

Mormonism vs. Mormonism

WHAT DO THE MORMONS SAY ABOUT THE HOLY BIBLE; THE WORD OF THE INFINITE GOD?

("Religious Truths Defined, page 337")

Joseph Fielding Smith, Jr. wrote as cited in Case Against Mormonism, page 186 by Jerald and Sandra Tanner.

"Scholars do not deny that the original text of the Bible has been corrupted. Truths have been removed in an attempt to preserve traditions. Faulty translations and omissions of phrases and clauses have resulted in confusion."

("As Translated correctly, Salt Lake City,")

1966, page 4. Mark E. Peterson, a Mormon apostle said concerning the Bible as cited in Case Against Mormonism page 186 by Jerald and Sandra Tanner.

"Many insertions were made, some of them 'slanted' for selfish purposes, while at times deliberate falsifications and fabrications were perpetuated."

Note:

WHAT DO THE MORMONS SAY ABOUT THEIR OWN TEACHINGS?

In the book Joseph Smith--Seeker After Truth, the Mormon apostle John A. Widtsoe said, as cited in Case Against Mormonism, page 132, by Jerald and Sandra Tanner:

"Within a few years after its organization, the church had received practically all necessary supplementary laws and regulations, these also have remained unchanged. There has been no tampering with God's word. . . . The whole body of church laws forms a harmonious unit, which does not anywhere contradict itself nor has it been found necessary to alter any part of it."

In the book Doctrines of Salvation, Vol. 1, page 170, the Mormon historian, Joseph Fielding Smith, said as cited in Case Against Mormonism, page 132, by Jerald and Sandra Tanner:

"Inspiration is discovered in the fact that each part, as it was revealed, dovetailed perfectly with what had come before. There was no need for eliminating, changing, or adjusting any part to make it fit; but each new revelation on doctrine and priesthood fitted in its place perfectly to complete the whole structure, as it had been prepared by the master builder."

## Contradiction?

In a thesis written at B.Y.U. the Mormon writer John William Fitzgerald said, as cited in Case Against Mormonism, page 131 by Jerald and Sandra Tanner:

"Differences in wording and differences in wording that change the meaning have occurred in certain sections that appeared first in A Book of Commandments published in 1833 and that appeared later in The Doctrine and Covenants published in 1835.

Letter from Dr. Hugh Nibley to Morris L. Reynolds, dated May 12, 1966, as cited in Case Against Mormonism, page 132, by Jerald and Sandra Tanner:

"Revelations have been revised whenever necessary. That is the nice thing about revelation--it is strictly open-ended."

Note:

Some say there has been no necessity for eliminating, changing, or adjusting, also the writings nowhere contradict themselves. Others say there were changes as to wording and meaning, and also the nice things about revelation is that it is strictly open-ended.

In the book Doctrine and Covenants, Section 20:verse 17 we read:

". . . There is a God in heaven who is infinite and eternal, from everlasting to everlasting the same unchangeable God. . . ."

Doctrine and Covenants, Section 3:2:

"For God doth not walk in crooked paths, neither doth he turn to the right hand nor to the left. . . ."

Mormon 9:19

". . . I say unto you he changeth not; if so he would cease to be God; . . . ."

Note:

Shall we see how the Mormon writings agree with the above statements.

## Progression

Doctrine and Covenants 20:17

". . . There is a God in heaven, from everlasting to everlasting, the same unchangeable God. . . ."

Mormon 9:19 Book of Mormon

" . . . He changeth not; if so he would cease to be God. . . ."

2nd Nephi 9:20 Book of Mormon

"O how great the holiness of our God! For he knoweth all things, and there is not anything save he knows it."

Doctrine and Covenants 20:12

" . . . He is the same God yesterday, today, and forever."

Doctrine and Covenants 35:1

"Listen to the voice of the Lord your God, even Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, whose course is one eternal round, the same today as yesterday, and forever."

Doctrine and Covenants 3:2

"For God doth not walk in crooked paths, . . . neither doth he vary from that which he hath said, . . . his course is one eternal round."

Doctrine and Covenants 76:4

"From eternity to eternity he is the same. . . ."

#### Contradiction?

The Articles of Faith by James E. Talmadge 1899 Ed. pp. 442-443, as cited in Valley of Decision by Leola Woodruff, p. 135.

" . . . We believe in a God who is Himself progressive, . . . whose perfection consists in eternal advancement. . . . a Being who has attained His exalted state by a path which His children are permitted to follow. . . . As man is, God once was; as God is, man may become."

Journal of Discourses 4:217-218, Brigham Young, as cited in Fundamental Differences, p. 79 by Russell F. Ralston.

"The Father, after He had once been in the flesh, and lived as we lived, obtained His exaltation, attained to thrones, gained the ascendancy over principalities and powers, and had the knowledge and power to create. . . . This He did after His ascension. . . and was actually classed with the Gods, with the beings who create, with those who have kept the celestial law while in the flesh, and again obtained their bodies.



... Things were first created spiritually; the Father actually begat the spirits, and they were brought forth and lived with Him. Then He commenced the work of creating earthly tabernacles, precisely as He had been created in this flesh himself."

The Instructor, December 1938, p. 565, as cited in Fundamental Differences, p. 80, by Russell F. Ralston:

"God the Father and the Son, two resurrected, glorified beings. . . ."

The Improvement Era August 1947, Vol. 50:510. Dr. Sidney B. Sperry, Professor at Brigham Young University wrote as cited in Fundamental Differences, p. 80, by Russell F. Ralston:

"The Church offers the knowledge to men that the Almighty has been a man also, that is to say, God Our Father is a man in form like ourselves . . . He is a resurrected, glorified, exalted being with a body of flesh and bones. Spirit courses through his veins instead of blood, because he is no longer mortal. He understands man because he was once like us. Through the eternal ages he progressed until he became God."

Journal of Discourses 23:65, as cited in Fundamental Differences, p. 82, by Russell F. Ralston:

"The Gods progress throughout the eternal ages."

Journal of Discourses 6:120, as cited in Fundamental Differences, p. 82, by Russell F. Ralston:

". . . God himself is increasing and progressing in knowledge, power, and dominion. . . ."

Note:

If as Nephi says, God knoweth all things and there is nothing save he knows it, how can He progress in knowledge?

WHO IS RIGHT IN THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS--TWO OF THESE MEN WERE PROPHETS

Doctrines of Salvation, by Joseph Fielding Smith, as compiled by Bruce R. McConkie, Vol. I, p. 90:

"Michael, after being placed upon this earth, is known as Adam. He received his tabernacle of flesh from the dust of this earth."

Pearl of Great Price, written by Joseph Smith the first prophet of the church. Moses 2:1:

"And it came to pass that the Lord spoke unto Moses saying. . . :  
I created the heaven, and the earth upon which thou standist. . . :  
(Moses 3:7 Book of Mormon) and I the Lord God, formed man  
from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the  
breath of life; and man became a living soul. . . ."

Contradiction?

Brigham Young, the Second Prophet of the Church in Journal of Discourses 3:319 as cited in Fundamental Differences, p. 119, by Russell F. Ralston:

"Though we have it in history that our Father Adam was made of the dust of this earth, and that he knew nothing about his God previous to being made here, yet it is not so; and when we learn the truth we shall see and understand that he helped to make this world, and was the chief manager in that operation.

He was the person who brought the animals and the seeds from other planets to this world, and he brought a wife with him and stayed here. You may read and believe what you please as to what is found written in the Bible. Adam was made from the dust of an earth, but not from the dirt of this earth."

Note:

Both phophets, to make such definite statements, should have been inspired by God, were they?

WHERE DID EVE COME FROM?

Discourses of Brigham Young, p. 102, taken from Journal of Discourses.

". . . After the earth was prepared, Father Adam came and stayed here and there was a woman brought to him. There was a certain woman brought to Father Adam, whose name was Eve and she was given to him to be his wife. . . ."

Contradiction?

Journal of Discourses, Vol. 1, p. 50, as cited in Fundamental Differences, p. 118, by Russell F. Ralston:

", . . . When our Father Adam came into the garden of Eden he came into it with a celestial body, and brought Eve one of his wives with him. . . ."

Note:

One statement says Eve was brought to him after the earth was prepared; the other says he brought Eve with him.

## Polygomy

Life of John Taylor, p. 255. John Taylor, the third president of the church said, as cited in Case Against Mormonism, p. 14, by Jerald and Sandra Tanner:

" . . . . We are not ashamed here in this great metropolis of America . . . to declare that we are polygomists, we are not ashamed to proclaim to this great nation, to rulers and people, to the president, senators, legislators, judges; to high and low, rich and poor, priest and people, that we are firm, conscientious believers in polygomy, and that it is part and parcel of our creed. . . ."

Millennial Star, Vol. 15, p. 226, as cited in Case Against Mormonism, p. 14, by Jerald and Sandra Tanner.

"The order of plurality of wives is an everlasting and ceaseless order. . . ."

Journal of Discourses, Vol. 1, p. 50, as cited in Fundamental Differences, p. 118, by Russell F. Ralston.

" . . . . When our Father Adam came into the garden of Eden, he came into it with a celestial body, and brought Eve, one of his wives with him. . . ."

Doctrine and Covenants 132:38, 39.

"David also received many wives and concubines and also Solomon and Moses my servants; . . . ."

" . . . . David's wives and concubines were given unto him, by the hand of Nathun my servant. . . ."

" . . . . and in none of these things did he sin against me save in the case of Uriah and his wife. . . ."

Doctrine and Covenants 132:61

" . . . . If any man espouse a virgin, and desire to espouse another, and the first give her consent . . . and if he have ten virgins given unto him by this law, he doth not commit adultery . . . therefore he is justified."

Millennial Star, Vol. 15, Supplement, pp. 31-32, as cited in Fundamental Differences, p. 151, by Russell F. Ralston.

" . . . . I can deliver a prophecy upon it . . . and I tell you--for I know it--it will sail over, and ride triumphantly above all the prejudice and priestcraft of the day; it will be fostered and beleived in by the more intelligent portions of the world, as one of the best doctrines ever preached to

any people . . . It is all connected with the exaltation of man, showing how he becomes exalted to be a king and a priest, yea even a God, like his father in heaven. Without the doctrine that this revelation reveals, (plural marriage) no man on earth ever could be exalted to be a God."

Journal of Discourses 11:268-269. In Salt Lake City August 19, 1866, Brigham Young said as cited in Fundamental Differences, p. 151-152, by Russel F. Ralston:

"It is the word of the Lord, and I wish to say to you, and all the world, that if you desire with all your hearts to obtain the blessings which Abraham obtained, you will be polygamists, . . . This is as true as that God lives . . . The only men who become Gods, even the sons of God, are those who enter into polygomy."

Journal of Discourses 3:266, as cited in Fundamental Differences, p. 153, by Russell F. Ralston. Brigham Young said:

"Now if any of you will deny the plurality of wives and continue to do so, I promise that you will be damned; and I will go still further and say, take this revelation, or any other revelation that the Lord has given, and deny it in your feelings, and I promise that you will be damned."

#### Contradiction?

##### Note:

These are rather strong statements when we consider what is stated in the following statements from their Holy Scriptures and other reputable sources.

Jacob 1:15 Book of Mormon

"And now it came to pass that the people of Nephi, under the reign of the second king began to grow hard in their hearts, and indulged themselves somewhat in wicked practices, such as like David of old desiring many wives and concubines and also Solomon his son. . . ."

Jacob 2:23,24 Book of Mormon

". . . For behold thus saith the Lord: This people begin to wax in iniquity. They understand not the scriptures, for they seek to excuse themselves in committing whoredoms, because of the things which were written concerning David, and Solomon his son.

Behold David and Solomon truly had many wives and concubines, which thing was abominable before me, saith the Lord."

Jacob 2:27,28 Book of Mormon

"Wherefore my brethren hear me, and hearken to the word of the Lord: For there shall not any man among you have save it be one wife; and concubines he shall have none; For I the Lord God delight in the chastity of women. . . ."

Jacob 3:5 Book of Mormon

"Behold the Lamanites your brethren, whom ye hate because of their filthiness and the cursing which have come upon their skins are more righteous than you; for they have not forgotten the commandment of the Lord, which was given unto our fathers--that they should have save it were one wife, and concubines they should have none, and there should not be whoredoms committed among the people."

Jacob 2:27 Book of Mormon

"Wherefore my brethren hear me, and hearken to the word of the Lord: For there shall not any man among you have save it be one wife; and concubines he shall have none."

Doctrine and Covenants 42:22

"Thou shalt love thy wife with all thy heart, and shalt cleave unto her and none else."

Doctrine and Covenants 49:16

"Wherefore, it is lawful that he should have one wife, and they twain shall be one flesh. . . ."

Doctrines of Salvation, Vol. III, p. 197, as quoted by Bruce R. McConkie from the writings of Joseph Fielding Smith who quoted it from other sources.

"Inasmuch as this church has been reproached with the crime of fornication and polygomy, we declare that we believe that one man should have one wife and one woman but one husband, except in case of death when either is at liberty to marry again."

### Revelation on the Plurality of Wives

A revelation given to Joseph Smith on plurality of wives recorded July 12, 1843, written here only in part taken from Doctrine and Covenants, Section 132.

Verse 1

"Verily thus saith the Lord unto you my servant Joseph that inasmuch as you have inquired of my hand to know and understand wherein, I, the Lord, justified my servants Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, as also Moses, David and Solomon, my servants, as touching the principle and doctrine of their having many wives and concubines. . . ."

Verse 37

"Abraham received concubines and they bore him children; . . . ."

Verse 38

"David also received many wives and concubines, and also Solomon and Moses my servants. . . ."

Verse 39

". . . In none of these things did he (David) sin against me save in the case of Uriah and his wife: . . ."

Verse 61

". . . If any man espouse a virgin, and desire to espouse another, and the first give her consent, and if he espouse the second and they are virgins, and have vowed to no other man, then he is justified: he cannot commit adultery. . . ."

Verse 62

"And if he have ten virgins given unto him by this law, he cannot commit adultery. . . ."

#### Contradiction?

From the book Fundamental Differences, p. 197, written by Russell F. Ralston, I quote.

"On May 26, 1844, one month and one day before his martyrdom, Joseph Smith, Jr. addressed the people at Nauvoo and strongly denounced all who charged him with polygomy. . . ." Mr. Ralston takes the following statements from Documentary History of the Church, Vol. 6, p. 410-411.

"I had not been married scarcely five minutes and made one proclamation of the Gospel before it was reported that I had seven wives, I mean to live and proclaim the truth as long as I can.

This new holy prophet (William Law) has gone to Carthage and swore that I had told him I was guilty of adultery. This spiritual wifeism! Why a man does not speak or wink for fear of being accused of this. . . .

A man asked me whether the commandment was given that a man may have seven wives; and now the new prophet has charged me with adultery. . . .

I am innocent of all these charges, and you can bear witness of my innocence, for you know me yourselves. . . .

What a thing it is for a man to be accused of committing adultery and having seven wives when I can only find one. I am the same man and as innocent as I was fourteen years ago; and I can prove them all perjurers."



Notice:

The revelation on plurality of wives was recorded July 12, 1843, Joseph Smith strongly denounced plurality of wives and called it adultery on May 26, 1844, over 10 months later.

Hyrum Smith wrote an article on March 15, 1844, stating, as cited in Fundamental Differences, p. 194, by Russell F. Ralston:

"... To the brethren of the church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints living on China Creek, in Hancock County, Greetings:--Whereas brother Richard Hewitt has called on me today, to know my views concerning some doctrines that are preached in your place and states to me that some of your elders say, that a man having a certain priesthood, may have as many wives as he pleases, and that doctrine is taught here: I say unto you that that man teaches false doctrine. . . ."

Note:

This statement on plurality of wives was made over eight months after the revelation on plurality of wives which came July 12, 1843. Strange how Hyrum Smith the brother of the prophet Joseph Smith could say it was a false doctrine after the revelation had been given.

WILL BLOOD SACRIFICES BE RESTORED?

Doctrines of Salvation, Vol. III, p. 94, compiled by Bruce R. McConkie from the works of Joseph Fielding Smith.

"Restoration of Blood Sacrifices. We are living in the dispensation of the fulness of times into which all things are to be gathered, and all things are to be restored since the beginning. Even this earth is to be restored to the condition which prevailed before Adam's transgression. Now in the nature of things, the law of sacrifice will have to be restored or all things which were decreed by the Lord would not be restored. It will be necessary, therefore, for the sons of Levi, who offered the blood sacrifices anciently in Israel, to offer such a sacrifice again to round out and complete this ordinance in this dispensation. Sacrifice by the shedding of blood was instituted in the days of Adam and of necessity will have to be restored.

The sacrifice of animals will be done to complete the restoration. . . ."

Contradiction?

Jesus the Christ, p. 723, by James E. Talmadge, one of the Twelve Apostles.

"... The Lord commanded that the people should no longer serve him with bloody sacrifices and burnt offerings: for the law of Moses was fulfilled; and thenceforth the only acceptable sacrifice would be the broken heart and the contrite spirit; and such should never be rejected. The humble and repentant the Lord would receive as his own. 'Behold' He said 'for such I have laid down my life, and have taken it up again; therefore repent, and come unto me ye ends of the earth, and be saved'..."

3 Nephi 9:19-20 Book of Mormon

"... And ye shall offer up unto me no more the shedding of blood: yea your sacrifices and your burnt offerings shall be done away, for I will accept none of your sacrifices and your burnt offerings. And ye shall offer for a sacrifice unto me a broken heart and a contrite spirit..."

WAS JESUS BEGOTTEN OF THE HOLY GHOST?

Journal of Discourses, Vol. I, pp. 50, 51, as cited in Valley of Decision, p. 134, by Leola Woodruff.

"Now, remember from this time forth, and forever, that Jesus Christ was not begotten by the Holy Ghost."

Contradiction?

Alma 7:10 Book of Mormon, as cited in Valley of Decision, p. 134, by Leola Woodruff.

"And behold, he shall be born of Mary, at Jerusalem which is the land of our forefathers, she being a virgin, a precious and chosen vessel, who shall be over shadowed and conceive by the power of the Holy Ghost, and bring forth a son, yea, even the son of God."

DID JOSEPH SMITH SEE GOD FACE TO FACE?

Doctrine and Covenants 84:21-22

"And without the ordinances thereof, and the authority of the priesthood, the power of Godliness is not manifest unto men in the flesh: For without this no man can see the face of God, even the Father and live."

Writings of Parley P. Pratt, p. 306, cited from Case Against Mormonism, p. 93, by Jerald and Sandra Tanner.

"... The truth is this; that without the Priesthood of Melchizedek; no man can see God and live..."



### Contradiction?

Doctrines of Salvation, Vol. III, p. 146, Bruce R. McConkie quoting Joseph Fielding Smith wrote:

"Joseph Smith became an apostle in 1820. In the spring of 1820, after the vision was given to Joseph Smith of the Father and the Son, he stood as the only witness among men who could testify with knowledge that God lives and Jesus Christ is verily his Son. In this knowledge he became a special witness for Christ, and thus an apostle before the priesthood had been restored."

Doctrines of Salvation, Vol. I, p. 4

". . . The Father and Son appeared to the Prophet Joseph Smith before the church was organized and the Priesthood restored to the earth. . . ."

#### Note:

The Aaronic priesthood was restored May 15, 1829, to Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery, or conferred upon them, by John the Baptist. Shortly after the Melchizedek priesthood was conferred on Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery by Peter, James, and John, Joseph Smith makes no claim of any restoration earlier than this date and no man can look on God and live according to Doctrine and Covenants, yet Joseph Smith talked with both God the Father and God the Son in the year 1820 without this authority. This was about nine years before the priesthood was restored.

### SAVIOR

Moses 1:6 Pearl of Great Price

". . . and mine Only Begotten is and shall be the Saviour. . . ."

Inspired Version of the Bible by Joseph Smith.

Mark 9:44

"Therefore, let every man stand or fall by himself and not for another."

### Contradiction?

John Taylor, Third President of the Church Journal of Discourses, Vol. 14:187 stated as cited in Fundamental Differences, p. 244, by Russell F. Ralston.

"We know something about our progenitors, and God has taught us how to be saviors for them by being baptized for them in the flesh, that they might live according to God in the Spirit."

The Way to Perfection, p. 325, by Joseph Fielding Smith, President of the Council of Twelve.

"... mortals have to be saviors on Mount Zion, acting by proxy for the dead. . . ."

#### CHANGING A DIVINE LAW.

The Latter Day Saints Millennial Star 27:673-676, as cited in Fundamental Differences, p. 152, by Russell F. Ralston. Brigham Young claimed there never would be a change, or revoking the practice of Polygamy.

"... The whole question, therefore, narrows itself to this in the 'Mormon' mind. Polygamy was revealed by God, or the entire fabric of their faith is false. To ask them to give up such an item of belief is to ask them to relinquish the whole to acknowledge their priesthood a lie, their ordinances a deception. . . ."

There is no half way house. The childish babble about another revelation is only evidence of how half informed men can talk. . . ."

History of Utah by Whitney, Vol. 3, p. 471. The Fifth President of the Church Lorenzo Snow said, as cited in Fundamental Differences, p. 157, by Russell F. Ralston:

"Though I go to prison, God will not change the law of celestial marriage. . . ."

"... The severest prosecutions have never been followed by revelations changing a Divine law. . . ."

Millennial Star, Vol. 15, p. 226, as cited in Case Against Mormonism, p. 14, by Jerald and Sandra Tanner.

"The order of plurality of wives is an everlasting and ceaseless order. . . ."

#### Contradiction?

The Revelation Eliminating Polygamy. We quote from The Mormon Establishment by Wallace Tuner, pp. 184-185.

"President Wilford Woodruff was the leader of the church by then. In the summer of 1890 he showed Frank Cannon a paper and asked if Cannon thought this would end the problem with the United States government. This was one of the historic documents of the church. It has come to be known as the manifesto. . . ."

"... About a year later in a sermon at Logan, Utah, President Woodruff said his manifesto was a result of a revelation. . . ."

Note:

This manifesto or revelation may be found on page 256 of Doctrine and Covenants. The last paragraph reads:

" . . . And I now publicly declare that my advice to the Latter-day Saints is to refrain from contracting any marriage forbidden by the law of the land."

How can the orders of any government or people change a divine law that has been declared to be an everlasting and ceaseless order, or when a prophet says God will not change the law of celestial marriage and also the same prophet said the severest persecutions have never been followed by revelations changing a divine law?

#### SAVED WITHOUT LAW

Mormon Doctrine 1967, second edition. On the Preface page, Bruce R. McConkie writes these words:

" . . . It is impossible for a man to be saved in ignorance of God and his laws. . . ."

#### Contradiction?

Moroni 8:19 Book of Mormon

"Little children cannot repent; wherefore, it is awful wickedness to deny the pure mercies of God unto them, for they are all alive in him because of his mercy."

Moroni 8:22 Book of Mormon

"For behold that all little children are alive in Christ, and also all they that are without the law. For the power of redemption cometh on all them that have no law; wherefore, he that is not condemned, or he that is under no condemnation, cannot repent: and unto such baptism availeth nothing."

Doctrines of Salvation by Joseph Fielding Smith, Vol. 2, p. 29, compiled by Bruce McConkie.

" . . . Provision has been made so that those who are without the law or who have not heard the name of Christ, who ignorant of the plan of salvation, because the gospel has never reached them in any form, shall not be under the same restrictions and condemnation as will those who have received the law and they who are without the law, Christ redeems through his blood. . . ."

Note:

According to this, those without the law, or those that have no law need no baptism at anytime and are in the same category as innocent little children. They are not condemned and those who have been saved by the blood of Christ as it says would have no need of having baptism done for them by proxy as there is no condemnation. But as we have read ". . . It is impossible for a man to be saved in ignorance of God and His laws. . . .".

## WHO IS GOD?

Doctrine and Covenants 27:11

"And also with Michael, or Adam, the father of all, the prince of all, the ancient of days;"

Journal of Discourses, Vol. 1: page 50 - Brigham Young as cited in Fundamental Differences, p. 118-119, by Russell F. Ralston:

"Now hear it, O inhabitants of the earth, Jew and Gentile, Saint and sinner! When our father Adam came into the Garden of Eden, he came into it with a celestial body, and brought Eve, one of his wives, with him. He helped to make and organize this world. He is Michael, the Archangel, the ancient of days! about whom the holy men have written and spoken--He is our Father, and our God, and the only God with whom we have to do. Every man upon the earth, professing Christians or non-professing must hear it, and will know it sooner or later."

## Contradiction?

Moses 1:3 Pearl of Great Price

"And God spoke unto Moses saying: Behold I am the Lord God Almighty, and endless is my name; for I am without beginning of days or end of years; and is not this endless."

Moses 2:26 Pearl of Great Price

"And I God, said unto mine only Begotten, which was with me from the beginning. . . ."

Alma 11:28-29 Book of Mormon

"Now Zeezrom said: Is there more than one God? and he answered no."

Alma 11:32 Book of Mormon

"And Zeezrom said again: who is he that shall come? Is he the son of God? and he said unto him yea."

Alma 11:38-39 Book of Mormon

"Now Zeezrom saith again unto him: Is the son of God the very eternal Father? And Amulek said unto him yea he is the very eternal Father of heaven and of earth, and all things which in them are; he is the beginning and the end, the first and the last;"

Note:

Is Adam the Father? If not, who is?

#### HOW MANY GODS?

: Book of Mormon Alma 11:28-29

"Now Zeezrom said: Is there more than one God?

And he answered no."

Book of Mormon 1st Nephi 20:11

"For mine own sake, yea for mine own sake will I do this, for I will not suffer my name to be polluted, and I will not give my glory unto another."

Book of Mormon Ether 2:8

"And he had sworn in his wrath unto the brother of Jared, that whoso should possess this land of promise, from that time henceforth and forever, should serve him, the true and only God. . . ."

Pearl of Great Price Moses 1:6

". . . Mine only Begotten is and shall be the Saviour, for he is full of grace and truth; but there is no God beside me."

#### Contradiction?

Journal of Discourses 6:274, 275, Brigham made the following statement as cited in Fundamental Differences, p. 93, by Russell F. Ralston, quoted here only in part:

". . . After men have got their exaltation, and their crowns--have become Gods, even the sons of God. . . ."

". . . This key is for you, The faithful will become Gods. . . ."

Doctrine and Covenants 76:50

"And again we bear record--for we saw and heard, and this is the testimony of the Gospel of Christ concerning them who shall come forth in the resurrection of the just."

Continuing with Verse 58:

"Wherefore, as it is written they are Gods, even the sons of God."

Journal of Discourses 23:65 John Taylor, the third president and prophet of the church, said as cited in Fundamental Differences, p. 94, by Russell F. Ralston:

"Man is a dual being, possessed of body and spirit, made in the image of God, and connected with him and with eternity, He is God in embryo."

Doctrine and Covenants 121:32

"According to that which was ordained in the midst of the council of the eternal God of all other Gods. . . ."

Journal of Discourses 1:50, Brigham Young said as cited in Fundamental Differences, p. 118, by Russell F. Ralston.

"Now hear it, O inhabitants of the earth, Jew and Gentile, Saint and sinner! When our Father Adam came into the Garden of Eden, he came into it with a celestial body, and brought Eve, one of his wives with him. He helped to make and organize this world. He is Michael the archangel, the ancient of days! about whom the holy men have written and spoken— He is our Father, and our God, and the only God with whom we have to do. Every man upon the earth, professing Christians or non-professing, must hear it and will know it sooner or later."

The Millennial Star 16:534, as cited in Fundamental Differences, p. 121. Franklin D. Richards, apostle of the church and an editor of The Millennial Star for several years, said:

"Concerning the item of doctrine alluded to by Elder Caffell and others, viz, that Adam is our Father and God, I have to say do not trouble yourselves, neither let the saints be troubled about that matter. . . Some seem to feel it their bounden duty to prove everything which belongs to our faith from the Bible, but I do not, . . . If as Elder Caffell remarked, there are those who are waiting at the door of the church for this objection to be removed, tell such, the Prophet and apostle Brigham has declared it, and that it is the word of the Lord."

Note:

According to Elder Richards, Brigham Young must have spoken by authority from God when he said Adam was God.

WAS MAN'S SPIRIT CREATED?

Doctrine and Covenants 93:29

"Man was also in the beginning with God. Intelligence, or the light of truth, was not created or made. . . ."

Contradiction?

Man, His Origin and Destiny p. 352, Joseph Fielding Smith.

". . . God created man in his own image, this is just as true of the Spirit as it is of the body. . . ."

Pearl of Great Price Moses 3:5

". . . I, the Lord God, had created all the children of men; . . . for in heaven created I them. . . ."

HOW WAS MAN CREATED?

The Gospel Through The Ages by Milton R. Hunter, p. 99, quoting Brigham:

"I believe that the declaration made in the scriptures is literally true. God has made his children like himself to stand erect, and has endowed them with intelligence and power and dominion over all His works, and given them the same attributes which He Himself possesses. He created men, as we create our children; for there is no other process of creation in heaven or in earth, in the earth, or under the earth, or in all the eternities, that is, that were, or that ever will be."

Contradiction?

Book of Mormon Jacob 4:9

"For behold, by the power of his word man came upon the face of the earth, which earth was created by the power of his word, wherefore, if God being able to speak and the world was, and to speak and man created. Oh then why not able to command the earth, or the workmanship of his hands, upon the face of it, according to his will and pleasure?"



## BLOOD ATONEMENT.

Journal of Discourses 3:247, Brigham Young stated, as cited in Fundamental Differences, p. 128, by Russell F. Ralston:

"Let us suppose a case. Suppose you found your brother in bed with your wife, and put a javalin through both of them, you would be justified, and they would atone for their sins, and be received into the kingdom of God. I would at once do so in such a case; and under such circumstances, I have no wife whom I love so well that I would not put a javalin through her heart, and I would do it with clean hands. . . There is not a man or woman, who violates the covenants made with their God, that will not be required to pay the debt. The blood of Christ will never wipe that out, your own blood must atone for it."

Journal of Discourses 4:219-220, February 8, 1857, Brigham Young taught the following in a discourse in Salt Lake City, as cited in Fundamental Differences, p. 129, by Russell F. Ralston:

"Now take a person in this congregation who has knowledge with regard to being saved in the Kingdom of our God and our Father, and being exalted, one who knows and understands the principles of eternal life, and sees the beauty and excellency of the eternities before him compared with the vain and foolish things of the world, and suppose that he is overtaken in a gross fault, that he has committed a sin that he knows will deprive him of that exaltation which he desires, and that he cannot attain to without the shedding of his blood, and also knows that by having his blood shed, he will atone for that sin, and be saved and exalted with the Gods, is there a man or woman in this house but what would say, 'shed my blood that I may be saved and exalted with the Gods'?"

. . . will you love your brothers or sisters likewise, when they have committed a sin which cannot be atoned for without the shedding of their blood? Will you love that man or woman well enough to shed their blood?

. . . I have seen scores and hundreds of people for whom there would have been a chance (in the last resurrection there will be) if their lives have been taken and their blood spilled on the ground as a smoking incense to the Almighty. . . I have known a great many men who have left this church for whom there is no chance whatever for exaltation, but if their blood had been spilled, it would have been better for them. The wickedness and ignorance of the nations forbid this principle's being in full force, but the time will come when the law of God will be in full force.



This is loving our neighbor as ourselves; if he needs help, help him: And if he wants salvation and it is necessary to spill his blood on the earth in order that he may be saved, spill it. . . That is the way to love mankind."

Journal of Discourses 4:53, September 21, 1856, Brigham Young stated, as cited in Fundamental Differences, p. 128, by Russell F. Ralston:

"There are sins that men commit for which they cannot receive forgiveness in this world, or in that which is to come, and if they had their eyes open to see their true condition, they would be perfectly willing to have their blood spilt upon the ground, that the smoke thereof might ascend to heaven as an offering for their sins; and the smoking incense would atone for their sins. . . ."

Blood Atonement and the Origin of Plural Marriage, p. 55 (1905 ed.), Joseph F. Smith, the sixth president of the church, said as cited in Fundamental Differences, p. 132-133, by Russell F. Ralston:

"Just a word or two now, on the subject of blood atonement. What is the doctrine? Unadulterated if you please, laying aside the pernicious insinuations and lying charges that have so often been made. It is simply this: Through the atonement of Christ all mankind may be saved, by obedience to the law and ordinances of the Gospel. . . . But man may commit grievous sins--according to his light and knowledge--that will place him beyond the reach of the atoning blood of Christ. If then he would be saved he must make sacrifice of his own life to atone--so far as in his power lies--for that sin, for the blood of Christ alone under certain circumstances will not avail."

Journal of Discourses 4:49, 51 as quoted from Fundamental Differences, p. 130-131. Jedediah M. Grant second counselor to Brigham Young from 1854-1856 said:

"I say that there are men and women that I would advise to go to the president immediately and ask him to appoint a committee to attend their case; and let a place be selected, and let that committee shed their blood. We have those amongst us that are full of all manner of abominations, those who need to have their blood shed for water will not do, their sins are of too deep a dye. . . . Brethren and sisters, we want you to repent and forsake your sins, And you who have committed sins that cannot be forgiven through baptism, let your blood be shed, and let the smoke ascend, that the incense thereof may come up before God as an atonement for your sins, and that sinners in Zion may be afraid."

Contradiction?

Book of Mormon Alma 22:14

"And since man had fallen he could not merit anything of himself; but the sufferings and death of Christ atone for their sins. . . ."

Book of Mormon 2nd Nephi 9:26

"For the atonement satisfieth the demands of his (God's) justice. . . ."

Doctrine and Covenants 76:69

"These are they who are just men made perfect through Jesus the mediator of the New Covenant, who wrought out this perfect atonement through shedding of his own blood."

Doctrine and Covenants 42:18

"And now, behold I speak unto the church. Thou shalt not kill; and he that kills shall not have forgiveness in this world nor in the world to come."

#### SEALING, OR THE LAW OF ADOPTION.

Journals of John D. Lee, edited by Charles Kelly, pp. 80-81. On February 16, 1847, Brigham Young the second president and prophet of the church said as cited in Case Against Mormonism, p. 21, by Jerald and Sandra Tanner, quoted here, only in part:

" . . . I have gathered a number of families around me through the law of adoption and seal of the covenant according to the order of the priesthood and others have done likewise, it being the means of salvation left to bring us back to God. . . ."

Journals of John D. Lee, 1846-1847 and 1859. Edited by Charles Kelly, pp. 86-89. Brigham Young stated, as cited in Case Against Mormonism, p. 21-22, by Jerald and Sandra Tanner:

" . . . The Lord introduced the Law of Adoption. . . ."

Later in the sermon he said:

" . . . Before I stop I will answer a question that has been repeatedly asked me (E.I.), should I have a father dead that has never heard this gospel, would it be required of me to redeem him and then have him adopted into some man's family and I be adopted to my father? (I answer no) If we have to attend to the ordinances of redemption for

our dead relatives we then become their saviours and were we to wait to redeem our dead relatives before we could link the chains of the P.H. we would never accomplish it."

Contradiction?

Millennial Star, Vol. 56, p. 338. Wilford Woodruff the fourth president and prophet of the church taught, as cited in Case Against Mormonism, p. 26, by Jerald and Sandra Tanner:

"I was adopted to my father, and should have had my father sealed to his father, and so on back; and the duty that I want every man who presides over a temple to see performed from this day henceforth and forever, unless the Lord Almighty commands otherwise, is, let every man be adopted to his father. When a man receives the endowments, adopt him to his father; not to Wilford Woodruff, not to any other man outside the lineage of his fathers. That is the will of God to his people. . . I say let every man be adopted to his father. . . ."

ENDLESS TORMENT

Book of Mormon 2nd Nephi 9:16

". . . Wherefore they who are filthy are the devil and his angels, and they shall go away into everlasting fire . . . whose flame ascendeth up forever and ever, and has no end."

Book of Mormon Alma 41:4

"And if their works are evil they shall be restored unto them for evil. . . raised to endless happiness. . . or to endless misery to inherit the kingdom of the Devil. . . ."

Book of Mormon Moroni 8:21

"Woe unto such, for they are in danger of death, hell, and endless torment."

Contradiction?

Discourses of Brigham Young, p. 383 or Journal of Discourses 9:147.

" . . . God's punishment is eternal, but that does not prove that a wicked person will remain eternally in a state of punishment. . . ."

Discourses of Brigham Young, p. 383 or Journal of Discourses 2:140.

" . . . Some people preach that people will go there to dwell through the endless age of eternity. Such persons know no more about eternity, and are no more capable of instructing others upon that subject than a little child. . . ."

THE NEGRO QUESTION CONCERNING SALVATION.

Book of Mormon 2nd Nephi 26:28

"Behold, hath the Lord commanded any that they should not partake of his goodness? Behold I say unto you, Nay; but all men are priviledged the one like unto the other and none are forbidden."

Book of Mormon 2nd Nephi 26:33

"For none of the iniquities come of the Lord; for he doeth that which is good among the children of men: and he doeth nothing save it be plain unto the children of men; and he inviteth them all to come unto him and partake of his goodness; and he denieth none that come unto him, black and white, bond and free, male and female; and he remembereth the heathen; and all are alike unto God, both Jew and Gentile."

Contradiction?

Mormon Doctrine, pp. 476-477, revised and enlarged edition by Bruce R. McConkie, pp. 526-527, as cited from Fundamental Differences, p. 314, 315 by Russell F. Ralston, copied here only in part:

"In the pre-existant eternity various degrees of valiance and devotion to the truth were exhibited by different groups of our Fathers spirit offspring. One third of the spirit hosts of heaven came out in open rebellion and were cast out without bodies, becoming the devil and his angels (D. and C. 29:36-41; Rev. 12:3-9). The other two-thirds stood affirmatively for Christ; there were no

## DANCING

("Manuscript History of Brigham Young," May 29, 1847, typed copy) as cited in Case Against Mormonism, p. 13-14, by Jerald and Sandra Tanner:

"29th I called the camp together and remonstrated with those brethren who were giving way to trifling, Dancing, and card playing. I warned them in the name of the Lord against the Spirit which many of the camp possessed, and called upon them to cease their folly and turn to the Lord their God with full purpose of heart to serve him. The brethren of the Twelve, the High Priests, the Bishops, the Seventies, all covenanted to humble themselves, repent of the follies and remember their former covenants. I then told the few who did not belong to the church that they were not at liberty to introduce cards, dancing or iniquity of any description. . . ."

("Manuscript History of Brigham Young," April 4, 1847, typed copy) as cited in Case Against Mormonism, p. 13, by Jerald and Sandra Tanner:

"A letter was also written by the council to Elder Nathaniel H. Felt, St. Louis, directing him to tarry and preside over the church there. The Council advised the brethren there who were in the patriarchal order of marriage to emigrate westward this spring; and counselled the brethren to let Dancing alone; else it would prove a snare and a trap in which the enemy would catch many souls."

Contradiction?

("Manuscript History of Brigham Young," February 5, 1847, typed copy) as cited in Case Against Mormonism, p. 13, by Jerald and Sandra Tanner:

"There is no harm in dancing. The Lord said he wanted His Saints to praise him in all things. It was enjoined on Miriam and the daughters of Israel to dance and celebrate the name of the Almighty, and to praise Him on the destruction of Pharoah and his host.

For some weeks past I could not wake up at any time of the night but I heard the axes at work. Some were building for the destitute and the widow; and now my feelings are, Dance all night, if you desire to do so, for there is no harm in it. . . ."

## WAS JESUS EVER MARRIED?

Journal of Discourses 4:259, Orson Hyde made this statement as quoted from Fundamental Differences, p. 181, by Russell F. Ralston:

"It will be born in mind that once on a time, there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and on a careful reading of that transaction, it will be discovered that no less a person than Jesus Christ was married on that occasion. If he was never married, his intimacy with Mary and Martha, and the other Mary, also whom Jesus loved, must have been highly unbecoming and improper to say the best of it."

Note: There is no record in the Scriptures of Jesus ever marrying any woman, let alone more than one.

## SACRAMENTS.

Doctrine and Covenants 89:5, 6, 7.

"That in as much as any man drinketh wine or strong drink among you, behold it is not good neither meet in the sight of your father, only in assembling yourselves together to offer up your sacraments before him.

And behold this should be wine, yea pure wine of the grape of the vine, of your own make. And again strong drinks are not for the belly, but for the washing of your bodies."

Contradiction?

Doctrine and Covenants 27:1,2.

"Listen to the voice of Jesus Christ, your Lord, your God and your redeemer, whose word is quick and powerful. For, behold, I say unto you that it mattereth not what ye shall eat or what ye shall drink when ye partake of the sacrament, if it so be that ye do it with an eye single to my glory. . . ."

## ARE THE MORMON SCRIPTURES A SAFE GUIDE TO FOLLOW?

Doctrine and Covenants 27:5.

". . . Moroni, whom I have sent unto you to reveal the Book of Mormon containing the fullness of my everlasting Gospel. . . ."

Contradiction?

Conference Minutes, October 6, 1910, p. 51, Orson F. Whitney, an apostle of the church stated, as cited in Fundamental Differences, p. 82, by Russell F. Ralston:

"He (God) Has a right to require one thing today, and another tomorrow, and the latest word that comes from him is the word that his people must obey. . . . We do not take our command from the Bible. We are not governed by the gospel as revealed to the Nephites."

The Latter Day Saints Millennial Star 16:534. The Apostle Franklin D. Richards said as cited in Fundamental Differences, p. 121, by Russell F. Ralston, quoted here only in part:

". . . Some seem to feel it their bounden duty to prove everything which belongs to our faith from the Bible, but I do not. . . ."

Note: The Book of Mormon came through the Nephites according to the church. And in the book of Doctrine and Covenants which is also Holy Scripture, we read that the Book of Mormon contained the fullness of the everlasting gospel.

So we see that Apostle Orson F. Whitney says that the church of today is not governed by the Gospel according to the Nephites, who produced the Book of Mormon which is the Holy Scriptures for the church.

Do they then reject the Book of Mormon?

#### A CHANGE IN PLURAL MARRIAGE.

Life of John Taylor p. 255. John Taylor, third president of the church said, as cited in Case Against Mormonism, p. 14 by Jerald and Sandra Tanner:

". . . We are not ashamed here in this great metropolis of America . . . to declare that we are polygamists. We are not ashamed to proclaim to this great nation, to rulers, and people, to the president, senators, legislators, judges; to high and low, rich and poor, priests and people, that we are firm, conscientious believers in polygamy, and that it is part and parcel of our religious creed. . . ."

Millennial Star, Vol. 15, p. 226, as cited in Case Against Mormonism, p. 14, by Jerald and Sandra Tanner:



"The order of plurality of wives is an everlasting and ceaseless order. . . ."

Journal of Discourses, Vol. 11, pp. 268-269, as cited in Case Against Mormonism, pp. 151-152, by Jerald and Sandra Tanner:

". . . The only men who become Gods, even the sons of God, are those who enter into polygamy. . . ."

#### Contradiction?

Mormon Doctrine, 1958 edition, p. 523, Bruce R. McConkie said as cited in Case Against Mormonism, p. 14, by Jerald and Sandra Tanner:

"Plural marriage is not essential to salvation or exaltation. Nephi and his people were denied the power to have more than one wife and yet they could gain every blessing in eternity that the Lord ever offered to any people."

Bruce R. McConkie also says in the same book on p. 523:

"Any who pretend or assume to engage in plural marriage in this day, when the one holding the keys has withdrawn the power by which they are performed, are guilty of gross wickedness. They are living in adultery, have already sold their souls to Satan, and (whether their acts are based on ignorance or lust or both) they will be damned in eternity."

Note: How strange that God gave a revelation which was an everlasting and ceaseless order then change that doctrine so that if one practiced it their souls would be sold to Satan and damned into eternity.

#### SALVATION OF THE DEAD

Journal of Discourses, Vol. 22:234, by Wilford Woodruff, fourth president of the church, said as cited in Fundamental Differences, p. 245, by Russell F. Ralston:

". . . We have a great work before us in the redemption of our dead. . . . There are fifty thousand millions of people in the spirit world. . . . Those persons may receive their testimony, but they cannot be baptized in the spirit world, for somebody on earth must perform this ordinance for them in the flesh before they can receive part in the first resurrection and be worthy of eternal life."



Doctrine and Covenants 128:18.

"... the earth will be smitten with a curse unless there is a welding link of some kind or other between the fathers and the children, upon some subject or other--and behold what is that subject? It is the baptism for the dead. For we without them cannot be made perfect; neither can they without us be made perfect."

Contradiction?

Inspired version revised by Prophet Joseph Smith Mark 9:44.

"Therefore let every man stand or fall by himself, and not for another."

Book of Mormon Mosiah 15:26.

"But behold, and fear, and tremble before God, for ye ought to tremble; for the Lord redeemeth none such that rebel against him and die in their sins. . . ."

Book of Mormon Alma 34:33,35.

"... Behold, if we do not improve our time while in this life, then cometh the night of darkness where in there can be no labor performed.

For behold, if ye have procrastinated the day of your repentance even until death, behold, ye have become subjected to the spirit of the devil, and he doth seal you his. . . ."

Book of Mormon Alma 42:13.

"Therefore, according to justice, the plan of redemption could not be brought about, only on conditions of repentance of men in this probationary state. . . ."

Book of Mormon 2nd Nephi 1:14.

"... Hear the words of a trembling parent, whose limbs ye must soon lay down in the cold and silent grave, from whence no traveler can return."

Doctrine and Covenants 45:54.

"And then shall the heathen nations be redeemed, and they that knew no law shall have part in the first resurrection. . . ."

Book of Mormon 2nd Nephi 9:25,26.

"Wherefore, he has given a law; and where there is no law

given there is no punishment; and where there is no punishment there is no condemnation; . . . the mercies of the Holy One of Israel have claim upon them, because of the atonement; for they are delivered by the power of him.

For the atonement satisfieth the demands of his justice upon all those who have not the law given to them. . . ."

Book of Mormon Mosiah 3:11.

"For behold and also his blood atoneth for the sins of those who have fallen by the transgression of Adam, who have died not knowing the will of God concerning them or who have ignorantly sinned. . . ."

#### HAS ANY MAN EVER BECOME A GOD?

The Gospel Through the Ages, p. 106, by Milton R. Hunter:

"The Glory that Christ received was that of Godhood; therefore, for men to receive the same glory they also shall become Gods. In fact, when the church leaders during the early period of Mormondom searched the scriptures more carefully, it became very clear to them that the ultimate goal of eternal progression is to receive eternal life, i.e., to become as God is. For this cause the Gospel of Jesus Christ was instituted before the foundation of the world and revealed to mankind from age to age by a gracious Heavenly Father: of course it is generally understood that a vast majority of the children of our Heavenly Parents will not obey the Gospel principles and ordinances to the degree requisite to finally exalt themselves unto Godhood, but the possibility is that there are many individuals who will attain the desired goal. For example, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob 'have entered into their exaltation according to the promises, and sit upon thrones, and are not angels but are Gods.'"

In Doctrine and Covenants, section 132, verse 37, it says:

"Abraham received concubines, and they bore him children; and it was accounted unto him for righteousness, because they were given unto him, and he abode in my law; as Isaac also and Jacob did none other things than that which they were commanded; and because they did none other things than that which they were commanded, they have entered into their exaltation, according to the promises, and sit upon thrones, and are not angels, but are Gods."

Contradiction?

Book of Mormon Alma 11:26-29.

"And Zeezrom said unto him: Thou sayest there is a true and living God?

And Amulek said: Yea there is a true and living God.

Now Zeezrom said: Is there more than one God?

And he answered no."

Book of Mormon Alma 11:35.

"Now Zeezrom said unto the people: See that ye remember these things; for he said there is but one God. . . ."

Book of Mormon 1st Nephi 20:11, 12.

"For mine own sake, yea for mine own sake will I do this; for I will not suffer my name to be polluted, and I will not give my glory unto another." ". . . I am the first, and I am also the last."

Pearl of Great Price Moses 1:6.

". . . There is no God beside me. . . ."

Book of Mormon Ether 2:8.

"And he had sworn in his wrath unto the brother of Jared, that whoso should possess this land of promise, from that time henceforth and forever, should serve him, the true and only God. . . ."

#### ADAM-GOD DOCTRINE.

B. H. Roberts, President of Seventy and Historian of the Church wrote in The Mormon's Doctrine of Diety pp. 42-43, year 1903, as cited in Fundamental Differences, p. 124, by Russell F. Ralston:

"Some of the sectarian ministers are saying that we 'Mormons' are ashamed of the doctrine announced by President Brigham Young to the effect that Adam will thus be the God of this world. No, friends, it is not that we are ashamed of that doctrine. If you see any change come over our countenances when this doctrine is named, it is surprise, astonishment, that any at all capable of grasping the largeness and extent of the universe--the grandeur of existence and the possibilities in man for growth, for progress, should be so lean of intellect, should have

such a paucity of understanding, as to call it in question at all. That is what our change in countenance means-- not shame for the doctrine that Brigham Young taught."

#### Contradiction?

Mr. Roberts in the Deseret News in July 23, 1921, wrote as cited in Fundamental Differences, p. 125, by Russell F. Ralston:

"As a matter of fact the 'Mormon' church does not teach this doctrine, a few men in the 'Mormon' church have held such views, and several of them quite prominent in the councils of the church. . . Brigham Young, and others may have taught that doctrine, but it has never been accepted by the church as her doctrine."

Note: Is it not strange that Mr. Roberts in 1903, made the statement to the effect that it is astonishing how one can be so lean of intellect as to call the Adam-God doctrine in question at all and in 1921 he claims that the church does not teach this doctrine, but admits a few did, and one of the few happened to be The Prophet and second president of the church, the highest authority of God in the world, according to the church!

WERE THERE TO BE CHILDREN BORN BEFORE THE FALL OF MAN?

Book of Mormon 2nd Nephi 2:19, 20.

"And after Adam and Eve had partaken of the forbidden fruit they were driven out of the Garden of Eden, to till the earth.

And they have brought forth children; yea even the family of all the earth. . . ."

Verses 22-25:

"And now behold, if Adam had not transgressed he would not have fallen, but he would have remained in the Garden of Eden, and all things which were created must have remained in the same state in which they were after they were created; and they must have remained forever and had no end, and they would have had no children: wherefore they would have remained in a state of innocence, having no joy, for they knew no misery; doing no good, for they knew no sin.

But behold all things have been done in the wisdom of him who knoweth all things Adam fell that men might be; and men are that they might have joy."

Pearl of Great Price Moses 5:11.

"And Eve his wife, heard all these things and was glad saying were it not for our transgression we never should have had seed. . . ."

Contradiction?

Pearl of Great Price Moses 2:27-28.

"And I God created man in mine own image, in the image of mine only begotten created I him; male and female created I them.

And I God blessed them and said unto them: be fruitful and multiply, and replenish the earth. . . ."

Note: The same prophet made all the forgoing statements. One statement says if they had not sinned they would not have had any children. The other statement says be fruitful and multiply and it was made before sin entered. Also, the thought is born out that there would not have been any joy for they knew no misery and they would have done no good for they knew no sin.

How can sin bring good and misery joy? Would God give a command that could not be obeyed without sinning?

REINCARNATION.

Doctrine and Covenants 68:2-4.

"And behold, and lo, this is an ensample unto all those who were ordained unto this priesthood, whose mission is appointed unto them to go forth—

And this is the ensample unto them, that they shall speak as they are moved upon by the Holy Ghost. And what soever they shall speak when moved upon by the Holy Ghost shall be scripture shall be the will of the Lord. . . ."

Who is right in the following statements?

Journal of Discourses 3:319. Brigham Young stated as cited in Fundamental Differences, p. 119, By Russell F. Ralston:

"Though we have it in history that our father Adam was made of the dust of this earth, and that he knew nothing about his God previous to being made here, yet it is not so: and when we learn the truth we shall see and understand that he helped to make this world, and was the chief manager in that operation.

He was the person who brought the animals and the seeds from other planets to this world, and brought a wife with him and stayed here. You may read and believe what you please as to what is found written in the Bible, Adam was made from the dust of an earth, but not from the dust of this earth."

Contradiction?

Provo, Utah Daily Herald, March 22, 1949, p. 9, Milton R. Hunter speaking at the state conference in Spanish Fork, Utah, March 20, 1949, said as cited in Fundamental Differences p. 119, by Russell F. Ralston:

"The idea that Adam is the God of this world or that he was transplanted here from another planet is false and misleading.

. . . . For our scriptures prove them false, and the theory of Adam's being transplanted would involve a belief of reincarnation which this church condemns as also untrue."

Note: If both men were speaking by the power of the Holy Spirit and was scripture it seems strange there should be any conflict of ideas.

DID THE BIRTH OF CHRIST TAKE PLACE AT JERUSALEM OR AT BETHLEHEM?

Book of Mormon Alma 7:9-10

"But behold, the Spirit hath said this much unto me saying:

Cry unto this people, saying--repent ye and prepare the way of the Lord, and walk in his paths, which are straight; for behold the kingdom of heaven is at hand, and the Son of God cometh upon the face of the earth.

And behold he shall be born of Mary at Jerusalem which is the land of our forefathers, she being a virgin, a precious and chosen vessel, who shall be overshadowed and conceive by the power of the Holy Ghost, and bring forth a son, yea, even the Son of God. . . ."

Contradiction?

James E. Talmadge, one of the twelve apostles of the Mormon Church says on p. 1 of his book Jesus the Christ:

"It is a matter of history that, at or near the beginning of what has since come to be known as the Christian era, the man Jesus, surnamed the Christ, was born in Bethlehem of Judea. . . ."

Quoting from Joseph Fielding Smith, Bruce R. McConkie in his book Doctrines of Salvation, Vol. III, p.209, writes:

". . . The Book of Mormon is the sacred history of the ancient inhabitants of the American continent. It contains the predictions of their prophets, the commandments of the Lord to them, and the history and destiny of those ancient peoples. It is the American volume of scripture and is just as sacred and inspired as is the Bible, which contains the sacred records of the Hebrew race on the Eastern Hemisphere."

Bible Micah 5:2.

"But thou Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting."

The eighth article of faith of the Mormon Church says:

"We believe the Bible to be the word of God as far as it is translated correctly; we also believe the Book of Mormon to be the word of God."

Summary: The Book of Mormon through its Prophet Alma, prophecied that Christ was to be born in Jerusalem. . . .

The Bible through its prophet Micah prophecied that Christ was to be born in Bethlehem.

James E. Talmadge the Mormon apostle says that it is a matter of history that Christ was born in Bethlehem. . . .

Did Joseph Smith in his translation of the Book of Mormon mis-translate it, or did Alma's prophecy fail? . . . .

Shall we accept the Bible as the word of God, or shall we accept the Book of Mormon? Or Both? . . . .

YOU BE THE JUDGE

THE MILLENNIAL STAR. An official publication of the church.

THE DOCUMENTARY HISTORY OF THE CHURCH, OR THE HISTORY OF  
THE CHURCH. Put out by the church.

THE JOURNAL OF DISCOURSES. A collection of sermons, writings,  
and discourses that was published by the church.

MILTON R. HUNTER. One of the general authorities of the church.

RUSSELL F. RALSTON. President of the Council of Presidents  
of Seventies. . of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of  
Latter Day Saints.

LEOLA WOODROFF. Great granddaughter of Wilford Woodroff,  
Fourth president of the church.

JERALD & SANDRA TANNER. Former members of the church.

WALLACE TURNER. Author of Gamblers' Honey, The New Force in  
American Life, and The Mormon Establishment.

BRIGHAM YOUNG. Second president of the church.

B. H. ROBERTS. Historian of the church.

JAMES E. TALMADGE. One of the twelve apostles of the church.

JOSEPH FIELDING SMITH. Now president of the church.



neutrals. To stand neutral in the midst of war is a philosophical impossibility. The Lord said, 'He that is not for me is against me! and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad.' (Matt. 12:30)

Of the two-thirds who followed Christ, however, some were more valiant than others. . . . Those who were less valiant in the pre-existence and who thereby had certain spiritual restrictions imposed upon them during mortality are known to us as Negroes. Such spirits are sent to earth through the lineage of Cain. . . .

Negroes in this life are denied the priesthood; under no circumstances can they hold this delegation of authority from the Almighty (Abraham 1:20-27). The gospel message of salvation is not carried affirmatively to them. (Moses 7:8, 12, 22). . . ."

Note: One Statement claims God is no respecter of persons.

Whether in color or race, the other statement bears out the fact that the gospel message is not carried affirmatively to the negro.

#### POLYGAMY - TAYLOR

Orson Pratt's works, p. 8 of Public Discussion. In July 1850, John Taylor, third president of the church said as cited in Fundamental Differences, p. 191, by Russell F. Ralston:

"We are accused here of polygamy, and actions the most indelicate, obscene, and disgusting, such that none but a corrupt and depraved heart could have contrived. The things are too outrageous to admit of belief. . . . I shall content myself by reading our views of chastity and marriage. . . . 'You both mutually agree to be each other's companion, husband and wife, observing the legal rights belonging to this condition; that is keeping yourselves wholly for each other, and from all others, during your lives.'"

#### Contradiction?

John Taylor - prophet and third president of the church also wrote; Journal of Discourses 11:221 also cited in Fundamental Differences, p. 154 by Russell F. Ralston:

"When I see any of our people, men or women, opposing a principle (polygamy) of this kind, I have years ago set them down as on the high road to apostasy, and I do today; I consider them apostates, and not interested in this church and kingdom."

## DANCING

("Manuscript History of Brigham Young," May 29, 1847, typed copy) as cited in Case Against Mormonism, p. 13-14, by Jerald and Sandra Tanner:

"29th I called the camp together and remonstrated with those brethren who were giving way to trifling, Dancing, and card playing. I warned them in the name of the Lord against the Spirit which many of the camp possessed, and called upon them to cease their folly and turn to the Lord their God with full purpose of heart to serve him. The brethren of the Twelve, the High Priests, the Bishops, the Seventies, all covenanted to humble themselves, repent of the follies and remember their former covenants. I then told the few who did not belong to the church that they were not at liberty to introduce cards, dancing or iniquity of any description. . . ."

("Manuscript History of Brigham Young," April 4, 1847, typed copy) as cited in Case Against Mormonism, p. 13, by Jerald and Sandra Tanner:

"A letter was also written by the council to Elder Nathaniel H. Felt, St. Louis, directing him to tarry and preside over the church there. The Council advised the brethren there who were in the patriarchal order of marriage to emigrate westward this spring; and counselled the brethren to let Dancing alone; else it would prove a snare and a trap in which the enemy would catch many souls."

Contradiction?

("Manuscript History of Brigham Young," February 5, 1847, typed copy) as cited in Case Against Mormonism, p. 13, by Jerald and Sandra Tanner:

"There is no harm in dancing. The Lord said he wanted His Saints to praise him in all things. It was enjoined on Miriam and the daughters of Israel to dance and celebrate the name of the Almighty, and to praise Him on the destruction of Pharoah and his host.

For some weeks past I could not wake up at any time of the night but I heard the axes at work. Some were building for the destitute and the widow; and now my feelings are, Dance all night, if you desire to do so, for there is no harm in it. . . ."