

Does Mormonism Contradict Itself?

Bible Answers About Denominations

The Thirteenth LDS Article of Faith is the last of their statements of belief. Read it carefully:

"We believe in being honest, true, chaste, benevolent, virtuous, and in doing good to all men; indeed we may say that we follow the admonition of Paul—we believe all things, we hope all things, we have endured many things, and we hope to endure all things. If there is anything virtuous, lovely, or of good report or praiseworthy, we seek after these things."

We can certainly agree with a statement like that. However, we ask, have LDS leaders always exemplified what this statement endorses? The answer is NO. Notice the first two qualities mentioned, honest and true. These two things are almost synonymous. One is not telling the truth if he is not honest and if he is not honest, he isn't telling the truth. When religious leaders and their doctrines contradict one another then such is not honest and true. They indict themselves by such contradictions. Let's notice a few from their own writings:

- God dwells in men's hearts: Alma 34:36:
- God doesn't dwell in men's hearts; D & C, 130:3

- God is creator of all: Mosiah 4:9:
- God had a father: Gospel Truth, Cannon, p. 128.

- God is a spirit: Alma 19:25, 22:9:
- God has a body of flesh and bones; D & C, 130:22.

- Christ was born of a virgin by the Holy Spirit: Alma 7:10:
- The (physical) Father conceived Jesus with Mary in the natural way: J & D, Vol. I, p. 50.

- Murder is forgivable: Alma 24:10:
- Murder is unforgivable: D & C. 42:79.

- David & Solomon's polygamy was abominable: Jacob 2:24:
- David & Solomon's polygamy was justified: D & C 132:1.

- Eternal life is by faith in Christ: Alma 11:40, Mosiah 3:9:
- Eternal life comes only to those who obey ALL the laws & ordinances of the fullness of the gospel: Mormon Doctrine, p. 237.

- One is born again BEFORE baptism: Alma 36:23:

- One must be baptized in order to be born of God: Mormon Doctrine, p. 101.
- We BECOME sons of God through repentance & faith: Mosiah 27:24-28:
- We ARE all sons of God: A Marvelous Work, p. 297.
- No mention of 3 degrees of glory in the “fullness of the gospel: Alma 5:24-25, 39; I Nephi 15:35:
- There are 3 degrees of glory: D & C 76.
- No mention of celestial marriage in the “fullness of the gospel”:
- Celestial marriage is necessary for celestial glory: D & C. 141:1-4; 132:4.
- No instructions on baptism for the dead in the “fullness of the gospel”
- Baptism for the dead is a gospel principle: D & C 124:27-30.
- Hell is not temporary or escapable for any: Alma 41:12-15; 42:16, III Nephi 27:16:
- Hell is escapable and temporary for most: D & C 76:91-119.
- “Cursed” is he who trusts in man: II Nephi 28:31:
- We must trust Joseph Smith to enter celestial glory: J & D, Vol. 7, p. 289; Vol. 8, p. 176.

It is apparent that one cannot trust Mormonism, because it contradicts itself as can easily be seen. Can they really claim to be honest and true based on these contradictions? Beloved, when one steps outside of the divine word of God, the Bible, then one cannot trust what is being taught. The reason is simple and was stated by Jeremiah when he said, “I know, O LORD, that a man's way is not in himself; Nor is it in a man who walks to direct his steps” (Jer 10:23 NAS).

On the other hand, you can trust the Lord because He is as is stated by Him when He said, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me” (John 14:6 NAS). Jesus never contradicted Himself and His life was always above reproach. Even His critics have said, “There is no better way to live than to live in such a way that Christ will approve your life.”

We plead with our friends in Mormonism to put their trust in Jesus Christ rather than in Joseph Smith and the other leaders of Mormonism.

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