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Introduction

Mormonism violates one of the most sacred principles of God's word. This principle is found in the beginning of the Bible, "Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you" (Deut. 4:2); in the middle of the Bible, "Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar" (Prov. 30:6); and at the end of the Bible, "For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in his book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book" (Rev. 22:18-19).

Mormons believe that an angel named Moroni delivered golden plates from heaven to Joseph Smith in the early 1800s on which were written additional revelation which supplemented and superseded the word of God. This material they believe later became The Book of Mormon. The first two words in the title of this article reflect this belief, and the third word in the title represents a conclusion drawn from the evidence contained within this fanciful document penned from the imaginative mind of the so-called prophet of the Mormons, Joseph Smith. The following is an effort to expose the foundational document of Mormonism as "moronic."

Filled With Errors

How can a religion so filled with errors appeal to so many millions of people? In sharp contrast to the sacred word of God, the Book of Mormon has error in the middle of it, error in the beginning of it, and error at the end of it. You can pick it up and read it any direction you want to and you will find nothing but error.

Error in the Middle

In the middle, Alma 7:10 says Jesus would be born at Jerusalem instead of Bethlehem (Mic. 5:2; Mt. 2:1). Alma 13:18 says Melchizedek reigned under his father when the Bible says concerning his priesthood that he was "without father," that is, no progenitor was associated with his priesthood (Heb. 7:3). Alma 46:15, supposedly dated 73 B.C., speaks of members of the church as Christians a hundred years before the church was even established. The Lord never referred to his disciples as Christians until about A.D. 41 at Antioch of Syria (Acts 11:26). The Book of Mormon was written after these facts were recorded and circulated throughout the world and still could not get it right.

Error in the Beginning

In the first, Jacob 2:27; 3:5-6 says Mormons must have only one wife or be cursed, but Doctrines and Covenants section 132:37-38 urges having many wives. The words of Jesus Christ the Son of God in Matthew 19:3-9 have no effect on the Mormon mentality. II Nephi 3, especially verse 15, plagiarizes Moses' prophecies concerning Christ (Deut. 18; Acts 3:22-23) and wrongly attributes the words as coming from Joseph and applies the prophecy to Joseph Smith. I Nephi 18:25 claims animals of the genus *equus* including horses were abundant in the Americas during the sixth century B.C. The encyclopedia credits the arrival of the horses to the Spanish conquistadors Cortes and Desoto. "The first domestic horses introduced into the

Americas were of the Arabian type, brought by the Spanish conquistadors in the 16th century” (Encarta). That is just a twenty-two hundred year discrepancy.

Error at the End

In the end, Ether II and III especially 2:16, insults the intelligence of the reader by suggesting that the Lord instructed the building of boats in which the occupants would smother (2:19). Complaints were raised until the Lord’s plans were modified. And, perhaps the most outlandish notion of all is that these people had built boats like these before! (2:16).

Error upon Error

Another erroneous Mormon document mentioned earlier, Doctrines and Covenants 130:22, forcefully denies the divinity of God the Father by contradicting John 4:23-24 which says, “God is a Spirit” by alleging that he is flesh and bones. How can a religion so filled with errors appeal to so many millions of people? Mormonism denies the Bible by adding to God’s word.

Conclusion

The Mormons, also known as the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, claim they follow “another testament of Jesus Christ” in following the Book of Mormon. We have no argument that it definitely is “another testament” as the sort described by the apostle Paul in Galatians 1:6-9, “I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto *another* gospel: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach *any other* gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach *any other* gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed” (emphasis added). The Greek word translated “accursed” in this verse is the same word Paul used in 1 Corinthians 16:22 regarding the state of those who “love not the Lord Jesus Christ” where it is rendered “anathema,” “If any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be Anathema Maranatha.” “Anathema” is a transliteration where English letters are put for the Greek letters; “accursed, cursed, under the curse of God” is the translation into English (Barclay M. Newman, Jr.’s lexicon, p. 11). And, prayerfully the sarcasm in the title of this article may help turn someone in this horrible state away from Mormonism.