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H.I.S. Ministries January Newsletter, covering December 2005

We wish you a Happy New Year and God's blessings and direction throughout the new year. We are very thankful for your support and partnership in this ministry. The year 2005 has been a good year in our ministry. Many people have come to know the true Lord Jesus of the Bible and have left the Mormon Church at a great expense to them. Leaving, more often than not, causes loss of all that is familiar to them, as well as loss of their friends and family members. But we know from our own experience that the Lord will comfort them as He comforted us, and He will give them peace that passes all human understanding. We have witnessed that in so many cases this year as well as in the past 22 years of ministry.

We have been teaching several classes at Calvary Chapel throughout the year to a very good groups of Christians concerned about their LDS friends and relatives, wanting to learn more about how to understand what Mormons are supposed to believe and how to help them see the truth found in the Bible about God, Jesus and salvation. We have been blessed by them and their enthusiasm and love for the lost that motivates them to come to these early morning classes. We continue to pray for all of them and that our joined work will keep on bearing fruit for the glory of God in Christ.

I need to write to you about something that has caused a great concern in our hearts and minds.

It is not possible for us to know the hearts of people, but God has asked His own to be "fruit inspectors". False teachers do not come announcing that they are false teachers - they claim to be teaching the truth. Jesus said, "*Be aware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits...*" (Matt. 7:15-16.) The fruit of a teacher is his teaching, his doctrine: does it, in all points, agree with the Word of God? We know that the devil also can quote scriptures... That said, let me explain what troubles us.

We have often been asked a question, "*Can a Mormon be a Christian?*" And our answer has always been, "*No, as long as he is still a Mormon, he is not a Christian, because the Christ of Mormonism is not Jesus Christ of Christianity.*"

If someone claims to be a Christian, but does not believe what the historic Christian church has taught and believed for nearly two thousand years, then that person simply is not a member of the true Christian faith, whether they call themselves followers of Christ or not. Words must mean what standard dictionaries have defined them to mean, otherwise we cannot communicate at all. When we hear the word "*Mormon*", what comes to your mind? A person who is affiliated with the Mormon Church, who believes that Joseph Smith was a prophet and believes in the LDS scriptures that originated with him. We know that, because that is what a standard dictionary says a Mormon is.

How many of you have heard a new term "*born again Mormon*"?

We have received letters this last week from concerned former-Mormons, now born again Christians, because last Monday night (12/26) there had been a discussion on the local TV station with a pastor and a person who calls himself a "*born-again Mormon*". Their discussion had focused on how a Mormon can be born again, and still remain in or be affiliated with the Mormon Church.

Of course I understand that if one wants to remain in any capacity in the LDS ward or stake, he could not call himself "*born again Christian*". If he did, he would not be allowed to stay. I did not see the reported program, but I was alerted to it by those former Mormons who had seen it, as well as some Christians who wondered about what a "*born again Mormon*" is. Some of those former Mormons wrote to us all confused, wondering if the Mormon Church might be changing and becoming a Christian church, and that perhaps they shouldn't have left it at all, but should have continued as participating LDS Church members? They said that if they could have stayed, it would have eliminated upsetting their family and friends, which happened when they left and divorced that cult. They wondered if they did all that for no good reason.

I went to the website of this "*born again Mormon*" (www.bornagainmormon.com) to see what he is now saying. On the surface his page seems Christian, until you get to the point in his statement of beliefs, where he (under *Membership in the Church*), recommends "*actively supporting the LDS church in an effort to bring members to the Lord.*" He also says, "*we will do all that is asked of us [in the LDS church], except teach certain LDS theologies...*"

WHAT? "*Bring members to the [LDS] Lord*", to "*another Jesus*", obviously! IF "*bringing people to the Lord*" and *teaching* is done in the LDS wards and stakes, people are coming to "*another Jesus*", Jesus of Mormonism!! (If teaching, or "*bringing people to the Lord*" is done in the LDS Church, one cannot teach the true Jesus and bring people to *Jesus of the Bible, who is Immanuel, God with us*. Their Jesus is a created being and a brother of Lucifer, angels and all mankind.) He recommends that they "*do all that is asked of them [by the LDS Church], except teach certain LDS theologies...*" (What those "exceptions" are, is not disclosed.) He also suggests that "*disaffected members of the LDS Church*", get over their disagreements and "*return to the religion that held [them] bound, sit on the front pew and take the sacrament*".

Based on his life as a Mormon, he must know what "*taking of the sacrament*" means in the LDS Church! I will quote from Mormon Doctrine, p. 660, what it really means: "*By partaking of the sacrament, worthy saints renew the covenant previously made by them in the waters of baptism (Mosiah 18:7-10).*" [When they were baptized into the LDS church.]

Baptism into the LDS is not a Christian baptism. Mormon Doctrine, p. 70, explains what baptism into the LDS Church means:

1. "*It [baptism] is for the remission of sins. (D&C 13; 19:31; 20:37; 33:11; 49:13; 68:27; 84:27, 64,74; 107:20.)*

2. *It [baptism] admits the repentant person to membership of the [LDS] Church and kingdom of God on earth. (D&C 20:37; 71-74.)*

3. *It [baptism] is the gate to the celestial kingdom of heaven, that is, it starts a person out on the straight and narrow path which leads to eternal life [meaning godhood and exaltation]...*"

In other words, by *taking the sacrament in the LDS church a person is renewing his covenant to the LDS church!* That is Mormonism - not Christianity!

If the person is a born again believer in Jesus of the Bible, he simply could not take the

LDS sacrament and “*renew his covenants*” to the LDS church! If one is truly a biblical born again believer, would not the Spirit of God make it impossible for him to “*renew his covenants*” to the Mormon Church? I would think so. (In addition to that, another matter that must be offensive to the true Lord Jesus is that the LDS “*sacrament*” (communion) consist of *leavened bread and water*, not unleavened bread and wine or red grape juice as is used in Christian communions. As you know, in the Bible leaven is used as a *symbol of sin*, thus bread made with leaven could not be symbolic of *sinless body of Jesus, broken for us*, and water could not be symbolic of His blood either. Thus the LDS sacrament is a communion with “*another Jesus*“, not with Jesus of the Bible, who, as Eternal God, came down to pay the penalty of our sins, shedding His precious blood for us.)

This writer, on his website, continues, under “*Other LDS books and Scriptures*”, and says that he “*recognizes the Bible as the Word of God*“, but that he also agrees “*that other [LDS] books have ability to move a man toward Him.*” Nothing in these Mormon scriptures can bring a person toward the true God! The Mormon scriptures teach Mormonism, its false gods, false Jesus and false gospel under a false spirit. (2 Cor. 11:4, 13-15.)

This, in our opinion, it is a bunch of double talk! We see this as an additional step that is “blurring the lines” and helping Mormonism, eventually, being accepted into Christianity. Double-talk causes double-think. That is the way the devil has always gotten his way. His teachings are “*mingled with scriptures*”. While teaching his false doctrines, he throws in some truth to confuse the biblical illiterates, or those who do not care.

This website also links to LDS apologetic sites like FAIR and FARMS and others, and for a good measure he throws in some sites critical to the LDS church too. Those who are not too knowledgeable will only be confused. And if they can stay in that confused state, why would they even want leave Mormonism and “upset the applecart”? - He has written a book titled, “*Born Again Mormon*”, and his book is recommended by Biola's Craig Hazen and other “Christians”. His book is also endorsed by several members of the LDS Church, who seem to like it a lot, because it is not very critical of Joseph Smith, etc.

To my surprise his book is sold at Christian Bookstores nation wide and is recommended reading on *how a Mormon can also be a Christian*! We have found that very disturbing. Is this deliberate deception or is it just ignorance of how the LDS Church is manipulating Christian pastors and their congregations to come to accept Mormonism as part of the current ecumenical effort to unite all religions? We have known for a long time that the goal of the LDS Church is to be accepted as another Christian denomination, without changing any of their doctrines. Some think that because a Mormon talks the “Christian talk”, he also believes Christian doctrine, and if some Mormons may seem “closer to Christianity”, it may mean that the Mormon Church itself is changing! Not so! People must understand that Mormon doctrines will not change from the membership level ! Only their prophet and apostles dictate what doctrine is. However, these LDS leaders do not mind that there are some in their wards and stakes, who, for the benefit of the LDS Church, talk like Christians, making it seem that they believe as Christians believe, while actually believing what Mormons believe. Isn't that what the LDS missionaries are taught to say - that they believe what we believe, while knowing perfectly well that it is not so? All this is helping to retain questioning members in the LDS Church, and by the same method obtain new members from Christianity. Mormons have borrowed Christian terminology for years, and most among them, as well as those outside of Mormonism, do not know the difference. But the devil does. The LDS leaders know that also! People are being tricked! Jesus warned

about that. He said, *“Take heed that no man deceive you.”* (Matt. 24:4)

Think about this: The Mormon Church will not allow non-Mormons to take their sacrament! They would not allow “apostates“, those who have left the church, or even those who are still members, but have been disfellowshipped, to take the sacrament, nor participate, speak, pray or teach there! Remember that the sacrament is only for the *“worthy members of the LDS Church”*. Would they let Dennis and I take their sacrament (not that we would anyway) or teach and speak there? No way! So why is this man, who calls himself a *“born again Mormon”*, recommending all this activity on his website? Is he allowed to take the sacrament and participate, or even speak in their meetings, as I understand that he has been asked to do?

In the past Mormons have been excommunicated for even going to another church more or less on a regular basis, or saying that they do not believe in Mormon doctrine any longer. There are some that have not been excommunicated, and that only if there is a benefit for the LDS Church by allowing them to stay. One recent example of that is Grant H. Palmer who wrote a book, *“Insider’s View of Mormon Origins”*, exposing all the basic claims and doctrines of Mormonism as not truth. He was disfellowshipped, but not excommunicated. He is obviously allowed to remain a member because he still says that he sees the LDS Church as a good and beneficial organization, even though he wrote that it is based on lies and deception. Many BYU professors have been able to expose some of the claims of the Mormon Church as questionable, but as long as they do not go too far and if they will still “bear their testimonies” of how great it is to be a member of the “true church”, they too have been able to stay. That is an obvious part of the LDS Church's ecumenical efforts and it demonstrates their “new tolerance“!

However, being a Mormon is a doctrinal statement. One saying that he is a *“born-again Mormon”*, is still claiming that he is a Mormon. If one came from Hinduism, would he say that he is *“born again Hindu”* or if one's religion was Satanism, would he call himself *“born again Satanist”*. I would think not! If one comes to the faith of true Jesus of the Bible and is born from above, that person is a *born again Christian*. The Word of God clears that: *“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away: behold, all things are become new.”* (2 Cor. 5:17.) In his website he compares Mormons to the Jews and why a Jew is still a Jew even after coming to faith in Jesus. Not an accurate comparison. Saying “I am a Jew“ is acknowledging their race as well as their Judaism, which, by the way, is foundational to Christianity. *“Mormon”* is not a declaration of a race. It describes religious beliefs, belief in *“another Jesus and another gospel“!* He uses another inaccurate comparison, “being a woman“, that, he reasons, does not change after a woman is born again, and asks why he cannot say that he is a *“born again Mormon”*? To be a Mormon, any kind of Mormon, is to identify what Mormons believe. To be a Christian is to identify and believe what Christians believe. They cannot be mixed because Mormonism teaches a different God, Jesus and salvation. If one is born again, as the Bible teaches, then that person is a Christian - no longer a Mormon! One cannot be “born again” as the Bible teaches, and still keep their identity with a cult or a religion that does not believe in the same God as the God of the Bible. Mormonism is forever separated from Christianity and from the new birth in Christ Jesus of the Bible.

I am amazed at the blindness and lack of discernment that has been shown by those Christians who endorse this teaching.

This all is making ministering to Mormons very difficult. Why would a Mormon want to

leave Mormonism if they think they can have it both ways? Of course the truth is that they cannot have it both ways. After we come to know the Lord, and His Spirit dwells in us, His instruction to us, without exception, is, *“Be not unequally yoked with unbelievers...And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? For ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord.”* (2 Cor. 6:14-17.)

As we have understood, the Mormon Church is loosing members, hundreds of them every day. This could be one of their ways to try to keep them in, even those who see the errors, and convince them that it is OK to stay and believe in both...

Is this, in some sense, part of the “bridge building” with Mormons that has been promoted now for several years? It seems to have brought the enemy across and blurred the lines so that they are not recognizable any more. We are very concerned about this new development and confusion that it has brought to those who do not fully understand what lurks behind this.

We are instructed to witness to Mormons, but not to cultivate friendships with those who are unrepentant and willing false teachers. (2 John 10-11.) The Bible is very clear about our separateness from false teachers and false apostles. (1 Tim. 4:1.) We are to *“...rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in faith”* (Titus 1:13), we are to *“earnestly contend for our faith that was once delivered”*. (Jude 3)

Truth and love are to be united in us as we reach them for Christ.

Please pray with us that Christians will become more alert and that they will have discernment. It only comes through studying the Word of God that was given to us so that we will know doctrine, and that we can instruct and correct those who have gone astray. (Read 2 Tim. 2:15; 3:16; 2 Pet. 1:21.)

From our mailbox: A young former LDS missionary from Africa wrote just a few days ago:

“Dear Dennis and Rauni,

Warm Greetings from Uganda, East Africa! My name is _____. I am a former Mormon. I am a returned missionary and am still struggling to cope with the after effects of getting out of Mormonism. I joined the church in 1994 and officially left early this year after finding out that these guys had duped me. I served in the Kenya Nairobi mission from 1997 to 1999 in the Kenya Nairobi mission. I did hold a number of leadership positions and my last one was serving on the district council where I developed a number of problems with the church leadership, notably with the mission president on doctrinal issues.

I was recently visiting the ex-Mormon website and saw your story and thought I should write to you.

The Mormon church here in Uganda and many African countries is flourishing because of the ignorance of its true ideologies and history by the public. I intend to set up a public awareness campaign about Mormons in Uganda. I wouldn't want many people to go through what am going through now.

I am a young man of 28 years old and it's the Mormon church that I have known most of my life. I will be happy to hear from you. With Warm Regards, E_____.”

My reply:

Thank you for your letter. We are very glad that you have found the truth about the Mormon Church. It can be very disappointing and heart-breaking, but finding truth always also gives a reason for rejoicing. We feel very sad for those who still live in that Mormon-illusion. We were pleased to hear that you are willing to share your knowledge with others. We would like to help you in that.

We have our own website that might help you a lot. Our story is there at www.hismin.com/AboutUs.htm
Check out our entire site www.hismin.com and see.

Please send me your postal address and I will mail you a new DVD video, "The Bible vs. the Book of Mormon" and also two other DVD's, "DNA vs. the Book of Mormon", "The Book of Abraham". We can mail some other materials also that can help you to spread information around. These videos are excellent and done with the spirit of love and concern for the lost and misguided people. May God of the Bible bless and keep you. In Christ, Rauni Higley

He wrote back immediately and said:

"Hello Rauni,

Thanks for your e-mail, I am happy to hear from you. I think by now you have adjusted into life after Mormonism. That's the process am in now and its not easy, a lot of my Mormon friends are shunning me. Fortunately I have managed to convince three returned missionaries that Mormonism is a hoax, they agree with me but none of them has accepted to formally withdraw their membership.

At the moment a lot of thoughts are running through my mind, thoughts like, Is there a true church of God on earth? If yes, where is it? Should I join another Christian church or not? Does God exclusively speak to any person on earth to represent his interests? These and many other questions are still troubling me.

My story with Mormonism is long, I will find time and write it down in detail but I have been for quite some time having problems accepting Mormon leader's decisions as inspired. A year after I joined the church, a non-member friend who was trying to persuade me to leave Mormons told me about the priesthood ban on blacks, at first I thought he was lying but when I inquired from other church members they said it was true but I took it lightly and forgot about it.

When we where in the MTC, [Mission Training Center] the mission president told us that if blacks had been given the priesthood, they would have misused it. Still that was not good reason enough for me to believe that Mormonism was false though his statement troubled me.

I served mission faithfully in the Kenya Nairobi mission and was one of the few African elder that was called as AP (Assistant to the Mission President). In this mission it was rare for an African to be an AP unless if he exhibited exceptional levels of obedience and excellence in the mission field. I read a lot on mission including books written by Bruce McConkie. Most Africans hated reading books written by that apostle because of negative attitude on Negroes.

While there I was also able to see the unequal treatment of North Americans and Africans by the mission president. Notwithstanding the above injustice, I worked diligently and was in the good books of the mission president till I finished honorably.

Can you image Mormon prophets and apostles claiming that Black Africans were inferior in the spirit world!

I am glad that you will help me reach out to other deceived Mormons in Uganda. It will not be easy but I will do my best.

I thank you for posting your story on the internet, its inspiring and helps a lot of people struggling to get out of Mormonism. I have also read some information on your website and commend you for the good work you are doing.

Thanks for the DVD s you promised to send. You can send them to my postal address of:

_____,Uganda . Warm Regards, E _____ "

I received this last letter just (12-29-05) yesterday. I will be answering him as soon as I get this newsletter out. We will be mailing him the three DVD's and other materials on Monday. He seems to be open to the true gospel of Jesus, so please pray for him and others there. We have often felt that the previous Mormon-ban on priesthood for the blacks was a special protection for them until more information can be made available that could keep them from accepting Mormonism. The time has come through the worldwide availability of searching information via Internet.

I received a letter from a young lady who is/was investigating Mormonism. She wrote:

"Dear Mr. and Mrs. Higley, my name is _____ and I live in NY. I became friends with a girl in college this summer who is Mormon and through her I got into the church. For half a year now I have been investigating the church, meeting with the missionaries,... and I was certain I wanted to be baptized into the church. Just by chance I was looking up some information against Mormons online today and came to your website. I ma really, really confused right now, I am so upset and I feel so cheated. I was a total atheist before I met the Mormons and now I have found my faith. I can't deny God and especially Jesus anymore. I feel this great urge to be baptized and make my own covenant with the Lord. But now I don't know anything anymore. I had 2 experiences by the Holy Ghost and it was powerful and made me feel whole for the first time in my life. Now this was all a scam? I need help to figure out the truth, but I don't know how. Do I believe in a wrong God and Jesus now? I haven't heard of the plurality of gods and the different Godhead before today. This was a shock. Can I ask you what church you belong to now and if you still believe in God and Jesus ? How do I figure out which church is the truest to God? I have come to believe in Him and His son and I can't deny it. I want be a child of the Father and can't turn my back which I had done for 21 years of my life (I am 22 now). What am I supposed to do now ? I would be so grateful to hear from you and get some advise. Sincere regards, L_____"

My reply:

Dear L_____,

Thank you for writing. I will try to help you, and I will be available for discussion at any time.

I would like to encourage you to search out the truth about God and Jesus. Truth will not have to fear investigation, only lies and deceits fear that they will be checked and found out. If anyone tells you that questioning Mormonism is from the devil (as I was told), you can, with confidence, say that it is just the opposite. The Word of God says, "*Prove all things; hold fast that which is good*". (1 Thess. 5:21). It is the devil that would not want teachings and doctrines investigated. The Bible instructs that we must study to be acceptable to God so that we will not end up ashamed as we would, if in ignorance, we accepted something that was not true. (See 2 Tim. 2:15.) The Bible also warns us that there will come those who teach "*another Jesus*", different than the one taught in the Bible, and "*another gospel*", different than the one found in the Bible. Those who teach that have a different, "*another spirit*". (2 Cor. 11:4). Paul says that it is "*false apostles and deceitful workers*", who teach these different things trying to get us to join and go with them. (2 Cor. 11:13-15.) **If we do not know what the truth is, we cannot detect the lie.** This is the same way bank-tellers are trained to recognize counterfeit money: they study the real thing so well that when a fake bill is put before them, they can detect it.

You remind me of myself when I was about your age. I was not involved in any religion, even tough I was, like 93% of my people in my country, a Lutheran. I met a young lady, about my age, who had, just a short time before, joined the Mormon church. She invited me to their Sunday meeting, where I met Mormon missionaries who started to teach me about Mormonism. I thought that I had finally found God! I joined the Mormon church, trusting, that what I had been told by the missionaries and these Mormon friends, was indeed true.

I ended up spending 20 years in Mormonism, and after a lot of heartache, having to leave it.

I am happy for you that you have not joined, and thus you can skip that hard part of divorcing yourself from the Mormon church.

But do not count this all a waste of time. I look at it this way, in my own case: had I not met Mormons, I

might still be in "nothing-ism" like many of my non-religious friends in Finland. Mormonism, in a sense, woke me up to a real search for truth about God. I surely would not recommend that route because it was very painful, after the fact, but I now know that if we **unknowingly** have made a mistake and when we see it as such, and **turn from it**, God can make it work for good. (Romans 8:28.)

The truth is found in the Bible, but not necessarily in a church as an organized religion. When I discovered that Mormonism does not teach the same about God, Jesus and salvation as the Bible, it forced me to investigate thoroughly the history of Mormonism, and also the history of the Bible. It took me a long time, but I learned that the Bible can be trusted, completely, but Joseph Smith cannot. He lied about many crucially important matters. The first big lie is the Book of Mormon, then his "First Vision", then the priesthood, and the other books - the Book of Abraham, and his "revelations from God" recorded in the D&C. He was also a womanizer with several dozen "wives", and yet he lied about that too. All this is documented by the LDS church. One can know, if one wants to search for the truth. I have collected hundreds of LDS books and documents over the years. I was not reading or studying from so called "anti-Mormon" materials, I was studying LDS church's own books, sermons, documents, etc. The most important thing is to know God. Jesus equaled it to having eternal life. (John 17:3) False gods or false Jesus cannot save anyone, no matter how sincerely one believes.

Joseph Smith did not start his new religion with teaching that God was once a mortal man, married and polygamist, nor did he teach pre-existence, or that Jesus is a brother of Lucifer and all mankind. **It is easy to research what he did teach during the first 10 years or so.** It is all documented by Mormons themselves. He taught then that **God is Spirit and eternal God.** The Book of Mormon reflects that teaching. He started to change that after 1838 - and finally, in April of 1844, he came out and said that God was once a man, and that we all must learn how to become gods ourselves. You can read his sermons on this from the History of the Church, vol. 6, starting from p. 302. On page 305-306 he says, "*God himself was once as we are now, and is an exalted man, and sits enthroned in yonder heavens.*" He continued, "***We have imagined and supposed that God was God from all eternity. I will refute that idea and take away the veil, so that you may see...you have got to learn how to be Gods yourselves...the same as all Gods have done before you...***" He also said that he has "*always taught plurality of Gods*" (p.474), which of course was not true, since in the Book of Mormon he teaches that there is only one God, anywhere. He simply later created his own god, after his (Joseph's) image, just as Romans 1:22-23 predicts. "*Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools and changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into **an image made like to corruptible man....***"

Joseph Smith boasted that he has done greater works than Peter, Paul or JESUS (the History of the Church, vol. 6, pp. 408-409). He had also boasted that "*God is my right hand man*" (ibid, p. 78.) - As I was studying Mormon teachings, and comparing them to the Bible, my heart sank.

The Bible teaches that God has never been less than God Almighty. *He is not a man* (Numbers 23:19; Hosea 11:9), **He is eternal God, "From everlasting to everlasting"** (Ps. 90:2), He does not have God before Him, as Joseph Smith said, and Mormonism teaches, and men will not become Gods. (Isaiah 43:10; 44:6, 8).

This was a beginning of my realization that this issue, in a nutshell, is: Joseph Smith vs. the Bible. **The Old Testament and its teachings were authenticated by Jesus Himself and all New Testament writers** (if you want to know more, let me know). **Mormonism requires people to stay in ignorance and just pray if something is true or not, but not to do comparative studying.** However, the **Bible does not ask us to pray about books, prophets or churches** or truth in general, but it **requires that we study and inspect all things in the light of God's Word, the Bible.** We are told to **test the spirits** that can give us false testimonies of lies, which they can do **if we do not know what the truth is.** (1 John 4:1; 1 Tim.1:4.) We must test all by the Word of God, the Bible, because we are told by Jesus in John 5:39 to search them for truth. **The Holy Spirit of God would not give us feelings, or testimonies that something opposing the Bible is from God, for the biblical scriptures were given to us by God the Holy Spirit** (2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Pet. 1:21).

When I joined the LDS church, **I thought** I had received a feeling, a testimony that Mormonism is true when I was taught by the missionaries and after I prayed to know if what they had said was true. **I found out much later that I had been gullible, I had heard from "other spirits"** rather than God's Spirit that asks us to study, "**STUDY to show thyself approved to God...**" (2 Tim. 2:15). We study the Bible because "**All scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness**" (2 Tim. 3:16). We do not know unless we study - same as in all areas in life.

You asked what you are supposed to do now? Don't give up on God and Jesus. God is real, even though He is not the one taught by Mormons. Study is the best thing to do. Get a good study Bible. Either the King James Version or the New King James version. But there are other good ones too. I would suggest that you start with the Gospel of John. After that read what Christianity is by reading Paul's letters to Galatians and Romans. After you know these well, then read any book of the Bible, in any order you'd like, but read all things **in context of that book**. The Bible is 66 separate books, written by over 40 authors over thousands of years, but they all agree with one another. The Old Testament was a canon, all 39 books were collected together 400 years before Christ. That Hebrew Old Testament was translated into Greek, called the Septuagint translation, about 300 years before Christ, because Greek then was the common language of the world, just like English is today. Jesus and his apostles and all New Testament writers quoted from it and thus authenticated it's correctness.

I have documented information on all that and more. I can send to you what you need. Send me your mailing address and I will send to you first a couple of videos (DVD) that are not "anti-Mormon" but factual reports, verifiable by anyone who wants to check them.

Find a Bible teaching church. I would suggest you'd visit a Calvary Chapel or a Southern Baptist church to find friends who are Christians and can help you. In Baptist church Sunday Schools you can learn the Bible with like believers. Calvary Chapels' services are all teaching services. They go through the Bible book-by-book, verse by verse. It is hard to have bad theology when one studies the Bible that way, all in context.

Let me know if you have questions in anything. If I do not know the answer, I will find out...

May God bless you. I will start praying for you from now on.

In Christ of the Bible, Rauni Higley. Our website: www.hismin.com/AboutUs.htm

We wish again to thank you all for your prayers for the ministry, and for our health and well-being. God has been with us and has taken care of us by speaking to you and through you to us. We could not do this work without your help and God's continuous presence. We are so blessed regardless of these earthly trials that are part of everyone's life.

We will be soon sending you an accounting of your gifts for this ministry for your tax purposes. We thank you for your gifts, and sacrifices that it has meant to you. We thank you for your commitment to the Lord's work.

Someday we will meet before the Lord, face to face, with all those who we have helped to be in there with us. What a joyous day that will be! It is the Holy Spirit who convicts and converts, but we all are part of His work and He will reward you then, if not earlier.

May God be with you and give you a good new year - until we meet again - "*here, there or in the air*".

In Christ,

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