prophet and substitute therefor an Angel whom they call Moroni and a man they call Joseph Smith!!!
3. Ether 2:16-20 tells of the barges they used to come to their so-called promise land!!!! As they say Ether will knock you out, then listen to this, their barges were to be "tight like unto a dish" After they were built by God's direction, they discovered a mistake that God had made!! This is a "Scream--a wow!" The brother of Jared says, "O Lord, I have performed--according as thou hast directed me, And behold O Lord in them is no light---and also we shall perish for in them we cannot breath. AND then according to this "Hodge podge" Book of Mormon the Lord told him to make a hole in to TOP of the boat and also in the bottom of the boat and if they siffered from air then simple unstop the hole and if water came in the stop it up again so the would not perish!!!! "Whew" This is BLASPHEMY!!!! against the God of heaven and it was written merely by men under the hatches of Satan!!!!
4. Ether 5:1 contains a bungeling statement, that is if they intended to get the idea over that it came from God, for here Moroni, their so-called an gel claimes to write--- "According to my memory"!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
5. Ether 3:14 contains some more Mormon foolishness, Note "Behold, I am Jesus Christ, I am the Father and the Son"
6. Mormon 9:33 SAYS THE BOOK OF MORMON would have had no imperfection if their plates had been sufficiently large !!!!

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LESSON (3)

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VIOLATIONS AGAINST THE BIBLE FOUND IN THE ___
BOOK OF MORMON

In Jacob 4:6 they claim that actions took place in the name of Christ some 500 years before Christ. (Remember the Bible teaching in Isa. 62:1-2 and 65:15 that the New name and actions in the name of Christ were to come only after the gentiles obeyed God's righteousness--also check Col. 3:17--Acts 11:26, Matt. 28:18-20).

Instructions in 11 Nephi 31:13 to be baptized into Christ 570 years before Christ and adding the garbeled teaching that those who so did would receive as well the baptism of fire!! (Check Matt. 3:11-15 and notice that the baptism of fire was for the disobedient, the chaff, and that the Mormons have it promised to the obedient!!!!)

Note in 11 Nephi 32:5-6 the admission that Christ had not yet come and that when he would come he would give more of his doctrine !!!!! (O!! Mormonism!!)

11 Nephi 32:9 They were told to pray in the name of Christ 570 years before Christ ever came!!!

In 11 Nephi. 33:9 they again got mixed up and taught that reconciliation came through Christ 570 years before Christ!!

11 Nephi 33:11 they made it up that Christ in the last day would "show you that they are His words" But he has already shown us that the New Testament is his last will; Through which we are clean---John 15:3. Made free-Jn. 8:32 Sanctified---Jn. 17:17. By which we live---Matt. 4:4. And be judged---Jn. 12:48 and it does not include the Book of Mormon. THIS LEAVES THE BOOK OF MORMON A BOOK BASED ON FALSEHOOD AND LYING WONDERS!!!!!!!!!!

Alma 32:16 (according to the footnote in the Book of Alma this took place at about 74 B. C.). The blessings of believing and being baptized were given to the people. This was done in those days with those people to whom Alma was speaking v. 4. (It is evident that the men who MADE UP the Book of Mormon were ignorant of the Bible and yet butchered its quotations to sound like the Bible and thus bear resemblance to authority!)

Baptism was a command given to ALL NATIONS at the time of the giving of the Great Commission -- A. D. 33. Not in B. C. 74 as the Error filled Book of Mormon says!

In Alma 48:10 and Alma 46:14 the Mormons are again mixed up in this ignorant hodge-podge for here they teach that there were "Christians" at 72 and 73 B. C. !! (Anyone who knows what the Bible teaches can plainly see that the first time people were ever called Christians was in the city of Antioch, Acts 11:26. And this was in fulfillment of the prophesies in Isaiah 62:1-2 and 65:15 _____

(There is in 11 Nephi 33:12 a statement of prayer by this Nephi which is purported to be made in 545 B. C. and it reads as follows: "And I pray the Father in the name of Christ that many of us, if not all, may be saved in his kingdom at that great and last day." This is MORMONISM; This and all else stated here in this short course. I know of no way to fully expose all the blunders and errors, the contradictions and violations except to write a full book or two or three; but to the honest person, the truth loving man or woman, this would not be necessary).

In Alma 21:4 (And it is listed on the bottom of page 249 in this so-called divine book that these things took place in 90 A. D.) Tells us, "And it came to pass that Aaron came to the city of Jerusalem, and first began to preach to the Amalekites. -" This particular Aaron was the son of one whom they term Mosiah but the contradictory thing is that history authentically states that the Amalekites "Were doomed to extinction because they opposed the Hebrews; and they were fewer and weaker from age to age up to the last mention in David's time, who destroyed their remnant" 1 Same 27: and 30:17. AND SO WE SAY isn't it about time the Mormons have anothe revelation and try to correct this blunder also for they have the Amalekites who were completely destroyed about 800 B. C. still a thriving people at 90 A. D (Oh Mormonism!!!)

It ought to be evident to all people that Mormonism is a genuine contradiction against ALL TRUTH!! A genuine FRAUD if any fraud can be genuine!!!!

LESSON # 4

(Misused Scriptures)

In 11 Peter 3:16 He foretold that those who are unlearned and unstable wrest the scriptures to their own destruction! This is a trust portrait of the entire Mormon system, Note:

Acts 8:17-18 The Mormons would like to make this apply to powers which they say that they can do today. They claim that Miraculous powers are theirs through the "laying on of hands" NOW NOTICE that they are quoting from the BIBLE the very book which they constantly tell people is so filled with erros and so much of it lost that it is not to be trusted! But even so this text does not prove their claim!! The miraculous powers were given for a specific purpose to a specific people for a specific time and BY a specific set, namely the apostles. Note in Acts 8: that Phillip was the preaching and performing miracles but he COULD NOT delegate this power to others; this could be done by some of the apostles ONLY!! When the apostles died and those on whom they laid their hands died, miracles ceased to be performed!! Mormons cannot heal the sick, cleanse the lepers and raise the dead, though they claim they can, it is a false and lying claim! Study 1 Cor. 12:31 and 1 Cor. 13:8-13 and Jas. 1:25 and see that the miracles were for the time THEN PRESENT and that the perfect and fully revealed word has come and that not only do we not have the miraculous powers today but we DO NOT NEED THEM TODAY!!!

Mark 16:17-20 The Mormon mis-conception extends likewise to this passage. Here the Apostles were under consideration, see verses 11-15 and notice that in verse 20 THEY went forth confirming the word with signs following; It ought to mean something to Mormons and everyone else that Heb. 2:3-4 tells us that the WORD WAS CONFIRMED by Miracles, wonders and signs; And it ought to be evident that the miracles were only a means to the end of confirming the word and when that effect was reached the means---miracles---were not given by the Lord any longer. We have many lying pretenders today who claim they can perform but to perform they CANNOT!!!!

1 Cor. 13:10 falls under their misunderstanding. They say "Surely no one will say we have come to perfection" But this is not what the verse says, , it says, "When that which is

part. Their knowledge of God will was incomplete because the revelation was as yet incomplete and hence their teaching or prophesying was in part or as yet incomplete; but that was is perfect here refers to the perfect law of liberty, Oh yes, that has come and the Mormons have not appreciated it!

1 Cor. 12:28 along with Eph. 2:20 and Eph. 4:11-13 are all misused by Mormonism to try to bolster up their theory that they have the officers and offices and gifts and powers therein listed. Paul was speaking of the church, not of the world of sinners and sectism and religious divisions based on man made creeds when he said in Eph. 4:13 "Till we all come in the unity of the faith" Mormonish attempts to make this apply to the world instead of to the church!!!

The APOSTLES in the church of the 1st CENTURY are the SAME in the 20th Century, Mt. 19:29; We have their doctrine, Acts 2:42 which is the INSPIRED truth revealed through them, Jn. 14:26 and 16:13. This is the foundation on which we, spiritually speaking are built, Eph. 2:20!

Gal. 1:8-9 Of all verses a Mormon ought not to touch it is this, Yet they would brazenly apply this to those who would dare to preach or baptize, without the laying on of the hands of their priesthood; which is of course another point of their misunderstanding, hence the wresting of these scriptures!

Rom. 10:14-15 connected by the Mormons with Ex. 4:14-17 and deceitfully tied in with Heb. 5:4. This last verse Heb. 5:4 refers to the fact that no man in the Law of Moses could simply exalt himself to be Highpriest and in similar manner Christ was exalted by God to this position and did not assume it by himself; They seek to apply this to preaching and to baptizing. God says in 1 Tim. 2:1-2 that a man must be FAITHFUL and ABLE in order to preach, The mormons have contradicted this and teach that they must be called by revelation. The Mormons teach that a man who is faithful to God's word the Bible (Which is something they are not) and is able to the task is sinning by so doing, but God says this is the man he wants, (Faithful and able)-1 Tim. 2:1-2.

THEY ERR ON THE FOLLOWING AND MANY MORE: Luke 10 and verse 4 - Apostles. 1 Cor. 11:18 on this they contradict Doctrine & Covenants 84:88-92. Dan. 2:44, Mt. 24:37 & Lk.

