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The Mormon Church sends their missionaries only to countries where Evangelical Christian missionaries have already been and where true Christianity is already established.

They now present themselves as “*members of the Church of Jesus Christ*” and not as Mormons or LDS (Latter-day Saints) as they have been known world-wide. It was about a year ago when their “prophet” Russel Nelson, made an announcement that the members of the Church are not to use the word Mormon about themselves or LDS, but they are to say that they are representatives of the Church of Jesus Christ, not even using their Church’ full name, “*The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Saint*”. Many ask what was the point in this change and why was it so important that “their prophet” even had to announce it? The Mormon Church has not said why, but to us and many others who know the truth about this church, it is quite obvious why they are told not to identify themselves as Mormons. [It is too easy to “google” and find out what the word Mormon indicates.] During the last few years the truth about Joseph Smith and what Mormonism really is has been revealed more and more accurately on the Internet and their convert-rates are down everywhere, even where they before had a lot of success in taking people from various protestant churches and making them followers of Mormonism. Outside of the United States information about what Mormonism is and how it started was not before the Internet readily available and they could be passed off as just another Christian church.

From now on, when Mormon missionaries now knock at your door, they are not saying that they are Mormons, as they used to say, but they’ll tell you that they belong to *the Church of Jesus Christ*, and that they represent “*The Restored Gospel of Jesus Christ*”, and that it is “*the Only True Church on the face of the earth*”. They claim that their God, Jesus and the Gospel are the same as presented in the Holy Bible. However, it becomes evident to those who know what the Bible teaches about God, Jesus and the Gospel that Mormonism is another gospel, leading not to salvation, but to damnation. (2 Cor. 11:3-4, 13-15.)

In the English speaking countries Mormons use the *King James Version* the Bible. In other countries where Mormons present *their Gospel* they use a Bible translation in use by the local protestant churches. Mormons teach that God is mankind’s and angels’ literal *Father in heaven*, that we all were born to Him and His wives in the preexistence. They teach that God was once a mortal man like we are now and that there is a mother (mothers) in heaven too. They say that Jesus is the elder brother of all men and angels and that He was assigned to come to earth and by His death pay Adam’s transgression that brought death to all. They say that Jesus’ sacrifice can cover some sins of individuals if they repent and then live according to the LDS gospel defined in the 3rd Article of Faith of the Mormon Church, which means by obedience to the Laws and ordinances of the Mormon Church.

I myself was a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Finland and I didn’t know anything about Mormons until I met a young lady who had just recently converted into the Mormon Church. When I asked her questions about what Mormons taught and believed, she said that she didn’t know how to respond but that she could introduce me to some Mormon missionaries who could answer all my questions.

Mormon missionaries are well-trained “*door-to-door salesmen*” for their religion, and they know how to “sell” their product... I didn’t know the Bible – actually at that time I didn’t even own a Bible. But I listened

to them with fascination. What they told me sounded so great – something I had never heard of, as *“work for the dead”* who had not, while alive, known about this *“wonderful restored gospel”*.

My parents had died when I was very young and my grandparents had passed on early also. Missionaries promised that I could have my family with me forever if I only would become a Mormon and *“if I did their temple work”*, then I could live with them forever. That sounded *“other-worldly wonderful”*. I didn't have anyone else to ask about this so I went to my Lutheran Church's office in Oulu and asked to speak with one of their pastors. When I told him that I was impressed with what I had heard from these American missionaries, this pastor just laughed and asked if I knew that Mormons believe in polygamy, and he added that perhaps they wanted me as an additional wife... He insulted me with his laugh and comments that showed that *“he didn't get it,”* that I was seriously seeking to know the truth and that I wanted to ask him as a theologian and a pastor what he knew about Mormonism because what I had heard from these American missionaries had caused me to start thinking about God and eternal life. He had no answers for me. I ended up wondering if this pastor himself even believed in his *“brand of religion”*! He obviously did not know much about what Mormons teach about God, Jesus and salvation, and he didn't even try to tell me what he himself believed. At the end of our short discussion, he said that if I end up joining Mormons but afterwards came to find out that it is a false religion, he would welcome me back to the Lutheran Church.

I surely didn't see any reason of wanting to even now stay in a church that he represented and I told him so. I was baptized into the Mormon Church only 3 weeks later.

[I will give you in our next newsletter some good news about Lutheran pastors in Finland.]

The internet has opened the door to people everywhere to find out what various religions teach and believe, which information was not available when I was faced with these questions. People everywhere now can easily go to the Internet and *“google”* the word *Mormon* or *Mormonism*, and find out very fast that regardless of *“Christian-sounding”* words they use, their religion is not part of biblical Christianity, but it is only a counterfeit, and just like counterfeit money – it looks good outwardly, but is without any eternal value.

I believe that it was because of this Lutheran theologian's lack of concern for my soul that I didn't look back but from then on I accepted what Mormons were saying, namely that *all other religions*, besides Mormonism, were wrong.

It took me 20 years of *“living Mormonism”* before I was able to walk away from it. It was the Lord who knows the end from beginning who guided me through it all. He didn't give up on me, knowing my heart and that I was honestly seeking the truth about God, but was deeply hurt by this pastor who was too blind to see that I needed help. The Lord, I see it now, obviously put me to a hard school.

After serving a full-time mission in Finland for the Mormon Church, I moved to Utah, seeking to live among people of my new faith since I didn't have any close family in Finland.

I was hired by the Mormon Church in Salt Lake City as a translator, language coordinator and interpreter. I worked over 14 years in the Headquarter of the LDS Church in Salt Lake City, learning the depths of this religion, and finally accepting the fact that Mormonism was not true at all. I learned that it is not a Christian religion based on the Bible, but a cult started by Joseph Smith who introduced his followers to a different God, *another Jesus*, *different spirit* and *another gospel* (received from an angel), and additional *“Scriptures”* that are in opposition to the teachings of the Bible. (2 Cor. 11: 3-4; 13-15; Gal. 1:8-9). I was devastated. When I was at the *“end of my rope”* so to speak, the Lord Jesus rescued not only me, but also my devout Mormon husband and our family... Most of you who have been reading our newsletters know our story and what it took first to learn what Mormonism really is, and then getting away from it was hard for all our friends and relatives, and people we knew, all of them, were devout LDS.

We then together concentrated all our efforts on learning the Bible, book by book, verse by verse – and to clear our minds and hearts from the falsehoods that we had believed and followed. We experienced God’s love for us – even through all this turmoil. We came to see that the Lord had been preparing us to start working for the Lord’s purposes and bring other deceived ones out of deception to His fold. We can only thank Him for all our trials and hardships for they have prepared us to trust in Him and serve Him with all of our heart, mind and soul.

Bible scholar and author, Henry Ironside warned about cults that present themselves under the name of Christ or Christian and use the Bible, but add into it their own twisted teachings. He wrote, ***“Truth mixed with error is equivalent to all error, except that it is more innocent looking and, therefore, more dangerous.”*** We see this mixing of doctrines here in Utah where the main religion is Mormonism that surely mixes what the Bible teaches about God with what Joseph Smith taught about who *his God* is and who *his Jesus* is, and what is *the Gospel*. About God the Father, Joseph Smith taught, and Mormons believe that, ***“God himself as once as we are now, and is an exalted man and sits enthroned in yonder heaven... I am going to tell you how God came to be God. 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...Here, then, is eternal life – to know the only wise and true God, and you got to learn how to be Gods yourselves, same as all Gods have done before you.”***

(Teachings of Joseph Smith, pp. 345-46.) Mormonism teaches that God is literally our Father, an exalted polygamist man in heaven, having many wives, and that we all, mankind and angels, are his spirit children born to him and his many wives in the *“preexistence”*. We are then, they teach, sent to be born *in the flesh* by our earthly parents in order that we will *“learn how to be Gods ourselves, same as all Gods have done before us”*. But the Bible teaches that *“God is not a man, nor a son of man”*, (Numb.23:19), that *God is Spirit*. (John 4:24.) They also teach that Jesus is our brother, the eldest of God’s spirit-sons and daughters, and who was born in the flesh as a son of Mary, but that He was NOT *begotten of the Holy Ghost, but by God the Father* himself who came to Mary and in her conceived Jesus’ body *“same way as mortal men are begotten by their mortal fathers”*. (Mormon Doctrine, pp. 546-47.) The Bible teaches that He was begotten by the Holy Spirit (Matt. 1:18-23) *“God is not a man, nor a son of man”*. (Numb.23:19.) But that *God is Spirit* (John 4:24).

There was no man involved in the birth of Jesus. He indeed was the sinless Son of God, 100% God and 100% man. We learn from the Word of God that sin-nature is passed from a father to child. Jesus was Virgin Born, as already told in Isa. 7:14 *“...Behold the Virgin shall conceive and bear a Son and shall call His name Immanuel”* (meaning *God with us*). (The Promise of conception without a seed of man was given in Gen. 3:15, promising that there will be one woman (a Virgin) in *whom the Holy Spirit* will cause a miracle pregnancy (Matt. 1:18-23) and she will bring forth a Savior that will bruise the head of the serpent. We all must be born again to be saved. *We must receive Jesus* (John 1:12-13) and *know and believe that He is God*, as He Himself said in John 8:24, *“Therefore I said unto you that you will die in your sins, for if you do not believe that I AM (He), you will die in your sins.”* [Only God can forgive sins. Mark 2:7.]

Question from LDS: *Plurality of Gods? Is it deep doctrine?. Is it taught? Is it a "secret" doctrine? It's in lots of LDS books I've read, but it's never outwardly discussed or taught.”*

Reply: Yes, Mormonism teaches the “plurality of Gods”. (See Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith, p.370.) He said, ***“I preach on the plurality of Gods... when I have preached on the subject of the Deity, it has been the plurality of Gods.”*** This sermon was preached by him on June 16th 1844 – just 9 days before he was killed.

He also stated (ibid, p. 368), ***“When did I ever teach anything wrong from this stand?”*** So we can say that **Question from an LDS on plurality of Gods: Does Mormonism teach that there are many Gods?**

these were some of his last words to Mormons. The founding prophet of the Mormon Church, Joseph Smith, taught this, **so of course the LDS Church believes this doctrine**, but they do not often any more mention it in their public

sermons . In *this day of information*, openly teaching this would wake people up about the *non-Christian nature of Mormonism* and they would stay away from this church.

After president Gordon B. Hinckley had (in 1997) said in several public interviews (Times magazine, Larry King Alive, etc.) when he was asked if he and his church believed and taught that God was once a man and that men can become Gods, he said that *he didn't know if they taught or believed that...* These interviews were done, I believe, in February 1997. I recall that during the next General Conference he made a *veiled statement* to the members of the Church, saying that he knows what he believes and that he knows what the doctrine is... and he also said that *fundamentals of this Church can only be found (are taught) in our temples...* We all, who have been through the temple, also know that temple marriage and endowment-rituals are *for making it possible that participants can become Gods and goddesses*. Indeed, it is a “*deep doctrine*” that non-Mormons and outsiders are not supposed know or even be told about.

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We want to thank you again for your prayers and support of our work. We for sure could not do this work without your help! We know that God will bless you for partnering with us. We depend on your help more than you know! We thank you for also sending LDS people to seek our help. Dennis spoke a week ago at Beacon Bible Church, where our good friend Phil Foard is a pastor. Dennis reported of many good results we have had with Mormons that have already come out of Mormonism. Dennis was especially happy to report about spiritual growth of Tracy and Britney Lee and their children, for it was pastor Phil's daughter, Tammy, who had “sent” this LDS couple to talk with us. They are doing so well. They have already sent their letter of request to have their names removed from the records of the Mormon Church. We have given them a good NKJV Study Bible and several Bible study CDs to help them better understand the Word of God. They have already *received Jesus as their Lord and Savior and they are born again!* We thank the Lord for them – we love them as our brother and sister in the Lord. There are many others that we have had the joy of leading to our Lord. God is good and we are happy to continue in this work *in these last days*, for He might be coming soon, but there is still so much work to do... Thank you for praying for us and praying for our health too. My back is still painful, but I have been able to do my work regardless, though sitting at the computer for a long time is hard. Dennis is doing well at his wood-working jobs and he helps me a lot too in my research and in answering lengthy Mormon questions.

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Please pray for our friends who are having health problems. Please remember Judy in your prayers – she has been having many problems resulting from her stroke many years ago. Please continue to pray for also for Dale and Sharon, Tom and Mary, Sandy and Al, Scott and Cynthia, Heber, Dwayne and our friend Sharon in Florida and Yandell , our 8-year old sponsored child in Dominican Republic.

Please pray for the peace in Jerusalem as Ps. 122:6 commands, and let us not forget to pray for our country and our president and his administration. (Rom. 13:1-2.) There is a lot of turmoil going on during this election time.

May the Lord bless you abundantly,
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