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All the Mormons I have met in my life have been wonderful people. They have all been wrong as well. DH

The R.B.S. Arguments Against the Mormon Church's Dogma

The foundation of Mormonism's many errors is that they believe that the Bible is only the word of God "in so far that it is correctly translated." That means for the Mormon that wherever the Bible contradicts the three Mormon Books, **1. The Doctrines and Covenants, 2. The Pearl of Great Price, or 3. The Book of Mormon**, that the Bible is no longer the authority. **The Bible contradicts these three books quite a bit.**

The Bible clearly teaches that there is only one God. The Mormons believe and teach that there are many. They teach from their scriptures that "as man is, God was, as God is, man will become." Mormons believe that they will be God's one day. When confronted with Biblical proofs about the God of the bible they will always ask me to "pray about it". That's ridiculous. That's like praying "should I steal this car", or "should I cheat on my wife." The Bible teaches clearly what is right and wrong, I don't have to pray about it, I have to obey it. The bible is clear on this subject. There is only one God, and The Trinity is that one God.

There is only One God:

Deuteronomy 4:35, 39:	Unto thee it was shown, that thou mightest know that the LORD he is God; there is none else beside him. Know therefore this day, and consider it in thine heart, that the LORD he is God in heaven above, and upon the earth beneath: there is none else.
Deuteronomy 6:4:	Hear, O Israel: The LORD thy God is one LORD.
Deuteronomy 32:39:	See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god with me: I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal: neither is there any that can deliver out of my hand.
2 Samuel 7:22:	Wherefore thou art great, O LORD God; for there is none like thee, neither is there any God beside thee, according to all that we have heard with our ears.
1 Kings 8:60:	That all the people of the earth may know that the LORD is God, and that there is none else.
Psalms 86:10:	For thou art great, and doest wondrous things: thou art God alone.
Isaiah 43:10,11:	Ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me. I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no savior.
Mark 12:29-34	And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord: And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this, thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these. And the scribe said unto him, Well, Master, thou hast said the truth: for there is one God; and there is none other but he: And to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love his neighbor as himself, is more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices. And when Jesus saw that he answered discreetly, he said unto him, Thou art not far from the kingdom of God. And no man after that durst ask him any question.

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John 17:3	And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God , and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.
1 Timothy 2:5	For there is one God , and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.
James 2:19	Thou believest that there is one God ; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.
<u>The Father is God:</u>	
1 Corinthians 8:6:	“Yet for us there is one God, the Father , from whom all things are and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things are and through whom we exist.”
Ephesians 4:4-6:	“There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all , who is above all and through all and in all.”
<u>The Son is God:</u>	
John 1:1-4:	In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. ⁴ In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.
Revelation 1:7-8:	Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen. “ I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, ” says the Lord, “ who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty. ”
<u>The Holy Spirit is God:</u>	
Acts 5:3-4:	But Peter said, “Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back <i>part</i> of the price of the land for yourself? ⁴ While it remained, was it not your own? And after it was sold, was it not in your own control? Why have you conceived this thing in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God. ”
<u>The Trinity Together:</u>	
Matthew 3:16:	“After being baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove and lighting on Him.”
Luke 3:22:	“And the Holy Spirit descended upon Him [Jesus] in bodily form like a dove, and a voice came out of heaven, “You are My [the Father’s] beloved Son , in You I am well-pleased.”
Matthew 28:19:	“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. ”

John 14:26: “But the Helper, **the Holy Spirit**, whom the **Father** will send in **My [Jesus’] name**, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.”

2 Corinthians 13:14: The grace of the **Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit**, be with you all.

They are Distinct:

Matthew 24:36: But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, **nor the Son, but the Father only**.

John 14:26: But the Helper, the **Holy Spirit**, whom the **Father** will send in **My name**, He will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

The next big problem I have with Mormonism is Joseph Smith Jr. their “prophet”. Joseph Smith had 34 wives, the youngest being 14 years old. He had 7 wives under 18. 11 of his wives were other men’s wives. He was a lawless polygamist, pedophile, and an adulterer. He also married a mother/daughter pair.

In Romans 13:1 we read: “A **wife is bound to her husband** as long as he lives.....”

Leviticus is clear: “And if a **man take a wife and her mother, it is wickedness**: they shall be burnt with fire, both he and they; that there be no wickedness among you.”

Lev. 20:14.

Joseph Smith married 8 biological sisters. This also is a violation of Levitical law.

“**Neither shalt thou take a wife to her sister**, to vex her, to uncover her nakedness, beside the other in her lifetime.” **Leviticus 18:18.**

Joseph Smith’s ministry and life was fraught with illegal activity. Criminal banking, bank fraud, treason against Missouri (for escaping custody and fleeing to Illinois), conspiracy to commit murder of the Governor, perjury, fornication, and adultery.

Joseph Smith used witchcraft. Joseph Smith practiced “scrying”. Scrying is rooted in divination and fortune-telling. It involves gazing into a medium, hoping to receive significant messages or visions that could offer personal guidance, prophecy, revelation, or inspiration. Joseph Smith often used “seer stones” to receive his supposed revelations according to the Encyclopedia of Mormonism. According to Leviticus 18:10 we are forbidden to use divination. **This is witchcraft.**

Joseph Smith was a false prophet. At one point Joseph Smith prophesied that Jesus would return in 56 years. (*History of the Church vol. 2 p 189*) This prophecy was spoken by Smith in 1835. Joseph Smith said under prophecy that the United States “would be utterly overthrown and wasted in a few years.” He made that false prophecy on May 6th 1842. He next falsely prophesied that the temple would be built in Missouri in his generation on Sept. 22 1832. (Doctrines and Covenants sec. 84.) It was never built in his generation.

Jesus was clear in Matthew 7:15: “**Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.**”

Another real pet peeve of mine is that on top of all Mormon buildings they don't have crosses, they have statues of the phony angel Maroni. They believe that Moroni delivered the Book of Mormon to Joseph Smith.

The Book of Mormon has undergone 5200+ changes. Massive changes. Joseph Smith said that the Book of Mormon was the "most correct book ever written." If so, why the corrections?

Google the "**Dark Skin Curse.**" Both The Book of Mormon and the Pearl of Great Price claim that people of color were a sign of God's curse. This was admitted and renounced by the Mormon Church in 1913. This policy was changed after 150 years of adherence in the church! **The most correct book ever?**

The Mormon Church believes that God has a wife, that we were their offspring as "spirit babies" and later birthed to our earthly parents. That they are flesh and bone in human form and not a spirit as the Bible teaches in John 4:24.

"But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." **John 4:24**

Mormons also believe that Jesus and Lucifer are "spirit brothers". You can't make this stuff up. Satan was created, not eternal, **Jesus created all things** as is clear from Colossians 1:16. From the verse below we see that Jesus wasn't created in His "God mothers" womb, because He created all things.

"For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him" **Colossians 1:16**

The Bible also teaches that we, the church, are the bride of Christ.

Another famous piece of authoritative Mormon literature is the Book of Abraham. They were supposedly translated by Smith from Egyptian scrolls. In 1966 the papyrus was re-translated by Egyptian experts as Egyptian burial scrolls. **He mistranslated the entire document.** Joseph Smith was a fraud. The LDS church still holds to the doctrines Smith advocated in his translation. He did the same phony Translation with the **Kinderhook Plates**, google it, it's a real hoot and a massive embarrassment to the church.

The Archaeological Evidence against Joseph Smith's claims are uniform. Not one thing he said about ancient civilization has been verified by archaeologists. Not one. Zero. He made the whole thing up.

The Book of Mormon purports to portray the rise and development of two great civilizations in the Americas. Below are some excerpts from the Book of Mormon.

"The whole face of the land had become covered with buildings, and the people were as numerous almost, as it were the sand of the sea" (Mormon 1:7).

“...fine workmanship of wood, in buildings, and in machinery, and also in iron and copper, and brass and steel, making all manners of tools “ (Jarom 1:8; 2 Nephi 5:15).

“...grain ... silks ... cattle ... oxen ... cows ... sheep ... swine ... goats ... horses ... asses ... elephants ...” (See Ether 9:17–19).

“...did multiply and spread ... began to cover the face of the whole earth, from the sea south to the sea north, from the sea west to the sea east” (Heleman 3:8).

“...had been slain ... nearly two million” [Jaredites] (See Ether 15:2).

“...their shipping and their building of ships, and their building of temples, and of synagogues and their sanctuaries “ (Heleman 3:14. See also 2 Nephi 5:15–16; Alma 16:13).

“...there were ten more who did fall ... with their ten thousand each “ (See Mormon 6:10–15).

“...swords ... cimeters ... breastplates ... arm-shields ... shields ... head-plates ... armour” (See Alma 43:18–19; 3:5; Ether 15:15).

“...multiplied exceedingly, and spread upon the face of the land, and became exceeding rich.” (Jarom 1:8).

See 3 Nephi 8:9–10, 14; 9:4–6, 8: where cities and inhabitants were sunk in the depths of the sea and Earth.

In addition to the foregoing statements from the *Book of Mormon*, which indicate the tremendous spread of the cultures of these races, there are numerous cities catalogued in the *Book of Mormon*, evidence that these were indeed mighty civilizations’, which should, by all the laws of archaeological research into the culture of antiquity, have left vast amounts of “finds” to be evaluated. The Mormons have yet to explain the fact that leading archaeological researchers not only have repudiated the claims of the *Book of Mormon* as to the existence of these civilizations’, but have adduced considerable evidence to show the impossibility of the accounts given in the Mormon Bible.

The following letter was addressed to the Rev. R. Odell Brown, pastor of the Hillcrest Methodist Church, Fredericksburg, Virginia, an ardent student of Mormonism and its claims. Dr. Brown, in the course of his research, wrote to the Department of Anthropology at Columbia University in New York City.

The answer he received is of great importance in establishing the fact that the *Book of Mormon* is neither accurate nor truthful where the sciences of archaeology and anthropology are concerned.

Dear Sir:

Pardon my delay in answering your letter of January 14, 1957. The question which you ask concerning the *Book of Mormon* is one that comes up quite frequently.... However, ... I may say that I do not believe that there is a single thing of value concerning the prehistory of the American Indian in the *Book of Mormon* and I believe that the great majority of American archaeologists would agree with me. The book is untrue biblically, historically, and scientifically. Concerning Dr. Charles Anthon of Columbia University, I do not know who he is and would certainly differ with his viewpoint, as the Latter Day Saints (Mormons) tell it. What possible bearing Egyptian hieroglyphics would have on either the *Book of Mormon* or the prehistory of the American Indian I do not know. ...

I am, Very sincerely yours,
Wm. Duncan Strong (Signed)

The Smithsonian Institution in Washington has also added its voice against the archaeological claims of the *Book of Mormon*. Such a highly regarded scientific source the Mormons can ill afford to ignore.

- 1. The Smithsonian Institution has never used the *Book of Mormon* in any way as a scientific guide. Smithsonian archaeologists see no direct connection between the archaeology of the New World and the subject matter of the book.**
- 2. The physical type of the Native American is basically Mongoloid, being most closely related to that of the peoples of eastern, central, and north-eastern Asia.** Archaeological evidence indicates that the ancestors of the present Native Americans came into the New World—probably over a land bridge known to have existed in the Bering Strait region during the last Ice Age—in a continuing series of small migrations beginning from about 25,000 to 30,000 years ago.
- 3. Present evidence indicates that the first people to reach this continent from the East were the Norsemen who briefly visited the north-eastern part of North America around ad 1000 and then settled in Greenland.** There is nothing to show that they reached Mexico or Central America.
- 4. One of the main lines of evidence supporting the scientific finding that contacts with Old World civilizations', if indeed they occurred at all, were of very little significance for the development of Native American civilizations' is the fact that none of the principal Old World domesticated food plants or animals (except the dog) occurred in the New World in Pre-Columbian times. Native Americans had no wheat, barley, oats, millet, rice, cattle, pigs, chickens, horses, donkeys, or camels before 1492.** (Camels and horses were in the Americas, along with the bison, mammoth, and mastodon, but all these animals became extinct around 10,000 BC. at the time the early big game hunters spread across the Americas.)
- 5. Iron, steel, glass, and silk were not used in the New World before 1492** (except for occasional use of unsmelted meteoric iron). Native copper was used in various locations in pre-Columbian times, but true metallurgy was limited to southern Mexico and the Andean region, where its occurrence in late prehistoric times involved gold, silver, copper, and their alloys, but not iron.
- 6. There is a possibility that the spread of cultural traits across the Pacific to Mesoamerica and the north-western coast of South America began several hundred years before the Christian era. However, any such inter-hemispheric contacts appear to have been the result of accidental voyages originating in eastern and southern Asia. It is by no means certain that such contacts occurred; certainly there were no contacts with the ancient Egyptians, Hebrews, or other peoples of Western Asia and the Near East.**
- 7. No reputable Egyptologist or other specialist on Old World archaeology and no expert on New World prehistory has discovered or confirmed any relationship between archaeological remains in Mexico and archaeological remains in Egypt.**
- 8. Reports of findings of ancient Egyptian, Hebrew, and other Old World writings in the New World in pre Columbian contexts have frequently appeared in newspapers, magazines, and sensational books. None of these claims has stood up to examination by reputable scholars. No inscriptions using Old World forms of writing have been shown to have occurred in any part of the Americas before 1492, except for a few Norse rune stones which have been found in Greenland. (Revised, May 1980.)**

From this evidence, it is clear that the cities mentioned in the *Book of Mormon* are imaginary, that elephants never existed on this continent, and that the metals described in the *Book of Mormon* have never been found in any of the areas of contemporary civilizations' of the New World.

This evidence makes it clear, without listing half of the information found in Dr. Walter Martins Kingdom of the Cults excellent work, that Joseph Smith was a liar, and a phony. **He made it all up.**

One of the most damaging claims against the archaeology of the *Book of Mormon* was the publication of former Brigham Young University professor Thomas Stuart Ferguson's paper written in 1975. Ferguson founded the Department of Archaeology (later renamed Anthropology) at BYU for the sole purpose of discovering proofs of the *Book of Mormon*. After twenty-five years of dedicated archaeological research, the department had nothing at all to back up the flora, fauna, topography, geography, peoples, coins, or settlements of the book and, in fact, he called the geography of the *Book of Mormon* "fictional."

The Mongoloid Factor

It is one of the main contentions of Mormon theology that the Native American people are the descendants of the Lamanites and that they were of the Semitic race; in fact, of Jewish origin. This claim is extensive in Mormon literature, and if evidence could be adduced to show that the Native American could not possibly be of Semitic extraction, the entire story of Nephi and his trip to America in 600 BC. would be proven false.

It is, therefore, of considerable value to learn that in the findings compiled both by anthropologists and those who specialize in genetics that the various physical factors of the Mediterranean races from which the Jewish or Semitic race spring bear little or no resemblance to those of the Native American. Genotypically, there is therefore little if any correlation, and phenotypically speaking, **Native Americans are considered to be Mongoloid in extraction, not Mediterranean Caucasoids.**

Now, if the Lamanites, as the *Book of Mormon* claims, were the descendants of Nephi, who was a Jew of the Mediterranean Caucasoid type, then their descendants, Native Americans, would by necessity have the same blood factor genotypically, and phenotypic or apparent characteristics would be the same. But this is not at all the case. Instead, the Native American, so say anthropologists, is not of Semitic extraction and has the definite phenotypical characteristic of a Mongoloid. A thorough study of anthropology and such writers as W. C. Boyd (*The Contributions of Genetics to Anthropology*) and Bentley Glass, the gifted geneticist of Johns Hopkins University, reveals that Mormon findings based upon the *Book of Mormon* are out of harmony with the findings of geneticists and anthropologists.

There simply is no foundation for the postulation that the Native American (Lamanites, according to the Mormons) is in any way related to the race to which Nephi (a Semite) allegedly belonged.

Joseph Smith also changed his stance on polygamy.

In the Mormon Scriptures: Doctrine and Covenants, 132:34,32.

"Go ye, therefore, and do the works of Abraham; enter ye into my law and ye shall be saved. God commanded Abraham, and Sarah gave Hagar to Abraham to wife. And why did she do it? Because this was the law; and from Hagar sprang many people. "

The *Book of Mormon*, on the other hand, categorically states:

“Wherefore, I the Lord God will not suffer that this people shall do like unto them of old ... 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 woman” (Jacob 2:26–28).

It appears that Smith could manufacture revelations at will, depending upon his desires. In the last instance, his reputation and subsequent actions indicate that sex was the motivating factor.

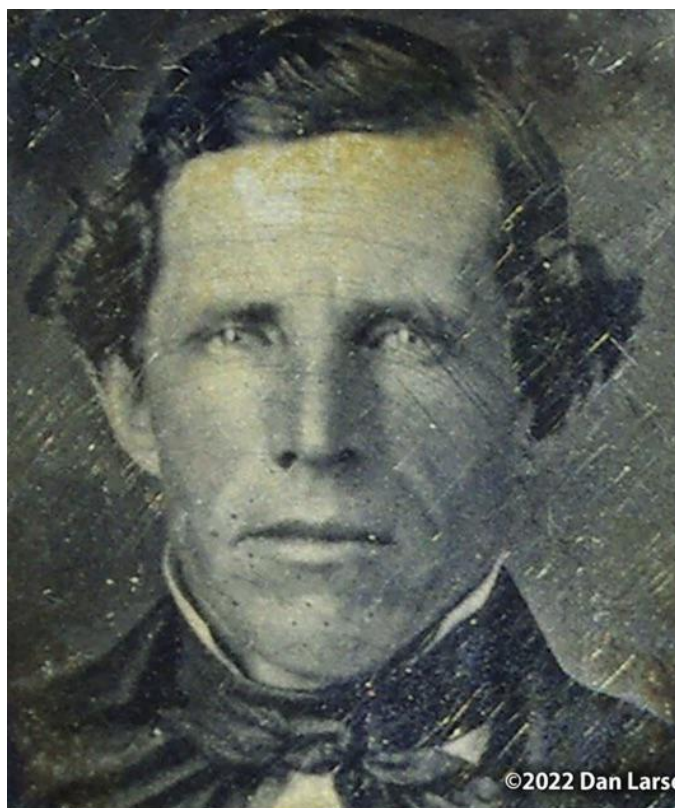
I must ask any Mormon.

If I was a pedophile, and a polygamist, and an adulterer. If I committed bank fraud and treason. If I had married other men’s wives and a mother/daughter combo. If I changed the nature and the clear scriptural descriptions of God. If my prophecies didn’t come true, would you follow me?

Then why follow Joseph Smith?

Because of the “Burning Bosom?” What of the convictions of someone who thinks they were born in the wrong body? A male who feels he is a female? A girl who feels she is a cat? We have scripture to verify what the Lord wants from us, and the Book of Mormon doesn’t add up. Use the Bible to verify if it is the Lord talking to us, or just us talking to ourselves. The following passage sums it up well.

“That even if “an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel other than the one we preached to you, he is accursed.” Galatians 1:8



Joseph Smith

