

BIBLICAL CHRISTIANITY

MORMONISM (LATTER-DAY SAINTS)

FOUNDER, JESUS CHRIST
DATE, ABOUT 30-33 A.D.
LOCATION THE JUDEAN PROVINCE OF PALESTINE (ISRAEL TODAY) UNDER THE ROMAN EMPIRE
 FOLLOWERS OF JESUS CHRIST BECAME KNOWN AS CHRISTIANS

JOSEPH SMITH, JR 1805-1844
 1830
 NEAR ROCHESTER, N.Y.
 CURRENT HEADQUARTERS IN SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH.

KEY WRITINGS THE BIBLE, WRITTEN ORIGINALLY IN HEBREW AND ARAMIC (OLD TESTAMENT) AND GREEK (NEW TESTAMENT)

THE BOOK OF MORMON, DOCTRINE AND COVENANTS, PEARL OF GREAT PRICE. PLUS THE BIBLE (KING JAMES ONLY OR SMITH'S "INSPIRED VERSION") WHICH IS SEEN AS LESS RELIABLE.

AUTHORITATIVE TEACHINGS OF MORMON PROPHETS AND OTHER "GENERAL AUTHORITIES." ENSIGN AND LIAHONA MAGAZINES

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Who is God?

The ONE God is TRININE (God in 3 persons, NOT 3 gods) FATHER, SON, AND HOLY SPIRIT. OFTEN THE TITLE 'GOD' DESIGNATES THE FIRST PERSON, GOD THE FATHER. GOD IS A SPIRITUAL BEING WITHOUT A PHYSICAL BODY. HE IS PERSONAL AND INVOLVED WITH PEOPLE. HE CREATED THE UNIVERSE OUT OF NOTHING. HE IS ETERNAL, CHANGELESS, HOLY, LOVING, AND PERFECT

GOD THE FATHER WAS ONCE A MAN, BUT "PROGRESSED" TO GODHOOD. HE HAS A PHYSICAL BODY, AS DOES HIS WIFE (HEAVENLY MOTHER) NO TRINITY. FATHER, SON, AND HOLY GHOST ARE 3 SEPARATE GODS. WORTHY MEMBERS MAY ONE DAY BECOME "EXALTED" TO GODHOOD THEMSELVES

Who is Jesus?

JESUS IS GOD, THE 2ND PERSON OF THE TRINITY. AS GOD THE SON, HE HAS ALWAYS EXISTED AND WAS NEVER CREATED. HE IS FULLY GOD AND FULLY MAN. (THE TWO NATURES JOINED, NOT MIXED). AS THE 2ND PERSON OF THE TRINITY, HE IS CO-EQUAL WITH GOD THE FATHER AND THE HOLY SPIRIT. IN BECOMING MAN, HE WAS

JESUS ~~WAS~~ ~~NOT~~ IS A SEPARATE GOD FROM THE FATHER (ELOHIM). HE WAS CREATED AS A SPIRIT CHILD BY THE FATHER AND THE MOTHER IN HEAVEN, AND IS THE "ELDER BROTHER" OF ALL MEN AND SPIRIT BEINGS (INCLUDING LUCIFER). HIS BODY WAS CREATED THROUGH SEXUAL UNION BETWEEN ELOHIM AND MARY.

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begotten through the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. Jesus is the only way to the Father, salvation, and eternal life. He died on a cross according to God's plan, as the full sacrifice and payment for our sins. He rose from the dead on the 3rd day, spiritually and physically immortal.

For the next 40 days he was seen by more than 500 eyewitnesses. His wounds were touched and he ate meals. He physically ascended to heaven. Jesus will come again visibly and physically at the end of the world to establish God's Kingdom and judge the world.

Jesus was married. His death on the cross does not provide full atonement for all sin, but does provide everyone with resurrection.

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Who is
The Holy
Spirit?

The Holy Spirit is God,
The 3rd person of the
Trinity. The Holy Spirit is
A PERSON, NOT A FORCE
OR ENERGY FIELD. He
COMFORTS, GRIEVES, REPROVES,
CONVICTS, GUIDES, TEACHES,
AND FILLS CHRISTIANS.
He is NOT THE FATHER,
NOT IS HE THE SON,
JESUS CHRIST.

The 'Holy Spirit' is
DIFFERENT FROM THE 'Holy
Ghost'. The 'Holy Spirit'
is NOT God, but is an
INFLUENCE OR ELECTRICITY-
LIKE EMANATION FROM GOD
(OR 'LIGHT OF CHRIST')

How to be
Saved

SALVATION IS BY GRACE,
NOT AN INDIVIDUAL'S GOOD
WORKS. SALVATION MUST BE
RECEIVED BY FAITH. People
MUST BELIEVE IN THEIR
HEARTS THAT JESUS
DIED FOR THEIR SINS AND
PHYSICALLY ROSE AGAIN,
WHICH IS THE ASSURANCE
OF FORGIVENESS AND
RESURRECTION OF THE BODY.
This is God's LOVING PLAN
TO FORGIVE SINFUL PEOPLE.

RESURRECTED BY GRACE,
BUT SAVED (EXALTED TO
GODHOOD) BY WORKS,
INCLUDING FAITHFULNESS
TO CHURCH LEADERS,
MORMON BAPTISM, FITTING,
ORDINATION, MARRIAGE,
AND SECRET TEMPLE
RITUALS. NO ETERNAL
LIFE WITHOUT MORMON
MEMBERSHIP.

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WHAT HAPPENS AFTER DEATH?

BELIEVERS GO TO BE WITH JESUS. AFTER DEATH, ALL PEOPLE AWAIT THE FINAL JUDGEMENT. BOTH SAVED AND LOST PEOPLE WILL BE RESURRECTED. THOSE WHO ARE SAVED WILL LIVE WITH JESUS IN HEAVEN. THOSE WHO ARE LOST WILL SUFFER THE TORMENT OF ETERNAL SEPARATION FROM GOD. (HELL). JESUS' BODILY RESURRECTION GUARANTEES BELIEVERS THAT THEY, TOO, WILL BE RESURRECTED AND RECEIVE NEW IMMORTAL BODIES.

EVENTUALLY NEARLY EVERYONE GOES TO ONE OF 3 SEPARATE HEAVENLY KINGDOMS; WITH SOME ACHIEVING GODHOOD. APOSTATES AND MURDERERS GO TO "OUTER DARKNESS."

OTHER FACTS, BELIEFS, OR PRACTICES

GROUP WORSHIP, USUALLY IN CHURCHES. NO SECRET RITES. BAPTISM AND LORD'S SUPPER (COMMUNION). ACTIVE VOLUNTARY MISSIONARY EFFORTS. AID TO THOSE IN NEED, THE POOR, WIDOWS, ORPHANS AND DOWNTRODDEN. CHRISTIAN

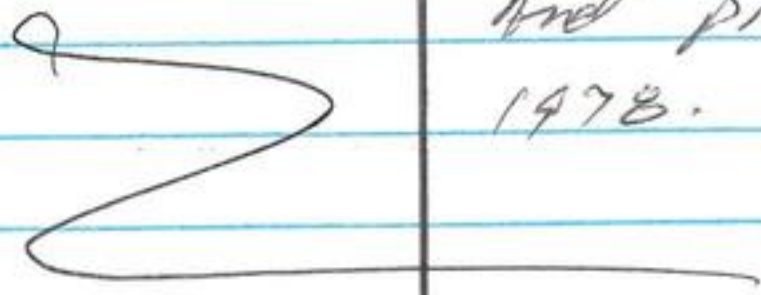
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believe believe that
 Jesus is the Jewish
 messiah promised to
 Israel in the old
 testament (Tanakh).
 Jesus said his
 followers would be
 known by their love
 for one another.

tobacco, alcohol, and
 caffeine drinks.
 two year missionary
 commitment encouraged
 tithing is essential.
 door-to-door prosely-
 tizing. extensive
 social network. People
 of African ancestry
 denied full access
 to mormon priesthood
 and privileges until
 1978.



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