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*This book is dedicated to my two treasured daughters
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My purpose of Pearl of Great Price in the Light of Science is to reach out to my Mormon friends and to inform persons that may be considering Mormonism.

The Latter-day Saints' (LDS) **major** purpose of their Scripture, Pearl of Great Price (PGP) is to call attention to their only Scripture that is reportedly of ancient origin and is a source of their many unique doctrines. Mormons fully realize that to win Christians over to Mormonism, they must emphasize the Book of Mormon (B.O.M.) as it appears superficially to be somewhat Biblical. They dare not emphasize Doctrine and Covenants (D&C) or Pearl of Great Price (PGP) as these would be a dead giveaway of their radical difference in doctrines from the Bible.

There is no financial charge for this book. I encourage you to download as many copies as needed. However, obtaining and publishing these facts has been very expensive. If feasible, any donation would be genuinely appreciated. See addresses at the end of this book or visit my web page at <http://www.tdkey.com>

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** NOTE: Although the Table of Contents of B.O.M., D&C, and PGP appear almost identical, their contents are very different.*

WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT FALSE PROPHETS

Throughout the Book of Mormon, Doctrine and Covenants, and Pearl of Great Price, Joseph Smith has presented numerous prophesies. **None** of these prophesies have ever been truthful. Below is what the Bible has to say about false prophets even with [one error](#).

Deuteronomy 18:20 “But the prophet, which shall presume to speak a word in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the name of other gods, **even that prophet shall die.** ²¹ And if thou say in thine heart, How shall we know the word which the LORD hath not spoken? ²² When a prophet speaketh in the name of the LORD, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD hath not spoken, but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him.”

Deuteronomy 13:8 “Thou shalt not consent unto him, nor hearken unto him; neither shall thine eye pity him, neither shalt thou spare, neither shalt thou conceal him: ⁹ But thou shalt **surely kill him**; thine hand shall be first upon him to put him to death, and afterwards the hand of all the people. ¹⁰ And thou shalt stone him with stones, that he die; because he hath sought to thrust thee away from the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.”

WHY CHECK OUT PEARL OF GREAT PRICE (PGP)?

PGP is particularly treasured by LDS because it is the only one of their three unique Scriptures that is said to contain actual ancient manuscripts. PGP is one of the three unique Scriptures recognized by Mormons as inspired. It consists of The Book of Moses (supposedly a lost Book written by Moses), The Book of Abraham (supposedly a lost Book written by Abraham), Joseph Smith (Matthew) based on Matthew 23:39 and Chapter 24, Joseph Smith (History) a brief partial autobiography and testimony of Joseph Smith and The Articles of Faith.

A number of friends seemed puzzled that I would take the time to delve into such things as Pearl of Great Price. One reason is that I wanted to know what inspires Mormons to work so enthusiastically to spread their faith. I have no desire at all to attack Mormons. I have had entirely too many Mormon friends to do such a thing as that. I desire only to learn the truth, whatever it is.

PGP is particularly treasured by LDS (Later-day Saints) because it is the only one of their three unique Scriptures that actually is claimed to contain ancient manuscripts. My book was prayerfully written to report my objective findings regarding this very important but miniscule Mormon Scripture. If the reader finds that I have misinterpreted or misrepresented anything whatsoever, I invite and urge him or her to contact me with the correction.

It is puzzling to see The Book of Moses appearing before The Book of Abraham in Pearl of Great Price as Abraham actually lived around 500 years before Moses!

In light of the meticulous care the Hebrews and early Christians gave in protecting and preserving the Bible, it is impossible to believe that **any** genuine Books have ever been lost!

Pearl of Great Price is never quoted by the Early Church Fathers, by Hebrew scholars, or by any other significant sources.

Also, Matthew 5:18 says that not one jot or tittle shall pass away of God's Word without being fulfilled, **so that it is most difficult to believe in the inspiration of PGP.**

According to the Tanner's book, Mormonism--Shadow or Reality, the manuscript for the Book of Abraham has absolutely nothing to do with Abraham. The "translation" is reported by various scholars as totally fraudulent. See Archaeological Problems below.

The title, Pearl of Great Price, obviously is taken from Matthew 13:46 which describes Jesus' parable of the Pearl of Great Price. This Mormon Scripture has nothing whatsoever to do with the concepts Jesus was teaching.

It is my hope and prayer that this study will be of help to people who might be interested in learning more about the facts of Mormonism.

ANTHROPOLOGICAL PROBLEMS

My Mormon friends urge Christians to pray about Mormon Scriptures. But should we not ask them please, please pray **honestly** if the following concepts could possibly be genuine inspired infallible Scripture?

BLACK SKIN CURSE: PGP -- Moses 7:8 & 15 say of the wicked Canaanites "blackness came upon all the children of Canaan, that they were despised among **ALL** people." The vast majority of all races do NOT despise Blacks! V. 22 reports "the seed of Cain were black, and had not place among them." The writings and speeches of Mormon prophets and leaders are actually filled with harsh criticisms against dark skin as a repugnant curse. Mormonism is clearly hostile to dark skinned races.

Is it true that dark skin is a curse?

- A. In my own experience and studies as a Biologist, I have never found any darker people to consider their melanin pigment to be a curse unless they are falsely taught that it is.
- B. Rather than being a curse anatomically or physiologically, melanin is **beneficial in shielding the skin from harmful rays of the sun, cancer, strokes, blisters, etc.**

EGYPTIAN ANCESTRY: PGP -- Abraham 1:21-22 says of the origin of all Egyptians:

V. 21. "Now this king of Egypt was a descendant from the loins of Ham, and was a partaker of the blood of the Canaanites by birth."

V. 22. "From this descent sprang ALL the Egyptians and thus the blood of the Canaanites was preserved in the land." Problems of this passage include:

- A. Instead of Egyptians originating from Ham and the Canaanites, Funk & Wagnalls New Encyclopedia summarizes agreement among leading anthropologists thus: "Evidence accumulated through archaeological research indicates that the first known inhabitants of the Nile delta and valley may have borrowed substantially from the culture of Mesopotamia, in particular from Sumer ...before the end of the fifth millennium BC... Sumerian civilization had already reached the city-building stage." e.g. Not Canaanites!

The Encyclopedia Britannica summarizes many archaeological sources even more convincingly in **refuting** the notion in PGP that Egyptians are transplanted Canaanites.

- B. It is preposterous for v. 22 to assert that ALL Egyptians are strictly descended from Ham and the Canaanites as mixing has always occurred so commonly.
- C. The underlying **false** assumption in this passage is that the Negroid race is actually cursed with a dark skin. Thus, v. 27 says "...Pharaoh, being of the lineage by which he could not have the right of Priesthood..." This issue is **disproved** under "Black Skin Curse" above. Gross racism.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL PROBLEMS

IS THE BOOK OF ABRAHAM VALID? The LDS magazine Ensign, March, 1997, has an article entitled "The Book of Abraham, a Most Remarkable Book." It praises this book in the PGP thus: "Among the invaluable records the Lord promised would be restored in the latter days, the Book of Abraham given through the Prophet Joseph Smith is a unique and priceless gem in our treasures of revealed Scripture. Truly it is a remarkable book--an authentic ancient record."

[I genuinely request my Mormon friends to help me answer the following teachings on Archaeology in PGP.](#)

Joseph Smith claimed to have translated the Book of Abraham from some Egyptian papyri. Copies of three of the papyri are included in each copy of the Book of Abraham and are readily available. See pages 7, 9, and 11 herein.

The accuracy of his "translation" can be easily tested by sending a photocopy of these pages to ANY Egyptologists in large universities or museums. They will explain that these are merely common funeral documents, and these are not in the least related to the Book of Abraham! It is a **fraud**, a total **fraud**. A deliberate **fraud** cannot possibly be true Scripture!

Additionally, they will explain that the **style of Egyptian in the papyri was written several centuries later than Abraham's time** ! Unfortunately for the cause of Mormonism, the Book of Abraham is the only supposedly ancient LDS Scripture for which they possess any theoretical document in a known language. This should give real cause for

concern to those who put their trust in non-Biblical Scriptures. **The Egyptian is much too recent for Abraham!**

IS IT REALLY REFORMED EGYPTIAN? (See the script on page 6 associated with the topic below.) Any similarity between this script and ancient Egyptian is **non-existent**. A close examination reveals that it is composed of a gobbledy gook of our common Arabic numerals and Latin alphabet, thus:

1. All of our common Arabic numerals are 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9. Some are simply reversed or otherwise modified. SHAME!
2. Most of the letters of our Latin alphabet are apparent: A, B, C, D, E, F, g, H, I, L, M, P, Q, R, S, T, V, W, Y. (Joseph Smith made the g lower case.) Some are lower cased, reversed, inverted, slightly distorted, turned sideways, capitalized, etc. But, they clearly are modified **NOT** from ancient Egyptian, but from our very own Latin alphabet! Very obviously fake.
3. Several are common punctuation marks, etc.: apostrophes, parentheses, distorted ampersand (&), hyphens, question mark, periods, slightly distorted equal sign, cross, colon, exclamation point with its dot above.
4. A few are apparently mere scribbling! Check out the so-called “Reformed Egyptian” for yourself on page 6. Almost all of it is obviously slightly modified letters and numbers with which Joseph Smith was familiar from the Latin-English alphabet. It is certainly not related to Egyptian in any way! Consult any Egyptologist.
5. Amazingly, Reformed Egyptian was claimed by Joseph Smith to be known and spoken all across the Americas between 600 B.C. and 421 A.D. and even more recently by the Lamanites (Native American Indians). However, not even one piece of pottery, jewelry, temple, or other inscription of it has ever been found.
6. Why would supposed Hebrews in America (Nephites and Lamanites) ever adopt the language of one of their worst enemies, the Egyptians? Not realistic at all for Jews.
7. You are no doubt somewhat familiar with how Latin over the past 2,000 years has developed into the very closely related Italian, French, Spanish, Portuguese, Romanian, etc. languages. Thus it is positively **impossible to believe** that the Lamanites (Native American Indians) developed Hebrew and “Reformed Egyptian” in the last 1,500 years into literally over 800 to 900 **distinctly different** American Indian languages! No other language on Earth ever changed that radically. There is **no evidence** of Hebrew or Egyptian influence in any American Indian language! None at all.

FALL OF THE BOOK OF ABRAHAM: This is the title of Chapter 22 in Mormonism--Shadow α Reality, Enlarged Edition, 1982, pp. 294-369, by Jerald and Sandra Tanner. It is available at Utah Lighthouse Ministry, PO Box 1884, Salt Lake City, Utah 84110.

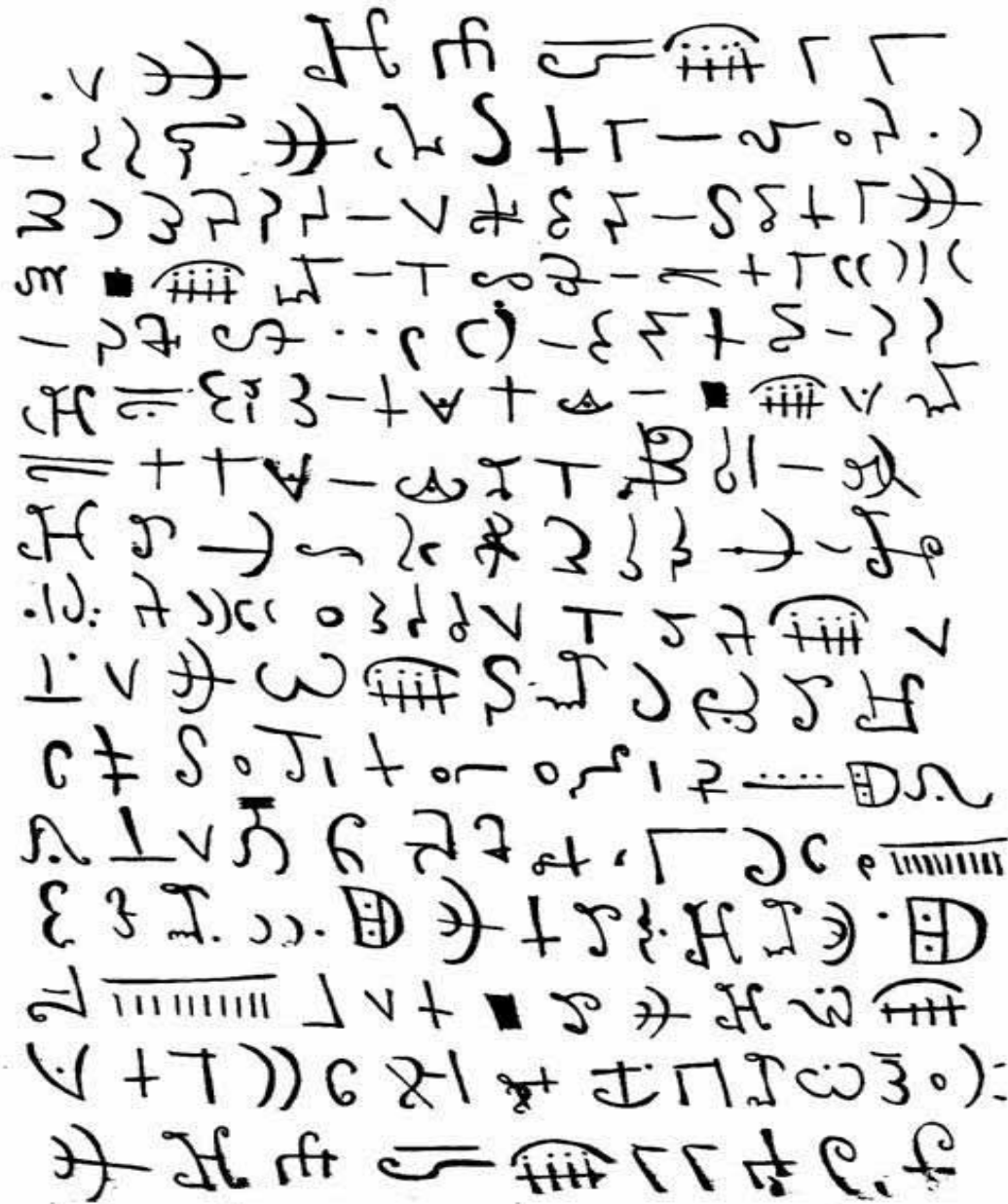
- A. This very thorough and scholarly publication goes into detail in revealing how **ALL** Egyptologists who studied the papyri from which Joseph Smith supposedly translated the Book of Abraham prove that the papyri are not in the least related to it.
- B. In several cases one Egyptian character is actually rendered by Smith with several dozens of words! Obviously untrue.
- C. **All Egyptologists** who examined the papyri agree that the subject matter deals with funerals, definitely not what Joseph Smith says. Obviously Smith certainly **did not** tell the truth.

- D. They all agree that the type of Egyptian did not come into existence until **long after** Abraham's time so that the papyri could not have been written by him.
- E. The three facsimiles depicted herein from the Book of Abraham along with Joseph Smith's interpretations are included in all copies of PGP.

FRIENDLY CHALLENGE TO DOUBTERS: If you sincerely doubt my truthfulness or accuracy, please photocopy the three facsimiles from PGP's Book of Abraham shown on pages 7, 9, and 11 in this book, and send them to any Egyptologists in large universities or museums. Ask them to evaluate them. Others and I have already done this and know the kind of answer you will get.

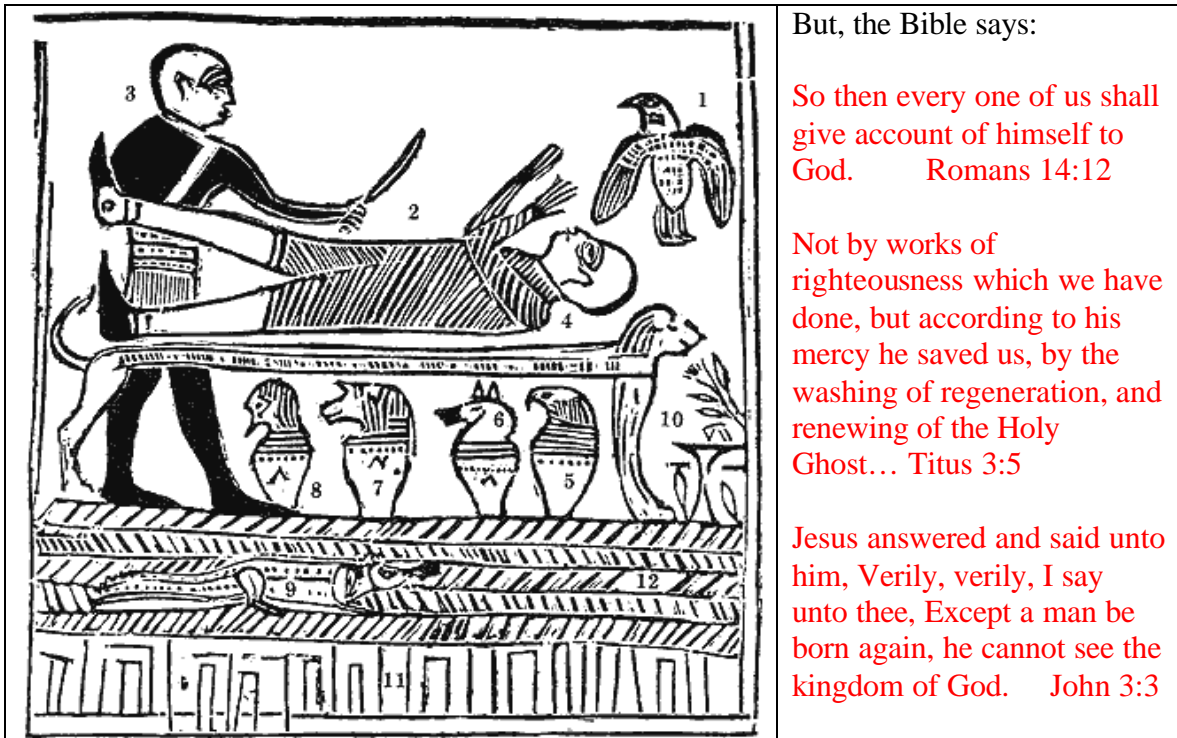
The following strange symbols have zero similarity to Egyptian language:

SUPPOSED "REFORMED EGYPTIAN"! Notice the distorted, reversed, inverted, and sideways versions of our alphabet. This is clearly FAKED "Egyptian"!



“Thou shalt not take the Name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh His Name in vain.” Exodus 20:7

**A FACSIMILE FROM
THE BOOK OF ABRAHAM
No. 1**



PEARL OF GREAT PRICE EXPLANATION OF NUMBER 1 ABOVE

- Fig. 1. The Angel of the Lord.
- Fig. 2. Abraham fastened upon an altar.
- Fig. 3. The idolatrous priest of Elkenah attempting to offer up Abraham as a sacrifice.
- Fig. 4. The altar for sacrifice by the idolatrous priests, standing before the gods of Elkenah, Libnah, Mahmackrah, Korash, and Pharaoh.
- Fig. 5. The idolatrous god of Elkenah.
- Fig. 6. The idolatrous god of Libnah.
- Fig. 7. The idolatrous god of Mahmackrah.
- Fig. 8. The idolatrous god of Korash.
- Fig. 9. The idolatrous god of Pharaoh.
- Fig. 10. Abraham in Egypt.
- Fig. 11. Designed to represent the pillars of heaven, as understood by the Egyptians.
- Fig. 12. Raukeeyang, signifying expanse, or the firmament over our heads; but in this case, in relation to this subject, the Egyptians meant it to signify Shaumau, to be high, or the heavens, answering to the Hebrew word, Shaumahyeem.

OUR RESPONSE TO PGP EXPLANATION OF NUMBER 1 ABOVE

The above depiction does not have any basis in fact whatsoever. The listing of the supposed Egyptian gods is **totally wrong** (Fig. 4).

Abraham **never** faced being sacrificed in Egypt (Figs. 2, 3, 10) according to the Bible. Egyptians are **never** recorded as ever sacrificing people on beds (Figs. 2-4) or elsewhere!

Fig. 9 is said by Joseph Smith to be “The idolatrous little god of Pharaoh”. But, Pharaoh was the title of **any** Egyptian ruler, not the specific name of a god! Error!

There is **no** evidence that Egyptians ever understood pillars of heaven to resemble Fig. 11 on the previous page.

The Bible **nowhere** ever depicts the Angel of the Lord to look like a mere bird and certainly **not** like one considerably smaller than a man (Fig. 1)!

The **only** correct statement on the whole FACSIMILE from the Book of Abraham is Fig.12 in saying that the Hebrew word is SHAUMAHYEEM. That is correct! Amazing.

EGYPTIAN GODS: Abraham 1:6-7, 9, 13, and 17 list the supposed names of the most prominent Egyptian gods as: Elkenah, Libnah, Mahmackrah, Korash, Pharaoh, and Shagreel. V. 9 identifies Shagreel as the sun god. However, anyone at all familiar with ancient Egyptian religion knows that Ra was the Egyptian sun god.

If Joseph Smith had read a little more widely, he definitely would have known that his names were **totally** incorrect, and that the major Egyptian gods were: Ra, Shu, Geb, Tefnut, Nut, Set, Osiris, Isis, Nephthys, Anubia, Horus, Amon, Thoth, Ptah, Khnemu, Hapti, Hathor, Neit, and Sekhet. Why did Joseph Smith not know that Ra was the most consistently worshipped Egyptian god? Where could he have possibly gotten the other false names? They are **all wrong!** **What do Deuteronomy 18 & 13 say about Prophets?**

HUMAN SACRIFICE: Abraham 1:7-8, 11 wrongly asserts that human sacrifices were prominent in Egypt at the time of Abraham. They most certainly **were not!**

POTIPHAR'S HILL AND PLAIN OF OLISHEM: These are mentioned in Abraham 1:10. Archaeologists have been unable to find any hill or plain by those names in Egypt. Abraham 1:20 contradicts 1:10 by placing Potiphar's Hill in Chaldea. However, Genesis 37:38 and 39:1 indicate that Potiphar is an Egyptian name, **not** Chaldean. Needless to say, archaeologists have not been able to locate Potiphar's Hill in Chaldea.

BEDSTEAD ALTAR: Abraham 1:12-13 makes the unbelievable claim that the human sacrifice "altar was made after the form of a bedstead, such as was had among the Chaldeans". This assertion is not so much as deserving of an answer. The Book of Abraham is definitely its own worst enemy.

GOLD PLATES: Joseph Smith (History) 2:30-75 tells of the finding of the Book of Mormon on gold plates made before 421 AD in North America. There is no evidence whatever that North America ever had a developed system of writing or had books or used gold sheets in such a way.

BOOK OF BREATHINGS: Egyptologist around the world all state emphatically that the papyrus that Joseph Smith claimed to have translated was written by Abraham. Egyptologist state:

1. It is written in the Egyptian language used several centuries after Abraham!
2. There are absolutely no references to Abraham.
3. The language deals strictly with funeral subject matter involving Egyptians..
4. It deals nothing at all with Abraham's religion or with his God.
5. It is saturated with pagan magic and pagan religion– nothing Biblical.
6. Joseph Smith claimed that he personally translated the papyrus even though he had never seen or learned Egyptian in his life!
7. Mormon leaders often claim that Joseph Smith was given inspiration rather than literally translating. However in the History of the Church, vol. 2, p. 351, Smith insist that it was "a **correct translation**"!
8. Smith expanded four lines of Egyptian text into 49 verses, over 2,000 English words! There are NO consistencies in his "translation"!
9. If LDS leaders reject the Book of Abraham, they would be questioning Smith's honesty and ability to translate Egyptian (even though he had no training in it).

“And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved...”
Acts 16:31

“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works (good deeds), lest any man should boast.” Ephesians 2:8-9

“Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.”
Isaiah 26:3

“Honor thy Father and thy Mother.” Exodus 20:12



A FACSIMILE FROM THE BOOK OF ABRAHAM No. 2



Note the Prominent erect penis of Abraham. VULGAR!



Calling attention to Figure 7, any Egyptologist will tell you that **this figure is a prominent Egyptian with an erect penis and definitely not God or Abraham** as Joseph Smith claimed!

The above is an enlargement of Section 7. It has also been turned right side up so you more clearly see the image.

PEARL OF GREAT PRICE EXPLANATION OF NUMBER 2 ON PAGE 9

Fig. 1. Kolob, signifying the first creation, nearest to the celestial, or the residence of God. First in government, the last pertaining to the measurement of time. The measurement according to celestial time, which celestial time signifies one day to a cubit. One day in Kolob is equal to a thousand years according to the measurement of this earth, which is called by the Egyptians Jah-oh-eh.

Fig. 2. Stands next to Kolob, called by the Egyptians Oliblish, which is the next grand governing creation near to the celestial or the place where God resides; holding the key of power also, pertaining to other planets; as revealed from God to Abraham, as he offered sacrifice upon an altar, which he had built unto the Lord.

Fig. 3. Is made to represent God, sitting upon his throne, clothed with power and authority; with a crown of eternal light upon his head; representing also the grand Keywords of the Holy Priesthood, as revealed to Adam in the Garden of Eden, as also to Seth, Noah, Melchizedek, Abraham, and all to whom the Priesthood was revealed.

Fig. 4. Answers to the Hebrew word Raukeeyang, signifying expanse, or the firmament of the heavens; also a numerical figure, in Egyptian signifying one thousand; answering to the measuring of the time of Oliblish, which is equal with Kolob in its revolution and in its measuring of time.

Fig. 5. Is called in Egyptian Enish-go-on-dosh; this is one of the governing planets also, and is said by the Egyptians to be the Sun, and to borrow its light from Kolob through the medium of Kae-e-vanrash, which is the grand Key, or, in other words, the governing power, which governs fifteen other fixed planets or stars, as also Floeese or the Moon, the Earth and the Sun in their annual revolutions. This planet receives its power through the medium of Kli-flos-is-es, or Hah-ko-kau-beam, the stars represented by numbers 22 and 23, receiving light from the revolutions of Kolob.

Fig. 6. Represents this earth in its four quarters.

Fig. 7. Represents God sitting upon his throne, revealing through the heavens the grand Keywords of the Priesthood; as, also, the sign of the Holy Ghost unto Abraham, in the form of a dove.

Fig. 8. Contains writings that cannot be revealed unto the world; but is to be had in the Holy Temple of God.

Fig. 9. Ought not to be revealed at the present time.

Fig. 10. Also.

Fig. 11. Also. If the world can find out these numbers, so let it be. Amen.

Figures 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, and 21 will be given in the own due time of the Lord. **(We must switch from false religion to studying the Bible!)**

The above translation is given as far as we have any right to give at the present time.

OUR EVALUATION OF THE PGP EXPLANATION OF NUMBER 2

Fig.1. Kolob, signifying the first creation... or the residence of God. [Which of the countless Mormon gods?] ...one day in Kolob is said to be equal to 1000 years according to the measurement of this earth which is called by the Egyptians Jah-oh-eh. [That is **not** an Egyptian word according to Egyptologists. The reference to time on Kolob is totally irrelevant to earthlings.]

Fig 2. stands next to Kolob, called by the Egyptians Oliblish... [**Not** an Egyptian word according to Egyptologists.]

Fig. 3. is made to represent God sitting on his throne... with a crown of eternal light upon his head...[The true God of the Bible would **never** accept a pagan drawing to represent the true God of the Bible!] Utter blasphemy!

Fig. 4. answers to the Hebrew word Raukeeyang, signifying expanse, or firmament of the heavens. [That claimed Hebrew word is close to what Strong's Hebrew Dictionary says: "Raw-kee'ah."...] a numerical figure, an Egyptian signifying 1000. [WRONG! The ancient Egyptians had no such figure for 1000!]

Fig. 5. is called an Egyptian Enish-go-on-dosh. [If you will check with any Egyptologist, you will find that there is no basis whatsoever for this claim.]... "This is one of the governing planets." [ERROR: **none** of the planets ever "governs" **any** other astronomical body other than their own moons!]... "And is said by the Egyptians to be the sun, and to borrow its light from Kolob through the medium of Kae-e-vanrash... which governs fifteen other fixed planets or stars..." [No astronomer or physicist would ever agree that the Sun borrows its light from any other star! Furthermore, there are ZERO genuine "fixed planets or stars"! And **nothing** "governs fifteen other" planets or stars!] Errors!

Fig. 6 represents the Earth in its four quarters! [Of what possible value is it to give this interpretation of the 4 beings standing on their heads? Earth has no quarter!]

Fig. 7 Represents God sitting upon his throne. [Joseph Smith should be **most ashamed** to say this about this **obvious disgusting and vulgar drawing!**]

**A FACSIMILE FROM
THE BOOK OF ABRAHAM
No. 3**



PEARL OF GREAT PRICE EXPLANATION OF NUMBER 3 ABOVE

Fig. 1. Abraham sitting upon Pharaoh's throne, by the politeness of the king, with a crown upon his head, representing the Priesthood, as emblematical of the grand Presidency in Heaven; with the scepter of justice and judgment in his hand.

Fig. 2. King Pharaoh, whose name is given in the characters above his head.

Fig. 3. Signifies Abraham in Egypt as given also in Figure 10 of Facsimile No. 1.

Fig. 4. Prince of Pharaoh, King of Egypt, as written above the hand.

Fig. 5. Shulem, one of the king's principal waiters, as represented by the characters above his hand.

Fig. 6. Olimlah, a slave belonging to the prince.

Abraham is reasoning upon the principles of Astronomy, in the king's court.

(Have we honestly considered true Biblical churches?)

"Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor." Exodus 20:16

OUR EVALUATION OF PGP EXPLANATION OF NUMBER 3

Fig.1. Abraham sitting upon Pharaoh's throne...[Neither the Bible nor any archaeological or historical evidence indicates that Abraham ever sat upon Pharaoh's throne!]

Fig. 2. King Pharaoh... [The dictionary reports that Pharaoh is a title of several rulers of ancient Egypt. It is most inappropriate to refer to a ruler as King Pharaoh!]

Fig. 4. Prince of Pharaoh, King of Egypt, is written above the hand. [This wording is totally strange, and any Egyptologist will report that the hand is not related to the hand above it.]

Fig. 5. Shalem, one of the king's principal waiters, as represented by the characters above his hand. [Shalem and the principal waiter are not at all related to what the above Fig. 5. says. Check with any Egyptologist from certain large museums and universities.]

Fig. 6. Olinlah, a slave belonging to the prince. [You will never find an Egyptologist that will ever agree with this claim.]

EVALUATION BY THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

"The Smithsonian Institute has never used the Book of Mormon in any way as a scientific guide. Smithsonian archaeologists see no direct connection between the archeology of the New World and the subject matter of the book" (Statement Regarding the Book of Mormon, Smithsonian Institution, Spring 1986). [This statement applies equally to PGP and D&C, obviously.](#)

ASTRONOMICAL PROBLEMS

Fellow Christians--please never retreat from Mormon missionary distortions against Biblical teachings! Never! Compassionately and politely ask them if they have HONESTLY considered these insistent mistakes in their Pearl of Great Price!

INNUMERABLE INHABITABLE PLANETS: PGP--Moses 7:30 informs us: "And were it possible that man could number the particles of the earth, yea, MILLIONS OF EARTHS LIKE THIS, it would NOT BE A BEGINNING to the number of thy creation..."

While astronomers believe that there are very probably innumerable planets, all the evidence indicates that they are all even more different from each other than our neighboring planets are from each other.

Their consensus is that of the innumerable planets that must exist, not even one is likely to be like Earth, (including a single moon the size and distance as ours, a neighboring planet the size of Jupiter that shields it from destructive comets, the same speed of rotation, the same angle to the ecliptic that governs our seasons, the same temperature range, the same distance to its Sun, the same proportion of elements, etc.). They would be as different as are snowflakes. Contrary to LDS claims that all astronomical bodies will be inhabited, their very radical differences make that **totally unlikely**.

STAR NAMES: PGP -- Abraham 3:13 informs us: "And he said unto me: Kolob, which is star. And he said unto me: Olea, which is the moon. And he said unto me: Kokaubeam, which signifies stars, or all the great lights, which were in the firmament."

- A. "Shinehah" for Sun sounds **made up** from the English word for "shine". It is **neither** Hebrew nor Egyptian!
- B. "Kokaubeam" for stars sounds **made up** from "light beam" in English. It is **neither** Hebrew nor Egyptian!
- C. "Kolob" for star and "Olea" for moon have **no basis** in Hebrew or Egyptian.
- D. Why should these words be given to us unless there is some practical reason for our knowing them? There is **none**. If there were, why not reveal many more such words? There is **no** language basis in these names!

WEEPING HEAVENS: PGP -- Moses 7:27-40 reports a most unusual event:

V. 27. “And Enoch beheld angels descending out of **HEAVEN**, bearing testimony of the Father and Son; and the Holy Ghost fell on many, and they were caught up by the powers of **HEAVEN**.”

V. 28. “the God of **HEAVEN** looked upon the residue of the people and he **WEPT**; and Enoch bore record of it, saying; How is it that the **HEAVENS WEEP** and shed forth their **TEARS** as the **RAIN UPON THE MOUNTAINS?**”

V. 29. “Lord: How is it that thou canst **WEEP**...?”

V. 37. “the whole **HEAVENS SHALL WEEP** over them... should not the **HEAVENS WEEP**, seeing these shall suffer?”

V. 40 “for this shall the **HEAVENS WEEP**...” Interesting, however:

- A. Contrary to beliefs of the ancients, rain does not come from the abode of God among the stars (e.g., Kolob), but from the clouds in Earth's **lower** atmosphere.
- B. Rain is **not** an expression of God's sorrow as indicated here, but is generally a result of His blessings so that plants can provide food, clothing, shelter, etc.
- C. This illustration sounds supposedly literal, but even if it happened to be figurative, it is a most inappropriate figure. Error in PGP.

KOLOB'S CONTROL: PGP--Abraham 3:2 speaks of “the stars, that they were very great, and that one of them was nearest unto the throne of God; and there were **MANY GREAT ONES** which were **NEAR UNTO IT**.”

V. 3:3 continues: “...these are the governing ones; and the name of the great one is Kolob, because it is near unto me...I have set this one to govern all those which belong to the same order as that upon which thou standest.” (See also v. 9). Unrealistic.

- A. **Nowhere** in space are **MANY** very **large** stars **NEAR** together! Thus, our Sun is 8 minutes away from Earth at the speed of light. The closest star to our Sun, Alpha Centauri is 4.5 years away at the speed of light. Polaris (the North Star) is around 50 light years away, etc. Most are hundreds, thousands, or many millions or even billions of light years away.
- B. Double and triple stars occur, but they are ¼ light year to several light years apart. Never are **MANY GREAT** stars close together. Their gravity would draw them into each other.
- C. Kolob does **NOT** “govern” Earth. Earth's movements, light, temperature, etc. are “governed” by the Sun, obviously. **No star can be said to “govern” planets belonging to other stars!** Error in PGP.
- D. There is no star known as Kolob by astronomers.**

THE PLANET MOON: PGP--Abraham 3:5 **very** wrongly calls **the moon a planet!**

SLOW MOON: PGP--Abraham 3:5 says that the Moon “moveth in order more slow [sic]; this is in order because it standeth above the earth...its time is not so many...days...months, and of years.”

This verse faces several serious problems:

- A. It is grammatically incorrect to say “more slow” instead of “more slowly”.
- B. It is not astronomically correct to say that the Moon is “above” Earth. It is almost 239,000 miles “**away from**” Earth. If we were standing on the Moon, Earth would seem to be above the Moon!
- C. The Moon actually moves much **FASTER** than Earth. Earth travels 45,000 mph around the Sun. The Moon must keep up with Earth plus an additional 2,300 mph in revolving around Earth! Error in PGP.

- D. The Moon's standing “above [sic] the earth” is **NOT** basic to the length of its days, months, and years. Error in PGP.
- E. A year is the length of time a planet and its moon(s) travel around its sun (star). Earth and its Moon have the same length of year, contrary to v. 5.
- F. A day is defined by how long it takes an astronomical body to rotate on its axis. Earth requires 24 hours while the Moon rotates just less than 28 Earth days. But this is **not** due to the Moon's supposedly standing “above” Earth. This unscientific logic is totally unrelated to the behavior of moons of other planets. Error in PGP.
- G. References to months on the Moon is incorrect as “month” is derived from “Moon”, and refers to the way Earthlings see the phases of the Moon in a lunar month from one full Moon to the next. Error in PGP.

EARTHSHINE VS. MOONSHINE: PGP -- Abraham 3:5 claims that the Moon's light (moonshine) is greater than Earthshine “for it moveth more slow [sic].”

- A. The speed of an astronomical body is **not** related to the light it reflects!
- B. Obviously, as the surface of Earth is much greater than that of the Moon, it actually reflects much more light. Error in PGP.

MOON GREATER: Amazingly, Abraham 3:5 actually asserts the ancient fallacy that the Moon “is above or greater” than the Earth. Astronomically **one** cannot make either claim. The meaning of “greater” is vague here. The Moon reflects less light as it is smaller. It is not greater in size and certainly not greater in importance. Whether it is higher depends upon your viewpoint. Error in PGP.

KOLOB ROTATION: Abraham 3:4 asserts that the star Kolob rotates precisely once every 1,000 Earth years! No star is known to rotate anywhere near that slowly. That is totally unrealistic. Why the precise 1,000 earth years? (Kolob is nonexistent!)

EVENING IS NIGHT: There is very excessive wordiness in Abraham 4:5, 8, 13, 19, 23, and 31. It is redundant to keep repeating over and over “it came to pass that it was from evening until morning that it was night; and it came to pass that it was from morning until evening that it was day...”. In fact, the fact should be so obvious as not to be necessary to mention even once, much less six times! To keep saying six times that “it came to pass that evening was night...” is almost as informative as if one said six times that “it came to pass that black was dark”. Is this supposed to be inspired? **SILLY!**

SPECULATION OF HIGHER PLANETS: Abraham 3:16-17 speculates on the possibility that “if there be two things, one above the Earth, and the moon be above the earth, then it may be that a planet or a star may exist above it...”. Why should the God that supposedly inspired PGP resort to theorizing and speculating about the order of planets and stars? Does the Creator not **know**? If PGP were inspired, God would know if there were planets “above” the Earth! Astronomers would not say “above” but “beyond”.

STARS AND SPIRITS: Abraham 3:18 has a break in logic -- “Howbeit that he made the greater star; as, also, if there be two spirits, and one shall be more intelligent than the other, yet these two spirits, notwithstanding, one is more intelligent than the other, have no beginning; they have existed before...”. Several **radical** jumps in logic are found here. This is inspired?

ASTRONOMICAL NONSENSE: I have tried the best I honestly know how to bend over backwards in giving the benefit of the doubt to PGP. But I have to say at this point that I must challenge any Mormon Astronomer to make any sense out of Abraham 3 above. It is total, utter, complete Astronomical nonsense! Wrong again!

STARS FALL: Joseph Smith (Matthew) 1:33 quotes Matthew 24:29 (KJV) which says “...the stars shall fall from heaven...”. Obviously, this could not be true of what in modern English we mean by “stars” because a typical star is about a million times the

size of the Earth. The Greek word translated as “star” in the Bible is ASTER and includes “meteors” or so-called “falling stars”. “Meteors” is obviously the correct translation in the Bible. Error in PGP. Why did Joseph Smith not know this if he were truly inspired?

ASTRONOMICAL COMPREHENSION: Moses 7:30 says: “And if it were possible that man could number the particles of the earth, yea, millions of earths like this, it would not be a beginning to the number of thy creations; and yet thou art there...”

Let's consider that passage in light of the fact that there is an infinite number of particles composing Planet Earth. Remember that besides our star, the Sun, there are many more stars than there are grains of sand on all the shores of all the seas. And, there are probably about ten times that many planets as well as countless associated moons, comets, meteors, etc.

A fatal flaw is obvious in PGP which insists that Heavenly Father has a mere human-like and human-sized body and brain (Moses 6:9; 1:2-3; 7:4; Abraham 3:11-12; etc.)

“Thou shalt not murder.” Exodus 20:13 “Thou shalt not steal.” Exodus 20:15

“Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.” Exodus 20:7

BOTANICAL PROBLEMS

I would really like to hear my fellow scientists who are Mormon explain these concepts. Commendably, many of my Mormon friends attempt heroically to explain away the literally thousands of easily demonstrated gross scientific errors in Mormon Scriptures. I sincerely congratulate them for their attempts. But the following is just a small sampling of those that reveal that they are **not** divinely inspired!

BARRENNESS OF CANAAN: Moses 7:7 says that Canaan “...shall be barren and unfruitful...”. V. 8 says that “the barrenness thereof shall go forth **forever...**”. It is unbelievable that these words were attributed to Moses regarding the great Promised Land of Israel! In fact, PGP--Abraham 2:19 promises Canaan to Abraham. Would God promise permanent “barren and unfruitful” land as a reward to faithful Abraham? Exodus 3, 13, and 37, and other passages call it “a land flowing with milk and honey”. Isaiah 35:1 promises that “the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose.” **False again in PGP!**

PLANT SOULS: PGP -- Moses 3:9 far exceeds the Bible when it claims that God caused “...to grow every tree, naturally, that is pleasant to the sight of man...and it became also a living soul. For it was spiritual in the day that I created it; for it remaineth in the sphere in which I, God, created it...”

The notion that plants have souls is certainly not supported by the Bible, B.O.M., or D&C, and is distinctly foreign to traditional Christianity. A serious problem in PGP.

The New Testament word for soul comes from the Greek PSEUCHE, from which we get our word, Psychology. It means “mind”. There is **no** objective scientific evidence whatever that plants have, use, or need minds or souls. Plants are incapable of mental activities such as learning, memory, communication, calculation, recognition, problem solving, emotions, sensation, abstract thought, etc. Serious error in PGP.

WORLDWIDE FAMINE: PGP -- Joseph Smith (History) 2:33-45, (especially v. 45) tells of “great judgments which were coming upon the earth, with great desolations by famine, sword, and pestilence; and that these grievous judgments would come on the earth in **THIS** generation” (around 1834). 2:1 indicates that this was written in 1838 regarding the vision that had occurred some time earlier. But, agricultural plants have always faced famines and pestilences, and there have **NEVER been WORLDWIDE famines or plant pestilences in that generation or at any other time**. False claims in PGP.

FIGS: Moses 4:13 says that Adam and Eve “sewed fig leaves together” for clothes. Edible figs grow primarily in the warmer regions of Europe and Asia. The best varieties have been introduced to Texas and California, although they can grow in other

warmer regions of the U.S.A. and the Americas. The only native figs grow in southern Florida but are not of as good quality.

We encounter a serious problem when official Mormon doctrine places the Garden of Eden (Adam-Ondi-Ahman) in Missouri **where figs cannot thrive because the climate is too cool!** Serious error in PGP. See D&C 78:15-16; 115; 116; 117; 107: 53-56; Mormon Doctrine by Bruce R. McConkie, pp. 19-21; etc.).

CHEMICAL PROBLEMS

ALL PARTICLES: Moses 1:27 actually asserts “Moses...beheld the Earth...all of it; and there was **not a particle**...he did not behold”. Frankly, it cannot be at all reasonable to claim that God had Moses examine **all of the countless trillions** of particles of the depths of **all of the planet Earth**. There would be ZERO benefit to anyone! Moses could not possibly comprehend all of those particles. What would be the benefit?

BRASS & IRON: Moses 5:46 claims that Tubal Cain was “an instructor of every artificer in brass and iron”. This supposedly took place long before 3000 BC. Any good university library has several books on metallurgy that very clearly state that brass and iron did not come into any use for **many centuries** after that!

FLOURISHING HEIGHTS: Moses 7:17 would have us believe that the “Mountains...and...high places...did flourish”. Having climbed several of the Appalachian and Rocky Mountains several times, I can definitely assure you that it is totally unrealistic to state that the very tops of mountains and distinct heights actually **flourish!** I would personally like to see that. Typically it is the valleys that flourish because that is where the water is generally located.

EMBRYOLOGICAL PROBLEMS

INBREEDING: e.g. with close relatives such as with uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews, siblings, half-brothers, half-sisters, 1st and 2nd cousins, etc. Inbreeding is very common among many polygamists. Birth defects are typically accepted as the will of God so that medical correction for Genetic defects is considered blasphemy! E.g. Two members of The True and Living Church (Fundamentalist Mormons) gave birth to a child without any kneecaps and had two club feet. The parents decided not to have these corrected because “God made her that way for some special purpose.” This little girl will never be able to walk because her parents actually decided that God really wanted for her to be like that! There are many other similar examples of this kind of abuse.

GEOGRAPHICAL PROBLEMS

CAINAN: Moses 6:42 actually confuses the land of Cainan with Canaan! See also Moses 7:6-8, 12. The Bible does not list the name of any country named Cainan. This is a negative racist misinterpretation in PGP **wrongly assuming that Cain, a son of Adam, was black while all of his other children were white! If the Mormon assumption is correct that Noah was white, the flood of Noah would have wiped out the dark races! Case closed.**

BARRENNESS OF CANAAN: Moses 7:7 says that Canaan “...shall be barren and unfruitful, and none other people shall dwell there but the people of Canaan.” 7:8 says “...the Lord shall curse the land with much heat, and the barrenness therefore shall go forth forever...”. And, to think that Moses supposedly said THIS about the beautiful Promised Land! No Sir! If this were so, why does Abraham 2:19 promise Canaan to the seed of Abraham?

And, why do Exodus 3, 13, and 37, and other passages praise it so highly as “a land flowing with milk and honey”? Isaiah 35:1 promises that “...the desert shall blossom

as the rose.” Contrary to Moses 7:7, many different peoples have lived there. Remember that Canaan is part of the Hebrew homeland! Error in PGP.

POTIPHAR'S HILL & PLAIN OF OLISHEM: These are mentioned in Abraham 1:10. Archaeologists have been unable to find any hill or plain by those names in Egypt. Abraham 1:20 **contradicts** 1:10 by placing Potiphar's Hill in Ur of Chaldea!

However, Genesis 37:36 and 39:1 indicate that Potiphar is an Egyptian name, not a Chaldean name. Needless to say, Archeologists have not been able to locate Photiphar's Hill in Chaldea either. Joseph Smith obviously erroneously borrowed this name from Genesis 37:36 and 39:1, and **erroneously** applied it!

“Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee: because he trusteth in Thee.” Isaiah 26:3 “Honor thy Father and thy Mother.” Exodus 20:12

GEOLOGICAL PROBLEMS

NOTE: I have personally been forced many times to sacrifice many treasured beliefs throughout my life when faced with truth. It was very humbling. So, I can really have compassion for my numerous Mormon friends faced with irreconcilable conflicts between their Scriptures and very clearly proven scientific truths.

HIGH MOUNTAIN: Moses 1:1 says that “Moses was caught up into an **EXCEEDINGLY** high mountain.” V. 42 says of the mountain that its name shall “not be known among the children of men.” The only reasonable explanation for the name of the huge gigantic mountain remaining unknown in light of the fact that the Bible always gives the names of the mountains in which God deals with people is that there is **ABSOLUTELY NO** “exceedingly high mountain” near any place Moses ever visited in his whole life. The nearest **EXCEEDINGLY** high mountains to any of Moses' travels are the Alps or the Himalayas. He was never within several hundred miles of any of them. Mount Sinai, which he did climb, is not noted for its vast height.

It is most unrealistic to claim that there is any such extremely huge mountain whose name is unknown.



“Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.” Psalm 51:10

ALL EARTH VISIBLE: Moses 1:27-29 reports that when Moses looked at the Earth from “the exceedingly high mountain” that he saw “even all of it; and there **was not a particle of it which he did not behold**, discerning it by the spirit of God.” In light of the deep spiritual, emotional, moral, and other practical needs of Israel why God would be said to take up valuable time to show Moses **every single particle of the Earth**? Once you have observed each one of, say, 500 billion sand grains, the value of such decreases, one's interest and attention lags, and there is absolutely nothing to gain by viewing each of countless quadrillions of others. Is this inspired?

If he really did see the whole Earth, surely Moses would have noticed that the Earth is a ball. Why did Moses fail to mention this in his five Biblical books? Moses 1:27-29 in PGP is most false.

FLEEING MOUNTAINS AND RIVERS: PGP Moses 6:34 and 7:13 tell of the literal fulfillment of God's promise that the Earth would tremble, the mountains would flee, and the rivers be forced out of their courses at Enoch's command. There is no evidence from the study of Geological strata or of **ancient mountains being moved** or of river courses of anything like this ever taking place on such a radical scale.

UNDERWATER EGYPT: PGP Abraham 1:23-25 claims that the land of Egypt was discovered by Egyptus, a daughter of Ham, when Egypt was under water, and that her sons settled in it. This story faces several serious difficulties:

- A. How could she discover a **specific** land when it was still under water?
- B. How could she have known that it would soon emerge?
- C. It could not be habitable before a long period after emergence because of the salt in the soil. So, how could her sons move right in and start farming?
- D. There is no Historical evidence of such a woman or event.
- E. PGP implies that Egypt is a specific, well-defined land with fixed and well defined natural borders, but Egypt's borders have changed many times!



SATANIC DESTRUCTION: PGP--Moses 1:19 claims that Satan was so upset when Moses rejected worshipping him that Satan “rent upon the earth”. Webster defines “rent” as “a fissure; a break or breach made by force; a hole or tear; as a rent made in the earth...!” Unfortunately for this account, geologists find no such geological destructions that require Satanic intervention. Is this inspired?

EARTH EMOTIONS & VOICES: Moses 7:46 actually claims “Enoch looked upon **the Earth**; and he heard a voice from the bowels thereof, saying: Wo, wo is me, the **mother of men**, I am pained, I am weary, because of the wickedness of my children... when will my Creator sanctify me...? Error.

Verse 49 asserts “when Enoch heard **the earth mourn**, he wept,... saying: oh Lord, will thou not have compassion upon **the Earth**?” See also verse 56.

“**Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.**” Exodus 20:16

HISTORICAL AND PROPHECY PROBLEMS

These are commonly found throughout the other topics and are not included here because they would be duplicated. “**Thou shalt not murder.**” Exodus 20:13

LINGUISTICS PROBLEMS

JESUS: The Name, Jesus Christ, is found in Moses 6:7 and in 7:50, **around 2,000 years before Gabriel (Luke 1:26-38) ever introduced the name to Mary! Gross error!**

ORIGIN OF WRITING: PGP--Moses 6:6 has a remarkable claim that Adam's “children were taught to read and write...”! There were **no books** at that time.

ARCHAIC LANGUAGE: PGP is an **inconsistent** mixture of modern English of the 1830s with the English of the King James period of the 1500s and early 1600s. There is no legitimate reason for a book written in the 1830s to revert to inconsistent usage of Elizabethan and King James English of 250 or so years earlier. Thus, Moses 6:21 says “**begat**” instead of “**begot**”, Moses 6:27 says “**waxed**” instead of “**became**”, Abraham 2:1 says “**wax sore**” instead of “**became terrible**”, Moses 7:21 says “**mine abode**” instead of “**my dwelling**”, Moses 7:29 says “**thou canst**” and “**thou art**” instead of “**you can**” and “**you are**” (respectively), Moses 7:39 says “**suffereth**” instead of “**permits**”, Joseph Smith (Matthew) 1:47 says “**suffered**” instead of “**allowed**”, etc. These archaic terms stand out **inconsistently** in a context of modern English, distinctly reflecting the human origin, not Divine inspiration of PGP. Many errors in PGP.

CHALDEAN LANGUAGE: PGP -- Abraham 1:23 states that “in the Chaldean [language]...Egypt...signifies that which is forbidden.” This is simply not true! Webster's Dictionary shows no such origin of the word, Egypt. Encyclopedias such as Funk and Wagnalls, Britannica, etc. contradict or ignore these claims in PGP above. According to Strong's Hebrew and Chaldean Lexicon the Hebrew name for Egypt is MAN-TSORE' and means “besieged places, defenses, fenced, fortified.” **Not “forbidden”!**

PGP NAMES: Names unique to PGP have no known connection to Hebrew or to any other known language other than being an artificial juggling of known names, etc.

PRONOUN FLAWS: Moses 6:32 is one of several pronoun flaws, e.g. “As seemeth me good” should have a “to” before “me”.

IT CAME TO PASS: Excessive use of this expression distinctively lowers the quality of PGP, and raises serious question of its supposed inspiration. For example, it occurs 13 times in Moses 7 alone! This is very, very poor quality. Very poor.

ZION = ONE HEART AND NO POOR: Moses 7:18 says God “called his people Zion because they were of one heart and one mind in righteousness; and there was no poor among them.” But the Hebrew word, Zion, does NOT mean anything of the kind. Strong's Hebrew and Chaldee Dictionary says that its root means “conspicuousness” or “a monumental or guiding pillar”. Further, “Zion” was not applied in the Bible to Enoch, but it first appears in II Samuel 5:7, at least 2,000 years after the assertion in PGP regarding Enoch. Error!

POOR WAS: Moses 7:18 says “there **was** poor among them” instead of the correct “there **were** poor among them”. Error in PGP!

ADAM-MANY: Moses 1:34 says “the first man...called Adam, which is many.” On the contrary “Adam” in Hebrew means either “ground” (Young’s Concordance) or “ruddy” (Strong’s Concordance), **never** “many”.



HATH PLEAD: Moses 7:39 in several editions used the incorrect verb form “hath plead”, instead of the correct “has pled”. In 1982 the unalterable and correct and inspired Scripture was altered to read “hath pled”!

RAHLEENOS: Abraham 1:14 asserts that the figures at the beginning of the Book of Abraham are “called by the Chaldeans ‘Rahleenos’, which signifies hieroglyphics.” A search of two Chaldee dictionaries and consultation with experts in Semitic languages refute this assertion. Error in PGP.

JEHOVAH: Abraham 1:16 and 2:8 quote Jesus as saying “my name is Jehovah”. Anyone at all familiar with the Hebrew language knows that this certainly is not true as Hebrew has **no “J” sound!** Any good Bible dictionary will explain that the original Hebrew pronunciation is uncertain, but that it would probably be close to “Yahweh” -- although the Hebrews showed so much respect to the sacred Name that they did not pronounce it. Error in PGP.

EGYPT = FORBIDDEN: Abraham 1:23 says that “...Egyptus...in the Chaldean signifies Egypt, which indicates that which is forbidden.” However, checking with Strong's Hebrew and Chaldee Dictionary, we find that the root word merely means “a limit, a border, a hemming in,” etc. Nothing is mentioned as forceful as the word “forbidden”. Checking “forbid” and “forbidden” in Strong and Young, we find no word remotely similar to “Egypt”. Error in PGP as usual.

SEEDS: Abraham 3:14 inconsistently uses both “seed” and “seeds” as plurals. To speak of one's descendants as “seeds” is like speaking of “sheeps”.

WORDINESS: Much of Mormon Scriptures is far too wordy. For example, Abraham 4 could probably say the same thing in 1/2 or even 1/3 of the words, just as does its version of Genesis 1 which it **very poorly** imitates.

FAMILY WERE: Joseph Smith (History) 2:58 says "...my wife's family were [sic] very much opposed to our being married...". "Family" is a singular noun and demands the singular verb "was". Another of many errors in PGP.

GOSPEL: Abraham 2:10-11; Moses 5:58-59; 8:19 speak of the Gospel between 2,000 and 4,000 years before the New Testament even introduced the term! Wrong term.

COMFORTER: Moses 6:61 refers to the Holy Spirit as "Comforter". This Name was not never introduced to the Hebrew religion at all and not to the followers of Christ until John's Gospel around 2,000 years later. See John 14, 15, and 16. Another error in PGP.

Randal Shortridge, Ph.D. (Mormon) DNA Specialist, states that "Archeological Linguistics and now this new DNA evidence confirm that The Book of Mormon (this 'other testament of Jesus Christ') is not historically true. If the story is fiction, then so is its crowning event. This means that the mission of the LDS church is a fictitious account of Jesus Christ." **When we realize our religion is wrong, we must seek truth in the Bible.**

CORRECT B.O.M. TRANSLATION: Joseph Smith (History) 2:64 claims that Professor Anthon affirmed regarding the Book of Mormon manuscripts "...that the translation of such of them as had been translated was also correct...".

If the translation were correct, why were there so many spelling, grammatical, scientific, language, historical, doctrinal, and other errors? Why has it been at all necessary to make over 4,000 corrections from the original 1830 edition of B.O.M.?

ORIGINAL LANGUAGES: The B.O.M. asserts that it was written in Egyptian (1 Nephi 1:2; Mosiah 1:2-4) and **Reformed Egyptian** (Mormon 9:32).

However, Joseph Smith (History) 2:64 **contradicts** that by saying it was written in Egyptian, Chaldean, Assyriac, and Arabic. Nothing is mentioned of **Reformed Egyptian**. **Which account shall we believe?**

CORRECTLY TRANSLATED: PGP--The Articles of Faith No. 8 says that "We believe the Bible to be the word of God as far as it is correctly translated; we also believe the Book of Mormon to be the word of God."

Why should a doubt be thrown at the Bible but not at the Book of Mormon? The latter has had over 4,000 changes in it including meanings and some **that even affect doctrine!** There is **no** serious question regarding the correct translation of the Bible. Almost everyone has access to a good reference to the Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek (such as Strong's and Young's) in addition to several excellent translations.

STARS: See Astronomical Problems.

ANCIENT LANGUAGES OF B.O.M.: See Archaeological Problems

ANCIENT EGYPTIAN OF PGP: BOOK OF ABRAHAM: See Archaeological Problems. **(We need to attend and support Biblical Churches!)**

MATHEMATICAL PROBLEMS

When Mormon missionaries seek to devastate your Biblical faith, politely but persistently point out these irrefutable facts:

MANY BUT ONE: Moses 1:6 plainly declares "...there is no God besides me...". The Testimony of Three Witnesses in B.O.M. says the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost "is one God." Alma 11:28-29 in B.O.M. insists that there is only one God. The Bible agrees.

However, these are contradicted by passages insisting that there are numerous gods, e.g. D&C 76:58; 121:28, 32; 132:18, 19, 20, 27; Abraham 4 and 5; etc. **Both claims cannot be correct!**

MICROBIOLOGICAL PROBLEMS

POLYGAMY AND DISEASES: Because of the intimate relationships and sexual activities, if any member of the family picks up an infectious disease, it will commonly quickly spread to all the members. This is only one of the many more serious disadvantages of polygamy.



SOON PESTILENCES: PGP--Joseph Smith (History) 2:33-45 asserts that the angel Moroni quoted parts of Malachi 3 to Smith. Malachi 2:45 tells of "great judgments which were coming upon the earth, with great desolations by famine, sword, and **PESTILENCE**; and that these grievous judgments would come on the earth in **THIS** generation."

2:1 indicates that **this was written in 1838** regarding the vision that had occurred some time earlier. There have always been famines, wars, and pestilences, but there were no worldwide catastrophes within that generation or since. World Wars I and II did not occur until 3 or 4 generations later, but did not devastate the whole world! Errors.

PHYSICS PROBLEMS

May we Christians never ever treat people of other religions rudely even when they do so towards us. With deep, loving concern let's point out to those who distort our Biblical faith with these errors in PGP concerning physics problems:

MERIDIAN OF TIME: This expression as a measurement of time occurs in Moses 5:57 and 6:57 in reference to the Birth of Jesus as supposedly the universal event with which time is theoretically measured.

- A. One problem here is that no culture has ever measured time by Jesus' exact birth date. He was not born in 1 A.D. but a number of years earlier (though the exact number and date are not universally agreed upon).
- B. The term, meridian of **time**, is not scientific, but is unique to Mormon writings.
- C. It is not found in the Bible or in the writings of the Early Church Fathers.
- D. Also, cultures not dominated by Christian tradition have their own different calendars by which they divide time. Flaw in PGP.

CHAIN VEIL: Moses 7:26 claims that Satan “veiled the whole face of the earth with darkness” with “a great **CHAIN**”. It strains the imagination to try to figure out this description. Never happened! Darkness cannot be a physical chain!

SUBSTANCE OF DARKNESS: Moses 2:2 says that God “caused darkness to come up upon the face of the deep.” This is distinctly inferior to Genesis 1:2 which simply says “and darkness was upon the face of the deep.” Moses 2:2 is based on an erroneous ancient understanding of darkness that it is a substance!



Darkness is simply the absence of light. Before the creation of light, all would already be dark. God would **not** cause “darkness to come” anywhere. It would **naturally already be there.** Moses 2:3-5 inappropriately tells of the creation of light after 2:2 says that God made “darkness to come upon the face of the deep.” Wrong! Wrong!

The fallacy that darkness is a material substance is even more strongly indicated in Moses 7:57 which actually says that the spirits were “**in chains of darkness** until the judgment...”! Moses 7:61 predicts a “veil of darkness” that shall cover the earth, another telling evidence that Joseph Smith believed that darkness is a literal material substance. Joseph Smith (History) 2:15 says “**Thick darkness** gathered around me...”. This false idea is even more strongly taught in D&C. Several errors in PGP.

PHYSIOLOGICAL PROBLEMS

CANAANITE BLOOD: PGP -- Abraham 1:21-22 says the “king of Egypt...was a partaker of the **BLOOD** of the Canaanites...and thus the **BLOOD** of the Canaanites was (sic) preserved in the land.”

- A. Blood is absolutely **no determiner** of race. No scientist can identify race by the blood. Impossible! Error in PGP.
- B. If this Book of Abraham were inspired by God, why does it have any error at all? But it is loaded down with errors!
- C. Mormon scholars point out that Acts 17:26 in the Bible says that God “made of one blood all nations”. That is **just the KJV translation.** But “blood” **does not** occur there in the original Greek! All peoples are essentially indistinguishable by blood.

LOAD OF GOLD PLATES: PGP -- Joseph Smith (History) 2:52-68 tells of the gold plates of B.O.M. that Joseph Smith says, he found, and later translated. Problems include:

- A. If the B.O.M. existed on gold plates, the stack would necessarily weigh between at least 200 and 600 or more pounds. This was much too heavy for Joseph Smith to carry as he reported. Obviously a gross error in PGP.
 - B. Hebrews **always** put their **highest respect** for their Scripture in **Hebrew**.
 - C. There is no evidence whatever that Native Americans had complex written languages in 421 BC - 600 AD. Error in PGP.
 - D. They **never** used gold sheets for books. Never had books. Never had gold.
- DARK SKIN CURSE: See Anthropological Problems and Sociological Problems.
INFINITE CAPACITY OF FINITE BRAIN: See Psychological Problems.

PSYCHOLOGICAL PROBLEMS

How I long for my many Mormon friends to turn to daily feeding on the truths of the Bible and away from such gross errors as these:

WOMEN'S PERSONALITIES: The women of the Bible have fascinating personalities: Sarah, Deborah, Esther, Mary and Martha, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of Jesus, Miriam, Naomi, Ruth, Priscilla, and many others.

B.O.M., PGP and D&C have almost nothing to say about women's personalities. Their greatest value is as polygamous wives that are constantly breeding with their implied superior husbands. What does this consistent downplaying of women reveal about Smith's personality, spiritual level, and thoughtfulness and respect for women?

INFINITE MIND IN FINITE GOD: D&C 6:16 tells us "that there is none save God that knowest thy thoughts and the intents of thy heart." D&C 88:41 reports: "He comprehendeth all things, and all things are before Him..."!

PGP -- Moses 1:6 agrees that God knows "all things". PGP--Abraham 3:19 quotes God as saying "I am more intelligent than they all." **God never brags like this!**

But the devastating problem with this is that God is claimed to be limited to human size! See D&C 130:22; History of the Church Vol. VI, P. 305; PGP -- Joseph Smith-History 1:171; Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith, pp. 345-346.

Mormon Scriptures would **actually** have us believe that God is **physically finite but intellectually infinite!** The God of the Bible **has infinite existence**, and thus is capable of infinite intelligence. B.O.M., D&C and PGP require some real explicit explanation of how an infinite God can reside in a finite human sized body! Contradiction!

SOCIOLOGICAL PROBLEMS IN GENERAL

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM: PGP: The Articles of Faith No. 11 asserts the belief in freedom of worship for all people. Historically, this does not fit the practice of the militant Danites (this was a particularly vicious group of Mormons from several decades ago) or of many other phenomena in Mormon history past or present that even today still devastate or persecute those who leave Mormonism.

TEN TRIBES: PGP: The Articles of Faith No. 10 affirms the belief that the Ten Tribes and all Israel will be restored in the New Jerusalem **in America**. This notion is in direct conflict with Hebrew Scripture and the Historical stance of Zionism. Error in PGP.

PHAROAH: Abraham 1:25ff claims that Egyptus (daughter of Ham) had a son whom she named Pharoah. He is said to be Egypt's first king. But "Pharoah" is Egyptian for "King" and, "King" is a strange title to give to a man who had only his wife, children,

and grandchildren to rule over! The Historical evidence for this account is totally nonexistent.

BLACKS DISTINCTLY CURSED IN MORMON SCRIPTURES: Moses 7:6-8, & 12 actually says: "...there was a blackness came upon all the children of Canaan, that they were despised among all people." Moses 7:22 says of the earliest descendants of Adam and Eve: "...and they were a mixture of all the seed of Adam save it was the seed of Cain, for the seed of Cain were black, and had not place among them." Abraham 1:21-27 claims that the Canaanites are cursed. This is **totally contrary** to the teachings of the Bible which always shows **great respect to the darker skin races!** Notice the Mormon radical racial prejudice.

- A. B.O.M.'s Alma 41:8 declares "Now, the decrees of God are **UNALTERABLE...**". Abraham 1:25-26 forbids the priesthood to blacks. This **UNALTERABLE** Mormon Scripture caused so much trouble that it had to be **ALTERED** by another **UNALTERABLE** and obnoxious Mormon Scripture, Official Declaration -- 2, added to the end of D&C in 1978. This allows the priesthood to all worthy males regardless of race!
- B. **Black skin cannot be considered a curse as Mormon Scriptures declare because it protects against skin cancer, heat stroke, sunburn, aging, etc!**
- C. Non-Blacks do not show prejudice against black skin unless they are taught to do so.
- D. **Modern Blacks could not have originated from Cain as only Noah and his immediate family survived the Flood!**
- E. Evidently Noah's family contained no Negroid ancestry because, to use the prejudiced logic of Alma 3:9, if one breeds with a cursed race, one would bring the same curse upon his seed. Ridiculous and pathetic.

(How shall we choose between our family and the True Jesus?)

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." Romans 10:9-10

DOES THE BIBLE AGREE WITH MORMONISM'S CURSE ON BLACKS?

- A. Numbers 12:1 - Moses married an Ethiopian woman. 12:11 - God punished Moses' sister, Miriam, with leprosy for criticizing Moses for marrying the Ethiopian woman.
- B. I Kings 10:1-13 describes the Godly, devout Queen of Sheba, an African, who came to see Solomon and later married him.
- C. Jeremiah 38:5 & 39:18 tells of Ebed-Melech, a Godly Ethiopian who saved the life of Jeremiah.
- D. Luke 23:26 reports that a Cyrenian (an African) had the unrecognized honor of carrying the cross of Jesus.
- E. Acts 8:26-39 describes a devout and prominent Ethiopian who yearned to understand God's Word.
- F. Acts 17:26 states "He has made from **one blood** every nation of men to dwell on the face of the earth...". Verses 27-31 then expresses good news for **any** people regardless of race who seek the Lord. "Blood" is not used in the Greek text.
- G. Galatians 3:28 declares that there is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female "for all are one in Christ Jesus".
- H. Revelation 15:4 promises "all nations [this obviously includes Blacks] shall come worship before You".

NO POOR: Moses 7:18 says of the Israelites that “there was no poor among them.” Contradicting this account, the Bible lists many poor in Israel. Jesus said of the Israelites in Matthew 26:11 “for ye have the poor ALWAYS with you.” Any Bible concordance will provide a long list of references to the poor in Israel. Errors in PGP.

(False cults condemn Biblical Churches!) “I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am He, ye shall die in your sins.” John 8:24

SOCIOLOGICAL PROBLEMS ABOUT POLYGAMY

POLYGAMY:

- A. Moses 3:18, 20-25 describe the creation of exactly one wife for Adam. The clear implication of the account is that the Divine Plan is one woman for one man. Period. This agrees with B.O.M.'s Jacob 2:24 and 27 and 3:5, Mosiah 11:1-2, D & C 104:4 (1835 edition), Deut. 17:17; I. Timothy 3:2,12; etc. which either **FORBID** polygamy, or describe it as utterly wicked. Commonly the single wife of a man complains that he doesn't spend enough quality time with her. But just think of the problem she would have if she had to share him with 8-20 more co-wives!
- B. **NONE** of the Biblical examples of polygamy depicts it as desirable at all. David found that polygamy caused him to have very serious family problems. Hannah and Peninnah were co-wives of Elkanah (I Samuel 1), and there was no peace between them. The jealousies between Abraham's wife, Sarah, and Hagar are well known (Gen. 16). Gen. 30 describes the terrible conflicts among Jacob's wives and concubines resulting in repeated physical fighting (see especially v. 8). **Nowhere** does the Bible or even B.O.M. ever say anything good whatsoever about polygamy.
- C. However, all these clear teachings against polygamy are **CONTRADICTED** by D&C 132:1, 3, 37-39, 61, etc. which **REQUIRE** polygamy for eternal progression for godhood. **Inconsistent, contradictory, and ungodly!**
- D. Women are automatically assigned reduced importance and are commonly largely ignored.



- E. Surprisingly, the LDS church **contradicted itself again** when LDS President Wilford Woodruff's Manifesto of 1890 actually **repudiated its own Scriptures** and **FORBADE** polygamy! Contradiction!.
- F. However, there are persistent reports of growing movements to make polygamy acceptable again in spite of the 1890 Manifesto. Will wonders never cease?!
- G. You will notice that Mormon officials almost never object to gay and lesbian "marriages"! They know if U.S. laws accept these "marriages", reintroducing polygamy will very easily and quickly follow.

In a few multiple marriages all of the wives get along from time to time, but that is certainly not the rule.

Nicholas Claxton Productions, Kelly & Rocky Neyland, etc. donated the following:

Patti, a polygamist wife: "A lot of times I would see the first wife, Samantha, so emotional that it hurt me, but we had to go through polygamous problems because we know that is the law of Heaven [sic]. Living with the other two wives was definitely very hard in the plural marriage sense."

Jim Harmston, the founder of The True and Living Church (a break off of LDS) had eight wives. He said that "the order of the day in the soon coming Millennium is going to be **S-E-X**." (That contradicts the Bible and B.O.M.!)

Polygamous husbands commonly say that revelation from God directs them to take more wives. John Harper claims that he does better managing a family with three wives than with one. (The n why did God create almost the same number of women as men?)

John Harper claims that if the State of Utah tried to arrest all polygamists because of unlawful cohabitation, "They'd have to lock up half of the State... We're... doing it God's way." (But the Bible and B.O.M. disprove this!)

Randi, a wife, says "I don't think its right for everyone. Even those who are called to do it have a difficult time with it. It's not... easy by any means at all. I think the World thinks these men have it made. How lucky to have all these women around, but that's not the case. It's a very difficult endeavor. And no, I don't think it's for everyone."

Jim Harmston, founder of The True and Living Church (a break off of mainline LDS) with eight wives, warns that "polygamy is not for everyone and does require major sacrifices. The benefits from plural marriages far out weigh the sacrifice if it's lived in the right way. Plural marriage will damn more people than it will save."

JEALOUSY: How do multiple (e.g. 2-24, etc. wives) deal with natural feelings of jealousy when the husband is in bed with one of his other wives? One "solution" is to schedule each wife on selected nights. But this is certainly not ideal as it is **impossible** for wifely desires to be scheduled!

John Harper notes that it is especially difficult for a wife to deliver a baby of a co-wife of whom she is jealous.

Carmen Thompson's former husband had eight wives and confirms that there were constant serious tensions in the family. She reports that "a man in a polygamous relationship has very little time for anything other than running around putting out fires of jealousy. He has no time for his children. He has no time for himself. I would be surprised if he had time for God!"

Vicky Prunty (polygamist) said "Any woman that shares her husband, and believes that these emotions she can get through and can become a stronger woman, and can be happy sharing her sister wife, **I don't believe it!**" (A very common complaint!)

Rowenna Erickson (polygamist) reported that a relative went on a honeymoon also taking his first wife. There were two beds in the motel room. Her groom had sex

with her in the next bed in front of the first wife “so that it would help the first wife not to be jealous because both wives were treated alike! This disgusting abuse crushes a normal woman’s emotions and makes her feel horribly abandoned.”

Randy Maudsley (polygamist with four wives): “I have to be a strict arbiter so they do not get in fusses. I can’t allow one wife to get me to oppress or to deny another wife. I can’t allow them to manipulate me in that way.”

Gladel Maudsley: “If you have a sister that you loved, and she didn’t have a husband, wouldn’t you want her to have a husband too? Would you want her to have anything less than an honorable marriage and have the opportunity to have children and raise a family honorably? Would you be so selfish as to deny her to share your husband?”

PUNCHING BAG: Randy Maudsley has provided a punching bag so that when resentments rise frequently and strongly, the wives can punch it out on the punching bag instead of on each other. This has somewhat reduced the number of physical fights!

HAPPY? While a few families claim that they are happy, many other women and girls report serious and frequent abuse by the fathers, uncles, cousins, brothers, and even co-wives. Many polygamist fathers ritually sexually initiate their daughters as an integral part of life in polygamy. Laura Chapman testifies that pedophile abuse is definitely **very common** in polygamous families. Shockingly women will also commonly sexually abuse other women and girls. This is in spite of denials in polygamy. The devastating problems facing polygamous wives wanting to leave include:

- A. Feeling of pain, guilt, uncertainty, resentment, jealousy, and fear.
- B. May have to leave their children.
- C. Definitely being warned that they will go to an eternal Hell. (**not** Biblical!)
- D. They are not usually equipped to support themselves.
- E. Loss of many friends.
- F. Condemned by their polygamous Fundamentalist church that had left LDS.
- G. No job skills.
- H. No money.

LAURA CHAPMAN: “Polygamy has totally destroyed my life... It will influence every aspect of my life until I’m in the grave.”

SENATOR SCOTT HOWELL (UTAH): A practicing mainline LDS Mormon testified that when [Tapestry of Polygamy](#) contacted him, “I was so taken back by it, I couldn’t believe it. I was shocked. The Attorney General’s office came and said ‘let us tell you some more of what really goes on in that community’. It was **immorality at the ultimate high**. I mean, anything that you could think about immoral to happen with a woman, a young girl, by a man was going on.”

[TAPESTRY AGAINST POLYGAMY](#), 70 South State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111, Phone: (801) 259-5200 and cell number: (801) 364-6764. Numerous women and girls have desperately called them to rescue them, to give them clothing and assist in many ways. [Let’s pray for them repeatedly!](#) Call them to offer help with donations. It is most terrible about the numerous girls who have been raped by their polygamous relatives, or even attacked by other wives, often beginning as early as age five! These unfortunate women are threatened about going to Hell if they escape from the split-off Fundamentalist Mormon groups. But many even agree to go to Hell to escape abuse. But no one ever goes to Hell by escaping the Hell of these evil cults. **Carefully read the message, John 3:16 – “The Golden Text of The Bible” on page 33 in this book.**

SENATOR SCOTT HOWELL (UTAH): “Someone asked me ‘Why don’t we just go out and arrest them all?’ But where do we put them?... We don’t have enough money in this State or in this country to lock up every one of them.”

CARMEN THOMPSON: “What has surprised us is that we’re not getting calls just from Utah. We are now getting calls from the entire USA. Women that are trying to leave polygamous relationships are in Florida, Ohio, Iowa, Michigan, Wisconsin, and all the rest. This is a national problem and a worldwide problem.”

KELLY AND ROCKY NEYLAND: Christian missionaries to Mormons, report their experiences with Fundamentalist **off shoots** from the dominant Mormon church:

“In spite of the claims by polygamists that women delight in polygamy, as they can share care of the home, children, etc., **for the most part they appear to be very oppressed and downtrodden. They seem to have a hard time even making eye contact when we speak to them.**” (This is also the experience of the author, Dr. Thomas Key.)

“Obviously the practice, by its very nature, takes a tremendous emotional toll on the women. Having to share a husband presents many disturbing challenges. While most of the wives are in denial, their countenances show them to be practically emotionally **dead**. It seems obvious that the depressed and shy attitudes of a lot of the women, are an indication of their inability to compensate truthfully and emotionally in this ungodly off shoot from the mainline Mormon Church, and most illegal practice. Our hearts break for these most unfortunate women and girls. **Let us pray frequently for their protection!**”

“May the True Lord Jesus Christ reveal Himself to them, and set them totally free by the Power of The Cross of Jesus Christ! He can do it like nobody can!”

MSNBC and Kelly & Rocky Neyland donated the following:

1. In typical polygamist societies, a girl is considered OLD if she is not married by age 16. Girls generally marry by age 13 or 14 or younger.
2. Everybody outside of Fundamentalist LDS religions are considered wicked.
3. A girl may be notified within 15 minutes to 2 hours that she is about to marry a man who commonly is 40 years old or more.
4. Fundamentalist LDS expect the wives to have a baby every year.
5. They are taught to be afraid of the outside world.
6. They are not taught American or World history, Geography, Literature, Math, or Science. “All that is wicked with very few exceptions!”
7. One woman who barely escaped from Polygamy testified that “there are two kinds of Polygamists: the abusers and the abused”.
8. Polygamists tend to be very strongly clannish.
9. Polygamist wives are commonly very loyal to polygamy because they know very little else. They share duties with their co-wives. They distrust and fear the outside world as evil. They have no idea about how to hold a job. Most are not taught how to drive a car. Most do not how to communicate with or to relate to outsiders.
10. Excess boys are commonly expelled from a polygamist colony because they would interfere with the older men’s goal of having several younger wives.
11. Tom Green, a prominent polygamist on the Utah–Arizona border, volunteered to inform listeners on MSNBC in 1999 of life in polygamy.
12. Tom Green was proud to inform the TV program that he had four of his wives pregnant simultaneously.
13. Tom Green bragged on MSNBC that he could not be accused of breaking any law against bigamy because he was legally married only to one wife. The other wives were not **legal** marriages, but **religious** marriages.
14. Obviously it is very difficult or impossible for a man to support 4 to 20 or more wives and several dozen children. So the extra wives received financial support by **dishonestly** reporting to the welfare department that their husbands had left them. (Even though many of them have the same husband.) Tom

Green made them lie so that the hated non-polygamists would be forced to support them on welfare.

15. Tom Green could not be legally imprisoned for bigamy or polygamy, but the Utah legal system imprisoned him for child rape of a 13 year old “wife”.
16. If a polygamist offends the local church prophet, his wives can be reassigned to other men! The wives have no choice about this.
17. The mainline Mormon church is called the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. It teaches that its members should be married in the temple in order to go to Heaven. The 426 sects or so Fundamentalist LDS churches insist that to get to Heaven and avoid Hell is to marry polygamously on Earth.

For more thorough discussion of polygamy see also Sociological Problems about Polygamy in B.O.M. and D&C in the Light of Science.

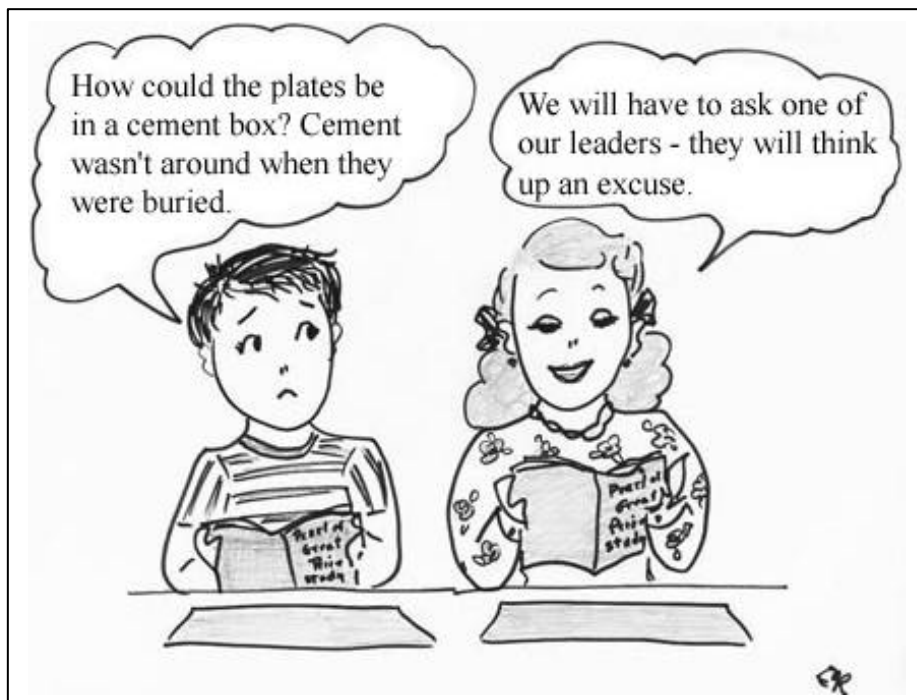
TECHNOLOGICAL PROBLEMS

Christian churches today are almost all asleep. When will we ever wake up to the fact that Mormons engulf 60 converts from Christian churches for every single Mormon who becomes a Christian? Why not kindly call attention to these technological problems:

ORGAN: Moses 5:45 says that Jubal “was the father of all such as handle the harp and organ.” This is taken from the KJV translation of Genesis 4:21. The KJV word, organ, is translated from the Hebrew UGGAB, and does not mean what we mean today by “organ”. It refers to a reed type musical instrument. This is confusing unless correctly translated. Why did Joseph Smith not correctly translate it? Did he not know the truth?

BOOKS: PGP tells of books long before there is any evidence of books being written. Thus, Moses 6:5 tells of a book in the “language of Adam”! Moses 6:6 tells of Adam's immediate descendants actually being “taught to read and write”! In 6:6 Enoch repeats the claim that a book of remembrance was being written in the time of Adam and his immediate descendants. Amazing. Historical error.

CEMENT: Joseph Smith (History) 2:52 refers to an ancient cement box that was supposedly made in 421 A.D. Yet, Northeastern North Americans never had cement until centuries later. Error in PGP.



GOLD PLATES: Joseph Smith (History) 2:50-54, 59 speak of a book (B.O.M.) engraved on gold plates made before 421 A.D. in North America.

There is no evidence **whatever** that North America ever had a developed system of writing, or had books, or used gold sheets in such a way.

Inhabitants of North America had no means of making thin sheets of gold.

They did not make books. Their “writing” was simple pictographs with an extremely simple vocabulary. Error in PGP.

“Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.” John 8:12

ZOOLOGICAL PROBLEMS

Instead of ever criticizing Mormon people, let us gently but firmly as possible seek to rescue them from such errors as these:

SNAKE INTELLIGENCE: PGP--Moses 4:5-11 implies an unrealistically high intelligence for snakes. Verse 6 distorts the Bible when it says “Satan put it into the heart of the serpent, (for he had drawn away many after him)...”. In the Bible it is not a mere snake, but Satan himself who assumed the form of a snake, who tempts Eve. We know this because Genesis 3:1 says “Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field...”. (Moses 4:5 does not notice the significance.) Genesis does not say that the snake was more subtle than any **OTHER** beast of the field. Satan is not a beast of the field, but a fallen archangel.

Mere snakes have neither the brain capacity nor the vocal mechanism for speech.

EAGLES: Joseph Smith (Matthew) 1:27 quotes the KJV translation of Matthew 24:28 thus: “wheresoever the carcass is, there will the **eagles** be gathered...”. It should be obvious to anyone at all familiar with bird behavior that the KJV should **definitely** be correctly translated “**vultures**” as they, almost **never eagles**, gather or flock around dead bodies. Why did Joseph Smith not perceive this? Is he not a true prophet? **Why did he not correct this in his own translation of the Bible?**

ANIMAL SOULS: PGP--Moses 3:19 records that “...the Lord God, formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air;... they were also living souls...”. The idea that animals have souls is never taught by the Bible, B.O.M., D&C, or Early Church Fathers, and is rejected by Christians in general.



Simon Southerton, Ph.D. (Mormon) is one of many highly qualified Molecular Biologists who correctly reject the claims that plants and animals have souls.

WORLDWIDE FAMINE: Joseph Smith (History) 2:33-45 (especially v. 45) tells of “great judgments which were coming upon the earth, with great desolations by famine, sword, and pestilence; and that these grievous judgments would come on the earth in **THIS** generation.” 2:1 indicates that this was written in 1838 regarding the vision that had occurred some time earlier.

But **agricultural animals** have always faced famines and pestilences, and there have **never** been **worldwide** famines or animal pestilences in that generation or at any other time. Error in PGP.

SHEEP: See B.O.M. page 56
(True Biblical Prophets make ZERO spiritual errors.)

“Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.”
Exodus 20:4

THE ARTICLES OF FAITH (MOSES 1:3) -- APOSTLES

NUMBER 6: We believe in the same organization that existed in the Primitive Church, namely, apostles, prophets, ...” But, the Bible says --

Acts 1 in the Bible is very clear and specific about the only way that the true Apostles are chosen:

- A. They necessarily accompanied Jesus and His other Apostles (Acts 1:21).
- B. Must be a witness of Jesus’ resurrection (Acts 1:22).
- C. Must have been with Jesus ever since the baptism of John the Baptist (1:22).
- D. Must have been specifically chosen by God (Acts 1:23-24).

The original 12 apostles (including Matthias minus Judas) are specifically Apostles to the Jews. Paul was very different in that he clearly declared in Romans 11:13, etc. that he was the primary Apostle to the Gentiles, not an Apostle of the twelve to the Jews.

In addition to all of the above, the 12 Apostles to the Jews as well as **Paul the Apostle to the Gentiles** were to meet the following requirements:

- A. II Corinthians 12:12 insists “truly the signs of an apostle were accomplished among you with all perseverance, in signs and wonders and mighty deeds”.
- B. Galatians 1:1 declares that Biblical Apostles were not appointed by “men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father”.
- C. I Timothy 2:7 states that a true Apostle is “a preacher of the Gospel”.
- D. II Timothy 1:11 declares that an Apostle is “according to the promise of life (not by man or religious leaders) which is in Christ Jesus”.
- E. Titus 1:1 requires that an Apostle is characterized by “truth which is according to godliness”, unlike many modern false so called apostles that cheat, fornicate, use vile language, teach anti-Biblical doctrines, etc.
- F. I Corinthians 9:1 – Paul emphasizes the confirming requirements for being a true Apostle: “am I not an Apostle... have not I seen our Lord? are you not my work in the Lord”.

Does the Bible approve of “modern day Apostles” according to the requirements listed above?

“Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. Abstain from all appearance of evil.”
1 Thessalonians 5:21-22

JOHN 3:16 -- "THE GOLDEN TEXT OF THE BIBLE"

***** **Be sure to read this section entirely** *****

Even though you are very familiar with it, please turn with me to the Golden Text of the Bible, JOHN 3:16.

You can go to Heaven without being able to understand the difficult passages of the Bible that Bible scholars have struggled over for centuries. The really vital beliefs about the spiritual life are easy to understand. God's plan of salvation, as explained in John 3:16, is so clear that even a child, or a retarded person, or a poorly educated person, can understand it. It is so simple that there is no excuse for missing the joys of Heaven.

John 3:16 is a remarkable passage. On the one hand while it is so simple that even a child can understand its vital truths, on the other hand it is so deep as to challenge the brains of the best Bible scholars in the world.

If you were to take a survey of Americans and ask them what is the most familiar passage in the whole Bible, you would get such answers as the 23rd Psalm, the Beatitudes, 1st Corinthians 13, and JOHN 3:16.

If you were to ask Bible believing Christians what verse in the Bible summarizes the gist of the whole Bible better than any other verse, nearly 100% would say JOHN 3:16.

If a person were to ask you how to get to Heaven~ and if you had time to quote only one verse, it would probably be JOHN 3:16.

Every one of us should have a memory project of constantly memorizing new Scriptures. Every month we all really ought to add at least another verse or message to memory and, one of the first, should be JOHN 3:16.

If you were to ask a conservative Bible scholar what is the greatest truth in all of Scripture he/she would probably answer, JOHN 3:16. If someone were to ask what passage expresses most eloquently the nature of God, some might suggest I Corinthians 13, or John 14, but the best answer is JOHN 3:16.

Now, let us read or quote OUT LOUD, JOHN 3:16 together thoughtfully:

**“For God so loved the world that He
gave His only begotten Son,
that whosoever believeth in Him
should not perish, but
have everlasting life”**

May God the Holy Spirit add richly His blessings to this great portion of His Holy Word. There are four basic thoughts here:

- ‘For God so loved the world’ is God’s Love declared.
- “That He gave his only begotten Son” is God’s love manifested or shown.
- “That whosoever believeth in Him” is God’s love received.
- And, “Should not perish, but have everlasting Life’ is the result of our receiving God’s Love.

Let’s now look at each clause in this majestic Golden Text of the Bible one at a time.

The first clause is: “FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD...”. This is God’s Love declared. We could have several sermons just on this clause alone. We are reminded of I John 4:10, “Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the Propitiation (mercy) for our sins”.

There is no reason given for His wonderful Love. We did not earn it. We did not deserve it. God does not love us because we are good looking, or because we are so kind, or because we are friendly, or because we are so thoughtful, or because we love Him, or because we go to church.

The amazing thing is that He loves us in spite of our evil thoughts, our rebelliousness, exaggerations, lying, pride, lust, selfishness, temper, grudges, jealousy, neglecting Him, prayerlessness, and whatever.

Some people use God’s Holy Name very lightly. When I hear someone say something like “My God!”, “Good Lord!”, “Oh Lordy!”, “Lordy Mercy!”, or some other curse word involving a Name of our Holy God, it is like a knife in my side.

But, “God so loved the world” in spite of all its evils. Think for a moment about the World that this Holy God loves:

- While handguns are used in 50% of murders, 85% of all murderers were drunk.
- There is a movement to ban guns, but not alcohol.
- Teenagers constitute 18% of sexually promiscuous women, but produce 46% of illegitimate births.

YET, “GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD”

- There were 9 million abortions in America between 1974 and 1982, and the number has increased.
- Only 4% of British people attend church of any kind.
- Most Americans spend more money on chewing gum than on church.

YET, “GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD”

- Most Americans spend more time watching television in one day than they do going to prayer meetings in a year.
- American children know more about Santa Claus, the Easter Bunny, and rock music stars than they do about the Birth and Resurrection of Jesus.

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- Over 50% of American marriages are in serious trouble, and many of the others are threatened.
- Americans care more about the astrological sign they were born under than whether they were born under the sign of the cross.

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- Allah of the Muslim religion is supposedly a God of Justice and Mercy. Love is not mentioned as one of His attributes. Buddhism, Hinduism, and all other pagan religions and cults fail to depict their God as infinitely Loving as does the BIBLE. Isn’t the BIBLE wonderful!! Isn’t GOD wonderful!!!

His loving, yearning, pleading, merciful nature literally thunders out from JOHN 3:16. Can’t you see God’s tears of Love in this verse?

I have witnessed to a number of people who told me that they don't deserve Heaven. But, JOHN 3:16 does not say that you are going to Heaven because you deserve it! Salvation is a gift. No one deserves salvation.

Every time I read the Bible, I am more and more impressed with the fact that God is reluctant to punish. He avoids it at all costs. From Genesis through the Prophets to Revelation, we read over and over how God loves us deeply.

Who is included as objects of God's love? Russians, Chinese, Germans, Irish, Africans, Mexicans, Cubans, Jews, and Gypsies!! Do we love all of these people enough to pray for them and to seek their salvation? Do we pray for the spread of the Gospel in the former Soviet Union and in Moslem countries?

The next time that Satan tries to convince you that you are worthless, remember the Golden Text of the Bible. Remember that if you are saved, that you are definitely NOT worthless. If you are going to Heaven, you are actually "Your Excellency, the Son or Daughter of the King of the Universe"!!

The second clause is "That He Gave His Only Begotten Son." This is God's love shown or made known. Notice the two personal pronouns: "He" and "His"-- "That HE gave HIS only begotten Son."

God is a Person -- a Person Who can react, love, communicate, feel and do things. So many people that we meet every day actually act like Deists. Deists are people who think that God is impersonal, that He doesn't care about the affairs of people. What an awful tragedy!!!

Notice the expression, "ONLY BEGOTTEN SON." Some of our liberal friends and many false cults, teach that we are all just as much Sons and Daughters of God as Jesus is. What blasphemy!!

Jesus is God's only begotten SON, but we believers are all His adopted Sons and Daughters.

The verb, "gave", is all important. Could you get to Heaven if you had never been baptized? What if you never took communion? What does the Bible say?

Our Golden Text says nothing about baptism, communion, church membership, or any good works as being important for salvation. Salvation is a GIFT from God. We do not earn it. We should do these things anyway to honor God.

We Christians are not Christians because of baptism, communion, church membership, generosity, or any other good deed. We are His because He created us, He bought us on the Cross and gave us Salvation, and we merely surrendered our will to Him.

The third clause is: "THAT WHOSOEVER BELIEVETH IN HIM". This is God's love received. This is a universal offer. It is offered to all men, women, children of all nationalities, rich, poor, wise, and otherwise. Notice that it does not say "whosoever is an American, goes to church, was baptized, gives a tithe, has a father who was a minister, has a mother who prayed, or was confirmed". It is simply, "THAT WHOSOEVER BELIEVETH IN HIM".

When I was in high school, I tried to witness to another boy. I showed him John 3:16, and asked him if he would like to know that he would be going to Heaven. He had a block against yielding his life to Christ. He kept saying that no one can know that he is Heaven bound as his name is not in the Bible. But, there are many ungodly people whose names are in the Bible. HOW TRAGICALLY CHILDISH!! For example, one of the most Godly people in the Bible was named John, but just because someone has the name "John" does not mean that he is Godly also.

“Whosoever” means exactly that ---- WHOSOEVER, anyone at all. Many people may have your same name. If the Bible said, “Thomas Key is saved”, how would I know which Thomas Key was meant? I have met seven “Thomas Keys”.

It would discourage evangelism and enthusiasm and Christian works if our names were available to be seen.

However, you can substitute your name in place of the “Whosoever”. In fact, let’s read JOHN 3:16 out loud together right now, and place your own name where “whosoever” occurs. All together: **“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that _____ believeth on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”** The next time you witness to someone, you might try that with them.

One real tragedy today is that 80% of all believers in the conservative Gospel today speak English!! We need to emphasize Biblical foreign missions much, much more.

Unfortunately, some people have slipped into what we call the error of “easy believism”. Some people think that all you need to do is to “believe in Jesus, and you will be go to Heaven.” For their “altar call” some evangelists urge people to “come to Jesus.” Some people think that all you need to do is to believe that Jesus died on the Cross for your sins, and you will go to Heaven. You can go out and live for the world, the flesh and the devil, but you will still go to Heaven, according to them.

But, James 2:19 warns us, “...the demons also believe, and tremble.”

Let’s not be guilty of misusing JOHN 3:16 to try to prove the error of “easy believism.”

Belief in the historical fact of Jesus’s death on the cross is not good enough by itself. It must be applied! Belief must make a life changing difference in order to make an eternal difference. II Corinthians 5:17 says:

“Therefore if any person be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away: behold, all things are become new.”

Yes, it is important to “come to Jesus.” But we are not to bring our continuous wicked ways with us. We are to lay them at the Cross, and seek forgiveness and victory over them.

The fourth clause is : “SHOULD NOT PERISH.” This and the last clause are the results of receiving God’s Love. I am sure that you have asked many people, as I have, the question “Do you **know** for sure that you are going to Heaven?” Often they will answer, “I hope so”, “maybe so” or “I guess so”.

I don’t want a “Hope so salvation”. I want a “KNOW SO SALVATION”. Don’t you?

The clause, “should not perish” is emphatic, definite, specific, and clear. It does not say “might not perish” or “hopefully will not perish”.

Do you want to know something really great? You can be Heaven-bound and **know** it!! Do you know it?? Do you have some hidden fears about where you will be one minute after death? **YOU** can be positive about going to Heaven if you want to be.

Some people believe that God is too good to have a Hell. Strange as it might seem, God is too good not to have a Hell.

First of all, if you or your daughter, wife, or mother had been raped, or if your total life savings had been burglarized, or if you had been brutally beaten or persistently picked on by someone, would you consider Heaven all that great if you had to live next door to such criminals for eternity in Heaven, if they had never been converted? A good God would never want His children to put up with devilish people in Heaven.

Then, it would be infinitely cruel to force someone to live in Heaven for all endless Eternity if he or she can't stand to be in church or prayer meetings for a couple of hours a week.

Heaven would be one big eternal smashing torment to anyone who can't stand Christians, Jesus, hymns, church, Sunday school, and prayer meetings.

If one hour of church is boring to someone, all eternity in Heaven would be like Hell to him or her. My friend, if that is the way you feel about Sunday school, church, and prayer meetings, my friend I can assure you that in eternity that you will not be bothered by such worries.

How about you? Do you look forward eagerly to church, Sunday school and prayer meetings? Then would you be happy in Heaven? Well, the other place won't be all that great either!

Evangelist Billy Sunday once said that "Some people don't believe in Hell, and they think that their opinion blows out its fires and slams its doors!"

"SHOULD NOT PERISH," How great! No more death! No more separation from God and from our loved ones!

The last clause in JOHN 3:16 is: "BUT HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE". Here is another definite, specific, emphatic and clear statement. What words of pure, solid comfort!

I had a Philosophy professor one time who told our class. "Heaven doesn't interest me. I am not interested in sitting on the corner of a cloud plunking on a harp all day for all eternity. I'm not even musical." This silly notion my professor had is not a Biblical concept. There are also many other false ideas people have about Heaven. The Bible is not very specific about the details of what we will be doing, but it assures us that Heaven will be delightful for all of those who put their trust in Calvary.

How long is "everlasting life"? Well, if a sea gull at 6:00 A.M., January 1, started carrying one sand grain at a time from all of the shores of Europe, Africa, and Asia to the Americas until all the sand were gone, it would not even be 6:01 A.M., in eternity before the job was finished.

I love that expression, "but have everlasting life". You can have everlasting life even if you don't:

- Have much of this world's goods.
- Have good family relationships.
- Have a nice home or nice car.
- Have a good education.
- Have a youthful vigor.
- Have good health.
- Have job security.

Yet you can have the everlasting life God promises, a wonderful life free from taxes, bills, pain, guilt over the past, fears for the future, sorrow, loneliness, sickness, injury, suffering, crime, and other things that bother us here on Earth.

‘EVERLASTING LIFE’ implies that we will experience the wonderful presence of the Lord forever!

Without any doubt JOHN 3:16 is the greatest verse in all of Scripture. In fact, every word is great. Let us summarize its truths like this:

- **“For God”** this is the greatest person.
- **“So”** the greatest degree or extent.
- **“Loved”** the greatest act.
- **“The World”** the greatest company.
- **“That He gave”** the greatest proof.
- **“His only begotten Son”** the greatest gift.
- **“That whosoever”** the greatest invitation.
- **“Believeth”** the greatest simplicity.
- **“In Him”** the greatest attraction.
- **“Should not perish”** the greatest promise.
- **“But”** the greatest difference.
- **“Have”** the greatest assurance.
- **“Everlasting”** the greatest duration.
- **“Life”** the greatest possession.

Now you can see why JOHN 3:16 is called the Greatest verse and the Golden Text in the Bible.

The verse has three divisions:

- 1) **“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son.”** This is God’s part in Salvation. This part comes first. It is the infinite price He paid on Calvary for you and for me.
- 2) **“That whosoever believeth in Him.”** This is your and my part in salvation. It comes second. God had done His part. Have we done ours? Our part is to confess our wickedness to Him, and to put our belief or trust completely in Calvary for our Salvation. Have you ever done this?
- 3) **“Should not perish but have everlasting life.”** This is the third part. This is the result when we accept God’s free gift of Salvation.

My friend, let me ask you: Do you have this everlasting life? Do you **know** that you have it? You can have it and know it if first of all you realize that you are a rebellious sinner, and do not deserve to go to Heaven. Then, secondly, if you put your trust in the Cross of Christ for your life changing salvation. And, you can know, on the basis of JOHN 3:16 that you have everlasting life.

CONCLUSION TO PEARL OF GREAT PRICE (PGP)

I have deep respect for my Mormon friends and for their strong attachment to the Pearl of Great Price (PGP), their third unique Scripture. A deep study of the three unique Scriptures accepted by LDS will clearly reveal that the Latter-day Saints (Mormons) base none of their unique doctrines on the Bible or on the Book of Mormon.

All of their unique doctrines come from their last two Scriptures, Doctrine and Covenants (D&C) and Pearl of Great Price (PGP). It is highly dishonest for the LDS to give out copies of the Book of Mormon or the Bible, neither of which comes close to teaching their real doctrines.

I can assure you that PGP would be vastly more acceptable to Christians if all of its numerous false prophecies; contradictions with D&C, B.O.M., and the Bible; inappropriate Bible quotations; and PGP's many impractical statements were removed.

Proverbs 4:4. "Let thine heart retain my words: keep my commandments, and live.

5. Get wisdom, get understanding: forget it not; neither decline from the words of my mouth.

6. Forsake her not, and she shall preserve thee: love her, and she shall keep thee.

7. Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.

8. Exalt her, and she shall promote thee: she shall bring thee to honour, when thou dost embrace her.

9. She shall give to thine head an ornament of grace: a crown of glory shall she deliver to thee."

MORMON SCRIPTURES SAY THIS ABOUT ETERNAL LIFE

NOTE: **Nothing** is said in the Book of Mormon about Jesus suffering in the Garden of Gethsemane for our suffering or about our needing to be "worthy" of salvation. Alma 34:33-35 states emphatically that there is no chance of salvation after death. "...This is the plan of salvation unto all men through the **blood of mine only begotten...**" P.G.P. -- Moses 6:62 "...Salvation was, and is, and is to come, in and **through the atoning blood of Christ...**" Mosiah 3:18

1. OUR URGENT NEED FOR CLEANSING FROM SIN: "For whoso cometh not unto me [Jesus] is under the bondage of sin." D & C 84:51. See also D & C 1:33; 38:11; 72:6; 82:2; 84:49-53; Alma 13:27
2. BAPTISM AND GOOD WORKS [DEEDS OR RITUALS] ARE UTTERLY USELESS FOR HELPING US TO HEAVEN: "...although a man should be baptized a hundred times it availeth him nothing...neither by your dead works." D & C 22:2. See also Ether 4:18; 3 Nephi 18:11-13; Moses 6:59-62 ["...by the **blood** ye are sanctified..."].
3. FAILURE TO REPENT RESULTS IN ETERNAL HELL: See Jacob 3:11; Mosiah 3:18; Alma 13:29-30; D & C 104:18; 121:23; Moses 5:15
4. IN ORDER TO GO TO HEAVEN, WE MUST REPENT AND RECEIVE [TRUST IN] JESUS CHRIST AND HIS CRUCIFIXION: "I am Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who was **crucified for the sins of the world, even as many as believe on my name**, that they may become the sons of God..." D & C 35:2 "...there is no other way...whereby man can be **saved only through the atoning blood of Jesus Christ...**" Helaman 5:9
 - "...Jesus was crucified...for the sins of the world..." D & C 21:9
 - "...the great Creator... suffereth himself to become **subject** unto man in the **flesh, and die for all men...!**" 2 Nephi 9:5
 - "And I, Nephi, saw that he was lifted up **upon the cross and slain for the sins of the world.**" 1 Nephi 11:33

See also D & C 46:13; 76:41-42; 27:2; 53:2; 3 Nephi 27:19; Alma 21:9; Mosiah 4:7-8; 16:13; Moses 5:15; Helaman 14:13 18; Moroni 7:41; etc.

WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT ETERNAL LIFE

Please consider prayerfully what the Bible says:

1. WE ARE ALL REBELLIOUS SINNERS WHO CANNOT SAVE OURSELVES BY GOOD DEEDS, RELIGIOUS RITUALS, OR WORTHINESS:
 - “...All our righteousnesses are as filthy rags...” Isaiah 64:6
 - “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.” Romans 3:23
 - “To will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not”. Romans 7:18
 - “For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” Romans 6:23
 - “Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us...” Titus 3:5

NOTE: Even though the thief on the cross could not be baptized, join the church, or do good deeds or religious rituals, Luke 23:43 notes Jesus as saying “Today shalt thou be with Me in paradise.” John 4:2 says “Jesus Himself baptized no one.” Does that mean that He saved no one?

2. WE ARE SAVED BY GRACE [UNDESERVED FAVOR OF GOD] THROUGH LIFE-CHANGING FAITH ALONE: “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should *not* perish, but have everlasting life.” John 3:16
 - “Believe [completely trust] on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved”. Acts 16:31
 - “...The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from **all** sin.” I John 1:7
 - If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” I John 1:9
 - “Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us...” Titus 3:5
 - “and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Saviour.” Luke 1:47
 - “For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.” Luke 19:10
 - “Verily, verily I say unto you, he that believeth on Me hath everlasting life.” John 6:47
 - “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God. Not of works lest anyone should boast.” Ephesians 2:8, 9
 - “That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.” Romans 10:9

NOTE: Have you followed the Bible’s plan of salvation? **We must lay our sins at the cross of Christ!** Be specific about your sins and guilt. Feed on the Bible daily for spiritual growth and live an attitude of praying without ceasing for your spiritual growth.

WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT SALVATION

By: James G. McCarthy (What You Need to Know)

1. God forbids the worship of any object, even those intended to represent Him (Exodus 20:4,5; Isaiah 42:8).
2. Christ has ordained every believer to a holy and royal priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices, the praise of their lips, and lives yielded to God (1 Peter 2:5-10; Hebrews 15:13; Romans 12:1).
3. The sacrifice of the Cross is an historical event. It occurred once approximately 2,000 years ago, outside of Jerusalem (Mark 15:21-41).
4. The sacrifice of the Cross is finished (John 19:30).
5. Jesus cannot be made present in His death and victimhood, for He has risen and is alive for evermore (Revelation 1:17, 18; Romans 6:9,10).
6. Christ presented the sacrifice of Himself to the Father “once at the consummation of the ages” (Hebrews 9:24-28).
7. Without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins (Leviticus 17:11; Hebrews 9:22).
8. The one-for-all sacrifice of the Cross fully appeased God’s wrath against sin (Hebrews 10:12-18).
9. Believers receive the benefits of the Cross in fullest measure in Christ through faith (Ephesians 1:3-14).
10. The sacrificial work of redemption was finished when Christ gave His life for us on the Cross (Ephesians 1:7; Hebrews 1:3).
11. The Church is to proclaim the Lord’s death for the salvation of the world (1 Corinthians 11:26).
12. Christ alone is the Redeemer, for He alone suffered and died for sin (1 Peter 1:18,19).
13. Christ Jesus is the one Mediator to Whom we can entrust all our cares and petitions (1 Timothy 2:5; John 14:13,14; 1 Peter 5:7).
14. We should entrust ourselves to the Lord Jesus, surrendering the hour of our death wholly to His care (Romans 10:13; Acts 4:12).
15. The Name of the Lord is to be praised, for He alone is exalted above Heaven and Earth (Psalm 148:13). God commands, “you shall have no other gods before Me” (Exodus 20:3).

AUTHOR’S TESTIMONY

I bear you my testimony that there is no one true church, that the **Biblical** prophets and apostles are the only true prophets and apostles, and that the Bible is the only true Scripture.

I know from the Bible and from the Holy Spirit’s confirming to me that it is not our worthiness that cleanses us, but that we can be cleansed from guilt in the past, defeat in the present, and fears for the future by:

1. **Professing** Jesus Christ’s death on the Cross for our sins and guilt.
2. **Possessing** Him in our daily lives by feeding deeply on the Bible and living for Him.

My Mormon friend, if the Book of Mormon, Doctrine and Covenants, and Pearl of Great Price are right and the Bible is wrong, Mormon teachings are that I will still go to a lower level of Heaven. But if the Bible is right and the three unique Mormon Scriptures are wrong, my Mormon friends will suffer everlasting and terrible loss. Please, please do realize that there is an eternal and awful Hell to shun and an eternal blessed delightful Heaven to gain through yielding our guilt to the Cross of Jesus Christ.

This is my testimony in the name of Jesus Christ, my own personal Saviour and Lord. Praise His Holy Name! Amen.

WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT FALSE PROPHETS

Throughout the Book of Mormon, Doctrine and Covenants, and Pearl of Great Price, Joseph Smith has presented numerous prophesies. **None** of these prophesies have ever been truthful. Below is what the Bible has to say about false prophets even with one error.

Deuteronomy 18 ²⁰ But the prophet, which shall presume to speak a word in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the name of other gods, **even that prophet shall die**. ²¹ And if thou say in thine heart, How shall we know the word which the LORD hath not spoken? ²² When a prophet speaketh in the name of the LORD, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD hath not spoken, but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him.

Deuteronomy 13 ⁸ Thou shalt not consent unto him, nor hearken unto him; neither shall thine eye pity him, neither shalt thou spare, neither shalt thou conceal him: ⁹ But thou shalt **surely kill him**; thine hand shall be first upon him to put him to death, and afterwards the hand of all the people. ¹⁰ And thou shalt stone him with stones, that he die; because he hath sought to thrust thee away from the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.

WHAT IS THE SOLUTION TO THESE SERIOUS PROBLEMS

We fully understand how faithful Mormons are honestly concerned when faced with the numerous and overwhelming errors found in Pearl of Great Price and other unique Mormon Scriptures. But, never give up on all religion just because some are proven erroneous.

The TRUE JESUS of the Bible loves and cares for us infinitely. The gospel of John and the writings of Paul confirm that Jesus died on the Cross to pay for our guilt. We are totally forgiven and welcomed into Heaven by the grace of Jesus Christ. Be sure to attend a Christ centered Bible based church.

Titus 3:5 – “Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us.”

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