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<u>Glenn Beck</u> and the Mormon Cult

We, as citizens of the United States (especially conservatives) strongly object to President Obama's failure to follow the Constitution, which he gave an oath to obey.

His repeated practice of ignoring, or circumventing the document established to guide, and serve as the ultimate, decisive authority, i.e., protocol, to be conformed to by every American citizen, and all others in its purview.

We rightly criticize and expect justice for any infringement of constitutional requirements and provisions. The Constitution is, therefore, the instrument for regulating, and controlling both civil, and governmental affairs of the nation, within its prescribed limits, and in conjunction with The Declaration of Independence. By which, Abraham Lincoln said the Constitution should be interpreted!

In the Christian realm, there is a basic superior constitution to guide and govern the lives of all true believers in God, which is, of course, the Bible, or word of God. A Christian should obey both authorities, with the Constitution being subject to the Bible, wherever applicable.

But, for a Christian to intentionally disobey any principle, true doctrinal interpretation, or warning in the Bible, is an offense against God, the author! In the recent news story of Glenn Beck being invited to give a sermon at a Liberty College convocation service, many questions and comments have arisen as to the College's justification for having a Mormon preach in a Christian institution.

Most disturbing to a Christian, ought to be the inclusiveness extended to an avowed Mormon, as being comparable in salvation beliefs to Christians--alleging similar Gospel affinity.

The College President, Jerry Falwell, when asked if he didn't consider

Mormonism to be a cult, simply said that he did <u>not</u>! That decisive wrong answer shows that he had progressively (in the bad theological sense) ignored and whitewashed a mountain of false doctrine, some of which is even ridiculous, and blasphemous! If he would read the following Mormon doctrine, and still say they are not a cult, I would seriously question his Christian credentials, particularly his spiritual discernment.

Following is a CARM website extraction, summarizing certain Mormonism beliefs:

1. The Book of Mormon is more correct than the Bible (*History of the Church*, the Mormon Church).

2. The Devil.

A. Jesus and Satan are spirit brothers, and we were all born as siblings in heaven to them both. (*Mormon Doctrine*).

3. God.

A. God used to be a man on another planet (*Mormon Doctrine, Joseph Smith, Times and Seasons, etc.*)

4. God, becoming a god.

A. After you become a good Mormon, you have the potential of becoming a god.

5. God, many gods.

- A. There are many gods (Mormon Doctrine).
- B. "And the Gods said, Let there be light, and there was light".

6. God, as mother goddess.

- A. There is a mother god.
- B. God is married to his goddess wife, and has spirit children.

7. God, trinity.

A. The trinity is three separate gods.

8. Heaven.

A. There are three separate heavens, telestial, terrestrial, and celestial.

9. Holy Ghost, the

A. The Holy Ghost is a male personage.

10. **Jesus.**

A. "Therefore, we know that both the Father, and the Son are in form, and stature

perfect men; each of them possesses a tangible body.....of flesh and bones".

B. "The birth of the Saviour was as natural as are the births of our children.....

C. Elohim, reference to God and Jesus, not clear.

11. Joseph Smith.

A. "If it had not been for Joseph Smith and the restoration, there would be no salvation. There is no salvation outside The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (*Mormon Doctrine*).

12. Pre-existence.

A. We were first born as spirit children in heaven, and then born naturally on earth.

13. Salvation.

A. "One of the most fallaceous doctrines originated by Satan, and propounded by man is that man is saved alone by the grace of God; that belief in Jesus Christ alone is all that is needed for salvation".

B. "A plan of salvation was needed for the people of the earth, so Jesus offered a plan to the Father, and Satan offered a plan to the Father, but Jesus plan was accepted. Satan's plan was designed to "deny men their agency, and to dethrone God."

C. "Jesus' sacrifice was able to cleanse us from all our sins (murder and repeated adultery are exceptions)."

D. "Good works are necessary for salvation".

E. "There is no salvation without accepting Joseph Smith as a Prophet of God."

F. "The atonement was universal."

G. "Sins forgiveness is conditioned on individual compliance with prescribed requirements--obedience to the laws and ordinances of the Gospel."

H. "This grace is an enabling power that allows men and women to lay hold on eternal life and exaltation, after they have expended their own best efforts."

I. "We know that it is by grace that we are saved, after all we can do."

14. The trinity.

A. "The trinity is three separate Gods.....which is demonstrated by the accepted records of divine dealings with man."

CARM note: It is clear that Mormonism is not Christian.

Most of the above statements are so far-fetched, and incredulous that the most uninformed Christian should see the extreme fallacy of the contrived religion! Has Glenn Beck actually read, and studied the preposterous doctrine, in the light of subject scriptural truth, and remains gullible enough to believe the mad musing of the false prophet, Joe Smith and his sycophantic devotees?

The stuff is almost as hard to take serious, as the imaginary theory of "natural" evolution! In summary, the whole system is an unspiritual product of human fantasy, and thus not worth responding to. For a religion that claims to hold Bible truths, it is the most divergent, contradictory doctrine that I have ever encountered!

Let me add a few items that I had in my files on false theology, from the book of *Mormon Doctrine*, foolishly adding spiritually worthless human works, to divine grace!

- 1. You cannot be saved in your sins.
- 2. By grace are ye saved, after all you can do.
- 3. You must give your best (Ezra Taft Benson).
- 4. You must deny yourself of all ungodliness.
- 5. Turn from all sins, and commit them no more (Pres. Woodruff).
- 6. If you commit any sin again, the former sins return.

7. Therefore, in order to remain forgiven, you must never commit the sin again (Mormon Missionary Discussion F).

My note: Mormonism salvation doctrine is heresy! Every claim listed, except 8A, heaven (physically) is in contradiction to the biblical truths of Christianity!

It is very revealing as to how a Christian, that is, an Arminian, free will believer, having been originally indoctrinated with a wrong gospel interpretation, is vulnerable to additional false teaching. Which means if he was unspiritual enough to adopt the wrong doctrine of "another" gospel, which he has still not seen the error of, then he would lack the discernment to prevent him from misinterpreting

other doctrinal subjects!

Why, then, assuming that Jerry Falwell is actually a Christian, would he want to be identified with a heretical religion, which unquestionably is what Mormonism is. It is not only rife with false doctrine, it exalts itself against God, and His perfect righteousness, and the eternal truth of His word! At best, none of its theology is anything but the words and works of unspiritual man, and as previously noted, at worst is a blasphemous assault against the perfect, sovereign, holiness of God!

Being disciples of the false prophet Joseph Smith, they are a mockery against the true credentials of Christianity! And, Glenn Beck is no exception. If he was an authentic believer in God, he would renounce and denounce the tenets of Mormonism as the utter heresy, full of religious nonsense, that it is! It is disappointing and troubling to realize that Jerry Falwell has actually fallen as far from the principles of the Christian faith, that his own words strongly indicate.

Oh, if the church could see, or would at least look at, what it has done to itself! It is pathetic that Christians, incorrigibly, will not use the innate spiritual resources that they have, and repent of such a grievous sin of believing a false interpretation of the gospel.

We are not robots, but have the ability, and responsibility to learn and act upon the doctrinal truths that God has laid down for us, in His word. He doesn't force us to obey Him, but always give us space to repent of our offenses against Him. That's why it is particularly sad to read in Rev. chapter three, church prophecy, that no major revival occurs in the remaining church age, and to read the seriously negative description of the end-time church, which has historically dishonored God.

What greater possession can believers claim than the attribute of a <u>free will</u>, that God restores to all those he redeems. And then for man to misuse and abuse that God-given capacity, must be one of the most traitorous, and disappointing things to God, that a Christian can commit!

There is a comparable problem that Jerry Falwell, and Glenn Beck have in

common. Neither one is thinking spiritually! Beck cannot be expected to, because he is not a Christian, or he would not stay connected to the ungodly religion of Mormonism. Falwell, assumed to be a Christian, would be expected to understand doctrinal truth, if he was "walking (thinking and acting) in the Spirit".

But, the latter condition is not automatic. The scripture says, "If so be we live in the Spirit, let us also <u>walk</u> in the Spirit", requiring continually conscious decisions to live by our <u>new nature</u>, and not as our old, natural self. This refers to the ongoing conflict between Spirit, and flesh, and which side of ourselves we will choose to live by!

Another example in the Bible tells us to "Put off the old man, with his deeds, and put on the new man, by the renewing of your mind" (paraphrased excerpt). The underlying principle is in Rom. 8:2, "For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus (my new nature), hath made me free from the law of sin and death (my old, unspiritual, nature)".

A very critical issue is involved with today's church, that contributes to such a problem as Falwell's, and a great majority of Christians. That being, that their gospel doctrine is corrupted by manipulation of scriptural principles, by both Satanic influence, and human modifications. In other words, the universal church's prevalent gospel beliefs are mainly the <u>word of man</u>, not God. That is, they are received from man, through preaching, evangelism, etc., and not subjected to scriptural examination for accuracy, and validity!

So, if a man is not scriptually correct about the gospel, which is the foundation of his Christian life, he is apt to be biblically wrong about other doctrine, because of habitually thinking with his natural intellect, not his spiritual faculty.

By not being properly taught, and studying the gospel, he falls prey to Satan, by failing to heed God's warning, "not to give place to the devil"--which he did when he listened and accepted a false concept of the gospel. Having once given such crucial access to Satan, and never afterwards <u>repenting of</u>, and <u>reforming</u> his wrong beliefs, he has left the door open for further influence and control of the

devil, throughout his Christian life!

That is how vitally important it is to take back ground that has been given to him, and to form and maintain a clean, faithful relationship with the Lord! Otherwise, even singing the song, "Trust and obey, for there's no other way", will continue to be violated, along with most other similar personal testimony of acts of commitment, and faithfulness, which are typically assumed--but most Christians, who walk after the "flesh", and not the "Spirit", however sincerely believing they are doing it right, are not bearing the fruits of the Spirit, or performing works of true spiritual faithfulness!

The Bible stresses how important it is for a Christian to understand the conflict of our two natures, and how serious it is for us to know which mode we are operating in, at a given time. If a Christian thinks about a scriptural matter with his natural faculties, he will tend to rationalize about the issue, expressing his personal thoughts, ideas, opinions, etc., believing that he is spiritually right about it.

But, if he intentionally thinks with his spiritually renewed mind, to full conclusion, he will learn (discern) the true answer to the doctrine, principle. etc., in question. Even the age-old controversy between the literally true gospel, and the prevailing conceptual interpretation, could be settled by commitment to earnestly seek the one true meaning that God intended. And, it ought to be realized that God would make it perfectly clear to be understood, when it is properly and sufficiently <u>studied</u>! As the scriptures inform us, confusion belongs to us, or is our fault, not God's, ever!

As you would note, I haven't critiqued, or commented on hardly any of the Mormonism doctrinal claims. While much could be said to point out, and correct the particular errors and differences compared to the Bible, the very first item is enough to warn us to stay away from a religion that dares to declare its theological writings (*The Book of Mormon*) to have authority over the God-inspired biblical revelations, and, secondly, the idolatrous worship of a religious ideologue, and self-designated Prophet. Joseph Smith!

That may be the height of audacity, irreverence, and blasphemy that man can

utter against the supreme divine God of the universe, and His word! And, not having a clue that they are heaping judgment upon themselves, which God will administer at His appointed time!

With all the warnings there are in the New Testament, especially, against false teachers of unscriptural doctrines, who infiltrate Christian churches, or claim affinity with Christianity, professing some similar beliefs--why would churches and other Christian organizations, invite or welcome them to preach and participate in their services?

What do true believers think is meant by "If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine (the gospel truths of Christ)", but in addition to their so-called similar "Christian" beliefs, espouse a strange, biblically false constitutional religion--as noted previously, that is an irreverent, blasphemous attack against the person of God, and his divine declarations? The verse cited (2 John 1:10), further states, "receive him <u>not</u> into your house (church, etc.), neither bid him God speed (his care, love, blessings, etc.)"

Then, God further stresses the prohibition, implying the sinfulness, and unfaithfulness involved, saying, "For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds." And, in the case at hand, and many others, that is the kind of thing that the spiritually ignorant condition of the modern, degenerated church produces! How far most of the church has fallen, since the model faithfulness of the early churches. And, yet, in their "lukewarm", "wretched" state, hardly even suspect it!

And, finally, true believers, please don't ever equate the false doctrine of Mormonism with the Gospel, or any other biblical truths. In a word, Mormons are not Christians, by any stretch of the imagination, and certainly not by true interpretation of the scriptures!