### **Book Review - Answers to Gospel Questions - Volume 2**

"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. Comments and questions will be posed occasionally.

#### Introduction

- 2 the fear of the Lord is reverence and humility.
- 4 Adam's fall resulted from a broken law that brought death.
- 6 eternal life is the fulness of the Father's kingdom. Also see page 7.
- 8 there is not definite time mentioned in church records when boys were given the Aaronic Priesthood. The first Seventies were called in 1835.
- 9 Noah received the priesthood at ten (D&C 107:48-52).
- 10 a man thirty years of age holding the priesthood should be married. It is due to the ignorance of facts that some maintain that only mature men should hold the priesthood [you find many immature deacons and priests in the LDS Church because of their age].
- 15 use hallowed language (thy, thine, thee, thou) in addressing Deity.
- 15-16 as time went on and men and women became more worldly minded, such a custom was discontinued, and these more formal pronouns were confined to certain occasions. In countries with republic forms of government, where every man feels himself equal to his neighbour, the use of the more formal pronouns was discontinued. The tendency is natural for respect and reverence to diminish [but the LDS Church says God is responsible for their US Constitution which defines a republican form of government].

The LDS God is an anthropomorphic Exalted Man [Joseph Smith taught Heavenly Father was once a man who became God].

17 - members of the Church should be very grateful that the Lord inspired the Prophet Joseph Smith in the translation of the Book of Mormon, the Doctrine and Covenants, and the Pearl of Great Price to give us these sacred records in the sacred form in which the Bible has come down to us [but the LDS Church believes many sacred and precious things were removed from our current Bible by sinful men who did not believe some of its teachings].

The changing of the wording of the Bible to meet the popular language of our day ... has been a great loss in the building of faith and spirituality in the minds of the people [but the hallowed words thee, thou, thy are not found in the Book of Mormon, Pearl of Great Price, and the Doctrine and Covenants. Also, the King James form of English is only found in the Book of Mormon parts that were copied from the Bible].

- 21 Joseph Smith said the saints will probably not dwell on the earth during the millennium. They will visit when they please or when it is necessary to govern it.
- 22-23 the parable of the ten virgins represents the Church. The five foolish versions are representative of members of the Church who have not kept the commandments and thus have no oil in their lamps and are in danger of being shut ot of the kingdom when the door is open. This parable is in Matthew 25.
  - 1 Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom.
  - 2 And five of them were wise, and five were foolish.
  - 3 They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them:
  - 4 But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.
  - 5 While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept.
  - 6 And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.
  - 7 Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps.
  - 8 And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out.
  - 9 But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves.
  - 10 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were aready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut.
  - 11 Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us.
  - 12 But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not.
  - 13 Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

- Following the LDS analogy, 50 percent of all Mormons will not be at the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. The Lord will say that he knew them not. What a frightful scene as they are shut out of the kingdom.
- 23 Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed for rejecting the Prophets (Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith, pp. 271-272) [there is no record of Prophets visiting Sodom and Gomorrah. It should be noted that the Book of Mormon records severe destruction occurred at the moment of Christ's death. Darkness persisted for 3 days and there was an earthquake lasting 3 hours. Sixteen cities are mentioned as being destroyed. We see no such destruction in the Bible. We also find people being cursed with black skin in the Book of Mormon for being sinful. See 2 Nephi 5:21-25].
- 24 Luke 17:20-21 should say "the kingdom of God is among you", not within you.
- 26 the gift of tongues is not heard in the LDS Church [the unknown tongue version that is].
- 27 the gift of speaking in and interpreting tongues in the meetings by members of the church should be on exceptional occasions.
- 29 the true gift of tongues is made manifest in the Church more abundantly, perhaps, than any other spiritual gift [this is based on how the LDS Church has defined the term]. Every missionary who goes forth to teach the gospel in a foreign language, if he is prayerful and faithful, receives this gift. This is the idea in Paul's remarks, "wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not". This was the nature of the gift on the day of Pentecost when Peter and the Apostles spoke to the assembled Jews who had come to Jerusalem from foreign lands to attend the feast. Each understood his own tongue [a few things should be noted here. The Apostles in Jerusalem did not go to school to learn those foreign languages the Mormons do. The LDS Church seems to think that only the Apostles spoke in tongues, but this is not correct. See Acts 1:14-15 - These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren. And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples, and said, (the number of names together were about an hundred and twenty,) ... and then Acts 2:1-5 - "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they [the 120] were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance". The Jews in Jerusalem were amazed when they heard the disciples (not only the Apostles) speaking in their tongue - I am not amazed when a Chinese Mormon learns the English language and comes to me to preach the Mormon gospel in my language. And this Chinese

Mormon is not even an Apostle].

Joseph Smith said the gift of tongues is for the servants of God to preach to unbelievers, as on the day of Pentecost. He also said to the sisters of the Relief Society that nothing spoken in tongues should be received as doctrine (Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith, pp. 195, 229) [What? That is like telling the Jews on Pentecost that they should not receive what the Apostles are speaking as doctrine].

- 30 the devil can speak in tongues. Prophet Joseph F. Smith said he received the gift of tongues by gift and by study for 100 days. Then he could talk to the people in their language [the disciples on the day of Pentecost did not go somewhere to study foreign languages for x number of days].
- 30-31 President David O. McKay spoke in English without his interpreter and apparently those in New Zealand understood his message. Some of them at least, perhaps most of them, who did not understand English, had the gift of interpretation [Latter-day Saints don't consider the possibility that some of the English hearers in the crowd were doing their own interpretation to the natives].
- 33 Elder Alonzo A. Hinckley spoke in Dutch and bore testimony of the restoration of the gospel [remember that the devil can also speak in tongues]. There is some mention of his ward study [possibly in the Dutch language]. Then later he could not understand or speak Dutch. Then later he could speak Dutch when speaking in a sermon.
- 34 singleness is considered doom. There is no exaltation without marriage.
- 36 even a dead single woman will receive exaltation if she was denied opportunity in her mortal life [apparently a husband will be sealed to her in the temple].
- 37 Mormons who only have a civil marriage (temporal) but don't get worthy enough to go for a temple marriage will become ministering servants and their status is fixed forever and ever. If a person is denied anything in this moral life, then he is judged by the intent of the heart. Temple marriage is given to deceased Mormon couples vicariously so they are sealed for all time. Act as proxies for the dead.
- 38 even single men and women who died in war will receive temple marriage by proxy (vicariously).
- 39 the priesthood is the authority to act for God [Mormon women do not have this authority]. Keys are held by only one person at a time.

- 40 no man, even if holding the Melchizedek Priesthood, has the right to baptize one of his own children without first obtaining the sanction of the bishop.
- 41 the keys of each dispensation are restored in this last dispensation. All the prophets from Adam to Peter each came to Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery and restored their keys. First came Moroni, then John the Baptist, and Peter, James, and John.
- 42 Adam is the first man, the "Ancient of Days" spoken of by Daniel. Adam is also Michael your prince.
- 43 Adam is Michael the Archangel. Noah is Gabriel. The keys of the Melchizedek Priesthood were evidently conferred by Abraham on Isaac. After Moses was taken, the Melchizedek Priesthood was also taken from Israel until the coming of our Savior, when it was again restored. The prophets in Israel held the Melchizedek Priesthood after Moses was taken, but each received his authority and keys by special ordination. Peter, James, and John received the keys of the priesthood at the time of the transfiguration on the mount [this is not based on scripture].
- 44 the angels who appeared to Adam and the antediluvian prophets must have been spirits who had not yet tabernacled in the flesh [in LDS theology, angels are also spirit children of Heavenly Mother and Father example, Adam, Noah, and Lucifer].
- 44-45 any messenger coming before the resurrection of Jesus who had a tangible body was a translated being who had lived on the earth and had been translated to become a messenger to men on the earth. This is evidently the case in the visitors who came to Abraham and the personage who wrestled with Jacob [in Genesis 18, the Lord was one of the three which appeared to Abraham. There is no record they lived on the earth previously. Some have said that Jacob wrestled with God].
- 45 there never has been a moment when there were not men on the earth holding the Holy Priesthood (Moses 5:59).
- 46 John and the three Nephites were granted the privilege of remaining on earth in the translated state to bring souls unto Christ. Legends and stories of the four holy messengers seem to be authentic [more like urban legends]. Translated beings have not passed through death.
- 47 translated beings live a terrestrial order. The angel that appeared to John on the isle of Patmos was a translated or resurrected body (i.e. personage) (Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith, pp. 170-171) [some believe it was Jesus who appeared to John. If it was an angel, there is no evidence this angel was a resurrected being].

- 48 animals have spirits.
- 49 Earth (the plants and the animals) partook of the fall. Every tree in the Garden of Eden was pleasant to the sight of man (Moses 3:9) [but the Book of Mormon teaches Adam and Eve did not have joy before the fall so they could not experience pleasure].
- 51 the four beasts were four of the most noble animals that had filled the measure of their creation (Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith, pp. 291-292; Revelation 5:13). All beasts will be distributed in the various kingdoms.
- 52 much of the full significance of the Abrahamic Covenant was lost in the transcribing and translating of the scriptures [the LDS denigrate the Bible].
- 52-53 the Book of Abraham has a more accurate account of this Abrahamic Covenant (Abraham 2:8-11) [the LDS are always ready to promote the superiority of their scriptures over the Bible].
- 53 the Ten Tribes never returned from Assyria. Many of these found themselves into Northern Europe [this is pure speculation].
- 55 book "Are We Of Israel?" by Mormon Elder George Reynolds. On the Day of Pentecost, the people could not speak the language of the Apostles and were astonished [these Apostles did not go to school to learn the foreign languages. It was a special gift from God]. The Lord led the Nephites and Mulekites to this western continent [but the LDS cannot identify anyplace in the entire western continent. Some have even speculated on the Yucatan Peninsula].
- 57 it is by the scattering (of the Israelites) that the Gentile nations have been blessed [LDS believe this blessing comes through its male priesthood holders].
- 59 the Lord's day is Sunday.
- 60 the Lord changed the Sabbath from Saturday to Sunday.
- 61 the Lord's appearances indicate he himself changed the day of Sabbath (day after the resurrection he appeared to his disciples and then 8 days later to Thomas) [according to John 20, Jesus appeared to his disciples on the first day of the week. This would be the LDS Sunday for instance. Then verse 26 says, "And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you". This would be a Monday. So, one mention of Jesus on a Sunday does not mean he changed the Sabbath from Saturday to a

- Sunday. I believe the Sabbath is Saturday but the Lord's day is Sunday. He also made other appearances, but not necessarily on a Sunday].
- 65 the font in the temple of Solomon was evidently used for baptism [this is false. The font was used for ceremonial washings as the priests sacrificed the animals. Also, this was no place for women since they did not hold the Aaronic Priesthood].
- 71 much of the Lord's word has come down to us in corrupted form [the LDS denigrate the Bible]. LDS are doubly blessed because we have been given the records of the Nephites and Jaredites [see the work called comparing-the-bible-and-book-of-mormon.pdf].
- 72 the Lord sent Moroni to reveal the records.
- 73 three special witnesses were prepared.
- 77 the devil cannot come in the form of a dove. The dove is an emblem or token of truth and innocence (Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith, pp. 275-276).
- 79 there was no proxy work for the dead done until after Christ came. The temple in Israel was confined to ordinances for the living [but people were not sealed or baptized in the Old Testament temple].
- 80 the temple in Israel was confined to ordinances for the living. After the resurrection of Christ they came forth to obtain their exaltation in the celestial kingdom. Jesus was the first man to speak to the spirits in prison.
- 81 Luke 4:18-21 is a reference to spirit prison ["The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised". There is no indication of these people having died already]. The dead are confined in darkness, not knowing their fate.
- 85 the dead are assigned to a place according to their works with the just or with the unjust [read the parable starting in Matthew 25:31].
- 86 God is omnipresent, not in his own personality, but through his minister, the Holy Spirit.
- 87 the wicked are forced to suffer, and this suffering helps to cleanse them their sins [sounds like the Catholic teaching of purgatory].
- 88-89 little children are permitted the sacrament even if they don't understand.

- 89 little children are without sin.
- 90 little children may partake of the sacrament.
- 93 in the days before the flood, all the waters were in one place and obviously all the land was in one place.
- 93-94 Noah sailed from some place evidentially in what is known now as America [speculation. He may have sailed from the Middle East all the way around the world. The Bible does not say how many thousands of miles he travelled, but Mormons do not hesitate to speculate].
- 94 during the flood, the land surface was in the process of division into continents. Rivers that existed in the Garden of Eden existed long before the land was divided into continents and islands. There are great ancient river beds buried in the land of Missouri [so? There are ancient river beds buried in many American, Canadian, and European lands].
- 94-95 what had previously been one grand continent was broken up into many continents and islands [if Joseph Smith had created the church in Europe, LDS Presidents would be teaching that this grand continent was Europe instead of America].
- 95 while these rivers carry the same names, they are not the same rivers which were in the Garden of Eden [I wonder if Mormons interpret the river Euphrates of Revelation 9:14 and 16:12 to be somewhere in the United States. Let's look at the entire passage "And a river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from thence it was parted, and became into four heads. The name of the first is Pison: that is it which compasseth the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold; And the gold of that land is good: there is bdellium and the onyx stone. And the name of the second river is Gihon: the same is it that compasseth the whole land of Ethiopia. And the name of the third river is Hiddekel: that is it which goeth toward the east of Assyria. And the fourth river is Euphrates". I wonder if Mormons also believe Ethiopia and Assyria are not the same countries which were around the Garden of Eden. http://www.kjvbible.org/rivers\_of\_the\_garden\_of\_eden.html has a good study on the possible location America is not the place. The Mormon speculation relies heavily on America being the grand continent].
- 97 some angels have not received the privilege of partaking of mortality [in LDS theology, Adam is Michael the Archangel and Noah is Gabriel]. The cherubim on the Ark of the Covenant, like the figures seen by Ezekiel, were symbolic, not necessarily living beings [why not?]. There is a prevailing idea today, which arose during the centuries of apostasy, that angels are superior to human beings in their nature--in fact that they belong to an entirely distinct and different race [it seems in LDS theology that Heavenly

- Mother and Father sired angels and created angels with the same nature].
- 98 all angels coming to Adam after the Fall were spirits belonging to this earth who had not yet obtained bodies of flesh and bones [was Noah really the angel Gabriel or a procreated son of Heavenly Mother and Father?]. Joseph Smith seems to equate Jesus with an angel in Doctrine and Covenants 129:1-3. "There are two kinds of beings in heaven, namely: Angels, who are resurrected personages, having bodies of flesh and bones. For instance, Jesus said: Handle me and see, for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have"].
- 99 the LDS Church has no official position on cremation for the dead.
- 102 one reason for cremation, presumably, is that the world today is denying that there is to be any resurrection [it it odd then how the LDS Church would have no official position on cremation]. Some resurrected persons will appear with bodies that receive no glory whatever.
- 105 there are three great holy cities in the future. a) the Jerusalem of old which will be rebuilt according to the prophecy of Ezekiel. b) the city of Enoch. c) the city of New Jerusalem which is to be built by the seed of Joseph on this American continent.
- 106 the Mormon city of New Jerusalem [in Missouri] will be taken from the earth; and when the earth is prepared for the celestial glory, the city will come down according to the prediction in the Book of Revelation [hmmm... what ever happened to the City of Enoch?. Also, the city of New Jerusalem is built by God, not humans].
- 107-108 the earth will die and receive its resurrection. It will be crowned with celestial glory.
- 109 a great temple will be built in Jerusalem. Capital cities shall be established in Jerusalem and Zion [i.e. a city in Missouri].
- 111 teachings of church authorities. What is absolute truth?
- 114 the spirit of the Lord will bear witness to our [LDS] hearts if church authorities speak the truth [or lie to deceive]. Latter-day Saints should have the discernment and know if, at any time, something contrary to the revealed word is being taught [much of the 1997 version of Gospel Principles is speculation and not according to the revealed word].
- 116 marriage in heaven.

- 118 Jesus' answer to the Sadducees was based on their denial of the resurrection; they were content with a civil union only. It was a very different answer the Lord gave the Pharisees when they came to him tempting him about divorce. [this is not entirely accurate.
  - 23 The same day came to him the Sadducees, which say that there is no resurrection, and asked him,
  - 24 Saying, Master, Moses said, If a man die, having no children, his brother shall marry his wife, and raise up seed unto his brother.
  - 25 Now there were with us seven brethren: and the first, when he had married a wife, deceased, and, having no issue, left his wife unto his brother:
  - 26 Likewise the second also, and the third, unto the seventh.
  - 27 And last of all the woman died also.
  - 28 Therefore in the resurrection whose wife shall she be of the seven? for they all had her.
  - 29 Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.
  - 30 For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven.

The Lord did not deny the resurrection to the Sadducees. He told them that they were mistaken in their understanding.

119 - the Sadducees denied the resurrection and the future life; the Pharisees accepted both, and each got the answer according to their belief and attitude in life. This doctrine was misinterpreted because of apostasy [this is not correct. The Sadducees were rebuked for their denial of the resurrection. They did not get their answer but rather received a rebuke.

Let's examine the exchange with the Pharisees:

- 3 The Pharisees also came unto him, tempting him, and saying unto him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause?
- 4 And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female,
- 5 And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh?
- 6 Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.
- 7 They say unto him, Why did Moses then command to give a writing of divorcement, and to put her away?
- 8 He saith unto them, Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so.
- 9 And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth

her which is put away doth commit adultery".

Jesus is not talking about eternal marriage or resurrection here.

So obviously the Sadducees and Pharisees do not each get the answer according to their belief in marriage or resurrection. This is like comparing apples to oranges. For instance, if marriage is eternal, then it cannot be broken. But Jesus says adultery can break the marriage, so it is not eternal].

122 - it seems apparent that while on the mount these three apostles received an endowment and a commission to act as a presidency in the Church after the crucifixion of our Lord [this is speculation until Joseph Smith offers an 'apparent' revelation. It is odd that Mormons don't think these same three apostles lost the endowment and commission when they fell asleep in the Garden of Gethsemane].

Joseph Smith said the Savior, Moses and Elias gave the keys to Peter, James and John on the Mount of Transfiguration (Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith, p. 158) [but this is not in the standard works of the church].

- 123 Adam and Eve were in the presence of God the Father in the Garden of Eden [this teaching is not in the standard works of the church]. Adam was free from sin. Since the Fall, Jesus became Advocate and Mediator.
- 124 the Savior appeared to prophets before the Flood. The Brother of Jared knew that the Lord had a body apparently of flesh and bones [it is not clear why 'Brother' is capitalized. Apparently when one sees a spirit, one assumes it has a body flesh and bones?].
- 125 very few of the ancient prophets at any time actually beheld the full person of the Lord [I think it was only Moses who saw the glory of God in the burning bush and his face shown for some time afterwards].
- 126 the Lord appeared to Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery in the Kirtland Temple [so they say].
- 127 everlasting to everlasting means from the eternity past to eternity future as far as man's understanding is concerned. From pre-existence through the temporal (mortal) life unto the eternity following the resurrection [Joseph Smith Heavenly Father became a God. Even the Mormon Jesus attained a certain level of intelligence which ranked him as a God. In these two teachings, the Mormon Heavenly Father and Jesus are not Gods from eternity to eternity].

Jesus is the only Son of the Father begotten in the flesh. He is also the first begotten in the Spirit [was Jesus begotten outside of a marriage relationship?].

- 128 Jesus is our eldest brother, for we are also the offspring of God. Only begotten Son of God the Father in the flesh. We may also become sons and daughters of God. He was as we are, we may become as he is [but Jesus was God when he was in human flesh. We are not gods in embryo in our flesh].
- 130 many things in relation to salvation and exaltation were lost during the ages of darkness [many things in relation to LDS salvation and exaltation are not even present in the Book of Mormon].
- 131 exaltation is to become joint heirs with Christ.
- 132 only begotten Son of God in the flesh. From whom did Jesus obtain his authority of the Holy Priesthood? [who baptized him in the spirit world or laid their hands on him during his ordination?].
- 134 the mortal probation was decreed in the councils in heaven [the Mormon God wanted and needed Adam and Eve to disobey him]. We all lived in the pre-existence as spirits and the offspring of God [but Joseph Smith taught that we existed as eternal intelligences before we became the offspring of Heavenly Mother and Father]. In order to progress, a mortal probation would be necessary.
- 135 Adam and Eve [before the Fall] could not multiply to fill the earth with their offspring. Disobedience opened the way for them to fulfill this great commandment of increase. It became necessary for them to partake of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Mortal existence was an essential part of the great plan of redemption [in LDS theology, disobedience to God was a great act performed by Adam and Eve because it started their journey to progression on earth]. Joy and pleasure is found in mortality [the LDS version of Adam and Eve did not have joy or pleasure in the Garden of Eden. But the Bible says the creation was pleasant to their sight and the sight of the apple brought pleasure to Eve. Where there is pleasure, there is joy].
- 136 the bringing of mortality into the world was so essential to our ultimate worthiness for rewards [the Fall was a great and positive event for Latterday Saints]. The Father of Christ's body is also the Father of his Spirit. From the Father he obtained eternal life; from the mother he obtained the power to die. From the mother he got his blood, from the Father he got immortality.
- 141 the head of the Gods appointed one God for us [Mormons cannot explain who this head God is].

- 142 one God means one Godhead. The only God means the only Godhead. Joseph Smith said there are other Gods [i.e. other Godheads].
- 143 joint heirs with Jesus Christ are entitled to the fulness of exaltation.
- 143-144 each great universe of stars ... each is governed by divine law; with divine presiding Gods [there are many Godheads in LDS theology].
- 145 do not speculate about the Holy Ghost.
- 146 leave mysteries alone [this has not stopped Mormons from creating stories]. Jesus created worlds, evidently similar to our own [but now they speculate on what these other worlds could be like]. Christ gave Abraham his name. Jesus wrote on the tablets of stone [i.e. the Ten Commandments]. Jesus had no body until he was born in Bethlehem [supposedly he had a spirit body]. One God = one Godhead [in LDS theology, the Godhead also contains three Gods].
- 147 the religious world is without the guidance of the Holy Ghost because they are not baptized by divine authority and they don't have the proper laying on of hands. They only have guidance from the Spirit of Christ. The only exception to this is Moroni 10:3-5 [a clever exception if you understand the ploy by Joseph Smith].
- 150 the Holy Ghost brings individual revelation [a Latter-day Saint cannot receive revelation to correct or rebuke someone higher in position than him or her. For example, if the LDS President teaches something wrong, the lower Mormon cannot use his personal revelation to correct the LDS President in order to prevent him from deceiving other Mormons].
  - Baptism by a duly authorized servant of Jesus Christ and the laying on of hands enables a person to be entitled with the Holy Spirit's companionship. The world is greatly deceived, for many honest souls feel they have guidance of the Holy Ghost, but they do not. But they have the Light of Christ.
- 151 the Holy Spirit is Spirit speaking to spirit so the blasphemy against the Holy Spirit is a greater evil than blasphemy against the Father or the Son [but Mormons teach that the Spirit Jesus dealt with mankind after the expulsion of Adam and Eve from the Garden of Eden. So technically, they could blasphemy the Spirit Christ who apparently spoke to them Spirit to spirit, right?]
- 153 the Spirit of Christ (Light of truth) is not the Holy Ghost.

154 - the Holy Ghost is a Personage of spirit. The Holy Ghost is only given to those who have been baptized by a duly authorized servant of Jesus Christ and who have also received the laying on of hands. Thousands in the world think they have this gift, having been deceived by those who do not have this authority [Mormons do not understand that Jesus gave all disciples, male and female, the authority to preach the gospel and baptize people].

A person is not entitled to the constant guidance of the Holy Ghost until he has complied with the commandments, has been duly baptized and confirmed by one who has the divine authority [does confirmation mean the same thing as the laying on of hands or does it follow the Catholic definition?].

155 - [before the gospel was restored] there was no one on earth to perform legal baptisms [but Joseph Smith said he received a revelation from God who apparently said about John the Apostle - "thou shalt tarry until I come in my glory, and shalt prophesy before nations, kindreds, tongues and people ... my beloved has desired that he might do more, or a greater work yet among men than what he has before done. Yea, he has undertaken a greater work; therefore I will make him as flaming fire and a ministering angel; he shall minister for those who shall be heirs of salvation who dwell on the earth". It seems like this 'John' could not perform legal baptisms. Really?].

Discoveries have accelerated particularly since the organization of the [LDS] Church [sounds like propaganda].

- 156 some nation leaders get their inspiration from Satan.
- 157 class discussion is in doubt about the ministry of the Holy Ghost before Christ [it seems like these class members do not even read their own Book of Mormon].
- 158 the Holy Ghost is the Spirit of the Lord.
- 159 Jesus was in counsel with the disciples at the Feast of the Passover [many Jewish festivals, especially the Feast of Pentecost, are missing from the Book of Mormon. See comparing-the-bible-and-book-of-mormon.pdf].
- 161 there are no original manuscripts of any of the books of the Bible [there are no original 'plates' of the Book of Mormon. Joseph Smith said the angel Moroni brought them back to heaven. How convenient]. The Bible was translated was in unicals (example, thisisthewayitwasdone) meaning that it was difficult to discover the correct meaning and thus errors crept in [Mormons do not really have faith in the Bible in its current form. They do not express the same concerns about the Book of Mormon even though they don't have the gold plates].

162 - scribes left out words and phrases, sometimes missing a whole line [there are over 3000 changes between Joseph Smith's original Book of Mormon and the current version. I wonder why Mormons are not concerned about that?]. We find errors and contradictions in the Bible [see the document called comparing-the-bible-and-book-of-mormon.pdf].

The idea that God was not a Personage came down since the introduction of the Athanasian Creed in 325 AD [see this web site: http://www.crcna.org/welcome/beliefs/creeds/athanasian-creed]

For the person of the Father is a distinct person, the person of the Son is another, and that of the Holy Spirit still another. But the divinity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one, their glory equal, their majesty coeternal.

Does this convey the meaning that God is not a personage? No.

- 164 the LDS Church practiced the law of tithing according to the manner the Lord revealed it [the law of tithing was only introduced because the Latter-day Saints failed to live the law of consecration. It was introduced as a response to rebellion and failure].
- 165 Satan is not leading anyone to the restored gospel. Some are denying the divine inspiration of the Bible [Mormons criticize the Bible when they say many precious things have been removed from it. Technically, they deny the Bible just as Satan word. Remember how Satan tempted Eve and Jesus in the truth of the Bible? "Did God really say that?" is one of his common ways to introduce doubt. Eve fell for it. Have you?].
- 166 the modern world ... his gods are shaped in his image, and mirror his deeds [Joseph Smith's god was once a man who became the Heavenly Father of planet Earth].
- 167 there is a rapidly growing thought in the so-called Christian world that there is no restoration of the body after death and so all bodies should be destroyed [I wonder which 'Christian' world Joseph Fielding Smith is talking about. In all my attendance in church, I have never heard of a church which denies the resurrection of the body].
- 168 they have closed the heavens against themselves, proclaiming that the canon of scripture is complete [despite the Mormon claim of an open canon, they have not received a revelation since 1978]. Those in the so-called Christian world believe there is no more revelation and no more coming of heavenly messengers [I believe it is possible but I also believe that God has given

- us all we need to know for eternal life. We have more to learn and do after the resurrection but Jesus said what is written is written so that we may know he is the Son of God and have eternal life].
- 170 receiving a body of flesh and bones is a privilege. Mortality is a blessing [Latter-day Saints praise Adam and Eve for their role in the Fall].
- 171 Cain became Perdition and Lucifer became subject to him.
- 172 Cain had obtained a body of flesh and bones and therefore had superior power. A devil with a body of flesh and bones has some power greater than one who was denied the physical body [in the Garden of Eden, did Satan have any power to tempt Eve if he did not take the form of a serpent? Did Satan have any power to tempt Jesus when he came in a spirit body?].
- 173 the descendants of Cain. Shem is the rightful heir of patriarchal order.
- 174 much of the "plain and precious" parts have been eliminated or changed [another subtle attack on the Bible]. The patriarchal office was conferred on someone whether they were the first-born or the last born, if they were faithful [I don't think the current LDS Church adopts this teaching].
- 175 technically, black skin was not the curse, but the mark of the curse [you say toe-may-toe, I say toe-mah-toe]. The descendants of Cain were made black (Moses 7:22). We may well suppose that Cain was also black and this was the mark the Lord placed upon him [the Lord put a mark on Cain's forehead, not his entire body. Also, the Lord only put a mark on Cain, not on Cain's wife or his posterity].
- 176 the seed of Cain had to be preserved [the answer to why is not provided]. Ham married a black woman [speculation]. The name "Egyptus" means forbidden. Ham and his black wife's descendants were denied the priesthood [speculation].
- 177 the race was preserved to preserve the curse [the answer to why is not provided]. It is possible that that the Lord did curse the land so that it did not produce in its strength to Cain [speculation]. The Negro race in their native land occupy lands of much heat [so? Canadians and Russians occupy lands of much cold]. Curse placed on Cain and his posterity [the Lord only put a mark on Cain. The Lord did not put a curse on Cain].

Egyptians were denied the priesthood. The promise was given that the curse will be removed, when the time comes in some future sphere, when Abel will have posterity (see The Way to Perfection, chapters 15 and 16) [but the Lord apparently reversed this promise in 1978 during the civil rights movement. The LDS Church cannot really say if this 'promise' actually came from the Lord, with a revelation, or whether Brigham Young deceived the

Mormons with this 'supposed' promise].

178 - the LDS Church holds out more for the Negro than any other religious denomination [black women in the LDS Church cannot even baptize would-be followers of Christ]. Jesus paid the debt for "original sin," or the bringing of death into the world [earlier, "original sin" was the first sin of Adam in the Garden of Eden. In regards to debt, Mormons are taught they must pay back the debt to Jesus after he assumed the creditor role from Heavenly Father. See a-gift-or-debt.htm; Gospel Principles, 1997, chapter 12, p. 77, The Mediator, Ensign, May 1977].

No soul will be charged with any taint because of Adam's fall [but all people inherit the fallen nature and mortality because of Adam's fall]. Some spirits were not valiant (in the war of heaven) and therefore came into this world under some restriction [how appropriate that this statement be found in this chapter. This strongly insinuates that the Negroes were not valiant in the war in heaven so they were born into the black race and denied the priesthood].

179-180 - Isaiah chapter 1 is referring to a rebellious nation. Judah and Jerusalem. The nations of Israel and Judah did not repent [Isaiah 1:1 says, "The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah".

Isaiah 2:1-3 says, "The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem".

Notice the similarity between Isaiah 1:1 and 2:1? But some Latter-day Saints change Isaiah 2:2-3 to mean Salt Lake City (or the future city of New Jerusalem in Independence, Missouri) and Jerusalem].

181 - the gathering has commenced both to the land of Zion, which is America, and to Jerusalem, or the land of Palestine. This gathering of Israel and Judah is found in Isaiah 11:11-16. This is being fulfilled in the gathering of the Latter-day Saints. With them the Lord has set up the ensign to the nations [Mormons should be more specific about this gathering place in America. Subsequent LDS prophets have said the gathering to America is no longer in force]. The envy of Ephraim (the Ten Tribes) shall depart, and the adversaries of Judah (the two tribes) shall be cut off. Ephraim shall not envy

- Judah [with the LDS Church giving America to Ephraim and the tiny land of Palestine to the Jews, she does not explain why Ephraim would envy Judah].
- 182 unpardonable sins are the shedding of innocent blood and the sin against the Holy Ghost [is abortion the shedding of innocent blood?].
- 182-183 the sin of adultery is second only to the shedding of innocent blood.
- 183 the History of the Church 6:81 says forgiveness is possible for adultery.
- 185 it was the Lord that placed a restriction on the Negro regarding the holding of the priesthood.
- 186 there were other spirits there [the Negroes] who were not faithful in the keeping of this first estate. The Lord prepared a way through the lineage of Cain for these spirits [the Negroes] to come to the earth, but under the restriction of priesthood (Moses 7:7-8, 12, 22; Abraham 1:21-27).
- 188 see chapters 15 & 16 in "The Way to Perfection" for further light in relation to the reason why the Negroes cannot receive the priesthood [many Latter-day Saints are in darkness of this 'light']. Negroes would not gain the priesthood until after the resurrection.

Some images are included:

# Non-segregation

Question: "Since the government has adopted a non-segregation policy, how can the Church maintain a doctrine of segregation which denies Negroes the right to hold the priesthood?"

During the past decade there has arisen Answer: in this country, the United States, a wave of "non-segregation," that is, that there should be an equality in all things between the white races and the black or Negro race. This doctrine of social equality and the common mingling of these races is said to be made for the purpose of eventually eliminating the Negro race by absorption through intermarriage. This matter of amalgamation to a great degree has been enforced by the justices of the Supreme Court of the United States. This tendency for "equality" in all things, has brought a flood of correspondence from all parts of the Church asking how it is that The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints stands out in opposition and teaches a doctrine of segregation denying the Negro the right to hold the priesthood. Some of these letters border on a spirit of resentment and claim that the Church is guilty of a great injustice, since "all men were created free and equal." This answer is written to place us in the right light before the members.

No church or other organization is more insistent than The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. that the Negroes should receive all the rights and privileges that can possibly be given to any other in the true sense of equality as declared in the Declaration of Independence. They should be equal to "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." They should be equal in the matter of education. They should not be barred from obtaining knowledge and becoming proficient in any field of science, art or mechanical occupation. They should be free to choose any kind of employment, to go into business in any field they may choose and to make their lives as happy as it is possible without interference from white men, labor unions or from any other source. In their defense of these privileges the members of the Church will stand.

# NEGROES MAY ENJOY CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

In the matter of religion they also may choose any faith they please. The Church does not bar them from membership, and we have members of the Negro race in the Church. If a Negro is baptized and remains true and loyal, he will enter the celestial kingdom, but it is not the authorities of the Church who have placed a restriction on him regarding the holding of the priesthood. It was not the Prophet Joseph Smith nor Brigham Young. It was the Lord! If a Negro desires to join the Church, we will give him all the encouragement that we can, but we cannot promise him that he will receive the priesthood.

Let us reason together. In the Book of Moses, Chapter 4, and in the Book of Abraham, Chapter 3, we are taught that there was a council held in heaven and

our Eternal Father presented a plan by which we could come down on the earth and receive tabernacles (bodies) of flesh and bones for our spirits which are begotten sons and daughters unto God. We learn also that one third of those spirits rebelled against the plan and followed Satan. For this they were denied bodies of flesh and bones and have to remain spirits. Why do not those who complain about the Negro and the priesthood also complain about the punishment which was given to this third of the spirits? They were denied even the blessings of bodies! Was this an injustice on the part of our Eternal Father? Well, there were other spirits there who were not faithful in the keeping of this first estate.1 Yet they have not sinned away their right to receive bodies and come to earth and receive the resurrection. They were restricted in the privileges that were given to those who keep their first estate and who were promised to have "glory added upon their heads for ever and ever."2 Therefore the Lord prepared a way through the lineage of Cain for these spirits to come to the earth, but under the restriction of priesthood.

## RESTRICTION OF PRIESTHOOD

Let me call your attention to the following passages from the Book of Moses in the Pearl of Great Price:

And the Lord said unto me: Prophesy; and I prophesied, saying: Behold the people of Canaan, which are numerous, shall go forth in battle array against the people of Shum, and shall slay them that they shall utterly be destroyed; and the people of Canaan shall divide themselves in the land, and the land shall be barren and unfruitful, and none other people shall dwell there but the people of Canaan;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Abraham 3:23-28.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Ibid., 3:26.

For behold, the Lord shall curse the land with much heat, and the barrenness thereof shall go forth forever; and there was a blackness came upon all the children of Canaan, that they were despised among all people.

And it came to pass that Enoch continued to call upon all the people, save it were the people of Canaan, to repent;

And Enoch also beheld the residue of the people which were the sons of Adam; and they were a mixture of all the seed of Adam save it were the seed of Cain, for the seed of Cain were black, and had not place among them.3

And from the Book of Abraham in the Pearl of Great Price:

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.

From this descent sprang all the Egyptians, and thus the blood of the Canaanites was preserved in the land.

The land of Egypt being first discovered by a woman, who was the daughter of Ham, and the daughter of Egyptus, which in the Chaldean signifies Egypt, which signifies that which is forbidden.

When this woman discovered the land it was under water, who afterward settled her sons in it; and thus, from Ham, sprang that race which preserved the curse in the land.

Now the first government of Egypt was established by Pharaoh, the eldest son of Egyptus, the daughter of Ham, and it was after the manner of the government of Ham, which was patriarchal.

Pharaoh, being a righteous man, established his kingdom and judged his people wisely and justly all his days, seeking earnestly to imitate that order established by the fathers in the first generations, in the days of the first patriarchal reign, even in the reign of Adam, and also of Noah, his father, who blessed him with the blessings of the earth, and with the blessings of wisdom, but cursed him as pertaining to the priesthood.

Now Pharaoh being of that lineage by which he could not have the right of priesthood, notwithstanding the Pharaohs would fain claim it from Noah, through Ham, therefore my father was led away by their idolatry.4

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Moses 7:7, 8, 12, 22. <sup>4</sup>Abraham 1:21-27.

OTHER REASONS WHY NEGRO CANNOT HOLD PRIESTHOOD

Kindly see chapters 15 and 16, in *The Way to Perfection*, for further light in relation to the reason why the Negro cannot receive the priesthood. In brief, it is as follows: Because of transgression in the first estate which deprives him in this second estate. Since Cain slew his brother Abel in order to obtain all the rights of priesthood to descend through his lineage, the Lord decreed that the children of Cain should not have the privilege of bearing the priesthood until Abel had posterity who could have the priesthood and that will have to be in the far distant future. When this is accomplished on some other world, then the restrictions will be removed from the children of Cain who have been true in this "second" estate.

We can well imagine that there will be many, after the resurrection, both men and women, who will be assigned to the telestial, and the terrestrial kingdoms, and that there will be many who will complain and accuse our Heavenly Father of injustice because he will deprive so many of his children of the exaltation. We may well believe that the cry will go forth from some that God is unjust because he has restricted so many from receiving the blessings of the priesthood and placed them in these kingdoms notwithstanding they are judged according to their works.

- 189 return of the Ten Tribes and the City of Enoch.
- 192 the earth will be cleansed and purified from all sin for heavenly visits.
- 194 some people blessed with eternal life. Others would be rebels who would be punished.
- 195 we have no authentic evidence that archaeologists have depended on what is written in the Book of Mormon to aid them in their scientific research [the Bible is superior to the Book of Mormon in archaeology].
- 196 mention of a testimony that the Book of Mormon is a religious record of those early South Americans [but Mormon prophets have taught the great battle took place in New York State. Other pictures in the Book of Mormon depict a Jesus visiting people in what appears to be the Yucatan Peninsula].
- 198 three special witnesses beheld the plates in the presence of an angel. If people fight against the Book of Mormon and condemn its teachings, they shall answer for it before the Judgment seat of God [but many Mormons fight against what is written in the Bible. See the document called comparing-the-bible-and-book-of-mormon.pdf].
- 199 no one can read the Book of Mormon with a prayerful heart and not receive the testimony that it is true [many have read the Book of Mormon and rejected it because it disagrees with the Bible. See the document called comparing-the-bible-and-book-of-mormon.pdf].
- 200 there was never a change or addition in the Book of Mormon that changed a single original thought [for one example, the name King Benjamin was changed to King Mosiah. I have not examine all the 3000+ changes in the Book of Mormon to comment about others].
  - Some of the original manuscript of the Book of Mormon is still with the church.
- 201 we all know that there are contradictions in the Bible and many misinterpretations, but we do not go about finding fault and condemning the Bible because these things occur. Every man who lifts his hand or voice against it [i.e. against the Book of Mormon] will eventually perish [the Bible condemns the Book of Mormon. See the document called comparing-the-bible-and-book-of-mormon.pdf].

- 202 teaching of continuous and direct revelation to the President of the Church. The Doctrine and Covenants does not contain all revelations given to the Prophet Joseph Smith. It is unnecessary that every word revealed should be added to that volume. Wilford Woodruff was ministered to by angels (Discourses of Wilford Woodruff, pp. 288, 300).
- 204 there exists the same stiffneckedness and lack of seeking for knowledge in the LDS Church as in the days of 2 Nephi 32:6-7. Many revelations contained on the Book of Mormon plates have been withheld.
- 205 it is my humble opinion that we are receiving council by inspiration or revelation at every general conference of the church. Would it not be wise for members of the church to pay more heed to these councils and prepare ourselves for more to come? [Latter-day Saints are not certain if what they hear at these General Conferences is the truth or a lie even though they are told that the President of the Church cannot lead someone astray. But as we have seen already, some of the key LDS teachings are wrong. It would be safe to say that modern day Mormons even reject the teachings mentioned in the earlier General Conference talks. One big example is the teaching on the location of the Hill Cumorah].
- 206 the Reorganized Church did not publish the Inspired Translation until 1867. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints did not use the Inspired Translation because it was not completed [but the Reorganized Church, now the Community of Christ, says it was completed].
- 208 we [the Mormons] do not believe hell is a place where the wicked are being burned forever.
- 209 the telestial kingdom will contain liars, sorcerers and adulterers. They will come forth out of their punishment after the millennium [the Bible has them in the lake of fire with the devil and his angels. They will never come out].
- 209-210 the sons of perdition will go to outer darkness. This is the real hell [not surprisingly, this is where ex-Mormons go because they have sinned against the Holy Spirit. Other Christians do not have this problem because Latter-day Saints teach they never had the real truth and thus were not able to sin against the Holy Ghost].
- 210 the telestials will suffer in hell under Satan's dominion until the millennium ends. The earth will become a celestial kingdom when it is sanctified. The terrestrials will have to go to some other sphere [or planet?]. The telestials and terrestrials will have eternal punishment knowing they will never return to God's presence as his sons and daughters. In this sense, it will be hell [there will be many Mormons who will suffer

pain and misery for eternity].

212 - Heavenly Father is the father of our spirits. Jesus is our oldest brother and the only begotten Son of God in the flesh. The Father has a glorious body of flesh and bones to clothe his Spirit. We were spirits only, incapable of obtaining a fulness of joy [but spirits have spirit bodies right?].

Heavenly Father said we needed to have a second estate; to enter mortality.

- 213 mortality was necessary.
- 214 for a wise purpose they could not keep the first commandment while in the Garden of Eden [but the animals could both eat and procreate before the Fall]. The commandment given not to eat from the forbidden fruit was different from all others because the Lord said, "thou mayest choose for thyself, for it is given unto thee" (Moses 3:17) [this is not a correct interpretation by Mormons. We can choose for ourselves to obey or disobey any commandment because the choice is given unto us].

They had to come to transgress the law. The fall of Adam was not a sin [there is so much contradictory LDS teaching about this that it will make your head spin. This was taught on pages 184 and 188 in volume 1. Also see the web site http://ldslearning.org/original-sin.htm].

- 215 God is not the author of death or sin [but in LDS theology, God wanted Adam and Eve to disobey him because otherwise they could not progress or procreate].
- 216 Jesus' sacrifice only atones for our personal sins if we repent and accept the gospel plan [I would disagree. The atonement also atones for the sins of those who don't repent of their sins and of Muslims, Hindus, and atheists who reject the gospel plan]. Mortality was essential because we needed to choose for ourselves [same comment as above. The LDS God wanted Adam and Eve to disobey him because otherwise they could not progress or procreate].
- 217 Jesus came to redeem from sin every soul who accepts his mission [Jesus came to redeem everyone from every sin ... even the Mormon, Hindu, or atheist who rejects his mission].

The End