

Book Review - The Articles of Faith (by Talmage, February 1 1924)

Here are some highlights. Comments and questions will be posed occasionally.

Chapter 1 - Introduction

15 - the Book of Mormon is the purported record of the aboriginal peoples (the Native American Indians).

Chapter 2 - God and the Holy Trinity

31 - Cain took the knowledge of God from the Garden of Eden.

43 - Almighty God appeared to Abraham. The Lord (Jehovah, Jesus) appeared to the Tower of Babel.

44 - God is jealous of his power and homage paid to him.

47-48 - a sectarian view of the Godhead. The idea of "not three Gods, but one God" is an inconsistency and a contradiction [Joseph Smith taught the Trinity was 3 Gods - one God would constitute a 'monster'].

Chapter 3 - The Transgression and the Fall

52 - agency is the choice between good and evil, to obey or disobey [so good means obey, and evil is to disobey]. Promises of blessings for compliance and penalties for infraction. Penalties for a broken law, blessings for a law-abiding life [the current LDS Church teaches that great blessings resulted through the Fall].

53 - obedience to law is the habit of the free man [what does this mean?].

53 - Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden - penalty to follow the violation of law. God made evil so that mankind could advance.

54 - agency was heaven born.

55 - plan of salvation. Good deeds lead to happiness, evil leads to misery.

57 - sin is opposition to divine will. Sin is anything that prevents the development of the human soul [this would explain why some Latter-day Saints don't believe that Eve sinned]. Sin was introduced by Satan [how exactly?].

- 58 - sin is learned by experience. Lake of fire is endless torment.
- 59 - punishment for sin. Punishment is inflicted upon the sinner for discipline and reformation [a key example is Adam and Eve. They were punished for their sin]. Tortures of fire in a sulphurous lake.
- 60 - the sons of perdition are backsliders. Another example is someone who sheds innocent blood [are those who commit abortion included too?]. Eternal and endless punishment.
- 61 - false doctrine of endless punishment. When the uttermost farthing is paid, the prison doors shall be open [is he talking about a hell with endless punishment or the spirit prison?].
- 62 - eternal and endless punishment. Satan's fall is described in Revelation 12.
- 63 - Satan imparted the secret of murder to Cain. A reference is made to those who fall in this life [is there anyone other than Jesus who was born into the world that was not already fallen?].
- 64 - The Garden of Eden was created to gladden the heart of its possessor [how were the hearts of Adam and Eve gladdened during their stay there?]. They were not allowed to touch the fruit of the forbidden tree. Eve also mentioned this.
- 65 - Satan said they would become like the gods [where does the scripture say this?]. Eve 'urged' Adam to eat [where does the scripture say this?]. Adam found himself in a predicament between 2 commandments [how did Adam and Eve know they had to eat from the forbidden tree to have children? Were they having sex and found that they were not able to be fruitful and multiply?]. Eve fell into mortality first [did she realize she was naked first or did they both realize they were naked only when Adam partook?]. Adam wisely chose to break the second commandment [that would explain why some Latter-day Saints don't view the fall as a sin].
- 66 - the tree of life was permissible before the Fall. The Fall provided (they acquired) knowledge - the experimental knowledge of good and evil.
- 67 - in place of pleasing and useful plants, thorns and thistles sprung up [how were the hearts of Adam and Eve pleased by the useful plants during their stay in the Garden of Eden?]. Upon Eve fell the penalty of pains and sorrows [does this mean that it was God's intended will that women give birth without pain?].

- 68 - enmity was decreed and placed in the hearts of Eve's children [that is not what the scriptures say - "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel", Genesis 3:15. Eve's seed is Jesus (one person), not her children].
- 69 - powers of eternal progression and increase. Satan contributed to the plan of man's eternal progression.
- 70 - Adam and Eve would have remained in a state of innocent childhood, sinless. They were negatively saved from the opportunity of meeting sin [it should say committing sin]. ... by the proper use of which knowledge man may become even as the Gods [Religion 430-431 - Doctrines of the Gospel Student Manual says that Jesus reached a pinnacle of knowledge, which ranked him as a God]. Mortality is a God-given freedom of action (agency) [but Adam and Eve had freedom of action while they were immortal].
- 73 - the resurrection comes by reason of the fall (2 Nephi 9:6) [cause and effect].

Chapter 4 - The Atonement

- 74 - the word atonement is found once in the New Testament and it is misused [only to Mormons that is. By the way, the word ransom only appears 2 times in the Book of Mormon - never applicable to Jesus Christ].
- 75 - the word atonement appears repeatedly in the Old Testament [the words atone or atonement are found about 82 times in the Bible. Interestingly, all forms of the word ATONE in the Book of Mormon + Doctrine and Covenants + the Pearl of Great Price only totals about 27].
- 75-76 - the sentence of banishment is the common heritage of humanity - a penalty. "It is unjust to cause all to eternally suffer" [how?].
- 77 - ransom. Altar sacrifice was rendered by Adam [the Visitor's Centre in Salt Lake City once had a statue where Adam and Eve offered the offering of Cain, while a lamb lay by the altar. Due to embarrassment that it caused when a Christian pointed this out, the statue was removed. Its whereabouts are unknown. It was probably destroyed].
- 79 - Jesus was begotten in the flesh by an Immortal Father [Religion 430-431 - Doctrines of the Gospel Student Manual refers to this as a 'Celestial Sireship'].
- 80 - Jesus is the incarnated God. To suffer as only a God could suffer.

- 81 - Adam's despair turned to joy after the fall [how did he experience misery first when he did not have joy?].
- 83 - Nephi saw a vision of Mary in Nazareth first then with a child in her arms.
- 84 - the Father proclaimed the Son to the Nephites.
- 85 - a child (under the age of accountability) is redeemed by the atonement. Individual consequences of the fall [what does this mean?].
- 86 - spiritual death is banishment from God - an inescapable effect of Adam's transgression.
- 87 - Adam's fall - effects of Adam's transgression are death of the body and inherited sin [Adam's offspring inherited sin from him]. Exemption from the penalty of the fall [Alma 42 calls this penalty a punishment - Cain and Abel were also punished for Adam's transgression]. Children under eight are saved through the atonement. Children of Adam are the natural heirs to the ills of mortality [Gospel Principles makes it sound like they are the natural heirs of the blessings of the Fall].
- 88 - they (little children) are redeemed from the curse of this fallen state [when exactly is the curse removed from little children?]. Through the atonement the debt is paid and they are left free [but Gospel Principles says the debt is still outstanding, only the debtor has changed]. Curse of Adam is taken away from little children [they are cursed as an effect of the Fall].
- 89 - without Adam's fall little children could not exist [LDS teach that mortality is a requirement for procreation]. Unconditional redemption from death as an effect of the fall.
- 90 - free agency enables him to choose or reject to follow the path of life or the road that leads to destruction [which of these 2 did Adam choose?].
- 91 - exaltation is earned by righteous effort. Not all will be exalted to higher glories [what does exalted mean?].
- 92 - members of the Church of the Firstborn are in the highest glory. Redemption of those in the Celestial glory will be delayed until the last resurrection. In the Celestial world, there are innumerable degrees [are there innumerable degrees in the Terrestrial world too?].

Chapter 5 - Faith and Repentance

- 97 - faith in the Godhead is a requisite to salvation [do you lose your salvation if you have a wrong faith in the Godhead?]. You do well when you accept one God [does this imply Latter-day Saints choose poorly when they accept three Gods?].
- 100 - wisdom is the proper use of knowledge. Man's natural intuition as to the existence of a supreme being.
- 105-106 - the saints were tortured, endured trials of cruel mockings, and were stoned.
- 106 - faith in the entire Godhead is essential to salvation [did the thief on the cross have faith in the Holy Spirit or the Father?].
- 109 - conviction of his own unworthiness [do Latter-day Saints who are worthy enough to get a temple recommend have a conviction of their own unworthiness?]. The remission of sin is the most desirable of all blessings [it is more desirable than wanting to become a God?].
- 111 - parable of the king and 10,000 talents (about the debts being forgiven for the one most in debt) [I don't recall 10,000 talents - need to verify].
- 115 - the ability to repent after death is not easy.
- 116 - because they are sealed by the devil after death.

Chapter 6 - Baptism

- 120 - sincerely repent of sins, then baptism, then remission of sins is granted.
- 123 - then comes a remission of sins through Fire and the Holy Ghost [looks a little different from what just mentioned before].
- 124 - preaching the remission of sins through authorized baptism [Latter-day Saints teach that authorized baptism is only present in their church].
- 125 - the Lord designated eight years as the age for children to be properly baptized in the church [no scriptural reference is provided]. The failure of parents to prepare their children for baptism is a sin. Infants need no remission of sins [Mosiah 3:16 says they have some sin - "And even if it were possible that little children could sin they could not be saved; but I say unto you they are blessed; for behold, as in Adam, or by nature, they fall, even so the blood of Christ atoneth for their sins"]. The child is

not contaminated by the sins of earth [the child is already contaminated by the sin of Adam]. They are received without baptism into the paradise of God [what is paradise?].

126 - Roman Catholic Church is used in same sentence as the phrase "that dark age".

130 - divine command and penalty for disobedience. Peter was the chief apostle.

132 - before Jesus came, they were baptized in the name of the Son only. After Jesus, they were baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. The sacrament of bread and wine is only for those who are properly baptized. In the beginning, they were just called the Church of Christ.

133 - regarding all who were baptized by Him [who did Jesus baptize?]. He told them to endure to the end [need to verify this in 3 Nephi]. Moroni was the solitary survivor of a once mighty people [did all the Nephites perish?].

134 - those not in the kingdom where the Father and Son are considered damned [in LDS theology, the inhabitants in the telestial, terrestrial glory, and the 2 lower levels of the celestial kingdom are damned for eternity].

Chapter 7 - Baptism (continued)

137 - baptism by immersion by a duly commissioned servant is the only true form [this means baptisms outside the Mormon Church are invalid].

141 - John the Baptist was an angel [really?].

142 - the person performing the baptism must have authority and he must also use the exact words.

143 - Paul baptized twelve Ephesians again [need to verify].

144 - according to the Book of Mormon, Nephi was baptized twice.

145 - all will be punished or rewarded by justice [what would be the punishment for a child who dies at 1 year old if Jesus did not atone for him?]. Spiritual darkness is a condition when no gospel and no authorized reps exist. An example of a heresy is infant baptism and death-bed repentance [is teaching that Heavenly Father was a man who became a God also heresy?].

146 - in the justice of God no soul shall be condemned under any law that has not been made known unto him. Eternal punishment, endless punishment.

148 - those who never heard the gospel are to be left in punishment eternally [why?]. If you reject the word of God, a penalty will fall upon you [Adam rejected the word of God so a penalty of death fell upon him. The penalty passed unto all humans].

148-149 - Isaiah 42:6-7 is used a reference for Christ preaching to the spirits. "I the Lord have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles; To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house" - doesn't say that Christ went to preach to them]. Isaiah 24:22 is used to say they would be put in the spirit prison ["And they shall be gathered together, as prisoners are gathered in the pit, and shall be shut up in the prison, and after many days shall they be visited" - does not say who they will be visited by].

149 - baptism is necessary for the dead.

150 - reference to Malachi about Elijah is said to be about baptism for the dead. The resurrected Moroni is an angel [only an angel?].

151 - Elijah did not die. Link is made between departed fathers and living children [where does Malachi say the fathers are dead and the children are living?].

152 - the departed fathers depend on their living children as vicarious saviours. Baptism is typical of the death, burial, and resurrection of the Redeemer.

153 - proxy for the dead. Temples should be the best structure that humans can build. The Covenant People are a Temple building people. The Lord manifested his glory in the temple [compare accounts of the Lord appearing in the Old Testament with those accounts mentioned by Latter-day Saints ... totally different. The priests could not stay in the tabernacle because they could not behold His glory].

154 - the temple veil was rent at crucifixion [this important event is not even recorded in the Book of Mormon]. A temple is more than a building - it is marked by his acceptance [the Lord only accepted one temple, the one in Jerusalem].

155 - the spot in Independence Missouri as a future temple. Temples at Kirtland and Nauvoo were abandoned after persecution.

Chapter 8 - The Holy Ghost

- 158 - the spirit of truth is the Holy Ghost. At Pentecost, they spoke with tongues other than their own and fire appeared over their heads [the LDS church did not have a Pentecost - never recorded in their canon].
- 158-159 - unto the saints in the last dispensation of the fullness of times, the same great promise (baptism of fire and the Holy Ghost) has been made [the provided reference of D&C 84:64 does not mention the baptism of fire - "Therefore, as I said unto mine apostles I say unto you again, that every soul who believeth on your words, and is baptized by water for the remission of sins, shall receive the Holy Ghost"] [D&C 33:11 and 39:6 mention the baptism of fire shortly after the baptism by water and D&C 20:41 mention the baptism of fire when one is confirmed into the church by the laying on of hands].
- 159 - the Holy Ghost is not a force. Attributes of the Holy Ghost.
- 160 - Nephi speaks face to face with the Holy Ghost. He does not possess body of flesh and bones. He is the minister of the Godhead. He controls the forces of nature. Gravitation, sound, heat, light, and electricity are his common servants.
- 162 - infallibility of the Father and Son.
- 163 - Paul insisted on rebaptizing twelve converts at Ephesus [a reference is made to Acts 19:1-7].
- 164 - baptism in water, then bestowal of the Holy Spirit, then right to inspiring ministrations of the Holy Spirit.
- 165 - Holy Spirit is referred to as that Great Spirit. The divinely-bestowed right to the Holy Ghost's ministrations is given to a baptized candidate. The bestowal of the Holy Ghost is through the ordinance of an oral blessing, accompanied by the laying on of hands. The Book of Mormon plainly attests to this method.
- 166 - the Holy Ghost came upon them and they spoke in tongues [did this ever happen in the LDS wards when someone was ordained?]. Alma clapped his hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit. According to the Book of Mormon, Jesus gave authority to the 12 Nephite disciples by touching them one by one, thus they were commissioned to bestow the Holy Spirit [a reference is made to 3 Nephi 18:36-37. "And it came to pass that when Jesus had made an end of these sayings, he touched with his hand the Disciples whom he had chosen, one by one, even until he had touched them all, and spake unto them as he touched them. And the multitude heard not the words which he spake, therefore they

did not bear record; but the Disciples bare record that he gave them power to give the Holy Ghost. And I will show unto you hereafter that this record is true"]. Ordinance of laying on of hands for the bestowal of the Holy Ghost is associated with confirmation. Use exact words.

Chapter 9 - The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

171 - the Lord's Supper dates from the night of the Passover feast.

172 - Jesus visited the Nephites shortly after his ascension. The wine was first administered to the disciples, then to the people.

173-174 - you must ensure you don't serve the sacrament to unworthy people. The Nephites gave sacraments to only those who assumed the name of Christ [need to verify this]. Only members of his church should take it. Only the baptized ones were called the Church of Christ. The same law is in force today [I think an atheist or a Hindu could also partake of the sacrament and the young Mormon boys will not challenge this].

175 - Jesus has shown that other forms of food and drink may be used in place of bread and wine [what have Latter-day Saints ever used besides bread?].

176 - water is substituted for wine [the wrong authority is provided by the author for doing so. In D&C, Jesus did not ban wine. He permitted wine of their own making]. Sacrament meetings occur every Sabbath [the LDS Sabbath is Sunday, not Saturday. The Sabbath was never changed from Saturday to Sunday even though Christians believe Jesus rose from the dead on Sunday]. The Aaronic priest must consecrate the emblems but only the higher priesthood can officiate.

176-177 - the manner to administer the sacrament is fully described with specific words. The way the Nephites did it is the same [the last time I visited an LDS ward, it was not done this way. The bread was already broken and more than one person did the distribution].

Chapter 10 - Authority in the Ministry

182 - Melchizedek conferred authority upon Abraham [he blessed him but the Bible does not say anything about the priesthood - which was not yet in existence]. Esaias, a contemporary of Abraham, received ordination under the hand of God [who is this Mormon Esaias?].

183 - unauthorized ministrations is sinful.

184 - Miriam was a prophetess.

188 - the angel (John the Baptist) laid hands on Oliver Cowdery and Joseph on May 15 1829.

189 - no one may officiate in any ordinance unless he is ordained. Scriptures shows men were selected for certain appointments before they took mortal bodies.

192 - first estate.

193 - if Christ's earthly birth was the union of a pre-existent spirit and a mortal body, then such also is the birth of everyone. The earth was allotted to the nations according to the children of Israel [what does this mean?].

194 - the population of the earth is fixed to the total number of spirit children. Only when all the spirits have come to earth will the end come [is the sign of no more babies being born on a particular day a clear sign that the end is near?].

Chapter 11 - The Church and Its Plan of Organization

198 - high priests were given to the church [a reference is given to Hebrews 5: 1-5. But that passage refers to only one high priest - Jesus. In the Old Testament, there was only one high priest at a time. Apparently in the Mormon Church, there are many high priests simultaneously]. The office of seventies was also given to the church [a reference is given to Luke 10:1-11. But this is only referring to seventy people, not an office. We never hear about them after that]. Case of seven men who were set apart [a reference is given to Acts 6:1-6. Oddly enough, the LDS Church does not have an office called The Sevens].

199 - the Gospel is principles + laws + ordinances + organization.

200 - no organization maintained a claim to direct revelation from God [apparently the author is not familiar with the claim of the Roman Catholic Church]. Universal apostasy. Departure from the way of salvation as laid down by the Saviour [Jesus is the way of salvation. Some never departed from this way]. The very name of 'Christian' was used as an epithet of derision [no. The term Christian was used to describe those who were showing outwardly that they were following Christ]. Under Constantine the Great, the Christian profession became the religion of State.

201 - bishops exhibited the pomp of princes, archbishops lived as kings, and popes lived as emperors [oddly, the author does not use the term Roman Catholic Church to describe this religion of State]. Speaking of this apostasy, martyrs

were made subjects of adoration [there is no one more adored as a prophet than Joseph Smith to Latter-day Saints. They even wrote a song about him - Praise To The Man - this song even has Joseph Smith mingling with the Gods].

- 203 - 2 Thessalonians chapter 2 is used to refer to a great apostasy [unfortunately they ignore the context of the man of sin]. Nephi predicted oppression of North American Indians at Gentile hands. Reestablishment of the church in the last days for the last time.
- 204 - LDS claim their church is similar in all essentials to the organization effected by Christ among the Jews [no celestial marriages and no baptisms took place in the temple. No high priests in the church - these are just a few examples of how the LDS Church is different].
- 205 - the Levites took place of the firstborn throughout the tribes [in today's LDS Church, the Ephraimites have the pre-eminence]. The firstborn in every Egyptian house was slain while the eldest in every Jewish house was hallowed and spared [a reference is given to Numbers 3:12-13,39. I would say that the Egyptians who put blood on their doorposts were spared and the Jews who did not were slain]. The name of the Higher Priesthood was changed to avoid the too frequent repetition of his name [how often is the name of Jesus Christ repeated in LDS theology?]. The Melchizedek Priesthood has the right to commune with the General Assembly and Church of the Firstborn.
- 206 - the deacon is the lowest office of the Aaronic Priesthood.
- 208 - there is one Patriarch for the overall organization. He is allowed to bless/curse and to bind/loose [these four functions are not mentioned for the other priesthood roles]. The lineage is literal. There are also local patriarchs. They have the same authority as the main one.
- 209 - General Conferences are semi annual. Stake and Ward Conferences are quarterly.
- 210 - the President of the Church has all the gifts. He is like Moses - the mouthpiece of God.
- 211 - seven priests of the First Quorum of Seventies preside over all the other quorums and their presidents.
- 214 - the church existed as an organized body on the western continent prior to the advent of Jesus [only if the Book of Mormon is a historical document].

Chapter 12 - Spiritual Gifts

217 - exalted duties.

218 - gifts are sometimes accompanied by the supernatural.

219 - the saints, humble and weak, proclaim their testimonies and otherwise utter praises unto God in new and strange tongues while other interpret [have you ever seen this in your local ward?].

222 - creation was first spiritual then temporal.

223 - scientific inventions are miracles. Gifts of the spirit [a reference is made to D&C 46:8-29 but *** is used in a portion. I suspect the *** is a reference to verses 11-12 - "For all have not every gift given unto them; for there are many gifts, and to every man is given a gift by the Spirit of God. To some is given one, and to some is given another, that all may be profited thereby". I think this was omitted because it contradicts the LDS teaching that the President has ALL the gifts].

224 - at Pentecost they spoke in strange tongues [not strange to the people who understood them]. In this present dispensation, this gift, again promised to the saints, is not infrequently manifest [I wonder how many Mormons have seen it manifest in any General/Stake, or Ward Conference].

226 - visions are manifested to the waking senses, dreams are given during sleep.

227 - Lehi received instructions to leave Jerusalem in dreams [need to verify this as he was supposedly preaching the impending destruction to other people].

229 - Miriam and Deborah were prophets. Sacred altar in heaven. Sacred fire in the soul.

230 - the words "Thus saith the Lord" make it authoritative [I recall seeing something where this teaching is contradicted]. Miracles are signs of divine acknowledgment.

231 - John saw wicked power doing great wonders, deceiving many, even bringing fire from heaven.

232 - Satan is an accomplished strategist and skilful imitator; the most deplorable of his victories are due to his simulation of good, whereby the undiscerning have been led captive [the Fall would be a good example even though the author does not mention it].

233 - multitude of LDS have voiced their testimony in tongues with which they were naturally unfamiliar or who have demonstrated their possession of the gift by a phenomenal mastery of foreign languages when such was necessary to the discharge of their duties as preachers of the word of God [I recall seeing somewhere where the LDS church teaches that tongues should not be used for instruction or revelation [revealing something)]. I wonder how many multitude of LDS have personally witnessed this? I have never seen it mentioned in the manuscripts of the General Conferences. As a side note, the early Apostles did not go to a learning institute to learn the tongues they spoke with on Pentecost. This was truly a miracle].

Chapter 13 - The Holy Bible

236 - other LDS canon is in harmony with the Bible [see the Bible vs. the Book of Mormon in pdf format]. The original records of the Bible are authentic.

239 - there can be little doubt as to the authenticity of the scriptures at the time of Christ.

242 - explaining the Septuagint. Duplication of Old Testament in Hebrew and Greek has been an effective means of protection against alterations [I wonder what caused some many alterations between the 1830 version of the Book of Mormon and the current form].

248 - the Bible must be admitted as credible and authentic.

251 - the Bible leads men back to the Eternal Presence [what is the Eternal Presence?] The Book of Mormon affirms that the plates of brass contained authentic scriptures [Book of Moses, etc.].

Chapter 14 - The Book of Mormon

255 - a resurrected personage visited Joseph on Sep 21-23 1823 in response to fervent prayer [check to see if he was really in fervent prayer]. Plates of gold [why the switch from plates of brass?].

255-256 - hill was Cumorah or Ramah; situated near Palmyra.

256 - gold plates contained historical account. Contained two stones in silver bows - stones fastened to a breastplate - Urim and Thummim. Plates were in a box of stone.

- 257 - Joseph Smith was instructed to guard them with strict care. In the course of his short journey homeward with the sacred relics he was attacked. News that he had the plates in his possession soon spread [did the angel tell him not to show anyone, not to tell anyone, or both?].
- 258 - Book of Mormon would come forth in due time by way of the Gentile [who is that Gentile?]. Jesus is the Eternal God, manifesting himself unto all nations [did Jesus manifest himself to Japan?].
- 259 - in the account of Lehi's journey out of Jerusalem, a reference to his daughters is made [but no mention is made of the daughters of Ishmael who supposedly travelled also is not mentioned. I wonder why]. Lehi ended up in the western coast of America. He landed around 590 BC. It was their land of promise. A division arose after the death of Lehi.
- 260 - they spread northward, occupying a considerable area in Central America. Lamanites, while increasing in numbers, incurred a curse and became dark in skin [this curse started much earlier than what the author states. See Alma 3:6-7. It is recorded that the skins of the Lamanites were dark, "according to the mark which was set upon their fathers, which was a curse upon them because of their transgression and their rebellion against their brethren, who consisted of Nephi, Jacob, and Joseph, and Sam, who were just and holy men. And their brethren sought to destroy them, therefore they were cursed; and the Lord God set a mark upon them, yea, upon Laman and Lemuel, and also the sons of Ishmael, and Ishmaelitish women"]. American Indians are the lineal descendants of the Lamanites. The final struggles between the Nephites and Lamanites were waged in the vicinity of the hill Cumorah, in what is now the State of New York. Moroni, wandering for safety, hid the record in Cumorah.
- 261 - the people of Jared prayed and their prayer (to not be confused in language) was heard [if you look at Ether 1:33-41, it was only Jared who cried unto the Lord for mercy]. Choice land above all lands. Jared journeyed for 344 days. Jaredite destruction at hill Ramah; then became known as Hill Cumorah. Coriantumr should survive all his subjects and live to see another people in possession of the land [it would seem there were no other inhabitants in the land].
- 262 - Mulek departed from Jerusalem in about 589 BC. Mulek probably came to the northern part of the American continent [like Maine?]. Angel Moroni delivered the gold plates to Smith. Dimensions are 7 inches x 8 inches x 6 inches (thick).
- 265 - reference to King Benjamin's reign.

266 - Joseph Smith was told not to re-translate the lost 116 pages. Instead, he was told to translate from a different section.

267-268 - the breastplate with the Urim and Thummim also given to Smith. The details of the work of translation have not been recorded except that Smith used the Urim and Thummim. Reference to Charles Anthon. He said the translation 'appeared to be correct'. Anthon now wants to see the original book after hearing how the ancient record came to Smith. It says that *part* of the book is sealed [a reference is made to Isaiah 29:11 in showing that this was a fulfillment of prophecy. This is also recorded in volume 1 of the History of the Church - "... and translates some of the characters—Martin Harris shows characters and translation to Professor Anthon, who says: I cannot read a sealed book. Testimony of Doctor Mitchell verifies Anthon.

Isaiah 29:11 says, "And the vision of all is become unto you as the words of a book that is sealed, which men deliver to one that is learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I cannot; for it is sealed".

Isaiah's vision is about the city of Ariel and its judgment, not any other place. Also, Isaiah does not give you the impression that part of the book is sealed and another part is not sealed.

Mormons conveniently leave out verse 12 - "And the book is delivered to him that is not learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I am not learned". The book was not delivered to Professor Anthon.

One important thing is not mentioned in the Articles of Faith. On page 268, it makes a mention of Anthon's positive reaction to the characters which he had seen. He said Smith's translation 'appeared' to be correct.

But something a little different is recorded in volume 1, History of the Church:

"I went to the city of New York, and presented the characters which had been translated, with the translation thereof, to Professor Charles Anthon, a gentleman celebrated for his literary attainments. Professor Anthon stated that the translation was correct [above it said it appeared correct], more so than any he had before seen translated from the Egyptian. I then showed him those which were not yet translated, and he said that they were Egyptian, Chaldaic, Assyriac, and Arabic; and he said they were true characters. He gave me a certificate, certifying to the people of Palmyra that they were true characters, and that the translation of such of them as had been translated was also correct. I took the certificate and put it into my pocket, and was just leaving the house, when Mr. Anthon

called me back, and asked me how the young man found out that there were gold plates in the place where he found them. I answered that an angel of God had revealed it unto him. He then said to me, 'Let me see that certificate.' I accordingly took it out of my pocket and gave it to him, when he took it and tore it to pieces, saying that there was no such thing now as ministering of angels, and that if I would bring the plates to him he would translate them. I informed him that part of the plates were sealed, and that I was forbidden to bring them. He replied, 'I cannot read a sealed book.' I left him and went to Dr. Mitchell, who sanctioned what Professor Anthon had said respecting both the characters and the translation."

Notice how Anthon wanted to see the plates so he could translate them? Then he asked "I cannot read a sealed book".

A few other questions come to mind.

How could Professor Anthon know that the translation was correct when he did not even know Reformed Egyptian. Besides, how could he verify the translation when he did not even have the Urim and Thummim (the seer stones) to do the translation?

Did you notice Professor Anton's reaction? First he verified the characters of Joseph Smith. Then he changes his mind when he found out the source of the characters. What kind of professor is this?

And then - how could Professor Anton ask Joseph Smith for the plates in order to translate them when Anton did not have the means to do the translation?

If Joseph Smith was going to translate the plates through the power of God, why would he even need to get any form of authentication from someone who did not believe in the ministry of angels? When the New Testament Apostles wrote the epistles and gospels, they did not need 3rd-party verification.

What type of professor (as in Charles Anton) would provide a certificate of authenticity when he never saw the original characters?

What type of doctor (as in Mr. Mitchell) would provide a certificate of authenticity when he never saw the original characters?

After all, Joseph Smith said he was forbidden to bring the plates to New York. He was not forbidden to bring the professor to where Joseph Smith was at the time.

270 - three witnesses developed feelings of hatred towards Smith.

271 - three witnesses died out of the church.

273 - learned linguists pronounce the engraved characters genuine [was there a language of Reformed Egyptian in the days of Smith and no one else but Anthon and Mitchell could read without interpreters?].

Chapter 15 - The Book of Mormon (continued)

273 - the Book of Mormon is a message of a departed people. BOM agrees with the Bible in all related matters [see The Bible vs. The Book of Mormon].

274 - there is corroborative testimony furnished by archaeology and ethnology for the Book of Mormon. The Nephite and Jewish Scriptures agree in tradition, history, doctrine, and prophecy [see The Bible vs. The Book of Mormon]. The Nephite record is superior in clearness to the Bible [several important LDS ordinances are not even found in the BOM].

275 - gather out the elect unto a place prepared for them.

276 - stick of Judah and the stick of Joseph. Two nations were Judah and Israel, or Ephraim [Latter-day Saints do not understand that the union of the sticks is the union of the two nations, not the union of two books]. The Nephite nation comprised the descendants of Lehi (who belonged to the tribe of Manasseh), of Ishmael who was an Ephraimite, and of Zoram [the author forgot to include another group that left Jerusalem and supposedly came to America - Mulek and his company].

277 - reference is made to Ariel and another group "as like Ariel" [Israel and Jacob are interchange frequently in the same sentence; this does not mean they are two different people]. Remnant of Joseph was destroyed in America [but not all the Nephites/Lamanites were destroyed].

278 - out of the ground, one speaking from the dust.

280-281 - Joseph Smith is the seer predicted by Lehi to his son Joseph [I have seen an LDS teaching where Joseph is said to be a pure Ephraimite].

281 - they [apparently Christians in Joseph's day] would revile and curse the branch of the covenant people [Latter-day Saints believe only they are the covenant people].

- 282 - testimony of two nations is a witness. Additional scriptures are the records of the Lost Tribes. More scriptures are the records of all nations. The Nephites and Jews would have the records of the Lost Tribes.
- 283 - science is unable to explain in any decisive manner the origin of the native American races. A reference is made to the book New Witness for God, by B.H. Roberts. Aboriginal inhabitants came from the east [but when you read the Book of Mormon, there is no indication that they met these people. Its as if 'America' was a deserted place when they came]. America was settled by the Jaredites.
- 284 - Jaredites became extinct near 590 B.C. Nephites/Lamanites were extinct near 385 A.D. [didn't some survive the wars?]. The Indian tribes are their descendants in a degenerate condition. Colony came direct from the Jerusalem in Asia. Indian tribes are descendants of immigrants who history is contained in the Book of Mormon.
- 285 - the first peopling of America took place around 2000 B.C. [which part of America?]. Page 284 says the Jaredites came in 1850+590 B.C.
- 287 - the Aboriginal Americans sprang from peoples of the eastern hemisphere.
- 288 - the knowledge of the Godhead was found to exist among the natives of Yucatan.
- 293 - Lehi and company left Jerusalem shortly before captivity.

Chapter 16 - Revelation: Past, Present, and Future

- 296 - examples of divine revelation.
- 298 - attuned to celestial music, hearing the voice of God. Urim and Thummim.
- 299 - a higher endowment involves a face to face with the Lord. State of innocence prior to the fall. Adam had direct communication with the Lord [did Eve?] Adam, when driven from Eden, took some remembrance of his former happy state [what happy state and what remembrance?]. Adam was sweating under the penalty foretold and fulfilled upon him [this penalty passed upon all mankind].
- 302 - in no period of times has scripture been entirely deemed sufficient. God's dealings in the Old and New Testaments may not be universally and directly applicable to the circumstances of succeeding times [are there new moral issues that are discussed in the Doctrine and Covenants and not in previous scriptures?].

303 - it is inconceivable that God will bless his church by allowing it to live as best as it may according to the laws of a bygone age [does the LDS Church need to always be governed by newly revealed laws or is the Holy Spirit sufficient?]. Since apostasy, God has recognized no earthly church as his own, nor any prophet to declare with authority "Thus Saith the Lord" [has an person, since and including Joseph Smith, ever declared something with authority with the phrase "Thus Saith the Lord"? LDS scriptures show that the apostle John never died and is preaching the gospel until Jesus returns some day. It doesn't sound like his preaching is effective because God is not apparently recognize the church he is building].

It is a doctrine that revelation adapted to existing conditions is characteristic of God's dealings. Laws, having been ordained, are subsequently repealed when a more advanced stage of the divine plan has been reached. [in LDS theology, the higher law of consecration was repealed for the lower law of tithing because of their disobedience to keep the former].

Law of Moses was strictly binding upon Israel until Christ's ministry. The Law of Moses had been given because of transgression [what transgression?].

304 - revelation from God is a vital characteristic of the living church. It is essential for its existence. Without officers duly commissioned there can be no church of Christ.

305 - John said not to modify the Book of Revelation. This is a sin [Joseph Smith modified some parts of the this revelation.

Revelation 1:1–8 (JST):

- 1 The Revelation of John, a servant of God, which was given unto him of Jesus Christ, to show unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass, that he sent and signified by his angel unto his servant John,
- 2 Who bore record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw.
- 3 Blessed are they who read, and they who hear and understand the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein, for the time of the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.
- 4 Now this is the testimony of John to the seven servants who are over the seven churches in Asia. Grace unto you, and peace from him who is, and who was, and who is to come; who hath sent forth his angel from before his throne, to testify unto those who are the seven servants over the seven churches.
- 5 Therefore, I, John, the faithful witness, bear record of the things which were delivered me of the angel, and from Jesus Christ the first begotten of the dead, and the Prince of the kings of the earth.
- 6 And unto him who loved us, be glory; who washed us from our sins in his

own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God, his Father. To him be glory and dominion, forever and ever. Amen.

7 For behold, he cometh in the clouds with ten thousands of his saints in the kingdom, clothed with the glory of his Father. And every eye shall see him; and they who pierced him, and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.

8 For he saith, I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, the Lord, who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

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1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John:

2 Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw.

3 Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.

4 John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne;

5 And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

6 And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

7 Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.

8 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

Revelation 2:26–27 (JST):

26 And to him who overcometh, and keepeth my commandments unto the end, will I give power over many kingdoms;

27 And he shall rule them with the word of God; and they shall be in his hands as the vessels of clay in the hands of a potter; and he shall govern them by faith, with equity and justice, even as I received of my Father.

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26 And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations:

27 And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father.

Revelation 12:1–17 (JST)

- 1 And there appeared a great sign in heaven, in the likeness of things on the earth; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars.
- 2 And the woman being with child, cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered.
- 3 And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron; and her child was caught up unto God and his throne.
- 4 And there appeared another sign in heaven; and behold, a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman which was delivered, ready to devour her child after it was born.
- 5 And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she had a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore years.
- 6 And there was war in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought against Michael;
- 7 And the dragon prevailed not against Michael, neither the child, nor the woman which was the church of God, who had been delivered of her pains, and brought forth the kingdom of our God and his Christ.
- 8 Neither was there place found in heaven for the great dragon, who was cast out; that old serpent called the devil, and also called Satan, which deceiveth the whole world; he was cast out into the earth; and his angels were cast out with him.
- 9 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ;
- 10 For the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.
- 11 For they have overcome him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; for they loved not their own lives, but kept the testimony even unto death. Therefore, rejoice O heavens, and ye that dwell in them.
- 12 And after these things I heard another voice saying, Woe to the inhabitants of the earth, yea, and they who dwell upon the islands of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.
- 13 For when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child.
- 14 Therefore, to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might flee into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.
- 15 And the serpent casteth out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood.

- 16 And the earth helpeth the woman, and the earth openeth her mouth, and swalloweth up the flood which the dragon casteth out of his mouth.
- 17 Therefore, the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

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- 5 And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and [to] his throne.
- 6 And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred [and] threescore days.
- 7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,
- 8 And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.
- 9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.
- 10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.
- 11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.
- 12 Therefore rejoice, [ye] heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.
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- 16 And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth.

17 And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

308 - John is said to refer to the LDS period [reference to angel flying in the air - Revelation 14:6. It is insinuated that this angel is Moroni].

308-309 - God would call his people from Babylon to a place of safety.

309 - Lehi prophesied of Joseph Smith [reference to 2 Nephi 3:7. Some LDS teach that Joseph was a pure Ephraimite even though Lehi was from the tribe of Manasseh].

311 - man's probation on earth. Canon of scripture is still open - many lines are yet to be added.

Chapter 17 - The Dispersion of Israel

314 - Israel is a title conferred upon Jacob.

316 - the name of Israel was used in a figurative manner to designate the covenant people who constituted the Church of Christ.

317 - Canaan is the land of their promised inheritance. Allegiance to himself as God and King [which God?].

320 - unbelief led to people wandering in the flesh [what does in the flesh mean?].

321 - Lehi and Nephi were born in Jerusalem [were they?].

321-322 - the Lamanites are a division of Lehi's posterity. Lamanites are now known as the American Indians.

322 - another departure out of Jerusalem eleven years later. Mulek, a son of the last king Zedekiah.

325 - the Ten Lost Tribes journeyed to the north. They shall come back from the north too [a reference is made to D&C 133:26-27 - "And they who are in the north countries shall come in remembrance before the Lord; and their prophets shall hear his voice, and shall no longer stay themselves; and they shall smite the rocks, and the ice shall flow down at their presence. And a highway shall be cast up in the midst of the great deep". This is not referring specifically talking about the Ten Tribes. See verse 34 - "Behold, this is the blessing of the everlasting God upon the tribes of Israel, and the richer

blessing upon the head of Ephraim and his fellows"].

According to the apocryphal books the Ten Tribes went to a farther country where never man dwelt.

326 - the present location of the Ten Lost Tribes has not been revealed [does the LDS Church teach the Ten Lost Tribes are in one location or in many locations throughout the world?].

Chapter 18 - The Gathering of Israel

328 - a day of glorious deliverance and blessed restoration awaits the dispersed.

330 - ensign for the nations. Unity - no longer two kingdoms. Bring them out of the north lands into their own country.

331 - Jerusalem - throne of the Lord.

332 - both house of Judah and Israel will come together out of the land of the north to the land of their inheritance [what north land?]. No more two nations, no more two kingdoms (Ezekiel 37:21-22) [unfortunately Latter-day Saints use the same verse to incorrectly say that the stick of Judah and Joseph are the Bible and the Book of Mormon]. God will plant them upon their own land.

334 - gathered to all their lands of promise. Jews are to be gathered to their land of their fathers [you will notice before and after this that the Articles of Faith refers to 'land' and 'lands' of inheritance or promise].

335 - lands of their inheritance. Kings and Queens of the Gentiles would help the Jews gather [who are these kings and queens?]. Remnant of the House of Israel established on the western continent. They will build a city called New Jerusalem.

335-336 - gathered to the New Jerusalem.

336 - lost tribes which the Father led out of Jerusalem [which lost tribes were led out of Jerusalem?]. His people will be gathered home to the land of their inheritance.

336-337 - gathering (as a hen gathers her chicks) to one place upon the face of this land to prepare for tribulation and desolation which will be poured upon the wicked.

337 - Lord predicts gathering to Zion and the hour of gathering. Three main types of gathering.

338 - the Lord has set his hand the second time to recover his people. Moses is the first time - he led them (God's people) to land of appointed inheritance. Moses appeared to Joseph and Oliver and committed unto them the keys of gathering Israel from the four parts of the earth and the leading of the Ten Tribes from the land of the north (D&C 110:11) [Joseph and Oliver died long ago and the Ten Tribes were not lead from the land of the north. In fact, the LDS Church does not even know where this land of the north is].

339 - spiritual Babylon is wickedness. Gather saints out of spiritual Babylon. John's vision on Patmos of Babylon is that of the entire sinful world [I don't get that impression when I read Revelation 17/18].

340 - nations of the earth would be blessed in and through Abraham's descendants. Every nation with the blood of Israel in the veins of its members will partake of the blessings.

340 - Jesus also visited the Ten Lost Tribes [apparently there are many more scriptures waiting to be found].

341 - Ten Lost Tribes will bring their rich treasures unto the children of Ephraim, my servants. The boundaries of the everlasting hills will tremble at the presence of the coming Ten Tribes [Latter-day Saints refer to the 'everlasting hills' as the land given to Joseph as his blessing - Genesis 49:26]. The children of Ephraim will crown these Ten Tribes. Exodus of the Ten Tribes from the north land to be led to Zion - Zion must be established first. [I wonder if Canada is the land of the north being referred to by Mormons].

Chapter 19 - Zion

345 - certain hill within Jerusalem known as Mount Zion. Another mountain of the house of the Lord is to be established. Two places are mentioned separately [the Old Testament has made passages were Jacob and Israel are mentioned together in the same verses but they are not two different people].

346 - prophet predicts separately of each place. Jesus will be King on his throne, with two capitals.

347 - Mount Zion is a place in Jerusalem. Another mountain of the house of the Lord. New Zion is to be built on the western continent. Temple of Solomon is on Mount Moriah.

348 - Christians invest Jerusalem with sanctity [like Mormons do for Salt Lake City?]. Jerusalem will become a royal seat, her throne that of the King of Kings [will there be two thrones in LDS theology?].

348-349 - New Zion is to be built in the mountains. Mountainous character of the country of modern Zion [the Old Testament prophet was not referring to the mountainous 'character' of Israel when he spoke of Mount Zion].

350 - Lord brought a remnant of the seed out of the land of Jerusalem so that they should not perish [not according to the biblical record - some were slain, some were left, the others were taken into captivity to Babylon].

350-351 - the Lord visited the Nephites in America and said he would establish them in this land and it would be a New Jerusalem (3 Nephi 20:22). They would build a city called the New Jerusalem. Enoch and his people were translated to heaven. The elect are to be gathered from the four quarters of the earth to a place prepared for them - the New Jerusalem. The City of Enoch would return and meet the gathered elect in the holy place.

[3 Nephi 20:22 says, "And behold, this people will I establish in this land, unto the fulfilling of the covenant which I made with your father Jacob; and it shall be a New Jerusalem. And the powers of heaven shall be in the midst of this people; yea, even I will be in the midst of you". According to the Book of Mormon, a period of peace lasted for about 200 years. Then the Nephites dwindled in unbelief and were killed by the Lamanites in a final battle. Moroni was the sole surviving Nephite].

352 - the New Jerusalem from heaven is the returning city of Enoch. People of Enoch and the gathered saints on the western continent will become one people. Western Missouri is the place appointed and consecrated for the gathering. Land of promise. The town of Independence is the site of the Temple.

353 - until Independence is held in possession of the Mormons, the honest in heart are gathering to the Rocky Mountains, in the tops of the mountains, exalted above the hills. All nations are flowing unto this region

[The Rocky Mountains is the place believed by Mormons to refer to Isaiah 2:2 - 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". But then they assign a new place to the next verse - "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". Verse 2 is used by Mormons to refer to the Rocky Mountains and

verse 3 switches all the way over to Independence, Missouri which apparently will be one of two capitals from where Jesus will rule].

354 - the transgressions of the Latter-day Saints caused Zion not be redeemed. [instead of blaming the Missourians for expelling the Mormons, they should look at this as chastisement from God if they believe their theology].

Chapter 20 - Christ's Reign on Earth

357 - Jesus trod the thorny path of duty [don't you mean love?]. Prophets in the Old Testament and Book of Mormon had little to say of the Second Coming [the New Testament prophets did].

359 - Christians will be brought before kings before the Second Coming [what kings?].

360 - at the ascension a cloud hid the resurrected Lord from sight.

361 - 3 Nephite disciples.

362 - before the Second Coming a remnant shall be gathered unto this place [a reference to D&C 45:37-44 is made. A snip is given here - "And they shall see signs and wonders, for they shall be shown forth in the heavens above, and in the earth beneath. And they shall behold blood, and fire, and vapors of smoke. And before the day of the Lord shall come, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon be turned into blood, and the stars fall from heaven. And the remnant shall be gathered unto this place". The introduction notes of this chapter says "The saints are commanded to gather and build the New Jerusalem, to which people from all nations will come"]. The voice of thousands of Mormons is heard warning the nations and inviting them to repent [I have yet to meet one of them].

363 - Jesus promised to establish the Nephites in the land of the New Jerusalem.

364 - Daniel's interpretation of Nebuchadnezzar's dream. In the days of these kings God would set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed. This kingdom would break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms [the LDS believe this stone cut out of the mountain was The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in 1830 but they cannot explain the identity of the ten kings or the final kingdom that was smashed].

365-366 - kingdom of God is the church. The kingdom of God is already set up with the LDS Church [this is an improper interpretation of Daniel's interpretation of the dream]. Power and authority committed to the church are the keys of the kingdom. Stone cut out of the mountain [reference is made to D&C 65;2,5-6. "The keys of the kingdom of God are committed

unto man on the earth, and from thence shall the gospel roll forth unto the ends of the earth, as the stone which is cut out of the mountain without hands shall roll forth, until it has filled the whole earth".

But look at Daniel 2 - "Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces. Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth.

The image is destroyed and vanishes before it begins to fill the whole earth. The Mormon interpretation is incorrect because they believe they are the stone cut out of the mountain, apparently growing to fill the entire earth all the while the anti-God kingdom still exists].

367 - rapture event. Kingdom of God = Church of Christ.

368 - non members of the church (honest and honourable) will be accorded protection and the privileges of citizenship. Law-breakers and men of impure heart will receive judgment.

369 - Second Coming marks a destruction of the wicked and an era of peace.

371 - death will not be banished in the millennium period. Both immortal and mortal beings will commune with heavenly powers. The LDS will continue vicarious work for the dead. Satan and his followers will go into everlasting punishment after the millennium [temporary or permanent?]. Earth will become the abode for the glorified sons and daughters of God (reference to Jesus The Christ, conclusion part of chapter 42).

Chapter 21 - Regeneration and Resurrection

375 - universal curse since the fall. Adam, in a degraded state, still holds the divine commission to authority of dominion. Eden was a feature of our planet. Earth is destined to come a celestialized body fit for abode of the most exalted intelligences.

377 - earth will be relieved from the curse of the fall.

378 - man is the direct and literal offspring of Deity.

382 - the body, deserted by its immortal tenant, is literally dead.

383-384 - man became fallen and were cut off from God's presence. Spiritual death is hell.

385 - Christ fully comprehended the purpose of his approaching martyrdom and resurrection [an incorrect reference is made of Nicodemus in John 3:14-15. The brass serpent was raised on the pole but it was not resurrected]. There are two general resurrections. The first is the resurrection of the just, the final is the resurrection of the unjust. The first resurrection was inaugurated by Christ's resurrection and this has continued to the present day [ongoing resurrections? This would explain the LDS song about Joseph Smith mingling with the Gods in heaven].

386 - Christ is the firstborn from the dead.

387 - atonement is that Jesus suffered for all men.

388 - three Nephite disciples asked for the blessing of John the Apostle (reference to 3 Nephi 28:8).

389 - those not watching for the return of Christ will be cut off. Lord's face will be unveiled (D&C 88:95-96)["And there shall be silence in heaven for the space of half an hour; and immediately after shall the curtain of heaven be unfolded, as a scroll is unfolded after it is rolled up, and the face of the Lord shall be unveiled; And the saints that are upon the earth, who are alive, shall be quickened and be caught up to meet him"]. Semi good unbelievers will also be part of the first resurrection.

389-390 - millennium inaugurates a glorious deliverance of the just from death. Those in the first resurrection will be priests of God.

390 - unworthy in the final resurrection. We should weep for those who have no hope for a resurrection (D&C 42:45)["Thou shalt live together in love, insomuch that thou shalt weep for the loss of them that die, and more especially for those that have not hope of a glorious resurrection"].

Trump of God will sound [D&C 43:17-18 - "Ye saints arise and live; ye sinners stay and sleep until I shall call again"].

391-392 - people will be brought before the bar of Christ, the Father, and the Holy Spirit to be judged by their works.

392 - a plan of eternal progression has been provided.

Chapter 22 - Religious Liberty and Toleration

- 395 - could one be happy if cut off from communion with the being he loved the most [LDS teach that Adam and Eve did not have joy in the Garden of Eden even when they had communion with God]. Worship is worthy-ship.
- 396 - true worship. Worship is rendered as a result of conception of worthiness on the part of the object. False worship is any manifestation of reverence prompted by a conviction inferior to this.
- 397 - knowing the Father and the Son is guaranty to eternal life [but in LDS theology, one must be married to become a God or Goddess; which is eternal life].
- 397-398 - most acceptable form of worship is that which rests on compliance with the laws of God.
- 398 - spreading enlightenment around the world promotes the guarantee of religious tolerance. Rome posed as the mistress of the world [seems like a subtle attack on the Roman Catholic Church]. People of Israel looked upon all who were not of the covenant race as unworthy [in today's world, the Latter-day Saints view only members of their church as part of the covenant].
- 399 - the example to insinuate the above statement is James and John, the Sons of Thunder who wanted Jesus to rain down fire from the sky. They were resentful and intolerant. Early Christians considered themselves superior to the rest of humanity living in darkness and ignorance.
- 400 - bless them that curse you [LDS were allowed to curse people and avenge themselves on God's enemies - D&C 103:24-25 - quite the difference with the Bible where vengeance belongs to the Lord].
- 401 - some sought to justify persecution on account of differences in religion. Is it not rational to say that any man or coterie of men, any sect, denomination or church that would preach its own conceptions as the authentic gospel of Jesus Christ, is guilty of blasphemy and deserving the curse of God? [I think the LDS Church believes it is the only church preaching the authentic gospel of Jesus Christ. Joseph Smith said that all other church have abominable doctrines].
- 402 - don't offer hospitality to dangerous emissaries who subvert the central truths of Christianity [dangerous emissaries teach that God was once a man who progressed into becoming a God]. No one is bound to help forward the dissemination of teaching what he regards as erroneous respecting the most essential doctrines of his own faith [Gospel Principles contains either correct or erroneous teachings - this manual is being disseminated to the

world by the LDS Church].

Don't use this method to exaggerate the minor variations between religious opinions [Joseph Smith's leading of people to worship a God who has not always been God is not a minor variation].

403 - It is in no wise inconsistent for Latter-day Saints to proclaim the conviction that their church is the accepted one, the only one entitled to the designation "Church of Christ" and the sole earthly repository of the eternal priesthood in the present age. The author's conviction is the validity and genuineness of its high claim - as the one and only church possessing a God-given character of authority [this is an example of Mormon doublespeak. Since priests need authority to act for God, the LDS Church teaches that there is no valid authority in non-LDS churches because it does not hold a valid priesthood. Even Mormon females themselves lack authority to act for God because they are taught not to have the priesthood. It must also be remembered that Joseph Smith taught that all the churches were wrong for they were teaching abominable doctrines. So Baptists and Methodists cannot be viewed by Mormons as holding the designation "Church of Christ". The Church of Christ is a covenant people and Mormons believe that only they are these covenant people].

404 - the heathen who worship idols of stone will have part in the first resurrection. The LDS Church believes in many degrees of glory. The ignorant heathen will come forth in the first resurrection of the just. The condition in the world to come depends on this probation period [called the First Estate. But in LDS theology, there is technically some probation in the spirit world if you can accept the gospel there].

405 - in eternity man will enjoy or loathe the fruit of his doing [seems like there will be misery for those in the resurrection of the just]. There are graded glories [reference to John 14:1-3 - in my Father's house are many mansions - that where I am, there ye may be also. But this is wrong because the Father's house is not in the Telestial, Terrestrial, and two lower Celestial kingdoms].

State of eternal punishment for sons of perdition. 3 great kingdoms of glory are established.

405-406 - Celestial Glory - Church of the Firstborn - priests and kings. They received of his fulness. They are gods. Their bodies are celestial, whose glory is that of the glory of God.

407 - Church of the Firstborn has received the fulness of the Father. Jesus visited those of the Terrestrial glory - they are those spirits in prison. They receive the presence of Jesus but not the fulness of the Father. Telestial glory - these are not redeemed from the devil until the last resurrection.

408 - those in Telestial kingdom will live apart from God [so they cannot be considered as being in God's house in one of its mansions].

409 - there are subdivisions in all the three main kingdoms [but only three subdivisions in the Celestial Kingdom - the top subdivision is for the gods - the Church of the Firstborn]. Progression within each kingdom will be provided for. The scripture makes no positive affirmation about progressing from one kingdom to another. Perfection is relative. An essential feature of God's living purpose is its associated power of eternal increase.

410 - sons of perdition once had a conviction of the truth but then rebelled. The devil and his angels are there [i.e. Outer Darkness. Recall the reference 'it would be better for them never to have been born']. The sons of perdition are a separate group beside the devil and his angels [Who are the angels of the devil? And what of those billions of spirit children of Heavenly Father who Latter-day Saints teach rebelled with Satan against the Father? Are they angels? I think Gospel Principles says in the war in heaven, they became the angels of the devil].

The sons of perdition will reign with the devil and his angels in eternity [reign over who?].

Chapter 23 - Submission to Secular Authority

413 - LDS is the one accepted and divinely invested church. They look in vain for perfection in religious groups [perfection does not exist in the LDS Church either]. Loyalty of the church and its patriotic devotion will be vindicated and extolled by the world [it appears the LDS Church is seeking some respect in our fallen world. Christian churches do not seek to be vindicated or extolled by the world - they seek to glorify Christ alone.

I suspect there is a long standing mental scar in the Mormon mind. They have never gotten over their history of persecution so they want some form of retribution, apology, or recognition].

414 - Hagar was a plural wife of Abraham. Hagar had been given the rank of wifehood in the family. She was the bond-woman [she was a concubine. Scripture never refers to her as a wife].

415 - the Israelites in the Exodus were told "Thou shalt not revile the gods, nor curse the ruler of thy people. The judges were so highly regarded as to be called gods [reference to Exodus 22:28. Jesus makes a reference to this. Mormons have used this to support their teaching of exaltation].

418 - Paul justifies taxation by the state. Tribute.

419 - Paul exhorts prayers for kings. Servants render willing and earnest service to their masters.

421 - the Book of Mormon teachings concerning the duty of the people as subjects of the law of the land are abundant throughout the volume [they it gives only one example, focusing more on the Bible].

423 - it is better to suffer evil than to do wrong by purely human opposition to unjust authority. Latter-day Saints are not accountable for failure to act under the higher law if a government law restricts you.

424 - God stops his works when enemies come to hinder the saints. Revelation of plural marriage is in D&C 132. A law was created in 1862 declaring polygamy unlawful.

424-425 - the ban of plural marriage by the LDS Church was based on acceptance to a civil court decision [strangely absent is mention of the 'revelation' from God instructing the church to stop the practice. I wonder why].

427 - don't interfere in nations who practice slavery.

Chapter 24 - Practical Religion

429 - the LDS believe in the doctrine of original sin [strangely enough, they did not talk about what this original sin is so far in the book].

430 - people are taught to look with confidence for other revelations [Mormons have not seen a revelation since 1978]. We believe in a God who has attained his exalted state by a path which now his children are permitted to follow [the Mormon Heavenly Father became a God]. In the face of direct charges of blasphemy, the church proclaims the eternal truth: As Man Is, God Once Was, As God Is, Man May Be [this 'truth' has become watered down in recent decades. It is now referred to as a 'couplet'].

433 - the LDS Church sends out missionaries without money or price [missionary work has its expenses so they must support themselves with money earned before going or they accept donations from their parents or friends]. Those Mormons who die on the mission field are considered martyrs.

434 - the first Sunday of every month is the appointed fast day. Money or like substitutes are distributed to the worthy poor of the ward or branch.

435 - special fasts are called for in times of war or wide-spread illness. Money or like substitutes are given irrespective of worthiness on the part of the recipient, want and distress must be alleviated [this sounds like a contradiction with page 434. Worthy poor or irrespective of one's worthiness?].

436 - there are three types of tithes. First tithe is general. Second tithe is for appointed festivals. Third tithe is payable once every three years. No penalty for neglect of the law of tithing is recorded.

437 - those who don't tithe shall be burned. Law of tithing was given as a lesser law because Mormons failed to accept higher principles due to human weaknesses, selfishness, covetousness, and greed.

438 - law of consecration (dedication of all one's property) was practiced by the early Christians and the Book of Mormon's Nephites.

[I don't think this is the case. 4 Nephi 1:3 says, "And they had all things common among them; therefore there were not rich and poor, bond and free, but they were all made free, and partakers of the heavenly gift" - this does not mean they gave ALL their property. A family of ten people would obviously have larger home and food requirements than smaller families, so they were not viewed as 'equal'.

Acts 4:32 says, "And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that bought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common" - this does not mean they gave ALL their property. Looks at the example of Ananias and Sapphira in Acts 5. "But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession, And kept back part of the price, his wife also being privy to it, and brought a certain part, and laid it at the apostles' feet. But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land? Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God". Their sin was not keeping the part that belonged to them. Their sin was lying that they had given all.

"Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver` (2 Cor. 9:7).

439 - the United Order is founded on the law of consecration. Lesser law of tithing was given in consequence of failure to live the law of consecration.

440 - while living in the United Order, a man works to support his family, and the surplus is rendered to the church.

441 - you are to be equal, that is, you have equal claims on the properties. Power of self-government will be exercised by several stakes or other divisions, each having independent jurisdiction over its own storehouses and its affairs or administration.

442 - covenant of marriage is essential to the stability of society. Marriage is necessary.

443 - literal truth that God is the Father of spirits. We must know that a mother of spirits is an existent personality [this is Heavenly Mother]. The command to be fruitful and multiply would have been meaningless and void if addressed to either of the sexes along; and without the power of perpetuating his kind, the glory and majesty of man would be insignificant [the LDS Church teaches that Adam and Eve did not have the power of perpetuating his kind before the Fall].

Culmination of man's glorious career lies in his leaving posterity. Transcendently greater is the power of eternal increase [the primary focus of the Mormon life is to have children]. Unended progression of the future state. Marriage is required unless prevented by physical or other disability from assuming the sacred responsibilities of the wedded state [what physical disability prevents marriage?].

Part of the birthright of every worthy man is to stand as the head of the household [but the birthright is only for the first born son].

444 - false teachers bring pernicious doctrine that celibacy is a mark of a higher state, more acceptable in the sight of God [Latter-day Saints should learn the meaning of Christ's parable on marriage and the eunuchs]. The Holy Priesthood is eternal [the Mormon Heavenly Father is not eternal because he did not always have the priesthood].

445 - only gods are married [but the Holy Spirit is God. Jesus is God before taking on human form].

446 - children born to sealed parents are natural heirs to the priesthood. The LDS Church sanctions earthly marriages only and bestows upon such the seal of the priesthood [it seems that their children are the unnatural heirs of the priesthood]. Unlawful association of the sexes is sinful. A person is excommunicated for the adulterer (this includes those who lust after a woman, p. 447).

449 - Sunday is the Christian Sabbath.

450 - detached branch of Israel in the Book of Mormon.

451 - the Lord's day (Sunday) in time took the place of Saturday as the weekly Sabbath. This was due to a revelation given on a Sunday.

452 - do no other work on that day [Gospel Principles says no hunting, fishing, and playing sports ... i.e. secular entertainment].

Appendix 1

459 - the seal of martyrdom [but Joseph Smith did not die for his faith in Jesus Christ].

460 - restoration of the gospel [reference to the angel flying in the air spoken of in Revelation 14:6-7].

Appendix 2

460 - in early stages of earth's existence polytheism not atheism was the prevailing sin.

462 - argument for the personality of Deity is derived from intelligent design.

463 - polytheism is the doctrine of a plurality of gods, who are usually regarded as personalities of forces or phenomena of nature [Mormonism's polytheism has yet another definition - a plurality of gods and goddesses who are not regarded as personalities of forces or phenomena of nature]. Atheism is disbelief in God. Agnosticism holds that God is unknown and unknowable; his existence cannot be proved or disproved.

464 - the Druids performed their ceremonies in sacred groves [Joseph Smith said he was visited by two heavenly personages in what later would be called a sacred grove].

466 - the life or life force is eternal. Intelligences are personal spirits [Abraham chapter 3 refers to them as souls also]. Elohim is the literal father of Jesus in the flesh.

469 - children of the devil [Latter-day Saints use the term in a symbolic way instead in the devil's case and a literal way in God's case].

470 - those begotten through Christ belong to the Church of the Firstborn [only gods and goddesses belong to this church].

471 - Jesus is the first born spirit child of Heavenly Father.

472-473 - Christ's unique status in the flesh as the offspring of a mortal mother and of an immortal, or resurrected and glorified Father [the Religion 430-431 Doctrines of the Gospel Student Manual refers to this as a Celestial Sireship].

473 - divine revelation makes us understand that only resurrected and glorified beings can become parents of spirit offspring [but no authentic reference is given]. Only such exalted souls have reached maturity in the appointed course of eternal life. The glorified parents have attained exaltation. This is a statement issued by the First Presidency and the Council of the Twelve Apostles [did Heavenly Mother and Father attain exaltation together? Why isn't it called the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles?].

474 - sin was introduced into the world from without. Eden is in the United States. The western continent is the oldest inhabited regions of earth - the cradle of nations. Original sin - posterity inherited the resultant ills. These human imperfections came through disobedience, and are therefore the fruits of sin.

475 - mortality is a boon. Man in his mortal state is the union of a preexistent spirit with a body composed of earthly elements [Adam's body was immortal and his body was composed of earthly elements]. This union of spirit and body marks progress from the unembodied to the embodied condition. Mortality is the preparatory school for eternity. The earth was created for the founding and maintenance of this school [the LDS version of Heavenly Father and Satan helped to found this school]. Benefits resulted from the fall. We should honor our parents Adam and Eve for their disobedience to God because the Book of Mormon says Adam fell that men might be.

476 - Adam's disobedience is that 'original sin'. The fall was the accepted means by God by which mortality would be inaugurated [it sounds like Latter-day Saints had a celebration in heaven when they disobeyed God]. Sin, followed by death, came into the world through the transgression of one man.

477 - the Fall consigned all mankind to endless banishment and a curse [how?]. Redemption of the whole human family from the endless penalty of original sin [all mankind has the penalty of original sin - Alma 42 calls this a punishment so all mankind is punished because of Adam's transgression].

Penalty of Adam's transgression. All placed under the same curse without any transgression or agency of their own [Joseph F. Smith taught, "He [mankind] dies in consequence of the sin of Adam" (Teachings of Presidents of the Church - Joseph F. Smith, Chapter 10, p. 89). All will be redeemed from that curse. The debit is paid [Gospel Principles says the debt is outstanding and that you have a different creditor].

- 478 - the transgression of Adam is infinite in its consequences. The penalty of violating the law was death [Alma 42 calls this a punishment]. The test of the law was fraught with the gravest of consequences. Adam and Eve had to disobey to procreate and to have a need for a mediator. They also had to violate the law in order to progress to 'his exaltation to the Godhead' [reference is made to Mediation and Atonement, John Taylor, pp. 128-129. A Mormon male can be exalted to the Godhead? The idea that Adam and Eve could not procreate before the Fall is not supported by scripture].
- 480 - little note about Paul and James on works.
- 481 - the thinker of evil is a sinner.
- 482 - the spirit of or incentive to thievery, adultery, or murder is alive [we got this from the Fall of Adam]. In the first ages of Christianity, men and women were baptized on a profession of faith.
- 486 - the Lord commanded the Latter-day Saints to always build temples [reference to D&C 124:39. Christians are the temple of the Holy Spirit]. Reading in the Book of Mormon of so many temples having been erected on this continent [reference is made to 2 Nephi 5:16; Jacob 1:17, 2:2-11; Mosiah 1:18, 2:6-7; Alma 16:13, 23:2, 26:29; Helaman 3:9, 10:8. But in none of these references did God command them to build temples].
- 488 - Holy Ghost is an individual personage.
- 490 - heresy of transubstantiation.
- 491 - unbelief and disobedience cannot prevent, but only retard, the divine plan. [in LDS theology, Adam's obedience to God's commandments would have prevented the divine plan]. Human reason would naturally conclude that if God saw that these things were to happen, they had to happen [Mormons believe that Adam and Eve had to disobey God in order to gain the power to procreate]. Disobedience to the warnings became the immediate justification for the punishment predicted [this punishment was inflicted upon all mankind].
- 491 - man became the first flesh upon the earth [Adam first or both Adam and Eve at the same time?].
- 493 - rights of the priesthood are connected to the powers of heaven.
- 494 - the Lord talked with Moses face to face [reference to Numbers 12:6-8]. Samuel established schools for the prophets [reference to 1 Samuel 19:19-20, 2 Kings 2:3,5; 4:38; 6:1-4. The word 'school' is not found in them].

496 - LDS makes a comparison of the church as a child and Paul's speech about putting off the childish things to explain their view that Christians believe certain spiritual gifts were removed [Paul was not referring to this in his 'child' sermon].

496-497 - the affliction of devils, confusion of tongues, deadly poisons and sickness, are all curses introduced into the world by the wickedness of man. The blessings of the gospel are bestowed to counteract these curses [Adam and Eve brought a curse into the world, which Latter-day Saints view as great blessings of the Fall].

497 - miraculous manifestations of the spiritual gifts are recorded in Orson Pratt's 'Divine Authenticity of the Book of Mormon', chapter 5, and B.H. Robert's 'A New Witness For God', chapter 18.

498 - the Septuagint by seventy-two persons.

501 - some referred to books in the Bible were not included.

504 - if the doctrinal part of the Book of Mormon is compared with the doctrines of the Bible, there will be found perfect harmony [see 'The Bible versus the Book of Mormon']. There are many points of the doctrine of Christ that are far more plain and definite in the Book of Mormon than in the Bible [Let's do a comparison between the Bible (KJV) and the Book of Mormon for some key words and their various forms. Is the Bible as deficient as Mormons claim? Have precious things been removed from it?

Adoption - 4 to 1 (Bible)
Anoint - 96 to 6 (Bible)
Atonement - 33 to 21 (Bible)
Baptism - 20 to 7 (Bible)
Blood - 199 to 75 (Bible)
Charity - 19 to 7 (Bible)
Children - 526 to 146 (Bible)
Christ - 163 to 99 (Bible)
Commandments - 392 to 166 (Bible)
Conversion/convert - about equal
Covenant - 139 to 44 (Bible)
Cross - about equal
Crucify - 22 to 6 (Bible)
Demon - 1 to 0 (Book of Mormon)
Devil - about the same
Doctrine - 39 to 13 (Bible)
Elohim - 0 in both
Eternal Life - about equal
Everlasting Life - about equal

Evil - 343 to 65 (Bible)
Exalt - 73 to 7 (Bible)
Fear of the Lord - 23 to 7 (Bible)
Feast - 93 to 10 (Bible)
Gift - 80 to 19 (Bible)
Gospel - 60 to 17 (Bible)
Glory - 246 to 49 (Bible)
Glory of the Lord - 26 to 0 (Bible)
God - 936 to 202 (Bible)
Godhead - 3 to 0 (Bible)
Grace - 104 to 19 (Bible)
Heaven - 348 to 75 (Bible)
Hell - 42 to 34 (Bible)
Holy - Bible 293, Book of Mormon 108
Holy Ghost - 55 to 43 (Bible)
Holy Spirit - 23 to 18 (Book of Mormon)
Jehovah - 4 to 2 (Bible)
Jesus - 207 to 64 (Bible)
Judge - 184 to 95 (Bible)
Judgment - 257 to 66 (Bible)
Justify - 39 to 5 (Bible)
Justification - 2 to 0 (Bible)
King - 402 to 82 (Bible)
Kingdom - 173 to 69 (Bible)
Love - 205 to 40 (Bible)
Marriage - 15 to 1 (Bible)
Mercy - 201 to 76 (Bible)
Messiah - 13 to 1 (Book of Mormon, see Christ)
Miracles - about the same.
Ordinance - 40 to 7 (Bible)
Passover - 26 to 0 (Bible)
Pentecost - 3 to 0 (Bible)
Praise - 156 to 26 (Bible)
Pray - 221 to 48 (Bible)
Priest - 276 to 44 (Bible)
Priesthood - 10 to 2 (Bible)
Proxy - 0 in both
Punish - 54 to 17 (Bible)
Pure - 63 to 20 (Bible)
Redeem - 80 to 59 (Bible)
Repent - 119 to 75 (Book of Mormon)
Resurrection - 27 to 23 (Book of Mormon)
Reveal - 35 to 12 (Bible)
Revelation - 25 to 12 (Book of Mormon)
Reward - 80 to 11 (Bible)
Royal - 21 to 0 (Bible)

Sacrifice - 156 to 8 (Bible)
Salvation - 113 to 51 (Bible)
Sanctify - 74 to 13 (Bible)
Signs - 40 to 17 (Bible)
Sin - 315 to 103 (Bible)
Soul - 248 to 77 (Bible)
Spirit - 272 to 112 (Bible)
Supper - 8 to 0 (Bible)
Temple - 107 to 13 (Bible)
Testament - 8 to 0 (Bible)
Tithe - 16 to 2 (Bible)
Trinity - 0 in both
White - 44 to 18 (Bible)
Worship - 124 to 22 (Bible)

504 - there are not any doctrines in the two sacred books that contradict or clash [see 'The Bible versus the Book of Mormon']. The most perfect harmony exists between the great truths revealed in the Book of Mormon and all other known truths, whether religious, historical, or scientific [there is no history or geography in the Book of Mormon that can be proved truth or false].

504 - Ishmael was of Ephraim. His sons married Lehi's daughters. This fulfilled Genesis 48:16 [let's go back and include verses 14 and 15. "And Israel stretched out his right hand, and laid it upon Ephraim's head, who was the younger, and his left hand upon Manasseh's head, guiding his hands wittingly; for Manasseh was the firstborn. And he blessed Joseph, and said, God, before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac did walk, the God which fed me all my life long unto this day. The Angel which redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads; and let my name be named on them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth". There is no mention of America].

505 - Mulek was from Judah [reference is made to Apostle Erastus Snow, Journal of Discourses, volume 23, pp. 184-185].

509 - the devil's doctrine says no more revelation.

511-512 - use of the word Jews, Hebrews, and Israelites.

512 - journeyings of the Lost Tribes to the north country. Elder George Reynold's 'Are We Of Israel?'

513 - some now living would read the records of the Lost Tribes [reference is made to General Conference, Oct 8 1916, Proceedings]. The LDS are building stakes in the Rocky Mountains - this fulfills Isaiah 2:2-3 [Isaiah was not talking about America]. LDS are building temples of God in the tops of the mountains. All nations are flowing unto the house of the Lord in the tops of the mountains.

514 - we have no record that the Lost Tribes ever returned to the land of their inheritance.

515 - on August 2 1831, Elder Sidney Rigdon consecrated and dedicated the land of Zion for the gathering of the saints.

516 - the glory of the Lord will rest [future tense] on the temple in Missouri. Old Testament priests and prophets were appointed to their office by the pouring of sacred oil on their heads [not all]. Oil was also used in the consecration of priests and the anointing of the tabernacle and sacred vessels.

517 - Adam's fall brought a fallen condition on the earth too. The sins of mankind may produce natural calamities, which are deserved [how is a hurricane that hits Louisiana determined to be deserved or undeserved?]. Darkness fell on the land for the tragedy of Calvary.

518 - on the western continent, widespread disruption signaled the saviour's death [one the fourth day of the first month according to the Book of Mormon]. Three days of darkness.

519-520 - obedience will be required on pain of the penalty. Law, sin, justice, and mercy are referenced in Alma 42:21 [2 Nephi 9:25 is also given].

520 - disembodied spirits exist in a state of happiness and rest while others are in a state of suffering and suspense [reference is given to Alma 40:11-14].

521 - origin of the word telestial [seems like a big stretch].

522 - Mormonism does not claim that all who have failed to accept and obey the gospel of eternal life shall be eternally and forever damned [so they have created a new definition for damned - because those who don't become Gods and Goddesses are damned forever from eternal increase].

The LDS Church is the sole repository of the Holy Priesthood. Toleration is not accepted.

524 - the name 'king' was freely used of the emperor in the provinces [who are the 'kings' and 'queens' of 2 Nephi 10:9,11? - Yea, the kings of the Gentiles shall be nursing fathers unto them, and their queens shall become nursing mothers; wherefore, the promises of the Lord are great unto the Gentiles, for he hath spoken it, and who can dispute? ... And this land shall be a land of liberty unto the Gentiles, and there shall be no kings upon the land, who shall raise up unto the Gentiles.

Religion is defined. Lacks form of godliness and the power thereof. It is imperative that the State and Church be kept separate ... until the inauguration of Christ's personal reign. Discontinuance of plural marriage. President Wilford Woodruff declares his intention to submit to those laws, and I will use my influence with the members of the Church over which I preside to have them do likewise [why would he need to use his influence if this was 'supposedly' a declaration of God? Why would he declare his intention to submit to this secular law instead of what God was 'supposedly' telling him to do? When you read Official Declaration #1, it really does not appear to be God's revelation but rather a declaration made by the presiding officers. They even had a vote on it. There is no need to vote on it if its God's revelation].

525 - the Lord commanded through the prophet Jeremiah that the people should render obedience to their conqueror [Babylon] whom he called his servant [the LDS believe some Israelites were delivered out of Jerusalem to make their voyage to a distant land].

The Sabbath is one day in seven to dedicate more exclusively to the object of God's affection [according to the 1997 version of Gospel Principles, "Our prophets have told us that we should not shop, hunt, fish, attend sports events, or participate in similar activities on that day"].

526 - the handling of tithes is placed upon bishops. The great difficulty in Christian sects is that they have no priests nor Levites amongst them authorized to receive the tithe and administer it strictly in accordance with divine command [Latter-day Saints appear to be like the Pharisees and Sadducees of the New Testament - they would reject a non-Mormon giving 10% to a poor person directly in the slums of Calcutta, bypassing their local bishop in the United States, so that this poor person who buy some food and drink. This is in divine accordance with Christ's teaching about love].

527 - tithing is a more equitable means of individual contribution for community needs. In the Lord's work, the widow's penny is as acceptable as the gold piece of the millionaire [you should clearly look at Christ's teaching - the offering of the widow was far greater - she offered from her poverty, the millionaire is offering from his abundance. By the way, I am not a millionaire but I have many gold pieces. Giving 'a' gold piece is nothing.

It is 'acceptable' but it is not 'as acceptable'].

The operation of the tithe has been a success from the time of its establishment [the law of tithing was given to the Latter-day Saints as a result of their failure to keep the Law of Consecration]. Tithing obviates the necessity of taking up collections in religious assemblies [not really. But taking collections in religious assemblies makes it more public than what some people are comfortable with. Some don't give every Sunday. Some would prefer to put an envelope in once a month for example. But there is no harm in doing it this way as opposed to making a personal appearance to a bishop in a Mormon ward].

There is a distinction between tithes and other offerings. People become a covenant people by baptism [but children born to parents who have been sealed in temple are automatically covenant children before their baptism]. The tithe is a debt, the free-will offering is a gift.

528 - some years will be years of plenty, others will be years of scarcity. You shall pay me in accordance with what you receive. Some times pay more, some times pay less. Pay nothing if you have nothing. The prime or great purpose behind the establishment of the law of the tithe is the development of the soul.

Mormonism claims an actual and literal relationship of parent and child between the Creator and man - not in the figurative sense [let's examine the use of 'literal' and 'figurative' in LDS theology - "His unique status in the flesh as the offspring of a mortal mother and of an immortal, or resurrected and glorified, Father. Jesus Christ is the Son of Elohim both as spiritual and bodily offspring; that is to say, Elohim is literally the Father of the spirit of Jesus Christ and also of the body in which Jesus Christ performed His mission in the flesh" (Teachings of Presidents of the Church - Joseph F. Smith, p. 356). "The condescension of God (meaning the Father) consists in the fact that he became the personal and literal Father of a mortal Offspring born of mortal woman" (Book of Mormon - Gospel Doctrine Teacher's Manual, 1999, page 15, lesson 3). Chapter 7 (page 18) of the Religion 430-431 - Doctrines of the Gospel Student Manual says of the creation of Eve, "the story of the rib, of course, is figurative"].

Man may be developed, even while mortal, in a measure Godlike.

529 - Mormonism is bolder. Like will beget like. In his mortal state man is a God in embryo. In the future a being may attain the rank and sanctity of godship ["By obedience and devotion to the truth he (Jesus) attained that pinnacle of intelligence which ranked him as a God, as the Lord Omnipotent, while yet in his pre-existent state" (Religion 430-431 - Doctrines of the Gospel Student Manual, 2004, page 10). Jesus progressed into becoming a God before his mortal

state].

The Eternal Father is a progressive being. In the far future, man may attain the status of a God. You will never be equal to the Deity you worship. An intelligence will never overtake other intelligences that are already beyond him in advancement [some Mormons believe they will be worshipped by their own spirit children that they acquire through eternal increase - this is taught in the 1997 version of Gospel Principles in the chapter on Exaltation. "They will be united eternally with their righteous family members with them and will be able to have spirit children also. These spirit children will have the same relationship to them as we do to our Heavenly Father". This has been removed from the current 2009 version of Gospel Principles but never taught as false].

THE END.