

# Mormonism unmasked:

***Learning the Truth About  
America's Largest Cult***

**- Dr. Phil Roberts**

# TIME

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PREPARING FOR A CRASH

## MORMONS, INC.

The secrets  
of America's  
most  
prosperous  
religion

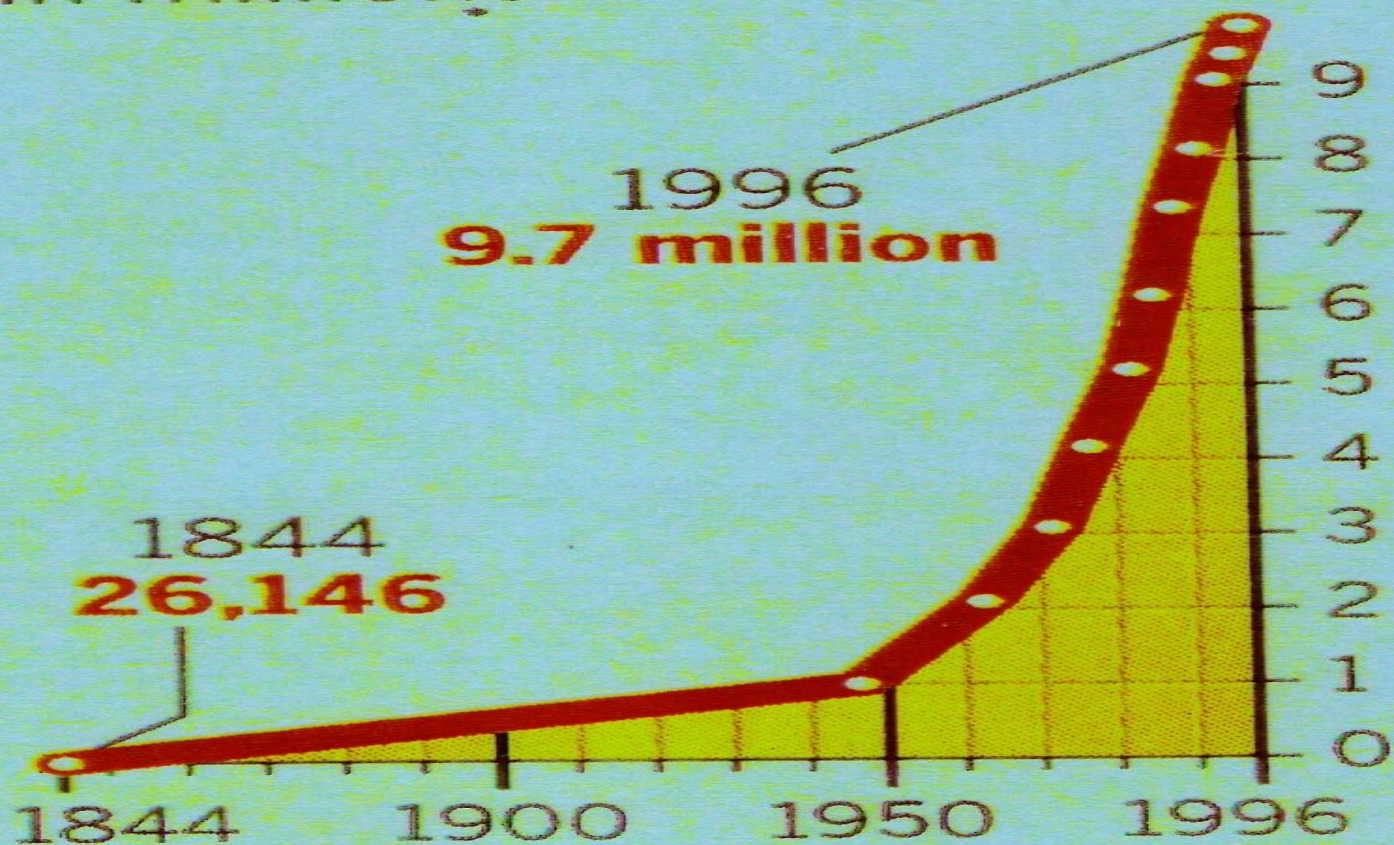




# THEY'RE GROWING . . .

## Membership

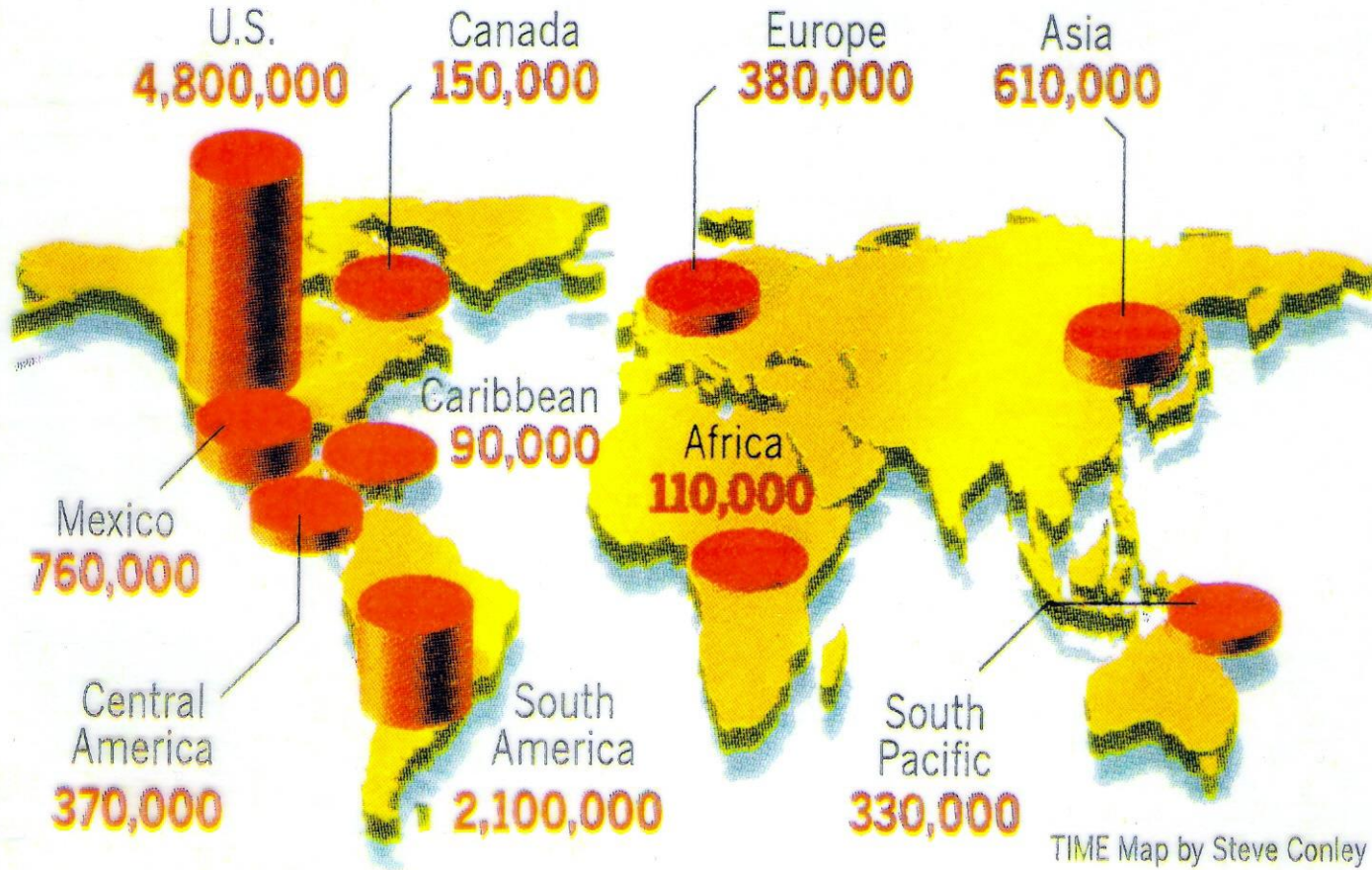
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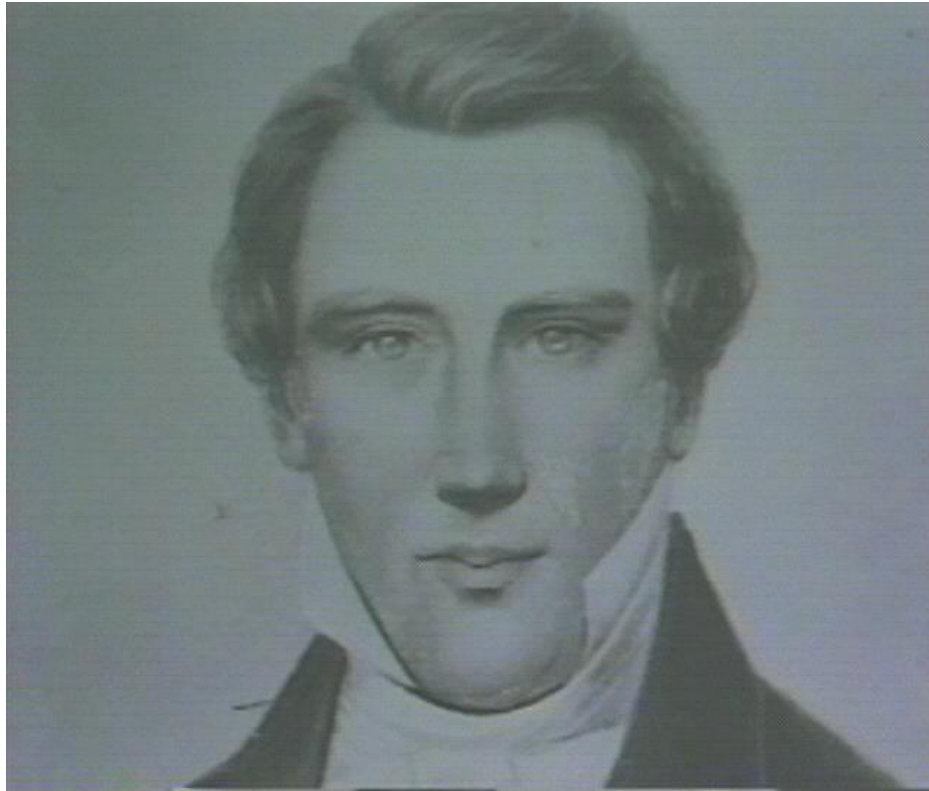


# WHERE THE SAINTS ARE

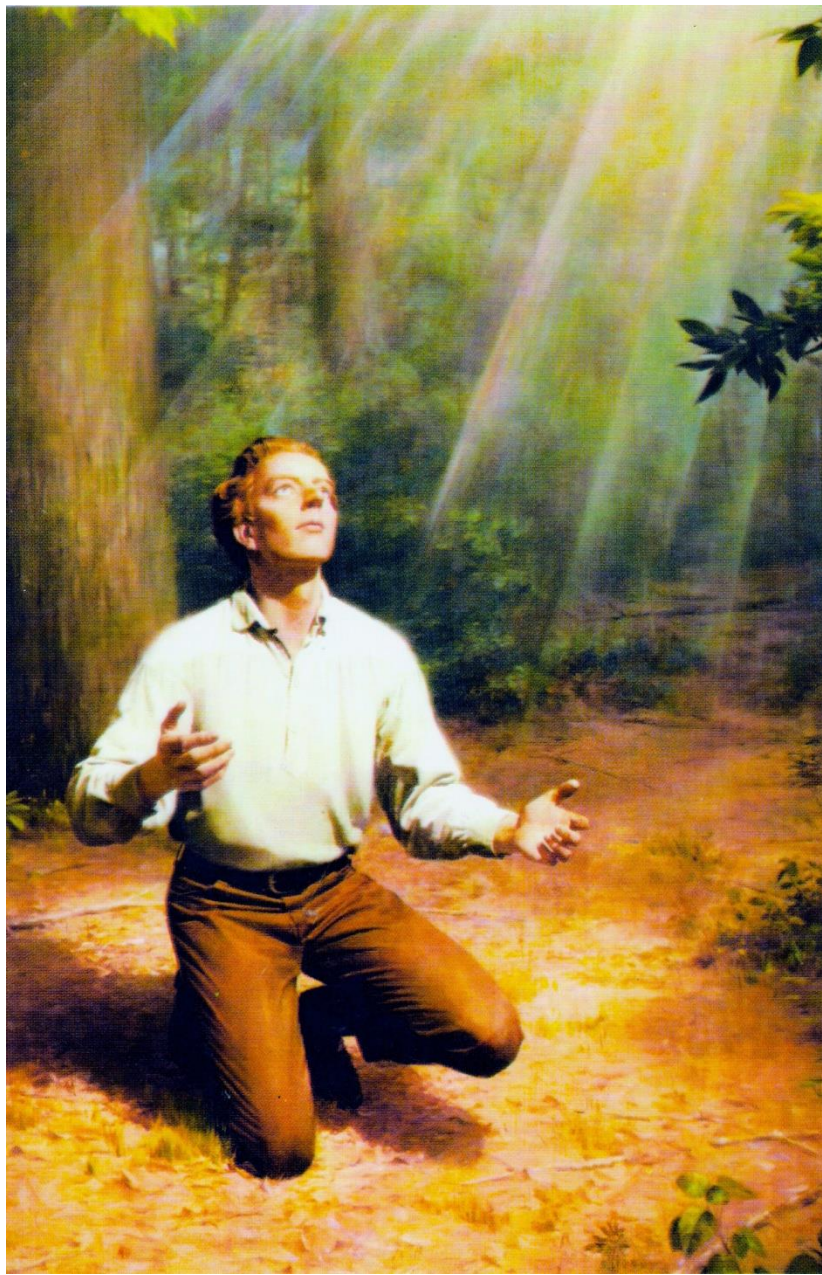
## Worldwide distribution



# **Joseph Smith, Jr.**



- **Born December 23, 1805**
- **Grew Up In Palmyra, NY**





# **Joseph's 1st Vision**



- **Foundation of the LDS Church**
- **Claims all other Churches are False and Apostate**
- **Claims Heavenly Father and Jesus appeared to him.**

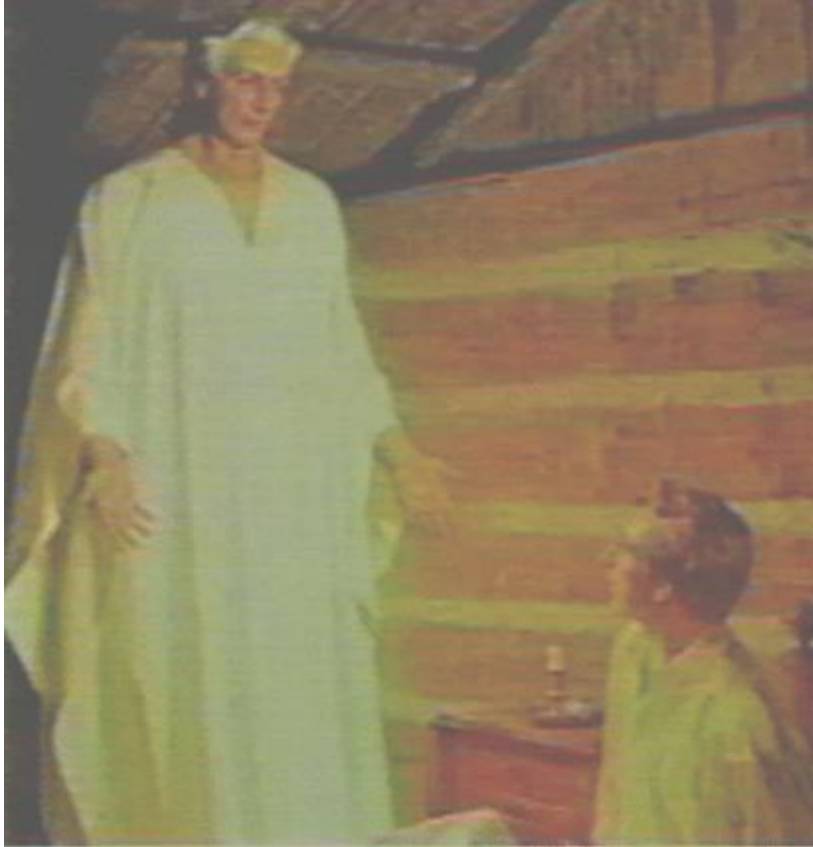


# **Reasons To Reject The First Vision**

- **Joseph was the Only Witness**
- **Joseph Told Several Versions**
- **Historical Inconsistencies**



# **Joseph's 2nd Vision**

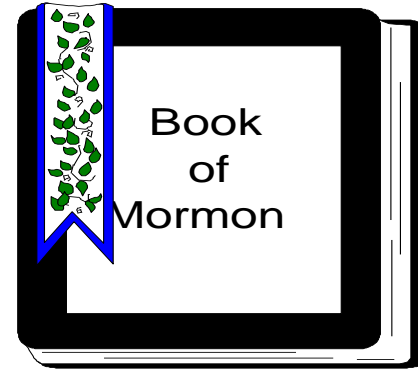


- **Claims the Angel Moroni Appeared to Him**
- **Told Him About the Golden Plates**
- **Told Him to Wait Four Years**



# **The Book Of Mormon**

*The Supposed  
“Fullness Of  
The Gospel”*



- **Claims To Be The History Of The Native Americans**
- **Claims They Migrated To America From Israel About 600 B.C.**



# **Are Native Americans Jewish?**



***Book of Mormon says “Yes”***  
**Anthropologists say “No”**

# **Archeological Evidence Against The Book Of Mormon**

- (1) No Book of Mormon cities have been located.**
- (2) No Book of Mormon names have been found in New World inscriptions.**
- (3) No genuine inscriptions have been found in Hebrew in the Western hemisphere.**

# **Archeological Evidence Against The Book Of Mormon**

- (4) No genuine inscriptions have been found in Egyptian or anything similar to Egyptian, which could correspond to Smith's "Reformed Egyptian."**
- (5) No ancient copies of Book of Mormon scriptures have been found.**



# **Archeological Evidence Against The Book Of Mormon**

- (6) No ancient inscriptions of any kind have been found that indicate that ancient inhabitants had Hebrew or Christian beliefs--all are pagan.**
- (7) No mention of Book of Mormon people, nations, or places have been found.**

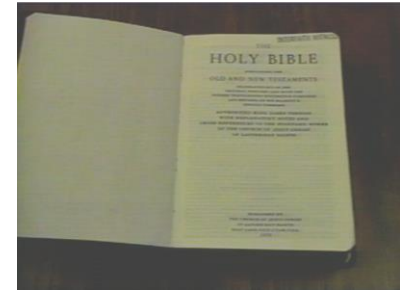
# **Archeological Evidence Against The Book Of Mormon**

- (8) No artifact that demonstrates  
that the Book of Mormon is true  
has been found.**

# **The Four Standard Works**

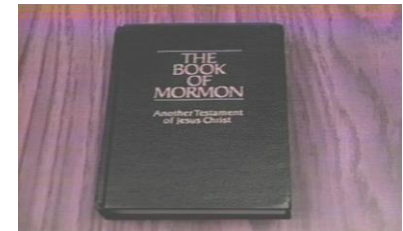
- **King James Bible**

- *“As far as it is correctly translated”*



- **The Book Of Mormon**

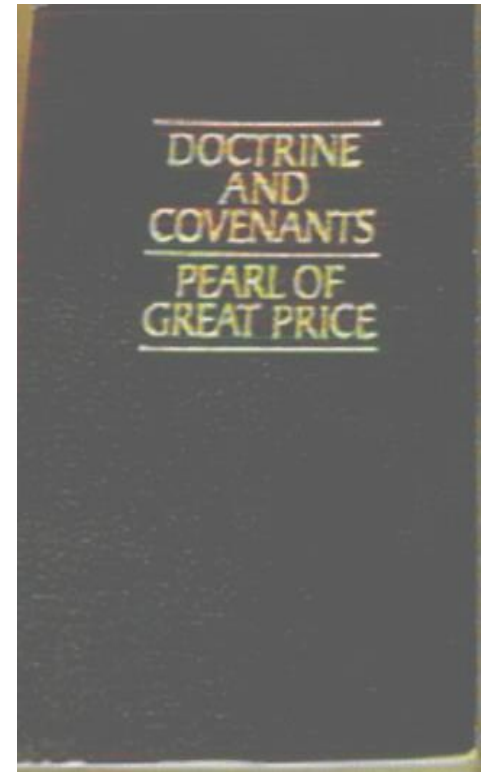
- *Claims to be another Testament of Jesus Christ*





# **Two Additional Mormon Scriptures**

- **Pearl of Great Price**
- **Doctrine and Covenants**



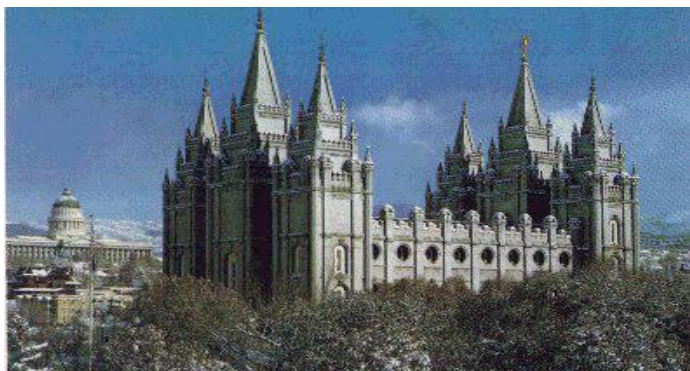
# **What Mormons Believe**

## ***The Living Mormon Prophet***



Thomas S. Monson

- **Can receive new revelation on any subject**
- **New revelations are considered scripture by Mormons.**

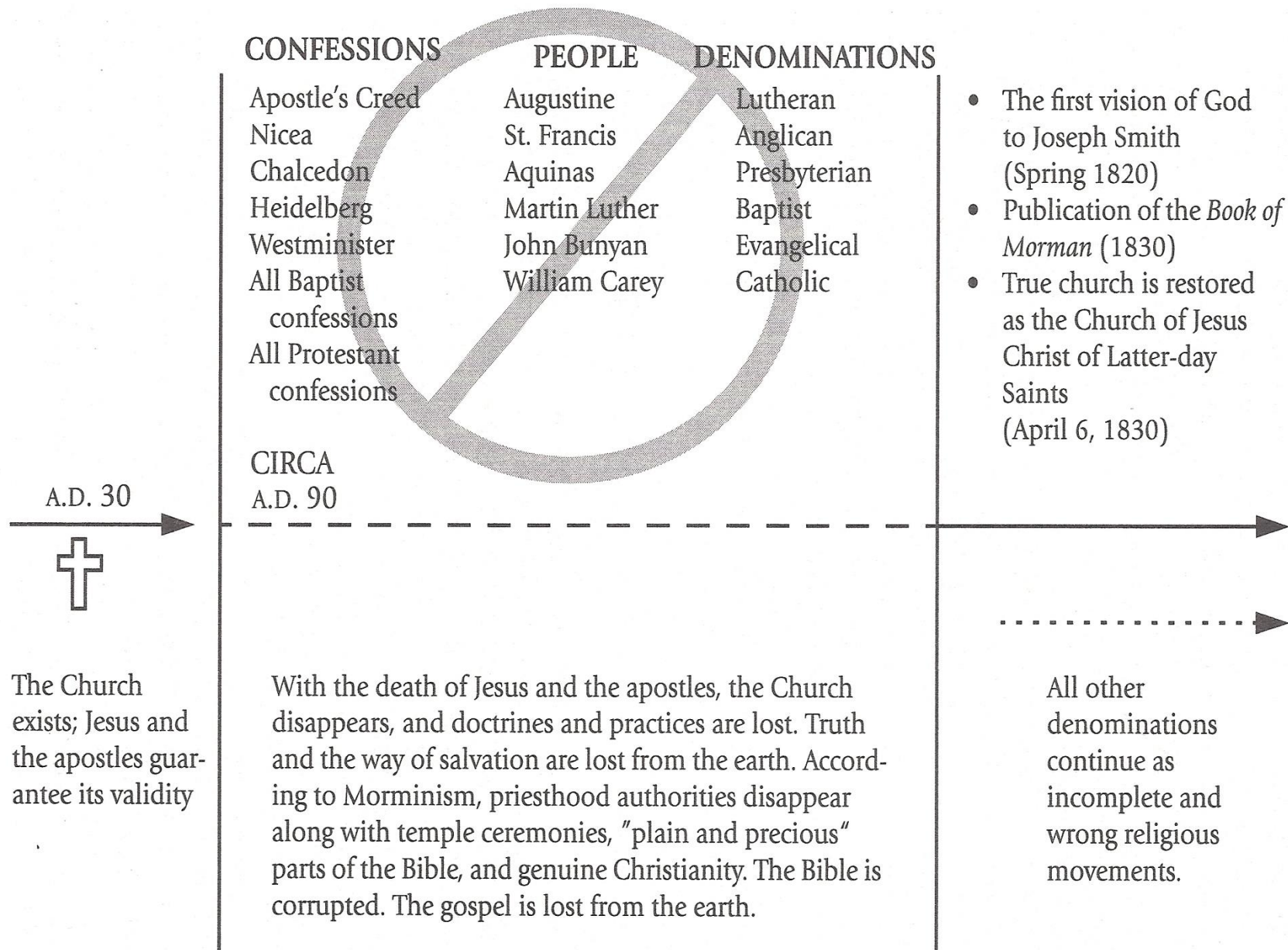


# **LDS Is The One True Church”**

## **Joseph Smith History 1:19**

*“I was answered that I must join none of them, for 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...”*

# THE GREAT APOSTASY ACCORDING TO MORMONISM

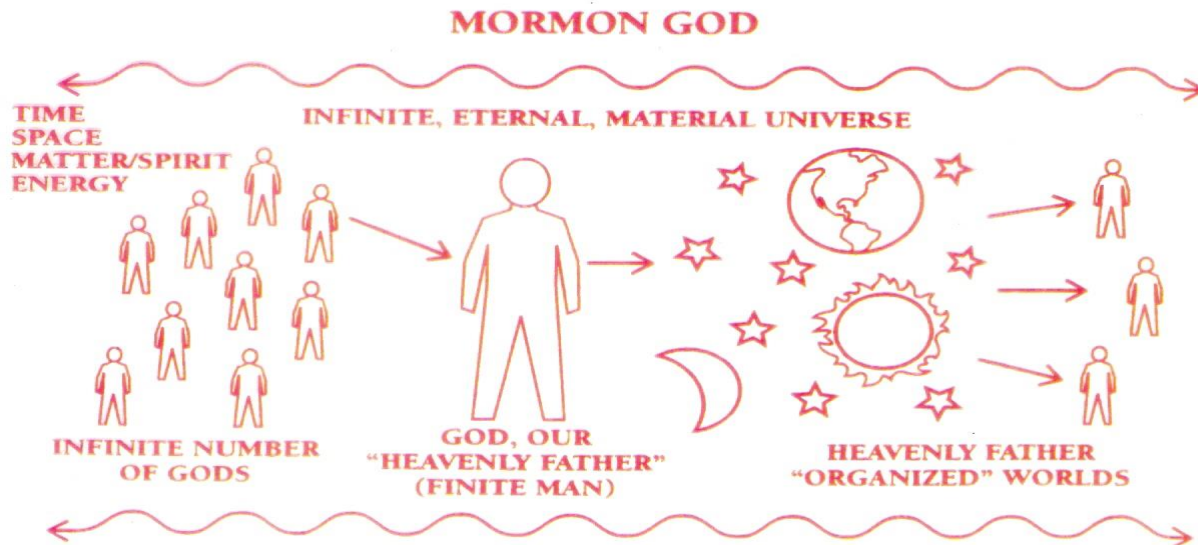
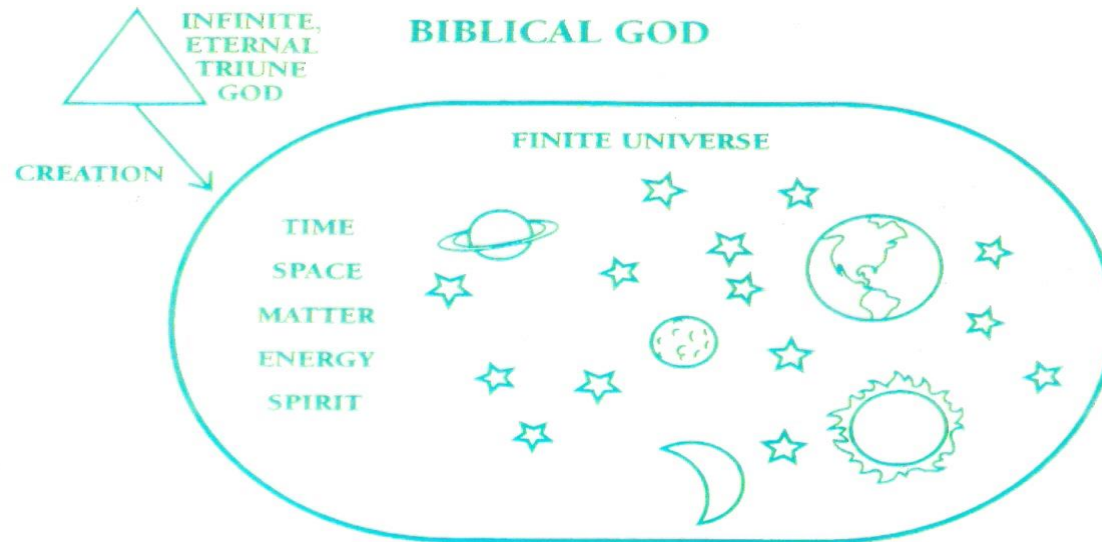




# **Beliefs About God**

- **An Exalted Man**
- **Has A Physical Body**
- **Has A Wife (or Wives)**
- **There Are Countless Other Gods In The Universe**
- **Has A Father, Grandfather, etc.**

# A Comparison of the Biblical God and the Mormon God



# **Beliefs About Jesus**

## **The “Son of God”**

- **“Firstborn” in the Pre-mortal Estate**
- **“Only-begotten” in the flesh**
- **Redefine The Virgin Birth**
- **Atoned For Adam’s Sin**
- **A Spirit Brother of Satan**

ONE GOD OF THE BIBLE	PLURAL GODS OF MORMONISM
GOD THE FATHER	
<i>Infinite</i>	<i>Finite</i>
<i>Always God</i>	<i>Became God</i>
<i>Absolutely Holy</i>	<i>Achieved Holiness</i>
<i>All Knowing</i>	<i>Achieved Knowledge</i>
<i>Eternally Perfect</i>	<i>Achieved Perfection</i>
<i>All Powerful</i>	<i>Attained Power</i>
<i>Only Creator</i>	<i>One of Many Designers</i>
THE SON	
<i>Eternal</i>	<i>Procreated by God and Wife</i>
<i>Creator</i>	<i>Our Brother</i>
THE HOLY GHOST	
<i>Eternal</i>	<i>Procreated by God and Wife</i>
<i>Creator</i>	<i>A Spirit Brother</i>
HUMANS	
<i>Created on Earth</i>	<i>Same Species as God</i>
<i>Spiritually Adopted Children</i>	<i>Born to God and Wife</i>



# **What the Bible Says About the Trinity**

## **Introduction**

**The Bible teaches the concept that God is a complex unity – three persons and one God. This concept of God is called the Trinity. Thomas Aquinas once wrote about this doctrine:**

**When we speak of the Trinity, we must do so with caution and modesty, for, as St. Augustine saith, ‘Nowhere else are more dangerous errors made, or is research more difficult, or discovery more fruitful’.**

It is the truth that the Bible has revealed that God is “three persons or centers of consciousness within one Godhead.”

(Ankerberg and Weldon, *The Trinity*, page 7). This concept refutes the idea that:

- There are three Gods (Tritheism)
- God takes on various forms as father, spirit and son (Modalism)
- There are three separate beings that became gods – Mormonism

**What does the Bible say that leads us to accept the idea of the Trinity?**

**Remember that the word “trinity” is not used in the Bible, but the following truths can be found there:**

- A. There is only one true God: “For there is one God, and one mediator between God and man...” (I Tim. 2:5; Deut. 4:35; 6:4; Isa. 43:10).**
- B. The Father is God: “There is actually to us one God the Father...” (I Cor. 8:6; John 17:1-3; 2 Cor. 1:3; Phil. 2:11; Col. 1:3).**
- C. Jesus Christ the Son is God (John 1:1; Rom. 9:5; Titus 2:13; 2 Pet. 1:1; Isa. 9:6).**
- D. The Holy Spirit is a Person, is eternal, and is God (Acts 5:3,4; John 14; Heb. 9:14; John 16:13).**
- E. The Father, Son and Holy Spirit are distinct Persons with equal authority (Matt. 28:19; Rom. 15:30; 2 Cor. 13:14)**

**The Bible also speaks that all three Persons of the Godhead have exercised equal authority and functions, placing them in essence equal to each other:**

1. All three raised Jesus from the dead:

- The Father (Rom. 6:4)
- The Son (John 2:19-21; 10:17,18)
- The Holy Spirit (Rom. 8:11)
- And God (Acts 3:26; I Thess. 1:10; Heb. 13:20)

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## 2. All three created the world:

- The Father (Eph. 3:9-14; 4:6)
- The Son (Col. 1:16, 17; John 1:1-3)
- The Holy Spirit (Gen. 1:2; Psa. 104:30)
- And God (Gen. 1:1; Heb. 11:3)

### **3. All three save and regenerate:**

- **The Father** (I Pet. 1:3)
- **The Son** (John 5:21; 4:14)
- **The Holy Spirit** (John 3:6; Titus 3:5)
- **And God** (I John 3:9)

# **4. All three justify sinners:**

- The Father (Jer. 23:6; 2 Cor. 5:19)
- The Son (Rom 5:9; 10:4; 2 Cor. 5:19, 21)
- The Holy Spirit (I Cor. 6:11; Gal. 5:5)
- And God ((Rom. 4:6; 9:33)

## 5. All three sanctify the saved:

- The Father (Jude 1)
- The Son (Titus 2:14)
- The Holy Spirit (I Pet. 1:2)
- And God (Ex. 31:13)

## **6. All three propitiate God's anger against sin:**

- The Father (I Jn. 4:14; Jn. 3:16; 17:5; 18:11)**
- The Son (Matt. 26:28; John 1:29; I Jn. 2:2)**
- The Holy Spirit (Heb. 9:14)**
- And God (2 Cor. 5:19, 21; Acts 20:28; I John 4:10)**



# **Conclusion**

**The Bible says all three are God**

- **The Father (Eph. 4:6)**
- **The Son (Titus 2:13; John 1:1; 20:28)**
- **The Holy Spirit (Acts 5:3, 4)**
- **And God (Deut. 4:35; Isa. 45:18)**

# **Men May Become Gods**

- **Men Are Gods In Embryo**
- **Mormon Proverb**
- **Women May Become Wives Of Gods**

***“As man is, God once was; as God is, man may become.”***

MORMON ESCHATOLOGY	CHRISTIAN ESCHATOLOGY
Mormons believe that Jesus will come to Mormon leadership in his first appearance at the end of times.	The Bible teaches that Jesus will not show favoritism to any church or cult but will manifest himself as Savior to Christians when he returns.
Mormons believe that the <i>Book of Mormon</i> , <i>Doctrine and Covenants</i> , and <i>Pearl of Great Price</i> are the best and final sources of truth about the end times.	Christians believe that the Bible alone is the only source of truth about the end of the world and the second coming.
Mormons believe in three definite levels of glory—celestial, terrestrial, and telestial.	Christians believe that every believer will dwell in the same heaven in the presence of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Mormons teach that the establishment of the LDS Church and the production of the <i>Book of Mormon</i> are a fulfillment of the prophecy of the spread of the gospel in the end times.	The Bible teaches that the worldwide spread of the gospel in its biblical form is a sign of the end.
Mormonism equates the growth of the LDS Church with the growth of the kingdom of God.	The Bible sees the growth of the kingdom of God as the reception of Jesus Christ by people everywhere.
Mormons see themselves as literally and historically descended from Israel.	The Bible speaks of historical Israel as the Jewish people and spiritual Israel as the church.

MORMON ESCHATOLOGY	CHRISTIAN ESCHATOLOGY
<p>Mormonism believes that the presidents and leaders of the church will help to judge people of their generation.</p>	<p>The Bible teaches Christ only judges on the issue of salvation. While the Scripture makes a few references to Christians judging angels, no other facts are known.</p>
<p>Mormonism teaches that Joseph Smith and other resurrected beings will help to rule the earth during the millennium.</p>	<p>The Bible teaches that Christ will reign along with his true saints regardless of their church identity.</p>
<p>Mormonism teaches that in the afterlife one may advance from spirit prison to paradise and in the resurrection receive a "greater glory" than what they merited from their earthly life.</p>	<p>Christianity teaches that earthly life is the preparation for salvation and eternal rewards.</p>

# Three Kingdoms of Glory



**Worthy Mormons**



**Honorable People**



**The Ungodly, Wicked, and Filthy**



**Perdition is for Satan, his angels  
and apostates**





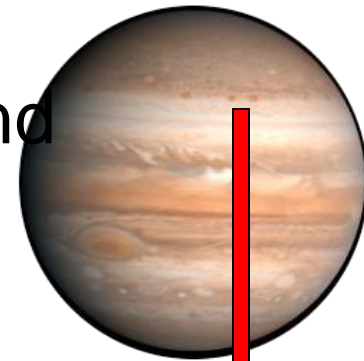
# Telestial Kingdom

- Adulterers, Liars and Thieves

- Rejecters of Mormonism

- Sins Are Paid For In Spirit Prison

- Suffering During Millennium



# Terrestrial Kingdom



- Reserved For Good and Honorable People
- Inactive Mormons are Assigned Here



# Celestial Kingdom

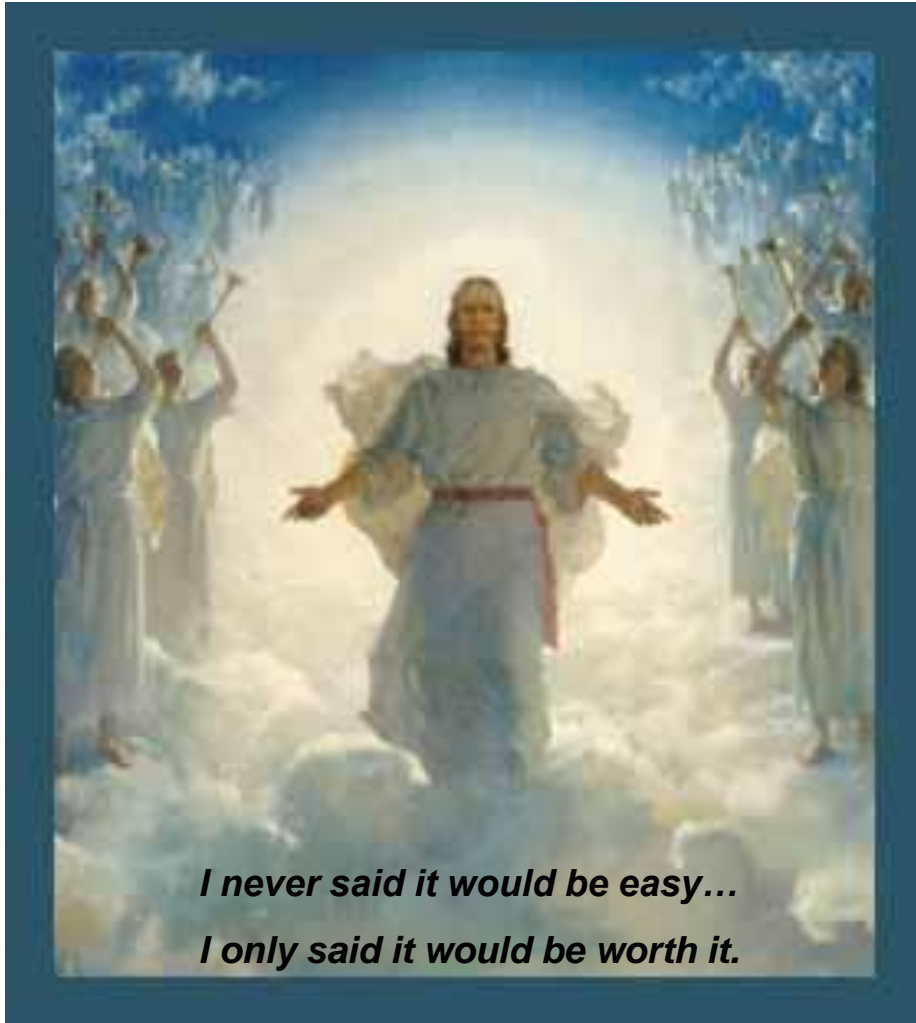
- Temple-Worthy Mormons Achieve Godhood

- Children Who Die In Infancy

- Those Who Have Never Heard of Mormonism and have Proxy Baptism and Marriage

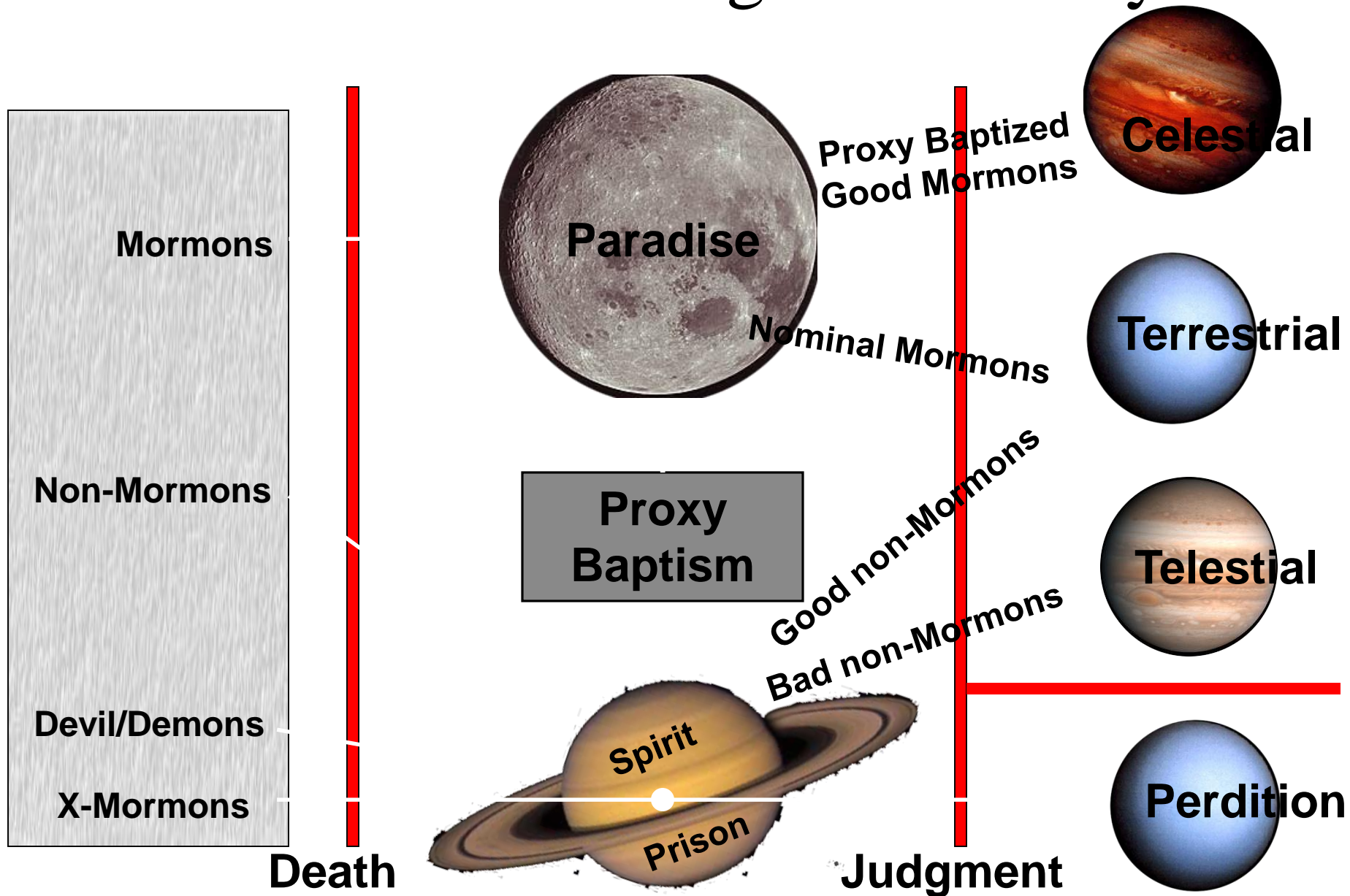


# Exaltation Gained By Works



- There Is No Certain Hope, No Sufficient Grace of God !

# Mormon Teachings on Eternity





# **Exaltation Gained By Works**

- 1. Faith**
- 2. Repentance**
- 3. Baptism By Immersion**
- 4. Laying On Of Hands**
- 5. Ordination To Melchizedek  
Priesthood (Men)**
- 6. Temple Endowments**
- 7. Celestial (Temple) Marriage**
- 8. Temple Works**

# **Exaltation (Con't)**

**9. Keeping The “Word of Wisdom”**

**10. Sustain The Prophet**

**11. Tithing**

**12. Weekly Sacrament Meetings**

**13. Obedience**

**There Is No Certain  
Hope, No Sufficient  
Grace Of God!**

# **Witnessing To Mormons**



- 1. Have a basic and clear understanding of the Christian faith and gospel.**
- 2. Be aware of the unique Mormon doctrines as presented in this class.**

# **Witnessing To Mormons**

**3. Remember, Mormons use Christian vocabulary (gospel, atonement, god) but radically redefine their meanings. Define clearly what you mean when you use biblical words.**





# **Witnessing To Mormons**

- 4. Present a clear testimony of your faith in Christ alone for your salvation.**
- 5. Show your Mormon friend that the Bible teaches salvation alone through the cross of Christ (John 3:16; Rom. 10:4, 10-13; Eph. 2:8-9).**



# **Witnessing To Mormons**

- 6. Warn the Mormon about trusting in feelings for validating truth claims.**
- 7. Don't let them take Bible verses out of context.**
- 8. Keep the central doctrines of the faith as the focus of your discussion.**





# **Witnessing To Mormons**

- 9. Share the plan of salvation with your Mormon friend. Emphasize that salvation is a gift to be received, not a merit to be earned.**
- 10. Do the basics: pray, trust the Holy Spirit, and be loving, patient, and steadfast.**

