

speech given at BYU: "...gaining a special, personal relationship with Christ that is both improper and perilous... Now, I know that some may be offended at the counsel that they should not strive for a special and personal relationship with Christ... But you have been warned, and you have heard the true doctrine taught." (*Church News*, week ending March 20, 1982, p. 5)

In opposition to this, Jesus gives us a personal invitation: "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28)

**FACT #13. Joseph Smith, founder of the Mormon Church, boasted of doing a greater "work" than the Lord Jesus.**

Joseph Smith made this incredible boast: "I have more to boast of than ever any man had. I am the only man that has ever been able to keep a whole church together since the days of Adam... Neither Paul, John, Peter, nor JESUS ever did it. I boast that no man ever did such a work as I. The followers of JESUS ran away from Him; but the Latter-day Saints never ran away from me yet." (*History of the Church*, vol. 6, pp. 408, 409)

No true Prophet of God ever spoke such words as these.

**FACT #14. In 1835 Joseph Smith prophesied concerning the coming of the Lord.**

At a meeting called by Joseph Smith he instructed the Latter-day Saints that it was "the will of God" to go forth and "prune the vineyard for the last time, or the coming of the Lord, which was nigh-even fifty-six years should wind up the scene." (*History of the Church*, vol. 2, p. 182)

Eight years later he reinforced this by stating: "I prophesy in the name of the Lord God, and let it be written — the Son of Man will not come in the clouds of heaven till I am eighty-five years old." (*History of the Church*, vol. 5, p. 336)

These are obvious False Prophecies which would make Joseph Smith a False Prophet.

**FACT #15. Mormons are taught to "shake hands" with a messenger to determine if he is from God or if he is the devil.**

The following information is found in Mormon scripture: "When a messenger comes saying he has a message from God, offer him your hand and request him to shake hands with you. If he be an angel he will do so, and you will feel his hand... If it be the devil as an angel of light, when you ask him to shake hands he will offer you his hand, and you will not feel anything; you may therefore detect him." (*Doctrine and Covenants* 129:4, 5, 8)

Rather than trusting in "feelings" the Bible commands us to: "Prove all things; hold fast that which is good." (1 Thessalonians 5:21)

**FACT #16. Brigham Young claimed that those who leave the Mormon Church would turn "wrinkled" and "black."**

The following curse was pronounced by Brigham Young: "...but let them apostatize, and they will become gray-haired, wrinkled, and black, just like the Devil." (*Journal of Discourses*, vol. 5, p. 332)

There have been tens of thousands of people leave the Mormon Church — Where are the "black and wrinkled" ones?

**FACT #17. Joseph Smith taught the moon was inhabited by people who dressed like Quakers and lived to be about 1000 years old.**

In the Mormon publication, *The Young Woman's Journal*, pp. 263 & 264, O.B. Huntington gives this interesting information: "As far back as 1837, I know that he [Joseph Smith] said the moon was inhabited by men and women the same as this earth, and that they lived to a greater age than we do — that they live generally to near the age of 1000 years. He [Smith] described the men as averaging near six feet in height, and dressing quite uniformly in something near the Quaker style."

Now that man has walked on the Moon, there can be no doubt that there aren't any 6 foot tall Quakers roaming its surface.

### CONCLUSION

If all the FACTS are examined, Mormonism can not be considered a Christian denomination or a divinely led institution.

Although Mormons are being deceived by their leaders, why not be concerned enough to share the truth in love?

Jesus Himself said: "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." (John 8:32)

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# FACTS

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The following FACTS represent teachings that are either openly taught in the Mormon Church today, or that have been taught by the highest authorities of the Mormon Church.

All quotes given are from official LDS publications or the Bible.

**FACT #1. The Mormon Church teaches ALL other Churches are WRONG; ALL their creeds are an ABOMINATION in the sight of God; and ALL their teachers are CORRUPT.**

One of the Mormon Books of Scripture, *The Pearl of Great Price*, says this about non-LDS churches: "...they were ALL WRONG; and the Personage who addressed me said that ALL their creeds were an ABOMINATION in his sight; that those professors were ALL CORRUPT;..." (Joseph Smith, 2:19)

**FACT #2. Mormonism teaches there is no salvation outside the Mormon Church and no salvation without accepting Joseph Smith.**

Apostle Bruce R. McConkie makes this statement: "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*, p. 670)

The Bible, on the other hand, teaches salvation is in Jesus alone: "Neither is there salvation in any other [Jesus]: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." (Acts 4:12)

**FACT #3. Mormons are taught to doubt the reliability of the Bible and their leaders have consistently attacked its accuracy.**

Joseph Smith claimed: "...it was apparent that many important points touching the salvation of men, had been taken from the Bible, or lost before it was compiled." (*Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith*, p. 10)

The Bible answers this attack: "The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever." (Isaiah 40:8)

**FACT #4. A basic tenant in Mormonism today is that Jesus Christ is the brother of Satan.**

Milton R. Hunter explains it like this: "The appointment of Jesus to be the Savior of the world was contested by one of the other sons of God. He was called Lucifer, ...this spirit-brother of Jesus desperately tried to become the Savior of mankind." (*The Gospel Through The Ages*, p. 15)

Nowhere in the Bible does it indicate that Lucifer attempted to become the Savior: in fact, Jesus created

Satan, so they can't be brothers. Colossians 1:16 indicates that Jesus created "all things," whether "in heaven," or "in earth, visible or invisible."

**FACT #5. Mormonism continues to teach that God the Father is a glorified, resurrected Man, and men and women may become Gods and Goddesses.**

Apostle Bruce R. McConkie makes this claim: "God himself, the Father of us all, is a glorified, exalted, immortal, resurrected Man!" (*Mormon Doctrine*, p. 643)

Joseph Smith, the founder of Mormonism, taught: "...you have got to learn how to be Gods yourselves... the same as all Gods have done before you,..." (*Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith*, p. 346)

The Lord Himself answers this teaching by pronouncing: "...I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God." (Isaiah 44:6)

**FACT #6. Mormons consider Polygamy a righteous principle which will be practiced in heaven.**

Although there is nothing in the Bible that will support this thinking, current Mormon Scripture has this to say: "...if any man espouse a virgin, and desire to espouse another, and the first give her consent, and if he espouse the second, and they are virgins, and have vowed to no other man, then is he justified; he cannot commit adultery... And if he have TEN VIRGINS given unto him by this law, he cannot commit adultery,..." (*Doctrine and Covenants* 132:61, 62)

**FACT #7. Mormons today believe God the Father is married and past leaders have taught both God the Father and Jesus Christ are polygamists.**

Apostle Orson Pratt makes these unbelievable statements: "...the great Messiah who was the founder of the Christian religion, was a Polygamist, ...the Messiah chose to take upon himself his seed; and by marrying many honorable wives himself, show to all future generations that he approbated the plurality of Wives under the Christian dispensation, ...God the Father had a plurality of wives, ...the Son followed the example of his Father, ...both God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ inherit their wives in eternity as well as in time;..." (*The Seer*, p. 172)

Nowhere in the Bible does it indicate that God the Father and Jesus Christ are married or polygamists.

**FACT #8. The majority of the activity in the Mormon Temples is work done in behalf of the DEAD.**

Joseph Smith offers this explanation: "The greatest

responsibility in this world that God has laid upon us is to seek after our DEAD." (*Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith*, p. 356)

Although many Mormons are attempting to save their dead relatives, the Bible indicates: "None of them can by any means redeem his brother, nor give to God a ransom for him." (Psalms 49:7)

**FACT #9. To the Mormon, the ultimate test that Mormonism is true is an "inner feeling."**

Mormons often refer to this feeling as a "burning in the bosom." They believe their scripture (*Doctrine and Covenants* 9:8) gives the best test for determining truth. This test reads: "...study it out in your mind; then you must ask me [the Lord] if it be right, and if it is right I will cause that your bosom shall burn within you; therefore, you shall FEEL that it is right."

The Bible, on the other hand, tells us: "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." (II Timothy 2:15)

**FACT #10. Mormon leaders demand total obedience regardless whether they are right or wrong.**

The ward teacher's message for June, 1945, stated: "When our leaders speak, the thinking has been done. When they propose a plan — it is God's plan." (*Improvement Era*, June 1945, p. 354)

Herber C. Kimball, First Councilor to Brigham Young, clarifies further: "But if you are told by your leader to do a thing, do it. None of your business whether it is right or wrong." (*Journal of Discourses*, vol. 6, p. 32)

The Bible warns us in I John 4:1: "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world."

**FACT #11. Mormon leaders have consistently attacked the Biblical doctrine of Salvation by God's Grace through Faith alone.**

In Apostle James Talmage's book, *The Articles of Faith*, twice he refers to justification by Faith alone as a "pernicious doctrine," and further declares: "The Sectarian Dogma of Justification by Faith Alone has exercised an influence for evil." (pp. 107, 480)

The Bible responds: "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." (Romans 5:1)

**FACT #12. Mormon Apostle Bruce R. McConkie has warned his people against a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus.**

McConkie made these shocking statements at a