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## H.I.S Ministries June Newsletter, covering May 2005

Summer **should be** finally here and hopefully the sun will dry out this wet desert-land. Utah has experienced floods from January till now. It has not seemed like we are living in a desert - and I miss the sunshine. But it is bound to come now and stay. (We hope.)

I am so behind in my answering letters and requests for help. **We have had serious computer problems for almost 3 weeks. I may have even lost some of our emails. If any of you have not received an answer from us, please write again, for it may be that we lost your letter all together.**

Our hearts have been heavy because many Christian leaders are blinded by the cleverness of Satan and have become “best friends” uniting with those who represent and openly teach false doctrines of the Mormon Church and thus they are encouraging others also to seek their friends from among cult members. **Please do not misunderstand what I am saying. I am not against being friendly and having a meaningful conversation with those who have been deceived by this counterfeit church. Quite the opposite. Through friendly, but firm and truthful conversations, is how we have had much success in bringing people out of Mormonism. We reason with them, and show them that Mormonism is not biblical and present them Jesus of the Bible who alone can save and give lasting peace. When they accept the Very Person of Truth, then we will be their friends forever. We are then united with them in one body, which is Christ. Paul’s letter to Ephesians emphasizes unity of both doctrine and Spirit. Unity of the faith (doctrine) (Eph. 4:3, 13) is vital for true friendship as is unity of Spirit. There can be no real spiritual unity without doctrinal unity. Sound doctrine includes the doctrine of the Holy Spirit, and unity in relationships comes through Him. - But what I am saying is that the Bible nowhere encourages relationships with unbelievers, but strictly forbids them outside of trying to win the lost to Jesus Christ of the Bible. James, a half-brother of Jesus, warned that if we become friends of the world (in other words, friends with those who do not accept the truth of the gospel), we become enemies of God. (James 4:4.) We are told in the Word of God to “*mark them*” and “*avoid them*” who cause division by teaching **contrary to the doctrine taught in the Word of God.** (Romans 16:17) We are told to “*rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in faith.*” (Titus 1:13) We are told to “*turn away*” from them ( 2 Tim. 3:5), and we are commanded **not to “receive them”**, not even bid them God speed (2 John 10-11) and “*have no company with them*” ( 2 Thess. 3:14). We are told to “*reject*” the heretics. (Titus 3:10). We are told to *be separate* (2 Cor. 6:14-17) and *not be yoked with unbelievers.* Nowhere does God advice us to have a continued friendship with those who reject Him. This applies especially to those who teach false doctrines; teachers and leaders within the Mormon Church. Christian pastors are supposed to be shepherds of the flock - guarding them and keeping the flock safe from false teachers. What is happening here? I am sure that some will write to me trying to explain the Word of God is not applying to these people and their purposes. However, I’d rather stand alone with the Lord and depend on His counsel than be among the multitude who rather want to please people.**

This idea of seeking friendship with Christian pastors was put on fast forward about 20 years ago by **Mormon Church's representative, Darl Andersen (BYU)**. **His idea was that if the local LDS leaders became friends with Christian ministers, these ministers would stop teaching to their congregations that Mormonism is a counterfeit religion that takes its followers to eternal hell.** His idea was to neutralize pastors, ignore or not talk about doctrinal differences, emphasize moral values that both have in common, and make pastors sympathetic to the Mormon cause. Even if ministers themselves know the error of Mormonism, **friendship with Mormon leaders will eventually silence them** and missionaries can step in and teach their congregations Mormonism and convert them. I have seen this in action.

In brief the plan was to have Mormon bishops and other local LDS leaders seek friendship with Christian pastors, mingle with their congregations, play golf with them, take them to lunches, etc. and **then eventually win their flocks.** His idea was that if Mormon leaders are friends with Christian pastors, members of their congregations will take it as an example for them to follow, and when the Mormon missionaries knock at their door, they will invite them in and have a “friendly conversation” with them about the “restored LDS gospel”. Large number of Christians cannot defend biblical doctrine against twisted teachings of Mormonism. That is how they are able convert two to three hundred thousand Christians into Mormonism every year!

We must remember that **what Mormons promote is not Christianity.** They teach “*another Jesus*” and “*another gospel*”. The words are the same, but the meaning is in total opposition to Jesus of the Bible and His gospel.

I will give you a few excerpts from Darl Andersen's writings, written to advise his fellow Mormons how to win Christian friends and influence them [into joining the Mormon church]. (Emphasis and clarification in parenthesis added):

### **LOVE THY MINISTER NEIGHBOR, Darl Andersen - INTRODUCTION**

“The mission of Christ the Savior [of the Mormon Church] is the most glorious message of all time... Integrity pushes those who have this testimony [of the Mormon Church] to share it with their neighbors... Especially to those, who know that **Savior has again appeared in these latter days** [to Joseph Smith] as a witness to His glorious gospel of peace and good will [gospel of the LDS Church], comes a tremendous burden to share.

Much of religious faith, opinion and attitude comes to individuals **through ministers in their various churches... sharing [Mormonism] with these ministers is a very effective way to spread [and change] religious opinions and attitudes.** But it appears this tremendous source of sharing has been avoided. In fact, ministers' reaction to their LDS neighbors is too often just opposite that of peace and good will...Some of us many sidestep the opportunity to be friends with ministers...

We must love them, share understanding with them. If we would just live this great commandment to love our neighbors, many existing problems would fade away, and **the Lord's cause [the restored LDS church] would prosper.**

**Toward this hope, these concepts are presented.**

### **“WIN A MINISTER AND INFLUENCE A THOUSAND**

**1. The restoration of the [LDS] gospel is the most glorious event that has happened since**

**the resurrection of the Lord. Those who believe must proclaim it,** and display it as a light to the world.

2. The light of the [LDS] gospel cannot be seen through eyes that are looking for ugliness and error [in Mormonism].

3. **Religious leaders are spreading an enormous amount of ugliness and error about the Lord's glorious restored gospel** [Mormonism]. **This they do, mostly because they do not understand** [Mormonism].

4. **They cannot understand if we do not help them** [and teach them Mormonism].

5. We cannot help them if we do not love them sincerely and communicate with them.

6. We cannot communicate with them unless they have a good spirit, and we relate to **their needs and desires**.

7. "... for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth light." **Arguing the letter of doctrine often kills the light of the spirit.**

8. If we provide them understanding..., the Holy Spirit can work miracles. **Then the light of the [LDS] gospel** can shine to more of those who seek the Lord.

9. To this mission our hearts are committed.

#### **“WHY**

1. The Lord's great commandment is for us to love our neighbors. Ministers are our neighbors in a very special way. We cannot be good [Mormons] Christians if we don't love them and show that love by our actions.

2. **The public image of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will radically improve when the source** [pastor] **of most public religious opinion has a friendly attitude.**

3. **The light of the Lord's gospel** [LDS gospel] **can be more clearly understood by the multitudes when it is described by friendly minister's voices.**

4. **The concept of being friends with ministers is exciting to LDS. It results in a motivated missionary spirit.**... It also helps us to be aware of others' feelings, and more articulate in communicating with them.

5. Minister's who build faith in Jesus Christ [who was revealed to Joseph Smith], who persuade people to do good and oppose the evil around us, should have love and support from those who claim to follow the Savior.

6. Some bishops and stake presidents feel the Lord's command to "feed my sheep" may include non-members living within their boundaries. **Spreading good will and understanding through friendly ministers** [who do not speak against Mormonism] **may be a good way to feed them** [the LDS gospel].

7. Will LDS share some of the burden for damages done to the Lord's church by ministers if LDS do not help ministers understand the damage they are doing? [In other words, neutralize them, flatter them, become their friends.]

8. By expressing our love to ministers, we may show the way we live the **truth of the gospel we proclaim**, and be a light to the world. We cannot risk being among those who "say, and do not."

9. **Imagine the miracles that may happen when ministers and LDS are good friends!** [More conversions.]

#### **EXCUSES**

LDS seldom try to make friends with ministers even though **it is apparent that ministers are the major source of public opinion about the LDS religion.** Without question, most ministers

are good people, committed to serve the Lord and their fellowmen [according to their limited understanding]. Communication with them is so important, and it can be most rewarding. Why, then, do LDS sidestep the opportunity **to advance the Lord's work** [getting converts to the LDS church]? Some often used excuses are these:

1. Some LDS don't know of the great amount of ugliness and error now being spread about Mormonism. Just a brief look around reveals an abundance of anti-Mormon materials. This indicates widespread use and financial support. This false and negative information is motivated from pulpits of some of our religious neighbors [ministers].

2. Some LDS question the integrity of making friends with ministers while [we are] "**out after their sheep.**"

**BUT the LDS are proclaiming the most glorious event since the resurrection of the Savior, the restoration of the Lord's gospel [Mormonism]. It was so significant that both the Eternal Father and His Son came to earth to announce it [to Joseph Smith]. This message, then, is of vital concern to everyone.** Only those who do not comprehend this fact should question the integrity involved. **Ministers quickly recognize integrity when they understand the facts. We must help them understand,** just as it takes integrity for them to declare their faith. Should we all be as sheep who seek to follow the Savior, not just followers of men?

3. Some LDS feel there is danger of compromise by making friends with ministers. **Friends do not ask for a compromise of faith** [i.e. if ministers are our friends they do not try to convert us from Mormonism].

**Twenty-five years of friendly dialogue with ministers has deepened my faith** [in the Mormon Church]. It has brought both clarity and gratitude for the precious **beauties of the restoration** [of the Mormon gospel], but it has also given me much more charity... We also need friendly working relationships with community problems.

4. Some LDS fear that contact with learned clergy would be a "doctrinal bash" or an unhappy "ego threat." **Friends do not bash or need to defend egos. Friends try to build each other up, not tear down.** When we extend a hand of friendship to lift and bless each other as Jesus taught, then fear fades. Contact should be beneficial and enjoyable.

5. Some LDS feel we should not respond to ugly accusations against the church. This is right, but the Lord commanded us to respond to the accuser. If he is our neighbor or our enemy, we must love and bless and serve him... **we make friends with him so he will not destroy us** [speak against Mormonism]. (D&C 82:22, 23.) This requires response from us, and it may bring solutions to many problems...

6. Some LDS view [Christian] ministers as opponents. Ministers sense this feeling and respond to view LDS as opponents. Opponents seldom communicate or extol the virtues of each other. Without communication, ill will grows. **Only LDS can change these opponents into friends.** Those who invite to do good and believe in Christ [of the LDS] are of God. (Moroni 7:15, 16.) **Imagine the limitless number of good, honorable people in other churches** just waiting to be loyal friends, **waiting for us to be friends** [so that we can convert them to the LDS church]. Let us give it a try and DO IT NOW!

### **"SUGGESTIONS**

**Make a map of the stake area. Circle and number each [Christian] church location. List the church name, address, phone number, and minister's name.**

**Call as many as needed, preferably couples...to be a kind of "Home Teachers" to the ministers. People such as patriarchs, temple workers, ex-stake presidents, ex-bishops,**

**ex-R.S. presidents can be effective.**

**“POSSIBLE THINGS TO DO**

- 1. Visit each minister at his church.**
- 2. Attend special events at his church.**
- 3. Invite him to lunch.**
- 4. Attend clergy council as an observer or friend.**
- 5. Send congratulations or recognitions whenever appropriate.**
- 6. Offer a special shrub or tree for their new buildings.**
- 7. Invite them to "clergy only" open hours tours at new LDS churches.**
- 8. Offer your service in response to their needs, such as fires, emergencies, etc.**
- 9. Send flowers for special events, such as Easter and Christmas.**
- 10. Support anti-pornography efforts.**
- 11. Community needs, such as drug abuse, youth and alcohol, law enforcement.”**
- 12. Support anti-defamation league with the Jews.**
- 13. School needs, such as bibles in libraries, drugs on campus, student discipline, etc.**
- 14. Tours to view church welfare programs.**
- 15. Open house for Temple.**
- 16. Joint Thanksgiving services.**
- 17. Inter-denominational choir performances.**
- 18. Family-of-the-year events.**

**“MIRACLES MAY HAPPEN**

- 1. LDS members will be better Christians as they learn to reach out and be friends with ministers.**
- 2. The light of the [LDS] gospel will shine much brighter for non-members when voices of ministers are friendly.**
- 3. The [LDS] missionary spirit will grow, and the Lord’s work will move forward as we build feelings of friendship with ministers. [The “Lord’s work” goes forward with more converts.]**
- 4. Clearer recognition and deeper appreciation of [LDS] gospel blessings come when being friends to ministers.**
- 5. Increased skill and effectiveness in sharing the beauties of the [LDS] gospel will result from friendly dialogue with ministers. “(Written by Darl Andersen.)**

This program of the LDS Church has been implemented not only in Utah but around the world and **it has brought results in favor of Mormonism.** This plan was fairly new in 1990 when I visited Finland. I met with some Christian (Lutheran) pastors there, and many of them had already been approached by their local Mormon leaders, and they were very impressed by niceness and friendliness of these Mormon leaders. When I explained to these pastors what Mormonism is (a non-Christian counterfeit religion), one of the pastors said that a stake president, who was a known medical doctor and the head of surgery in the largest local hospital, has been so kind to him, taken him to lunch and golfing, how could he disappoint him by speaking against his religion?...

This same program also has the approval of a large number of Christian pastors in Utah. They are literally silenced by this “friendship” (for how can they speak against their friends’ deepest

convictions?), and they are eventually going to hinder the work of the ministries to Mormons and their attempt to speak against the false doctrines of the Mormon Church. This is evidently now a part of a much larger ecumenical movement. This ecumenical movement has had great success promoting “*Evangelicals and Catholics Together*” since its originating document was signed in 1994. Mainstream Protestant churches are now accepting Catholics as fellow Christians, without Roman Catholic Church having to have changed any of their false doctrines and Marian worship. Protestants are forgetting the cost that thousands of martyrs of the Faith paid as they were burned at the stake and tortured for their determination to adhere to the Bible and salvation by grace alone. (Hebr. 10:38; Eph. 2:8-10.) This movement, “*Evangelicals and Mormons Together*”, or here in Utah, “***Standing Together***”, has been more or less accepted by a large number of Christian pastors, and through them, by their congregations. It got a huge boost from Ravi Zacharias’ “*Evening of Friendship*” in the Mormon Tabernacle last November...

Continuing in this very public “friendship” program started by the Mormon Church, the main characters here in Utah, BYU Religion professor and a Christian pastor, have had a weekly TV program since the first part of February on how Mormons and Christians can have these “friendly discussions“, **without clarifying any of the main issues that separate Mormonism forever from Christianity. This BYU Religion professor is the same one who teaches Mormon missionaries, before their departure to their 2-year missions, on how to have “friendly discussions” with Christians,** without them detecting that Mormonism is “*another gospel*”, other than the biblical gospel, **and convert them into Mormonism.** They present Mormonism as “another Christian denomination“, only a lot better.

The main Salt Lake Newspaper, SL Tribune, had a large article on **19<sup>th</sup> of March, 2005**, titled “***Building bridges through discourse***”, where this same BYU professor and his “good Christian pastor-friend” explained their long wonderful friendship (since 1997) and public dialogues they have held all over the nation and even over-seas. In conclusion of this article, this pastor said that **he couldn’t be happier that the LDS leaders in recent years have encouraged Mormons to reach out to their neighbors. Where it will lead, he said, he does not know.** But he is willing to dream, the article says, and quotes him asking, “**Why do we have to assume we could never see each other as fellow Christians?**” [Mormons have “reached out” to Christians to convert them to Mormonism since 1830, from the beginning, but they have not had the help of Christian pastors in their efforts until the recent years.]

We have received letters critical to our stand against this program, promoted by the Mormon Church. Just because they promote it should send a warning signals to all who can think. The Mormon Church would not promote this “friendship program” if they did not see it as a great benefit and a missionary tool for them. We must keep in mind that Mormonism started with a visit from **an angel of light**, who, we all know, is Satan, who gave Joseph Smith ***another gospel***, a different gospel, and ***another Jesus***, all promoted by ***another spirit*** ( 2 Cor. 11:4, 13-15.) We must remember that regardless of the same words they use (God, Jesus, salvation), **the meaning behind these words to them is many Gods, that Jesus is a created being, a brother of Lucifer and all mankind.** In Mormonism He is not God who came to save those who come to Him alone (John 14:6) and receive a new birth and salvation by the grace of God (John 1:12; 3:7; Eph. 2:8-10), but He is everyone’s spirit brother, who came to **work out His own salvation** so that He can *become a god*, like all mankind can also become IF they join the Mormon Church and follow its doctrine. **They have demoted the Bible as a highly questionable book**, and have added their own scriptures, including teachings of men becoming Gods and creators, to be

worshiped by their future spirit children, etc. **Mormonism has not changed, but has become more deceitful and is cleverly disguising its doctrines as Christian doctrine.** “*Lying for the Lord*” is an accepted practice to them. We have seen and heard that from their own prophet’s mouth. President and “prophet” Gordon B. Hinckley was interviewed by Time magazine, by a San Francisco newspaper and Larry King Live-program just a few years ago. He was asked a question, “***Does the Mormon Church teach that God was once a man***”. He said, “**I don’t know that we teach it. I don’t know that we emphasize it...I don’t know a lot about it, and don’t think others know a lot about it.**” It was interesting to hear him give a hint to this denial during the next General Conference, when he said that no matter what is being rumored [about these interviews], **he knows what the doctrine is...** That very same year when he said that he did not know if they taught that God was once a mortal man, the LDS Church, with the approval of the First Presidency and Gordon B. Hinckley, printed a Priesthood Manual, “***Teachings of the Presidents of the Church - Brigham Young***”/ Lesson 4, on page 29, we read, “...**God the Father was once a man on another planet...**” - page 34, “**The doctrine that God was once a man and has progressed to become a God is unique to this (LDS) Church.**” (*Emphasis added.*)

Many pastors in their letters seem to be parroting each other when they say to us that we are wrong when we do not approve pastors’ friendships with these false teachers, be they Mormons or Jehovah’s Witnesses, or what ever. We say that if a pastor is a “good friend” with a false teacher, it gives an impression of approval of their teachings and **is against the Word of God.** This does not mean that we are to be un-friendly to anyone. We need to show them love and compassion by correcting their doctrine and bringing them to Christ. That is why the scriptures were given to us. (2 Tim. 3:16.)

A **friend** is a different category. Many of these pastors are quoting to us Acts 17:16-23 as if Paul’s preaching on the Mars’ Hill was the same as the nearly decade of lasting public friendship of this BYU professor and a Christian pastor. Our critics usually end their quote there, on verse 23, or at least by verse 29. But if you keep reading, you see that **Paul preached to them**, but I do not see that he formed friendships with false-god-worshippers or traveled with them having “discussions“. In Acts 17: 30 **Paul continues**, “***And the times of this ignorance (worship of false gods) God winked at; BUT NOW COMMANDETH ALL MEN EVERYWHERE TO REPENT...***“ ***In other words, Paul rebuked them, preached the gospel of death, burial and resurrection of Jesus to them, and then “PAUL DEPARTED FROM AMONG THEM.”*** (Acts 17:30-33.) He did not stay and have endless “friendly conversations” with those who had rejected the truth, as we have seen in these years of long dialogues with a “*BYU professor and a Christian pastor*” traveling and speaking to Christian audiences world-wide. I have, with my own ears, heard this same BYU professor say that **he will not convert to Christianity...** So why are they conversing? What I have seen and been told as a result from these public discussions is that **Mormons who hear them are saying that there is no reason to leave Mormonism because “they are seeing Mormonism accepted as part of Christianity “.** I have also heard of Christians who either have already joined Mormonism or are planning on joining because they see Mormonism “in a different light” due to this public platform provided for them by **Christians who present Mormonism in a favorable light and not as they are: “wolves in sheep clothing”.**

**When we started into this ministry to Mormons, over 20 years ago, we would have never thought that the time would come when we are required to contend with other Christians for the faith, rather than with cults.**

**Please pray for us and with us, because we are very worn out by this struggle. Teaching Mormons the truth and seeing them come out of it has been rewarding, joyous and strengthening to us. This contending with other Christians is draining, heart-breaking and disappointing.**

**May God help us all so that we all will indeed “earnestly contend for the faith that was delivered“ (Jude 3).**

**From our mailbox:**

I received a long letter from a Mormon (I had received several similar letters from him before), longer than I have room to quote here. In brief, he argues that even though Brigham Young, John Taylor and other early leaders of the church have said, as we have quoted in our paper, *What is the Truth About Mormonism?*, that the Lord did NOT come to Joseph Smith, they did not mean that. He says that the Lord actually had come and spoken to Joseph Smith. He argues that regardless of the statements by these men, what is recorded in the Pearl of Great Price, Joseph Smith's Story, is true.

**My reply to him:**

Mr. W \_\_\_\_\_

Go back to the Pearl of Great Price, Joseph Smith's story and see what he says. (PoGP, Joseph Smith - History.) The truth of the matter is that there are no records of so-called First Vision anywhere in 1820 or after, not until 22 years later. Neither was there a revival in Palmyra, or even near by in 1820, as it reports. Revivals are part of public records, if and when they happen! Neither were there persons "*high and low*" persecuting Joseph Smith in 1820! The entire story is a huge lie, created years later to confuse and impress the gullible, who were not there. - The first version of this vision was written by Joseph Smith's own hand in 1832 - but there are not 2 personages appearing to him in that version, his own version of the story. After that first version there came several more. The story just got a bigger better each time... and finally there were supposedly both, Father and the Son, coming to this 14-year old Joseph, according to his story, first time published in 1842. ( Compare John 1:18; 1 John 4:12.) God is an Invisible Spirit, not a man. (John 4:24; Col. 1:15; Numbers 23:19.) Joseph Smith later contradicted himself when he said **that no one can see God without the priesthood.** Did he have the priesthood in 1820, or did he even claim to have it? No, he did not - he never had any priesthood anyway. Levitical (Aaronic) Priesthood was abolished - it ended when Christ Jesus died on the cross. (Hebr. 7.) When Smith wrote, in mid 1830's, about a "messenger" coming to him and revealing the record (of the Book of Mormon), this messenger was **unnamed until 1838**, when Joseph said that his name was *Nephi* (not Moroni). ( See "*Personal Writings of Joseph Smith*", edited by Dean Jesse.) I do not think that it is worth my time to try to reason with you about this matter. We have already talked about this same thing before. - In summary I will just say: The Book of Mormon is fiction, the Book of Abraham is a lie - and fiction. Kinderhook plates proved how far Joseph Smith was willing to go to deceive people. "Revelations" in the Book of Commandments (printed in 1833) have been changed, and added to when they were printed the next time (1835). (If something is claimed to be a revelation, "*thus saith the Lord to my servant*", on such and such a day, it cannot be changed or added to by any man, not even Joseph Smith himself, IF it was from God to begin with. Of course we can see that none of Joseph Smith's "revelations" were from God, so he and the rest of his fellow deceivers can change, add and remove what they want as long as they have gullible followers who are not able or willing to think logically and will



accept what-ever. This was, by the way, the very reason why men like David Whitmer and others left Joseph Smith's organization in 1830's. Whitmer proves that the **priesthood was added later** and many other things changed. (See: "*Witness to All Believers in Christ*", by David Whitmer.) As to what you say about Brigham Young's quote from JoD, read it again. This sentence requires that it is the angel who informed him that he should not join any other churches. The fact remains that the way this was written, **it was an angel, not the Lord** who spoke to him. It is useless to talk with any person who first decides what he wants to believe before examining the evidence.

You are parroting FARMS, FAIR or others like them. They are **paid defenders** of the LDS church and they are not telling you the truth! If you are not willing to do your own research, but pick and choose what ever lie best fits your beliefs, I do not have anything more to say to you. As long as the LDS church keeps lying to people about its origin and its scriptures, and does not correct the errors of their doctrine, we will have to keep on informing those who honestly want to know the truth. People, who, after examining the evidence, still want to accept Joseph Smith as a prophet of God, after seeing that he lied about so many things, they only *deserve to be deceived*, for they have chosen the lie (2 Thess. 2:10-12) and to go where they will end up by *willingly* following false prophets. It was the devil's lie (Gen. 3:5) that men will become gods, as it was his ambition to be like the Most High God (Isa. 14:12-14) and he wanted company in his future misery - in hell.

You do not think it was wrong that Joseph Smith had dozens of "wives"? Joseph Smith practiced adultery from 1831 on, and later called it the "plural marriage". He married young girls from 14 years and up - and even **11 already married women** - and yet he lied that he did not have any other wife/woman beside Emma. (See Hist. of the Church, vol. 6:411. That statement was recorded May 1844, about a month before he was killed.) (See also LDS professor Todd Compton's well documented book, "*In Sacred Loneliness*", if you want to know more about this matter.) All sin is sin in the eyes of God, but even in our human evaluation, continued lying and habitual adultery are among the worst that one can practice in order to offend God, while claiming to serve God.

In addition to all other terrible things, Joseph Smith, in that same month when he denied having more than one wife, went as far as saying that **he has done more than JESUS, Peter, Paul etc.** (Ibid, p. 407-408.) Perhaps this boast of his was enough blasphemy to get him killed. One can offend God only so long.

If you want to follow a man like that, I rest my case. Brigham Young was not any better - he too married other men's wives, and ordered a mass-murder (120 people killed in September 11, 1857) among other crimes. This mass-murder was the worst of any other crime committed on American soil until Oklahoma City bombing, before "9-11"! Historian and BYU professor of the year of 1986, D. Michael Quinn, has written several well documented books that could shed some light. "*Early Mormonism and Magic World View*", "*Mormon Hierarchy, Origin of Power*", and "*Mormon Hierarchy, Extension of Power*". (Salt Lake public libraries have these, and more, available, if you do not want to buy them.) **Ignoring the facts does not change the facts.** Mormonism is a huge lie and a cult. I am sorry I spent 20 years serving that lie.

As it has been said, "*The one who does not read is no better off than a person who cannot read.*" (Mark Twain) "**Truth is eternal. Knowledge is changeable. It is disastrous to confuse them.**" I simply do not have time to continue writing with you, **unless** you show some signs of willingness to study for yourself and learn. With best wishes, Rauni Higley

### **I have room for only one more letter:**

A fairly recent LDS convert wrote:

*"I have been in the Mormon church for 2 1/2yrs. Never been through the temple, but you have been and my understanding is that what you say is correct? Please let me know what originally made you decide to leave the church? A \_\_\_\_\_"*

### **My reply:**

Yes, we have been through the temple, hundreds of times. What made us leave the Mormon Church was the discovery of contradictions, changed doctrines, cover-ups, lies and deceit from Joseph Smith to the current leaders. The final decision to leave came when we learned more about the Bible, and that it does not teach Mormonism:

Examples:

- 1) Mormonism teaches that God was once a mortal man, who had a father, who had a father and so on. The Bible teaches that God has never been less than God and there are no Gods before Him nor after Him. (Isa. 43:10; 44:6, 8 etc.)
- 2) Mormonism teaches that Jesus is a brother of Lucifer (Satan) and also a brother of all humans and angels. The Bible teaches that Jesus IS God and that He created everything, including angels. (John 1:1-3, 14; Col. 1:16.)
- 3) Mormonism teaches that Jesus came "to work out His own salvation", and that He is only one of the billions of spirit-sons of God and His wives, even if the eldest, and that He was physically conceived by an exalted, resurrected god-man, (God the Father of Mormonism) in Mary. (*Mormon Doctrine* under *Only Begotten Son*, 1966 ed., pp. 546-547.) The Bible says that He is Immanuel, meaning GOD with us, born of a Virgin, begotten by Holy Ghost. (Isa. 7:14; Matt. 1:23, John 1:1, 14; 20:28.)
- 4) Mormonism's gospel consists of "*laws and ordinances*" of the LDS Church. They teach that man can be truly saved only through obedience to them. The Bible says that gospel is a message, good news of death, burial and resurrection of Jesus for us. (1 Cor. 15:1-4) The Bible says that we receive salvation by faith and that it is the *gift of God* so no one can boast of earning it. (Romans 10:9; Eph. 2:8-9.) The Bible says that if anyone preaches any other gospel than the one preached by apostles (1 Cor. 15:1-4), it will bring God's curse on them, even if it came from an angel. (Gal. 1:6-9.) Paul warned about those who change the **identity** of Jesus into "*another Jesus*", and His gospel into "*another gospel*" and listen to and have "*another spirit*". (2 Cor. 11:4, 13-15; 1 John 4:1.) The Bible tells us that we must **study to prove ourselves to God**. (2 Tim. 2:15.) The Bible says that ***we must test all things and prove all things by the Word of God, the Bible***. (1 Thess. 5:21; Acts 17:11; 2 Tim. 2:15.) We must even test the spirits that give "feelings", "testimonies". (1 John 4:1; 1 Tim. 4:1.) - When we saw all that, we did not have any other choice but to leave the false doctrines of Joseph Smith and the Mormon Church. We accepted Jesus of the Bible, who alone can save. (John 14:6; Acts 4:12.) Please look at our website, [www.hismin.com](http://www.hismin.com). God bless, Rauni

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We, again, want to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your prayers for us and for many people we are currently counseling and teaching the Gospel of Christ. Four of our "new believers" have asked their names to be removed from the records of the LDS church this last month. That is a hard and final step of faith. It is hard because their family and friends will, more than likely, reject them for that.

We also want to thank those of you who are our partners in practical ways as well and share some of our expenses for the ministry. Without your help, I would have to be more involved in my Real Estate profession, instead of helping Mormons find Jesus.

I have realized a long time ago that my Real Estate work benefits only temporarily, when the ministry work serves God's eternal plan for these lost souls. I thank you for helping.

We are leaving next week for Vernal for a week. Dennis has been asked to perform a marriage for our dearest friends' daughter. All these people are former Mormons, and since then devout Christians.

Kalli was born about the time when her parents, grandparents and many other relatives became believers in Jesus of the Bible. We studied with them all, and we have shared tears of sadness during those hard times of discovery, some 22 years ago, and also tears of joy and happiness when Jesus entered their lives. They are our dearest and closest friends on earth. This is going to be a wonderful time. We are so happy that Kalli found a devout Christian young man with whom to share her life and eternity with Christ.

Praise be to God.

In His service,

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