

Origin of Mormonism

A Brief examination of Two Fundamental Mormon Doctrines

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Mormonism is a Departure from the Original Latter Day Saint Doctrine

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, with headquarters in Salt Lake City, Utah, calling themselves “Mormons,” is not and never was the church originally established by the prophet Joseph Smith and others on April 6, 1830, notwithstanding the Mormon claims to the contrary.

In support of this statement are presented only two of the several new tenets introduced after the martyrdom of the Prophet in 1844. The Mormons have taught these basic or fundamental doctrines:

- 1. Plurality of Gods.**
- 2. Plural marriage (polygamy) as a principle of salvation.**

The Gods

The Prophet declared, “*We believe in God the Eternal Father, and in his Son Jesus Christ, and in the Holy Ghost*” (Epitome of Faith, Millennial Star, Vol. 19, page 22).

The Mormons teach a plurality of Gods as set forth in one of their “Standard Books” of Scripture, published seven years after Joseph Smith’s death.

“And then the Lord said: Let us go down. And they went down at the beginning, and they, that is the Gods, organized and formed the heavens and the earth.” - Abraham 4: 1. (Pearl of Great Price, page 38)

The expression, “the Gods,” is made 31 times in 31 verses of this chapter.

In 1835 the General Conference of the church approved this statement:

“By these things we know that there is a God in heaven who is infinite and eternal, from everlasting to everlasting the same unchangeable God, the framer of heaven and earth and all things which are in them, and that he created man male and female; after his own image and in his own likeness created he them, and gave unto them commandments that they should love and serve him the only living and true God,

and that he should be the only being whom they should worship.” - Doctrine and Covenants 17: 4.

Polygamy

In the 1876 edition of the Mormon Doctrine and Covenants was published an alleged revelation (Section 132) on “Plurality of Wives.” This was first given to the Mormon church in 1852, though it bears the date of 1843 and is plainly apocryphal. We quote from their book:

“Therefore, prepare thy heart to receive and obey the instructions which I am about to give unto you; for all those who have this law revealed unto them must obey the same.”

“For behold, I reveal unto you a new and an everlasting covenant; and if ye abide not that covenant, then are ye damned; for no one can reject this covenant, and be permitted to enter into my glory.” - 132: 3, 4

Later in this document we are told concerning those who enter into this polygamous covenant, :... “and they shall pass by the angels, and the gods, which are set there, to their exaltation and glory in all things. ... Then shall they be gods, because they have all power, and the angels are subject unto them.” - 132: 19, 20

“And if he have ten virgins given unto him by this law, he cannot commit adultery, for they belong to him, and they are given unto him, therefore is he justified.” - 132: 62

This document is still being published and circulated by the Mormons. However, they have left out the one on marriage which was adopted by the church (Section 111, 1835 edition) and which reads in part as follows:

“Inasmuch as this Church of Christ has been reproached with the crime of fornication, and polygamy: 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.” - Doctrine and Covenants 111: 4

Since these doctrines of Plurality of Gods and Plurality of Wives were never approved by the church nor taught during the lifetime of the Prophet Joseph Smith, their teaching by the Mormon church constitutes an apostasy from the faith.

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