

## The Mormon “god,” and “Another Jesus”

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Ezekiel 13:1-8

➡ Video<sup>1</sup>

1. False prophets need to be preached “against” (v. 1).
2. False prophets prophesy out of their own hearts instead of Scriptures (v. 2).
3. False prophets follow their own spirit instead of the Holy Spirit (v. 3 cf. Jer. 23:16, 31-32).
4. False prophets are like “foxes” (cunning, crafty) (v. 4).
5. False prophets are liars (v. 6).
6. False prophets are seducers (v. 10 cf. 1 Tim. 4:1-2).

➡ REVIEW: Premise of Mormonism— Two visions of Joseph Smith (Total Apostasy / Restoration of the one true Church).

In this lesson we are going to see how the Mormon’s view of God and Christ compares with what the King James Bible says about God and Jesus.

### THE MORMON “GOD”— Another “god”

#### I. **POLYTHEISTIC** (D&C 121:28, 32; 132:19-20).

- ➡ Mormon Apostle Orson Pratt said, “If we should take a million of worlds like this and number their particles we should find that there are more gods than there are particles of matter in those worlds.”<sup>2</sup>
- A. The Bible teaches there is only ONE GOD, manifest in the Trinity (Dt. 6:4; 2 Sam. 7:22; Ps. 86:10; Isa. 44:6; 1 Cor. 8:4-6).
  - B. Mormonism’s first article of faith denies the Trinity—“We believe in God, the Eternal Father, and in His Son, Jesus Christ, and in the Holy Ghost.”

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<sup>1</sup> <https://youtu.be/-VKT4hrBTuk>

<sup>2</sup> *Journal of Discourses*, Vol. 2, 1854 (1966 reprint), p. 345.

1. Joseph Smith said, "I have always declared God to be a distinct personage, Jesus Christ a separate and distinct personage from God the Father, and the Holy Ghost was a distinct personage and a Spirit: and these three constitute three distinct personages and three GODS."<sup>3</sup>
2. Even the Book of Mormon declares that the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost are ONE GOD. Alma 11:44 says, "Christ the Son, and God the Father, and the Holy Spirit, which is ONE ETERNAL GOD." (See also 2 Nehpi 31:21)
3. Joseph Smith himself said, "If anyone teaches doctrine contrary to The Book of Mormon, mark him as an impostor."<sup>4</sup>  
Who is the impostor, Joseph Smith or The Book of Mormon?

## II. PROGRESSIVE.

- Mormon theology: "As man is, God once was; as God is, man may become." (Lorenzo Snow). D&C 132:37 says that Abraham, Issac, and Jacob "have entered into their exaltation, according to the promises, and sit upon thrones, and are not angels but are gods."
- The idea that man could become "god" originated with Satan (Gen. 3:1-5).
  - A. Joseph Smith taught, "God himself was once as we are now, and is an exalted man, and sits enthroned in yonder heavens... 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... you have got to learn how to be gods yourselves... the same as all gods have done before you."<sup>5</sup>
  - B. God does not progress or evolve. Psalm 90:2 says, "*from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.*" How could this be true if there were a time when God was not God.
  - C. Malachi 3:6, "*I am the LORD, I change not.*" Hebrews 13:8 says, "*Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.*"

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<sup>3</sup> Joseph Fielding Smith, *Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith*, 1963, p. 370.

<sup>4</sup> *Times and Seasons*, Vol. 5, p. 490.

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid.*, Joseph Fielding Smith, pp. 345, 346

- D. Isaiah 43:10, “*Before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me.*” How can one become a god, when God says He is the only God and no other God will come after Him?
- E. The Book of Mormon even contradicts the doctrine of evolving deities. Mormon 9:9 says, “God is the same yesterday, today, and forever, and in him there is no variableness neither shadow of changing.” Moroni 8:18, “God is not a partial God, neither a changeable being; but he is unchangeable from all eternity to all eternity.”

### III. PHYSICAL.

➡ Mormons teach that God is physical. “The Father has a body of flesh and bones as tangible as man’s” (D&C 130:22).

➡ **READ:** Numbers 23:19

- A. Mormons teach Jesus was conceived by a physical sex act between a god named Elohim and Mary, one of His many wives.

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Brigham Young: “When the Virgin Mary conceived the child Jesus, the Father had begotten him in his own likeness. He was not begotten by the Holy Ghost... Jesus, our elder brother, was begotten in the flesh by the same character that was in the Garden of Eden, and who is our Father in Heaven... Now, remember from this time forth, and forever, that Jesus Christ was not begotten by the Holy Ghost.”<sup>6</sup>

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➡ The Bible teaches otherwise (Matthew 1:18-20; Luke 1:35).

➡ And, so does the Book of Mormon (see Alma 7:10).

- If Jesus was conceived as a result of a physical union between Elohim and Mary, how was Jesus born of a virgin?
- Since Mary was one of Elohim’s spirit children, wouldn’t their sexual relationship be incest?
- Since Elohim was already married to other wives in heaven, didn’t he commit adultery by having sexual relations with someone who was already espoused to Joseph?

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<sup>6</sup> *Journal of Discourses*, Vol. 1, pp. 50-51.

B. Jeremiah 23:24—“*Do not I fill heaven and earth?*” How could God fill heaven and earth if He had a tangible body? (cf. 2 Chron. 6:18).

C. Jesus said, “*God is a spirit*” (John 4:24). See 1 Timothy 1:17

Any references in Scripture to God appearing unto men is called a **theophany**—God revealing Himself in an angelic manifestation. They are pre-incarnate appearances of Christ.

Sometimes the Bible will make reference to God’s “eyes” or “hand” or “*the arm of the Lord.*” These are symbolic and not literal, called **anthropomorphisms** to describe God in human language so we can understand what God is like. If you make them literal, then you must conclude that God is a bird from Psalm 91:4. Deuteronomy 4:24 says, “*For the Lord thy God is a consuming fire.*” Does this mean that God is literally a ball of fire?

## THE MORMON JESUS — “Another Jesus”

Milton R. Hunter was a member of the Mormon’s First Council of the Seventy. He summarized the origin of Jesus in his book “*The Gospel of the Ages*” (published under the direction of the LDS church). The following is adapted from Hunter’s book:<sup>7</sup>

Mormons believe that trillions of planets scattered throughout the universe are ruled by countless gods who once were human like us. On one of these planets, one of these unidentified gods and one of his goddess wives conceived a spirit child named Elohim. This spirit child was later born to human parents who gave him a physical body. Through obedience to Mormon teaching, he proved himself worthy and was elevated to godhood as his father before him.

Mormons believe that Elohim is their heavenly father and that he lives with his many goddess wives on a planet near a mysterious star called Kolob. Here the god of Mormonism, through endless celestial sex with his goddess wives, produced millions of spirit children.

To decide the destiny of these spirit children, the head of the Mormon gods called a great heavenly council meeting. Both of Elohim’s eldest

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<sup>7</sup> <https://youtu.be/n3BqLZ8UoZk>

sons were there—Lucifer and his brother Jesus. [NOTE: How can Jesus be the SPIRIT-BROTHER of Lucifer when Colossians 1:16 says that Jesus created all things including the angels and Lucifer himself? How can Jesus be the brother of His own creation?]

A plan was presented to build planet earth where the spirit children would be sent to take on mortal bodies and learn good from evil.

Lucifer stood first and made his bid for becoming savior in this new world. Wanting the glory for himself, he planned to force everyone to become gods. Opposing the idea, the Mormon Jesus suggested giving man his freedom of choice, as on other planets.

The vote that followed approved the proposal of the Mormon Jesus who would become savior of planet earth.

Enraged, Lucifer cunningly convinced one third of the Spirits destined for earth to fight with him in revolt. Thus, Lucifer became the devil and his followers demons. Sent to this world, they would forever be denied bodies of flesh and bones. Those who remained neutral in the battle were cursed to be born with black skin. This is the Mormon explanation for the Negro race. The spirits that fought most valiantly against Lucifer would be born into Mormon families on planet Earth. These would be the lighter skinned people called in the Book of Mormon “white and delightful.”

Early Mormon prophets taught that Elohim and one of his goddess wives came to earth as Adam and Eve to start the human race. Thousands of years later Elohim journeyed to earth in human form to have sex with the Virgin Mary in order to provide Jesus with a physical body.

After Jesus Christ grew to manhood, he took at least three wives—Mary, Martha, and Mary Magdalene.<sup>8</sup> Through these wives the Mormon Jesus, from whom Joseph Smith claimed direct descent, supposedly fathered a number of children before he was crucified.

According to the Book of Mormon, after his resurrection, Jesus came to the America's to preach to the indians who the Mormons believe are really Israelites. Thus, the Jesus of Mormonism established his church in the America's as he had in Palestine. They built many great cities here in America (Ether 9:23). [There is no archeological evidence that any of these great cities ever existed.]

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<sup>8</sup> *Journal of Discourses*, Orson Hyde, Vol. 4, p. 259.

By the year 421 AD, the dark skinned Indian Israelites, known as Lamanites had destroyed all the white Nephites in a number of great battles. The Nephite records were supposedly written of golden plates and buried by Moroni, the last living Nephite in the hill Cumorah in New York.

1400 years later, a young treasure seeker named Joseph Smith claimed to have had two visions whereby he was instructed that all religions were totally apostate, and he was God's chosen vessel to restore the one true church to planet earth. He was shown where the so-called golden plates were buried and from them he claimed to translate the Book of Mormon.

**I. The Mormon Jesus is “another Jesus” not the Jesus of the Bible** (2 Cor. 11:4).

**II. The Mormon Jesus was a man who attained godhood.** “Christ, the Word, the Firstborn, had, of course, *attained* unto the status of Godhood while yet in pre-existence.”<sup>9</sup>

➡ The Scriptures teach that Jesus Christ has always been God (John 1:1; 8:58 cf. Ps. 90:2; Isa. 9:6; 43:10-11).

**III. The Jesus and the Father of the Scriptures are ONE** (John 10:30-33; 14:8-11 ; 1 John 5:7).

➡ Mormons believe Jesus is “Jehovah” and the Father is “Elohim.” Dt. 6:4 literally— “Hear O Israel, YHWH our Elohim, YHWH one.” Jehovah our Elohim.

**SUMMATION:** There are many false religions that came into being as a result of misinterpreting Scripture: Seventh Day Adventist; Church of Christ; Charismatic movement; etc. But I believe Mormonism is satanic to the core—Satan spawned the seeds of Mormonism in the fertile soil of Joseph Smith's prolific imagination (Rom. 1:21-23; Jer. 13:10).

Joseph Smith was not just a man who misinterpreted some verses in the Bible. He was a genuine false prophet who received his false doctrines directly from Satan (1 Tim. 4:1-2 cf. 2 Cor. 11:3-4, 13-15). That is why Mormonism flourishes today. It is truly the devil's religion (2 Cor. 4:3-4).

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<sup>9</sup> *What Mormons Think of Christ* (Mormon Church brochure) p. 36.