

Chapter 37

Why Lie?

Why not just be honest, true, chaste, benevolent and virtuous? "In a time of deceit, telling the truth is a revolutionary act." George Orwell

"And now behold, I, Mormon, do not desire to harrow up the souls of men in casting before them such an awful scene of blood and carnage as was laid before mine eyes; but I, knowing that these things must surely be made known, **and that all things which are hid must be revealed upon the house-tops—**

And also that **a knowledge of these things must come unto the remnant of these people, and also unto the Gentiles**, who the Lord hath said should scatter this people..." (Book of Mormon | Mormon 5:8 - 9).

"For **all flesh is corrupted before me**; and the powers of darkness prevail upon the earth, among the children of men, in the presence of all the hosts of heaven. ["For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God" Romans 3:23.]

Which causeth silence to reign, and all eternity is pained, and the angels are waiting the great command to reap down the earth, to gather the tares that they may be burned; and, behold, the enemy is combined.

And now I show unto you a mystery, **a thing which is had in secret chambers, to bring to pass even your destruction** in process of time,

"And again, I say unto you that the enemy in the secret chambers seeketh your lives." (Doctrine and Covenants | Section 38:11 – 13, 28 / Jan 2, 1831)

The **"enemy in the secret chambers,"** [D&C 38:28] are those who sought the lives of Joseph, Hyrum and Samuel Smith in the early days of the church. Who really killed Joseph? This is one man's investigation and opinion. One day we will know exactly who was responsible and who was lying or telling the truth.

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We live on an Earth where honesty is not the rule of law in everyone's heart and we have inherited lies, histories have been doctored in "secret chambers," to put forth false narratives in science, i.e. is the earth stationary, topographically flat or is it a spinning ball? And what is true religion? [2 Nephi 28:11-32]. Some are trying to find out the truth through common sense, investigation, research and the gift of the Holy Ghost. How can we shield ourself and our family from all the deceit, lies and fake news that is out there? Keep listening and reading, I do have an answer that helps me, and I am sharing this that you might see and understand my point of view respectfully. With all that has transpired on Earth, from birth we begin to form our opinions, beliefs and choices as we see, observe and ponder our experiences and others experiences. We all learn and understand things differently. We can partake from the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, daily, or the fruit from the tree of life, and manifest the "fruits" of our choice. We will all make a choice to either forgive and remain faithful to the "truth" as we understand it, or become upset and angry and hold resentment in our hearts; or we may bury our head in the sand and pretend it didn't happen, until one day, we will face it, "for all things which are hid [lied about] MUST be revealed upon the housetops" [Mormon 5:8; Luke 12:2-3]. The reason I am focusing right now on the LDS Church is because I was born into this religion [BIC] and studied it, pondered it, prayed about it, served missions about it and invested a lot of time and money in it. I have discovered within the LDS Church, as with science and politics, a huge problem with lies, and covering up lies with more lies, even to this day. Why did the Lord command the LDS Church on February 9, 1831, to "not lie?" [D&C 42:21]. Did He know it was going to be a problem? YES! Why did several sisters in the Temple Lot Case lie under oath? Why did some of our apostles and prophets lie under oath?

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In this same period of time [1831], the Lord commanded the LDS Church to have **only one wife**, to live monogamy, NOT polygamy [which is adultery, past, present,

or future] according to the Lord [Matthew 19:3-6; Mark 10:2-9; D&C 42:22-26]. It is so sad that today the LDS Church narrative perpetuates this big huge "lie" and teaches that God started polygamy through a revelation to the Prophet Joseph. Let me make this clear. ***It is only Satan that prompts one to "lie," and exclaim it is okay to lie for the Lord.*** My "God," is ***"a God of truth, and canst not lie"*** [Ether 3:12] or teach "false doctrines," i.e. [more lies]. What does this tell me about the LDS Church today? Its foundation *after* Joseph and Hyrum were murdered was built on the "lie" of polygamy [Helaman 6: 27-30; Moroni 8:24; D&C 84:45-61; D&C 93:32]. With all "honesty," The Church can repent of the polygamy doctrine and should, just like it did with the blacks and the priesthood. The Book of Mormon, is an antipolygamy book all the way through, beginning with the Jaredites, ***"And it came to pass that Riplakish did not do that which was right in the sight of the Lord, for he did have many wives and concubines"*** [Ether 10:5]. And then Lehi and his people were told: ***"Behold, David and Soloman truly had many wives and concubines, which thing was abominable before me, saith the Lord"*** [Jacob 2:24]. And in the "restoration" we were told the same thing in February 1831, it was called, ***"Embracing the law of the Church,"*** it said: ***"Thou shalt love thy wife with all thy heart, and shalt cleave unto her and none else"*** [D&C 42:22]. It should be crystal clear what the Lord was trying to teach his people in the early restoration going forward. I personally believe in these moral laws and feel a part of the inhabitants of Zion. ***"For it shall come to pass that the inhabitants of Zion shall judge all things pertaining to Zion. And liars and hypocrites shall be proved by them, and they who are not apostles and prophets shall be know"*** [D&C 64:38-39]. In my search for the truth, I want to "trust" in God's moral foundation. For me, this means laying a foundation in godliness and holiness of character, for this is what makes God, "God."

I have an observation to share. Where is true religion found? We are taught in the Book of Mormon, there are only two churches on the Earth today, and the symbolism of this is revealing! The first is the ***"Church of the Lamb of God"*** [1 Nephi 14: 3-17, ***which does not lie***] and the second is the ***"church of the Devil"*** [***which does lie***, which includes any church that would lie or perpetuate lies to its people or teach its people it's okay to lie for the Lord]. If you are a truth seeker, you will come to know this to be true. Therefore, as I see it and according to the "law of the Church" given in [D&C 42: 18-29], D&C 132 has no place in the

scriptures or in our hearts other than to point out the lie and abomination of polygamy [Jacob 2:24-27; Matthew 19:3-6].

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From a scriptural perspective, do you know who actually started “polygamy?” It was NOT the Lord; it NEVER has been! It was Cain’s posterity who made a covenant with Satan and broke the commandments of God. Hence lies, immorality, polygamy, deceit, and murder have swept across the Earth to this day. [Genesis 4: 16-24]. To have only one wife was the commandment **“before”** the world was even created [D&C 49: 15-17]. Believe it or not, that is the honest truth!

God is the same yesterday, today, and forever. He does not teach one man to have one wife, and another to have many wives; that is NOT God’s pattern of truth. The whole point of honest mortality is to become like the Lord, to walk and **teach** His virtue, His morality, and His character! Not immorality and lies [Romans 1:22-32; 2 Timothy 3:1-7]. Looking back to our past histories, our ancestors, and the present and future, ***if we are honest with ourselves, we will forgive those who have taught false doctrines and made wrong choices!*** Today, if we are single or married, we should be moral! Use common sense! Don’t look upon another woman or man and lust after them. The Lord said if we do, ye “hath committed adultery with her in his heart already” (Matthew 5: 27-28; JST Matthew 5: 2931) (3 Nephi 12:27-30). I do not know how any man, [or woman] past, present or future in their right mind [common sense mind] who is or was married could conceive to depart from that holy relationship of marriage to one woman and entertain polygamy or a gay lifestyle as an alternative and call it justified before God... to this the Lord said: ***“ye have blasphemed against me in the midst of [your own body temple] my house, saith the Lord”*** (D&C 112: 26). “Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man [or woman] **defile** the temple of God, him shall God destroy; [meaning to stop in one’s progression forward unless one repents] “for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are. **Let no man [or woman] deceive himself [or herself]** (1 Corinthians 3:16 - 18). The good news is the best news, and that is to know we can all repent, forgive and love God and our neighbor as ourselves **honestly**. I am still a member of the LDS

Church, not because I worship prophets or apostles, I don't; or because of past mistakes and false doctrines taught by some in the past or present, but because **I know "God is no respecter of persons"** and is only a respecter of a divine and holy character! **My testimony is founded in the divine character of Jesus Christ, through faith [Lectures on Faith 1:1].** And His Father, is my Father, to whom I pray daily and worship them only **"in spirit and in truth"** [John 4: 6-26*] not the person, structure, or image. I know with absolute integrity that unless I choose to be a partaker of "divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust [& lies]. And besides this, giving all diligence, adding to [my] faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness' and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in [me], and abound, they make [me and] you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ... **your calling and election [will be] sure; for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall.**" [2 Peter 1:10]. What a glorious promise to anyone, regardless of race or religion, who will immerse themselves by "faith" into "divine nature" thereby becoming one with the Lord. It is our solemn duty and covenant to be true to ourselves: **"Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love,** see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently: **Being born again,** not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever" (1Peter 1:22-23).

"Owe no man anything, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law (Romans 13:8-10). Real honest "Love" is honesty, [void of a lying tongue]. Real honest "Love" is virtue [in every thought, word and action]. Real honest "Love" is holiness [respecting the temple of God in every person, this is moral integrity, be true to your divine potential]. It is this truth that will make and keep you free! And your membership in the **"church of the Lamb of God"** [1 Nephi 14 8-14] will be everlasting because it is a spiritual church **"not made with hands"** [2 Corinthians 5:1: D&C 93:1-2]. "Behold, the time cometh, saith the Lord, that when ye [the LDS Church or any church] shall cast out the righteous from among you, then shall ye be ripe for destruction" [Helaman 13:14].

Who must we follow? Yeshua, Jesus the Christ. How? By faith in "divine nature!"

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I hope you know who you are? Because what I share with you has given me the strength to stand with the Lord, Yeshua, even Jesus the Christ, forever!

You Are the Only True Temple of the Living God ***“made without hands”*** [1 Corinthians 3: 10-21; 1 Corinthians 6: 15-20; 2 Corinthians 6: 16-18; Mark 1: 14; Colossians 1: 27; 2: 2,11]

“The Most High Dwelleth Not In Temples made with hands” [Mark 14: 58; Acts 7: 48; Acts 17: 24-25; 2 Corinthians 5: 1; Hebrews 9: 11; Hebrews 9: 24]

Seek the face of the Lord always until you have your own personal experience with Christ “face to face.” [Genesis 32:30; Exodus 33: 11; Ether 12: 38-39; D&C 84: 23-24; D&C 101: 38; Lectures on Faith 2:55].

Lectures on Faith 1-7 is the foundational “Doctrine of Christ” found in D&C 1835 & 1844 editions, ***and the foundation of all righteousness***. Lecture 1:1 should be our personal foundation; & Lecture 7: 9-17 shows us how to do it!

“Pure Religion” is knowing how to worship: Become and Be Love! Become and Be Honest. Become and Be Virtuous. Become and Be Holy in Character! [James 1: 26-27; John 4: 7-26*; Galatians 5: 22-26].

The Sermon on the Mount is the path to Christ! [Matt. 5-7; 3 Nephi 12-14]

The Law that will make the people of any Church true; past, present or future is by following the wisdom of: *D&C 42: 18-29*

And finally, know that “God is no respecter of persons” [race or religion] ***but of a divine and holy character! This is how we “turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers”*** ***The “heart” is the symbol of Gods divine character*** [Malachi 4]. This is the true spirit of Elijah, becoming ***“One Heart,”*** sealed in righteousness. [Jeremiah 32:39; Ezekiel 11:19; Acts 4:32; 2Nephi 1:21; Moses 7:18; Romans 2: 11-29; D&C 38: 24-27; read and ponder the word “Holiness” in the LDS Bible Dictionary, it applies to all regardless of race or religion].

<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/bd/holiness?lang=eng>

One word on symbolism to bring a closing statement to this essay. Why have mortals made Alters, Temples, Mosques, Synagogues, and Church? All these have ordinances and ceremonies from ancient to modern times. Why? They teach truths to a fallen world! They give sight to the spiritually blind and hearing to the

spiritually dead. whether mortal or for those who have died a mortal death. They reveal our spiritual nature! Our "divine nature," if we wake up. The Lord told ancient Israel to "sanctify themselves." How? by becoming "holy" in their thoughts, words, and deeds. What is "Holiness?" It is to be filled with the "Fruit of the Spirit." BE truthful, chaste, benevolent, virtuous, and love purely, honestly, yourself first and then your neighbors. "Holiness" is learning to love God [godliness] first and always. ***God is no respecter of persons, race, or religion, but He is a respecter of a divine and holy character.*** All people have the innate potential to develop it! What are you developing? Figure it out, think it through. "You are the true temple of the living God." [2 Corinthians 6:16-18]. Act the part!

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