

Understanding the Mormons

(aka The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints)

Part 1: Joseph Smith, their Great False Prophet

JOSEPH SMITH'S SHADY BACKGROUND

Joseph Smith (1805-1844) and his family were deeply involved in the _____ . (Deut.

18:10; Lev. 19:26, 31; Acts 19:19; Gal. 5:19-20)

Joseph Smith was known for being a _____ who was not to be trusted.

JOSEPH SMITH AND HIS BOGUS CLAIMS

The Mormon faith is first based on an alleged _____ Joseph Smith had as a teenager. Supposedly God the Father and Jesus appeared to him and told him that all the churches were wrong.

- There are _____ conflicting versions of this vision that give contradictory details on such issues as Smith's age (14-16), who appeared (Son alone, Father and Son, Son with angels, angels alone), how they appeared (one at a time, together), and who spoke (Father, Son, or angels).
- Today's currently accepted _____ version of the experience did not even exist when Smith organized his church in 1830.

The Mormon faith is also based on the Book of _____ which Smith claims to have translated from golden plates he found under the guidance of an angel named Moroni.

- The Book of Mormon is considered Holy _____ on par with the Bible, containing the "fulness of the everlasting gospel."
- Smith claimed he _____ the plates from "Reformed Egyptian Hieroglyphics." Language scholars have for decades declared that there is no such language as "Reformed Egyptian."
- In 1829, Smith said a heavenly voice proclaimed the translation "correct." As of 2001, the Book of Mormon has undergone nearly _____ substantive changes.
- To this day, there has not been one scrap of _____ to point to the validity of the Book of Mormon.

The Mormon Faith is born out of Joseph Smith's claim to be God's true _____ who restored true Christianity. All other forms of Christianity are to be denounced as Satanic.

JOSEPH SMITH: BY HIS FRUIT YOU WILL KNOW HIM (Matt. 7:15-23)

_____ **Prophecies:** Time and time again, Joseph Smith claimed to speak on behalf of the Lord, and time and time again, his prophecies never came true. (Deut. 18:20-22).

Unabashed _____: Joseph Smith claimed he was nearly equal to Jesus Christ and was the greatest prophet who had ever arisen.
(1 Co. 13:4; 2 Tim. 3:2; Jude 1:16; 2 Pet. 2:18)

Absolute _____: Joseph Smith and other church leaders put Mormon concepts of right and wrong above both civil laws and biblical mandates. Right and wrong became whatever Smith said was right and wrong. (Matthew 7:23; 2 Timothy 2:19)

JOSEPH SMITH TODAY

The LDS church continues to teach that Joseph Smith is a true prophet, a hero and a

_____. (2 Timothy 3:13)

How can he still get away with this? The Mormon hierarchy has from its inception covered up and _____ the true history of Mormonism.

For Further Study, check out:

One Nations Under Gods, by Richard Abanes

The Kingdom of the Cults, by Walter Martin

Fast Facts on Mormonism, by John Ankerberg

The Godmakers, by Dave Hunt

Mormonism, by Kurt Van Gorden

Reasoning from the Scriptures with the Mormons, by Ron Rhodes

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