

Book Review - Answers to Gospel Questions - Volume 1

"No one is better qualified to answer gospel questions than President Smith ... Answers to Gospel Questions ... deserves wide reading by all members of the Church who wish to receive final answers to their questions" (cover, volume 1).

Here are some highlights and critique.

Introduction

xi - Peter and his associates of the Twelve [I don't recall 13 Apostles or 15 like in the LDS Church]. We have been told that there is to be no more vision [who invented this lie? The Lord has been revealing his truth to millions ever since the Apostles died]. People stumbled in the dark with diverse interpretations on the written word [there is diverse interpretations even amongst Mormons].

xii - we must test the Bible as well as the Vedas [interesting how there is no mandate to test the Mormon scriptures]. If we find in our Bible anything of cosmogony, or history, or morals that does not approve itself to our reason, we must reject it. Reason prefers our school text-book to our Bible on matters of geology and astronomy [I wonder what biblical cosmology, history, or morality the Mormons reject. See comparing the Bible and the Book of Mormon].

xvi - Lehi landed on this American continent.

2 - Jesus led Israel from Egypt. Reference to three as one God must be interpreted to mean that they constitute one Godhead.

5 - Adam was Michael. The Holy One is without beginning of days or end of life [the Mormon Heavenly Father had a beginning as God].

5-6 - this Holy One is Jesus.

6 - we all lived in the spirit existence before we came into this world. We inherited mortality through the fall of Adam. The fall was essential for procreation. Adam and Eve rejoiced when they found out.

7 - doctrine of pre-existence. Man was begotten and born of heavenly parents.

- 9 - the doctrine of reincarnation is a doctrine of the devil (Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith, p. 105).
- 11 - the Lord called himself "Son Ahman" (D&C 78:20; 95:17).
- 15-16 - Adam learned his language in the Garden of Eden [interesting. I thought Adam already could speak with God and did not have to be taught. I wonder if Adam had to teach Eve how to talk too].
- 17 - Jesus led Israel out of Egypt (1 Nephi 19:10). Nephi was a Hebrew and the son of a prophet of the same race [Nephi was of the tribe of Manasseh].
- 18 - Jesus is the God of Israel and the whole earth (3 Nephi 11:10,14).
- 19 - Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery had a vision of Jesus in the Kirtland Temple on April 3 1836 (D&C 110:2-4).
- 20 - when Joseph Smith went out to the grove to pray, he had no idea that the Father and Son were separate personages [why not? This is what the Bible teaches].
- 21 - the true nature of God had been lost [Joseph Smith that Heavenly Father was once a man who became God]. If the story of Joseph Smith was an imaginary story of his mind, he never would have said that the Father and Son appeared to him, and that they were glorious Personages beyond mortal description [this is not correct logic. In most cases, one's dreams are much more vivid and spectacular than what could be described in reality. Also, one can dream about things that have never been pondered before].
- 23 - the devil cannot come in the sign of the dove [but he can appear as an angel of light]. The Holy Ghost is a personage [Lectures on Faith said there are are only two Personages in the Godhead]. The dove is a token of truth and innocence.
- 26 - the Church is the New Jerusalem.
- 27 - good and bad spirits were in spirit prison at Christ's death because they were not liberated yet.
- 28 - the message of Christ (1 Peter 4:6) was first to all those who were worthy of the celestial resurrection and secondly those who were entitled to come forth in the terrestrial kingdom. This second group is the second trump.
- 29 - the rest of the dead, where Christ did not go, are the telestials.

- 30 - spirit children of the Eternal Father. It was necessary, in the course of our progression, to obtain mortal bodies.
- 31 - we kept God's commandments when we were spirits living in his presence. Become worthy to return to our Father to dwell in his presence, and become his eternal sons and daughters. Adam and Eve were placed into the Garden of Eden [Eve was created in the Garden, Adam out of the Garden]. No children were possible before the fall. All inherited death from our first parents.
- 31-32 - this transgression of Adam and Eve placed all of us subject to Satan's power after death.
- 32 - by shedding of his blood on the cross he could redeem us and get the power of the resurrection [today's Mormons have added the bleeding of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane].
- 33 - Jesus had no father of the flesh, that is who was mortal and subject to death [interesting way how the LDS defines 'flesh']. Our Eternal Father to whom we pray is the Father of the body of Jesus Christ [an LDS teaching manual calls this a Celestial Sireship]. Jesus had power to lay down his life because he was the mortal son of Mary.
- 34 - we became redeemed through the shedding of the blood of Jesus [no mention of Gethsemane].
- 35 - all who died before the Savior's coming were to come forth at the time of the Savior's resurrection, both the wicked as well as the righteous.
- 37 - only the saints were raised after Christ's resurrection.
- 45 - it can hardly be accepted as a fact that his wounds have remained all these centuries but they will appear as a witness in the future [I wonder if Joseph Smith saw these wounds in his supposed vision. I do not see them in pictures published by the church of this vision].
- 47 - in October 1840, the Prophet wrote an epistle to the Twelve who were in Great Britain [there are 15 Apostles in the LDS Church].
- 47-48 - only through baptism could either the living or the dead obtain salvation in the celestial kingdom.
- 48 - Need for a recorder making a complete record. Baptism is both by water and by confirmation.

49 - Adam and Noah appeared to Daniel as Michael and Gabriel. The appearance of Moses and Elias on the Mount of Transfiguration [people confuse Elias with Elijah].

50 - on April 3 1836, Elijah came to Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery in the Kirtland Temple.

51 - the ordinance of baptism (for the dead) is not more clearly revealed in the Old Testament because in the repeated copying of the ancient records and their repeated translations, scribes and translators took from the record the plain and precious parts because they were contrary to their beliefs or comprehension [this is a false statement in my opinion. The Jewish scribes were meticulous in the way the Old and New Testament were put together. This was God's work and not man's. Besides, I am sure they could not comprehend the city of New Jerusalem being a square of 12,000 furlongs on each side. Actually, there is much I don't comprehend in the Book of Revelation. But the scribes still left those parts in. When you really examine the LDS stance on it, it is illogical. Also, they do not make the same claim about any part in the Book of Mormon. How convenient].

The evidence of the font in the temple of Solomon is a mute witness that baptisms must have been practiced in it; these are spoken of as washings [Yes. Washings but not baptisms. The priests used the font to wash themselves after/before sacrificing the animals. They did not go into the bloody water with white gowns to immerse themselves. The Latter-day Saints still do not understand this].

53 - children are redeemed from the fall before they are born so they are innocent.

54 - there is no sin laid to their (newborn baby's) charge.

57 - Catholic Church and infant baptism.

58 - Catholics cannot say that infants who die before baptism can obtain the remission of original sin [i.e. the first sin. Some Latter-day Saints are not able to identify what the first sin was].

59 - damnable heresies destroyed the church. The spirit of every child born into the world was mature in the pre-existence. There, we obeyed the laws of God [since Latter-day Saints teach they have agency in the pre-existence, who tempted them to disobey God? And what was the punishment?] Following the resurrection, the infant body will grow to the full stature of its spirit. Children before the age of accountability are not capable of committing sin.

60 - the spirits of children are immortal. Full stature of their spirits.

- 60-61 - the spirit of a deceased son will appear in a vision with the body of a full-grown man.
- 61 - Bishop Hunter was visited by his son who died in infancy. Children were full-grown before coming into this world. There is growth in the resurrection. [that might explain why Jesus and Heavenly Father appeared to Joseph Smith with white hair and beards].
- 64 - those who fight against the authorized servants of Jesus Christ also fight against him and thus are guilty of his blood.
- 65 - the new and everlasting covenant is the fulness of the gospel [the new and everlasting covenant is not found in the Book of Mormon despite some writing that it contains the fulness of the gospel. Many LDS teachings and practices are missing from it].
- 67 - marriage for eternity is not 'the' new and everlasting covenant but 'an' everlasting covenant embraced in 'the' new and everlasting covenant which covers all things.
- 68-69 - the shedding of innocent blood is spoken of in the scriptures as consenting to the death of Jesus Christ and putting him to open shame. Fighting with wicked hate against his authorized servants is the same.
- 69 - the Holy Spirit reveals the truth with a positiveness, far more impressive than a vision given to the eye.
- 70 - the testimony of the Spirit is far more impressive and lasting than a vision given to the eye.
- 71-72 - some, after being redeemed, will go to the telestial kingdom. They will suffer the wrath of God (D&C 76:98-107) which will continue through the millennium and to the end of the earth when they will receive the resurrection.
- 72 - redemption does not mean that they are to receive eternal life in the celestial kingdom.
- 72-73 - if you don't endure to the end you are hewn down and cast into the fire, no more to return (3 Nephi 27:17-19). No unclean thing can enter into his kingdom [it appears that the only people who endure to the end are those who inherit eternal life. This was written in the Mormon scriptures. "And the righteous shall be gathered on my right hand unto eternal life; and the wicked on my left hand will I be ashamed to own before the Father. Wherefore I will say unto them – Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels" (D&C 29:27-28).

Thee wicked (those who don't become gods) are cursed with everlasting fire. "Therefore, I must gather together my people, according to the parable of the wheat and the tares, that the wheat may be secured in the garner to possess eternal life, and be crowned with celestial glory, when I shall come in the kingdom of my Father to reward every man according as his work shall be; While the tares shall be bound in bundles, and their bands made strong, that they may be burned with unquenchable fire" (D&C 101:65-66). The tares (those who don't inherit eternal life—who don't become gods) will be burned.

- 73 - no blessing is granted without faithfulness or sincere and humble repentance in the case of sin [in LDS theology, Adam and Eve were blessed with the gift of procreation in their transgression]. No unrepentant person who remains in his sins will ever enter into the glories of the celestial kingdom [this seems to imply that the terrestrial and telestials are unrepentant people since they will never enter the celestial glory].
- 74 - David was not resurrected with Christ.
- 76 - the wicked will receive some measure of salvation after they suffer the wrath of God. They will not be given ordinances which don't pertain to their kingdoms [which ordinances don't pertain to the telestial and terrestrial kingdoms? How does the LDS Church know who these people are when they perform the temple ordinances?]. The telestials and terrestrials receive banishment from the presence of the Father and Son, but not entirely do they get beyond the divine benediction [is this a term borrowed from Catholicism?].
- 77 - those who suffer spiritual death are those who don't repent, are not baptized in water for the remission of sins, and do not get the Holy Ghost by the laying on of hands.
- 78 - from the scriptures there will be a large number of the sons of perdition [in LDS theology, this number is made up of one-third of Heavenly Father's spirit children + all those other Mormons who reject their faith after obtaining a mortal body. Considering earth's population is about 7 billion, 2.333+ billion and counting so far make up these sons of perdition]. When you factor in Joseph Smith's teaching that there are other peopled earths, it is conceivable that more than 100 billion of Heavenly Father's spirit children will suffer spiritual death. This assumes only 50 other earths besides our planet Earth].
- 79 - after the visitation of the Lord, both Nephites and Lamanites lived in unity in the light of the gospel for nearly two hundred years. Three Nephite disciples remained until permitted by the Lord [some Mormons believe they still walk the earth today].

- 80 - those who never receive the Holy Ghost who enter the telestial or terrestrial kingdoms are not entirely shut own from the influence of God our Father [but earlier it seemed to say they suffer spiritual death because they do not receive the Holy Ghost through the laying on of hands]. The inhabitants of the telestial kingdom will be ministered to by those of the terrestrial kingdom.
- 81 - the inhabitants of the terrestrial kingdom will be blessed with ministrations from the celestial kingdom. They will be privileged with visitations from Jesus Christ but not from Heavenly Father. The telestials and terrestrials will be redeemed from the power of Satan after they have paid the penalty of their transgressions and have learned to be obedient to divine law [but earlier it was said they only receive ordinances pertaining to their own kingdoms, so they are not totally obedient to divine law because divine law encompasses all the ordinances].
- 82 - the majority in the religious world maintain that every child born into this world is tainted with "original sin", or partakes of Adam's transgression in his birth. The second article of faith contradicts this foolish and erroneous doctrine. This has nothing to do whatever with the latter part of the second commandment [Joseph Smith and others do not understand this teaching of original sin. In a nutshell, original sin is the first sin of Adam and Eve; their disobedience in the Garden of Eden. Associated with this is that every person born into the world suffers/inherits the consequence of physical death and spiritual separation from God. They are indirectly punished for the sin of the first parents. This is also taught in the Book of Mormon, in Alma chapter 42. Adam and Eve were directly punished with physical death. The rest of us suffer this punishment indirectly too. Physical death and procreation, taught by the LDS to be the result of disobedience, is not a blessing upon Adam and Eve and their posterity caused by original sin].
- 83 - the real meaning of this visiting of iniquity (Exodus 20:5) is that when a man transgresses he teaches his children to transgress, and they follow his teachings. It is natural for children to follow in the practices of their fathers and by doing so suffer for the parents' iniquity which they have voluntarily brought upon themselves [there is another meaning that Latter-day Saints have not considered. Here is an example. A father has a good job and his wife works at home. They plan to send his son to college to be a Mechanical or Electrical Engineer. Doing so would result in a good job. But before this dream is realized, the father is involved in alcohol and gambling. He loses his job, his home, and his wife divorces him. Needless to say, he has no money to send his son to college. So now, the son gets a job delivering pizza or working at a well-known coffee shop. And his dream of being an Engineer gets lost on the roadside because his income cannot send him to his college. This is another way how the iniquity of the father is visited on the son. I would disagree with this LDS teaching on another

point. This son would not necessarily want to follow his father by drinking alcohol and gambling because he too would bring suffering to those around him. In fact, it would even be a strong impetus to not follow in his father's footsteps].

85 - Joseph Smith went to purchase wine for the sacrament.

88 - unsure of the first time or place where the commandment on fasting was given.

93 - the fast day was changed from the first Thursday to the first Sunday.

93-94 - the time of fast meetings was gradually changed to an earlier hour in most of the stakes and wards of the Church, which probably has resulted in a loss of spirituality and of observance of the fast [why would the LDS Church do this without being instructed by God?].

96 - the church of Christ has his name in it (3 Nephi 27:5-8).

97 - Peter had the keys, or presiding authority upon the earth [Latter-day Saints do not understand that they keys were given to all the disciples. See Matthew 18:1,18]. If the Lord cannot speak, then he has no authorized servants upon the earth [but Joseph Smith taught that Apostle John would remain on earth until Christ returns and preach the gospel to people. See D&C 7:1-3].

Religious denominations relied entirely on the dead letter of the Bible for their authority [but if the LDS Church says this of the Bible, they must also say this about the Book of Mormon because they relied on it until the Pearl of Great Price and Doctrine and Covenants came. Also, the Doctrine and Covenants also seems to be a dead letter because nothing has been added to it since 1978].

The true church of Jesus Christ ceased to exist on the earth. There had been no prophet, no revelation, or divine instruction from the time of the apostles of old until the Lord again opened the heavens and sent holy messengers to restore that which had been taken away [but D&C 7:1-3 says about Apostle John, "thou shalt tarry until I come in my glory, and shalt prophesy before nations, kindreds, tongues and people". Here, according to Joseph Smith, we see a living prophet preaching the gospel until Christ returns].

98 - the rock refers to revelation, the Church, and to Jesus Christ.

104 - devote one-seventh of our time in religious study and reflection.

104-105 - it is true that small children wonder why they are not to play, go to picture shows, and engage in other amusement on the Sabbath day.

- 105 - radio and television are not turned on in the home on the Sabbath day, except it be to listen to religious sermons or other programs sponsored by the Church. We never go automobile riding on the Sabbath day except in the line of religious duty and appointment.
- 107 - Sabbath day requirements. No worldly amusements are allowed (Conference Report, October 1938, pp. 38-39; October 1935, p. 15).
- 108 - in the millennium, only those who have lived a telestial law will be taken away (removed).
- 109 - those who have kept the terrestrial or celestial law will remain.
- 111 - during the reign of Jesus Christ, eventually all people will embrace the truth.
- 112 - an LDS book titled "God Planted a Tree" says Ephraim and Manasseh took the place of Reuben and Simeon. The lesson book "Life in Ancient America" states Ephraim was substituted for Reuben as one of the tribes in Israel.
- 113 - when Israel came out of Egypt under the guidance of Moses, the Lord prepared to make of the twelve tribes a royal priesthood and honor them by choosing from among them faithful men to hold the Melchizedek Priesthood. The golden calf incident caused God to take Moses and the Melchizedek Priesthood from them and left them with another authority or priesthood [God took Moses away because he refused to obey God. He struck the rock instead of speaking to the rock for water. This had nothing to do with Aaron making the golden calf].
- 114- so the tribes of Israel lost the glorious privilege of holding and officiating in the Melchizedek Priesthood, and in his anger the Lord added to what he gave them, the carnal law, which continued with Israel until the resurrection of Jesus Christ when it was fulfilled (3 Nephi 15:3-6) [this part is not clear. Is the carnal law the sacrificial law? Was the carnal law given for anything that the Jews did or didn't do? Was the Aaronic Priesthood and its law of sacrifice given as a substitute for the Melchizedek Priesthood?].
- 116 - it was the intention of the Lord to organize men of all the tribes into a royal priesthood with gifts and privileges of the Melchizedek Priesthood.
- 116-117 - due to the rebellion, God took Moses out of their midst, and the Holy Priesthood also. The lesser priesthood continued.

117 - law of carnal commandments. If Israel had remained faithful they would have had all the blessings and privileges of the Melchizedek Priesthood, but instead they were confined to the scope of the blessings of the Aaronic Priesthood and also became subject to the Law of Moses. This condition continued until the resurrection of Jesus Christ when this carnal law was fulfilled and replaced by the fulness of the gospel [but the killing of the lamb and applying blood to the door-posts while the Jews were still in Egypt was a foreshadow of the law of sacrifice and the atonement of Christ. This law was going to happen with or without the rebellion and the making of the golden calf].

117-118 - only Elijah, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and Daniel were blessed with the Melchizedek Priesthood, but this priesthood was not given to others [did you notice an obvious omission if you believe this is what the Melchizedek Priesthood was? Elisha, who received a double portion of Elijah, is not listed. Also, the LDS do not seem to think that Abraham possessed this priesthood].

118 - the ministry of angels remained.

119 - the Levitical Priesthood continued in the church organized by Jesus and continued until the days when apostasy drove the Church into the wilderness [the 1997 version of Gospel Principles says the church was destroyed].

Evidently Isaac and Jacob paid tithes to some one appointed holding the Melchizedek Priesthood [there is no scriptural support for this. In fact, there is no mention of Abraham paying tithes a second time]. The Aaronic Priesthood was instituted when Israel was in the wilderness.

119-120 - the offices of the Aaronic Priesthood were not discarded in the Church in the day of the apostles.

120 - it is to be presumed that the higher priesthood will be held by all in the celestial kingdom when the earth is prepared for exaltation [what does exaltation mean? I wonder if this means even LDS women will hold the Melchizedek Priesthood?].

122 - the Nephite twelve were virtually apostles to the Nephite race. These were subject to the authority and jurisdiction of Peter and the twelve chosen in Palestine [but Jesus did not chose 13 apostles]. An apostle is a witness for Christ, or one who evangelizes a certain people or nation. It is reasonable to conclude Jesus chose others (perhaps 12) to perform like functions [but the LDS Church has 15 apostles today].

- 123 - the Lord intended to make of all tribes a royal priesthood, with authority of the Melchizedek Priesthood. The rebellion in the wilderness caused Moses and the Melchizedek Priesthood to be removed.
- 123-124 - Israel became subject to the Aaronic Priesthood and the "carnal law", which was added.
- 124 - no Levites among the Nephites. Lehi was a descendant of Manasseh. Ishmael, who went with Lehi, was of the tribe of Ephraim (Alma 10:3; Improvement Era, volume 8, p. 781; Journal of Discourses, vol. 23, p. 184). There were no Levites who accompanied Lehi to the western hemisphere.
- 124-125 - Nephi's two brothers held the Melchizedek Priesthood. They administered by the authority of the Melchizedek Priesthood (2 Nephi 6:2; Alma 13:1; Alma 43).
- 126 - through wickedness all priesthood ceased. An evangelist is a patriarch - the oldest man of the blood of Joseph or of the seed of Abraham.
- 129 - there is no requirement in the LDS Church that a deacon must be a matured man before he can take part in the ministry or hold the priesthood [this would explain how many young Mormons are deceived into believing false teachings. Possibly the largest is Joseph Smith's teaching that Heavenly Father was once a man who became God].
- Noah was only ten years old when he was given the priesthood (D&C 107:52). John was only eight days old when he was ordained by an angel (D&C 84:28).
- 132 - the Savior ordained his apostles and the seventy at the beginning of his ministry.
- 133 - carry the gospel to the Lamanites. The Lamanites on the western borders of Missouri (Joseph Fielding Smith, Essentials in Church History, p. 112) [today's Mormons seem uncertain about who these Lamanites were/are].
- 135-136 - Genesis 6:1-2 does not refer to sons of God as heavenly beings of whom came a superior race through procreation with daughters of men. Moses 8:13-16 says they were sinful men.
- 136 - universal flood. Condition is reversed - daughters of the sons of Noah had married the sons of men. The daughters were evidently born under the covenant.
- 136-137 - marrying out of the Church.

- 137 - foolish for LDS women to violate the commandment and marry the sons of men. Also, some sons of those who hold the priesthood are marrying the daughters of men [I wonder why no mention of those holding the priesthood marrying the daughters of men]. All this is contrary to the will of God.
- 138 - one definition of who a Gentile is is one who is not a Mormon.
- 140 - in this dispensation of the fulness of times, the gospel is first to the Gentiles and then is to go to the Jews.
- 140-141 - the LDS are the descendants of those members of the House of Israel who were scattered among the Gentiles [maybe I am too].
- 141 - make them of the blood of Israel through the gospel. Joseph Smith is a descendant of Ephraim.
- 142 - Ishmael was of the tribe of Ephraim according to Joseph Smith.
- 143 - line running directly between Jew and Gentile. This line westward was the dividing line between the whites and Indians.
- 145 - following the apostles' death, the spiritual gifts ceased, as well as the anointing with oil and blessing the sick came to an end because the priesthood was taken from the earth.
- 149 - a lay member may be used in healing ordinance. Husband and wife can administer in a healing.
- 151 - tame olive tree is the house of Israel in various corners of the earth.
- 152 - grafted in wild branches into the tame olive tree to see if it would revive (Jacob 5). D&C 101 shows the planting of twelve olive trees.
- 153 - only use olive oil for anointing.
- 154 - use only the right hand for performing ordinances. See also p. 158.
- 159 - Abraham had the Urim and Thummim. Brother of Jared had the Urim and Thummim and brought it to this continent. These are separate and distinct [so there were several Urims and Thummims].
- 160 - King Mosiah had the two stones (or Urim and Thummim; Mosiah 28:13.
- 162 - the breastplate, Book of Mormon plates, and the Urim and Thummim were hid up by Moroni to come forth in the last days.

- 165 - translated beings are still mortal. The Lord paying the debt frees us from mortality and grants resurrection and immortal life [no mention of freeing us from sin]. Christ gained the keys of resurrection. The fall put all men under bondage [even a new born baby is under this bondage].
- 166 - the Savior knew that before the great day of his second coming, in power and glory, there would be a "falling away" and the Church would cease to be on the earth during those days of dark apostasy.
- 167 - the Apostle John would live until the second coming. It is not true that John was a martyr.
- 168 - when the Lord visited the Nephites, he chose twelve disciples. Three of those disciples did not die.
- 169 - Abraham's marriage to Hagar. Egyptians and Negro blood.
- 170 - Egyptians were relatives of Abraham and Joseph, being descendants of Shem. None but those of the royal blood of Egypt might marry one of the solar race.
- 171 - Abraham, Joseph, and Moses married women of their own race, and we have no need to worry over our lineage, because we are of that same race [is it really true that all Mormons come through Abraham? Think about it].
- 177 - Joseph held the priesthood and was able to interpret dreams. So was Daniel. Satan beguiled our first parents (2 Nephi 9:9) [did Satan beguile Adam? If yes, how?].
- 179 - don't speak of miracles if you perform them.
- 180 - doctrine of blood atonement is Jesus shedding his blood on the cross [but Latter-day Saints now teach the atonement also occurred in the Garden of Gethsemane because they teach he bled from every pore when praying there]. Adam was immortal when placed in the Garden of Eden [but Adam was created in the Garden of Eden. He was not created somewhere else and then placed there]. Obedience in following Satan's temptation meant God's plan would not fail [in LDS theology]. Adam and Eve were permitted to eat from all the trees except one.
- 181 - Adam and Eve were told that if they ate from the forbidden tree, they would experience pains, sorrows, sins, and pleasures ... and they would be forced to live by the sweat of the face [this is not true. They were only told that they would die. They found out the other parts later. Besides, they already had pleasure in the Garden of Eden before the fall]. Banishment from the

presence of God is the second death.

The fall brought blood in the veins as the life-giving substance. Previously their immortal body was quickened by the spirit. It is difficult to imagine a worse fate than this which befell Adam and Eve and which was inherited by all mankind [but Gospel Principles calls this a period of great blessings].

181-182 - his physical body was given to him as the tabernacle for his eternal spirit.

182 - the fall was foreknown [in LDS theology, the fall was necessary for Adam and Eve to procreate]. Adam was chosen to be the progenitor of the human race. When he came to fulfil his part of the plan, all his former knowledge was taken from him. He had forgotten that he was Michael the archangel [in LDS theology, there must have been great joy in heaven when Eve followed the devil's temptation. Now it was possible for the Mormon God's plan to succeed. Apparently Heavenly Mother and Father was also procreating angels].

The free gift through the shedding of blood is redemption and resurrection.

183 - a universal redemption from the effects of original sin. The original sin of Adam. Penalty of transgressions.

184 - redemption from original sin. The earth, like the posterity of Adam, was cursed because of the original sin [little babies also suffer this curse]. The sin of Adam. The first and second penalty. The past six thousand years [another reference to the temporal age of this earth].

185 - the first law was broken.

187 - Jesus is the only begotten Son of God in the flesh. Jesus obtained blood from his mother. The mortal blood has the seeds of death.

188 - original sin of Adam.

189-190 - the LDS Church supports capital punishment.

191- capital punishment should be handled by the courts.

192 - card playing and games of chance are part of Satan's lure.

193 - gambling is dangerous like tobacco and strong drink. These should be avoided as the gate of destruction.

194 - card games and games of chance are evil.

- 196 - card games and games of chance destroy morals and faith.
- 198 - the Lord gave the Word of Wisdom to cleanse the LDS Church of those with bad habits [it seems like the Holy Spirit was not used to convict the people to stop smoking or drinking strong drinks. I wonder if those early LDS leaders would have stopped smoking tobacco if they were not told to abstain].
- 199 - the Spirit will reveal all that is bad for the body so the Lord does not need to give a detailed list [I wonder how many Mormons have given up Coke or Pepsi because they are bad for the body].
- 200 - you can also break the Word of Wisdom when you eat more that is needful.
- 201 - if anything offered is habit-forming, we will be safe in concluding that it contains some ingredients that are harmful to the body and should be avoided [Coke and Pepsi are habit-forming].
- 202-203 - even LDS members are not prepared to receive what is written in the untranslated parts.
- 203 - there are three witnesses to the Book of Mormon in addition to the one to whom it was revealed (2 Nephi 27:12-14 - "Wherefore, at that day when the book shall be delivered unto the man of whom I have spoken, the book shall be hid from the eyes of the world, that the eyes of none shall behold it save it be that three witnesses shall behold it, by the power of God, besides him to whom the book shall be delivered; and they shall testify to the truth of the book and the things therein". The three witnesses are said to be Oliver Cowdery, David Whitmer, and Martin Harris].
- 204 - the Book of Mormon contains the lesser part of what Jesus taught the people (3 Nephi 26:8-12).
- 205 - the Father bore witness of the Son (at birth, at baptism, at the Mount of Transfiguration, and then when Jesus prayed in Matthew 17:1-13; Mark 9:2-13; Luke 9:28-36).
- 206 - Book of Mormon was written in a language that was "sealed". No man can read it until the Lord gave someone the power to break the seal [it does not make sense that the Lord inspired the writers of the Old and New Testament to write in known languages and then use an unknown language for the Book of Mormon. This is strong evidence for a new author. See "Comparing the Bible and the Book of Mormon" in the Commentary section of <http://ldslearning.org>].
- 213 - after their return from Babylon, those with a clouded lineage were denied the privileges of the priesthood and the temple (see books of Ezra and Nehemiah).

214 - there was no vicarious work done before the resurrection of our Lord.

215 - Herod destroyed the public registers which contained the genealogies.

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