

# IS MORMONISM CHRISTIAN?

SELECTED SCRIPTURES

# IS MORMONISM CHRISTIAN? | DEFINE TERMS

1. MORMONISM
2. THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
3. JOSEPH SMITH



# MORMON VIEW OF SCRIPTURE | STANDARD WORKS

1. THE BOOK OF MORMON
2. THE DOCTRINE & COVENANTS
3. THE PEARL OF GREAT PRICE

ARTICLE #3 – WE BELIEVE THAT THROUGH THE ATONEMENT OF CHRIST, ALL MANKIND MAY BE SAVED, BY OBEDIENCE TO THE LAWS AND ORDINANCES OF THE GOSPEL.

ARTICLE #4 – WE BELIEVE THAT THE FIRST PRINCIPLES AND ORDINANCES OF THE GOSPEL ARE: FIRST, FAITH IN THE LORD JESUS CHRIST; SECOND, REPENTANCE; THIRD, BAPTISM BY IMMERSION FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS; FOURTH, LAYING ON OF HANDS FOR THE GIFT OF THE HOLY GHOST.



ARTICLE #8 – WE BELIEVE THE BIBLE TO BE THE WORD OF GOD AS FAR AS IT IS TRANSLATED CORRECTLY; WE ALSO BELIEVE THE BOOK OF MORMON TO BE THE WORD OF GOD.

ARTICLE #11 – WE CLAIM THE PRIVILEGE OF WORSHIPING ALMIGHTY GOD ACCORDING TO THE DICTATES OF OUR OWN CONSCIENCE, AND ALLOW ALL MEN THE SAME PRIVILEGE, LET THEM WORSHIP HOW, WHERE, OR WHAT THEY MAY.

# MORMON VIEW OF SCRIPTURE | STANDARD WORKS

1. THE BOOK OF MORMON
2. THE DOCTRINE & COVENANTS
3. THE PEARL OF GREAT PRICE
4. KING JAMES VERSION OF THE BIBLE



“THE MOST RELIABLE WAY TO MEASURE THE  
ACCURACY OF ANY BIBLICAL PASSAGE IS NOT BY  
COMPARING DIFFERENT TEXTS, BUT BY  
COMPARISON WITH THE BOOK OF MORMON AND  
MODERN-DAY REVELATIONS.”

—FIRST PRESIDENCY STATEMENT

# MORMON VIEW OF SCRIPTURE | BIBLICAL RESPONSE

- PROVERBS 30:5–6, “EVERY WORD OF GOD IS TESTED; HE IS A SHIELD TO THOSE WHO TAKE REFUGE IN HIM. DO NOT ADD TO HIS WORDS OR HE WILL REPROVE YOU, AND YOU WILL BE PROVED A LIAR.”
- PSALM 18:30, “AS FOR GOD, HIS WAY IS BLAMELESS (PERFECT); THE WORD OF THE LORD IS REFINED (PROVEN); HE IS A SHIELD TO ALL WHO TAKE REFUGE IN HIM.
- PSALM 119:89, “FOREVER, O LORD, YOUR WORD IS SETTLED IN HEAVEN.



# MORMON VIEW OF GOD

1. PLURALITY OF GODS
2. PHYSICALITY OF GOD

“THE FATHER HAS A BODY OF FLESH AND  
BONES AS TANGIBLE AS MAN’S.”

–DOCTRINE AND COVENANTS 130:22



“GOD HIMSELF WAS ONCE AS WE ARE NOW, AND IS AN EXALTED MAN, AND SITS ENTHRONED IN YONDER HEAVENS! THAT IS THE GREAT SECRET. IF THE VEIL WERE RENT TODAY, AND THE GREAT GOD WHO HOLDS THIS WORLD IN ITS ORBIT, AND WHO UPHOLDS ALL WORLDS AND ALL THINGS BY HIS POWER, WAS TO MAKE HIMSELF VISIBLE—I SAY, IF YOU WERE TO SEE HIM TODAY, YOU WOULD SEE HIM LIKE A MAN IN FORM—LIKE YOURSELVES IN ALL THE PERSON, IMAGE, AND VERY FORM AS A MAN.”

—KING FOLLET DISCOURSE

“IT IS THE FIRST PRINCIPLE OF THE GOSPEL TO KNOW FOR  
A CERTAINTY THE CHARACTER OF GOD, AND TO KNOW  
THAT WE MAY CONVERSE WITH HIM AS ONE MAN  
CONVERSES WITH ANOTHER, AND THAT HE WAS ONCE A  
MAN LIKE US, YEA, THAT GOD HIMSELF, THE FATHER OF  
US ALL”

—KING FOLLET DISCOURSE



OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN, ACCORDING TO THE PROPHET,  
HAD A FATHER, AND SINCE THERE HAS BEEN A  
CONDITION OF THIS KIND THROUGH ALL ETERNITY, EACH  
FATHER HAD A FATHER.”

PRESIDENT JOSEPH FIELDING SMITH

“GOD MADE MAN IN HIS OWN IMAGE AND  
CERTAINLY HE MADE WOMAN IN THE IMAGE OF HIS  
WIFE-PARTNER.”

PRESIDENT SPENCER W. KIMBALL



# MORMON VIEW OF GOD | BIBLICAL RESPONSE

## 1. PLURALITY OF GODS

- DEUT. 6:4
- Ps. 90:2
- ISA. 43:10, 13
- ISA. 44:6

# MORMON VIEW OF GOD | BIBLICAL RESPONSE

## 2. PHYSICALITY OF GOD

1. JOHN 4:24

2. 1 TIM. 1:17

3. JER. 23:24



# MORMON VIEW OF CHRIST/GOSPEL

1. CHRIST IS THE PRE-MORTAL OFFSPRING OF GOD
2. CHRIST IS THE SPIRITUAL BROTHER OF LUCIFER
3. CHRIST IS THE PHYSICAL OFFSPRING OF GOD

# MORMON VIEW OF CHRIST | BIBLICAL RESPONSE

1. CHRIST HAS ALWAYS BEEN ETERNAL
2. CHRIST IS UNCREATED, LUCIFER IS CREATED
3. MARY WAS CONCEIVED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT



# IS MORMONISM CHRISTIAN? | APPLICATION

1. KNOW YOUR BIBLE AND CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE
2. KNOW MORMON TERMS & THEIR DEFINITIONS
3. KEY IN ON THE FUNDAMENTALS IN EVANGELISM

# IS MORMONISM CHRISTIAN? | SMALL GROUP

1. WHY ARE THE IMMUTABILITY AND ETERNALITY OF GOD KEY ATTRIBUTES TO TOUCH ON WHEN EVANGELIZING MORMONS?
2. WHY MUST WE PROCLAIM THE VIRGIN BIRTH IN OUR EVANGELISM?
3. REGARDING DOCTRINE/THEOLOGY, MUST WE KNOW BOTH CHRISTIAN DEFINITIONS AND MORMON DEFINITIONS?
  - DISCUSS YOUR EXPERIENCES W/ THIS