

Gospel Doctrine – 1919 – Highlights and Commentary

Selections from the Sermons and Writings of Joseph F. Smith (sixth President of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints).

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Chapter 1 - Truth, The Foundation

page 1 - Mormonism can withstand scrutiny.

page 5 - Jesus is the Only Begotten. He is the only perfect standard to follow.

page 6 - begotten of Father in the flesh. The Gods understand. Priesthood is authority.

page 7-8 - God's design for us is to become exalted. Purpose in life.

page 8 - feel the truth of it. Light of God shines brighter than falsehood and error.

page 10 - pure religion means to honor the Holy Priesthood. Mention of having a testimony of Joseph Smith. [Is there any talk about having a testimony of Peter or Paul? If no, why not?].

page 12 - religion of the heart.

Chapter 2 - The Eternal Nature of the Church

page 13 - the plan of salvation was devised by the Father and the holy ones. The ordinances have been the same throughout time.

page 14 - baptism by one having authority is an eternal principle; even Christ was not above obeying it. Talk about the pre-mortal life. They had a spiritual personality.

page 15 - Anthon Lund.

page 15 - divinity awakened within our souls. Prison-house of mortality.

page 16 - exercise our divine attributes and god-like powers.

page 15-16 - if we did not know the plan, we would not have come to earth.

page 16 - become like our Father, Mother, and Elder Brother. We are to do what Jesus did.

page 17 - we are mortal because we have the seeds of death. The spirit + the body equals the soul. Eternal damnation.

page 19 - two classes of people. Redeemed and non-redeemed.

page 20 - people will have fulness of joy or eternal misery.

page 20 - Jesus created man after the body of his spirit.

page 21 - Jesus appeared to the Nephites in the likeness of the same body that he appeared to Jared.

page 22 - we are in the form of God physically.

page 23 - the purpose of life is to become like Christ.

page 23 - resurrection caused them to pass the condition of an angel to that of a God (exaltation). No man can become perfect until he becomes like the Gods. Joseph Smith is the undoubted authority.

page 23-24 - D&C 130 (about Father having a body of flesh and bones) has much scriptural support [not in the Book of Mormon and Bible].

page 25 - Peter was the chief apostle.

page 28 - Jesus was born of woman. Joseph Smith also gave a testimony that Jesus Christ lives.

page 29 - spirits are perfect. They have no blemishes.

page 30 - the resurrected baby will develop until it reaches the full measure of the stature of its spirit - does spirit grow at same rate of human body.

page 31 - the identity of the Father and Son is fixed and indestructible. They are from everlasting to everlasting.

page 32 - our spirits have always existed.

page 32 - begotten in God's image in the flesh.

page 33 - savior on Mount Zion. How to determine truth - "I know it is true. It appeals to judgment."

page 33-34 - it is repulsive to think that a civilized person might become a cow.
[this is a criticism of Hinduism's reincarnation]. Godlike. A spark of divinity planted in all people. Divine inspiration leads men to do good.

page 35 - Heavenly Father is the father of all spirits and of Jesus in the flesh.
Mortals are those on whom the sentence of death has passed - Adam's fall. Punishment.

page 36 - mother earth.

page 38 - the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost are one God (Trinity).

page 39 - Christ inspired Columbus, Edison, and others.

page 39 - the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost is the one true living God (Trinity).
Like truth, Jesus is eternal [but how is the Mormon Jesus the Eternal God as the Book of Mormon states when he progressed into becoming a God?].

page 40-41 - we needed to come to earth to obtain mortal tabernacles of flesh and then die, then exaltation, then eternal increase.

page 41 - God is an eternal being; he always was [Joseph Smith taught that Heavenly Father was once a man who became a God]. Heavenly Father passed through a similar ordeal as we are now passing through. We are all consigned to the prison house until we pay the debt.

Chapter 3 - Revelation

page 42-43 - all saints are entitled to revelation to whether an elder or teacher is acting truthfully.

page 43 - the spirituality of the LDS today is greater than at any other time [compare with 200 years of peace the Book of Mormon records about the Nephites].

page 44 - more revelation and truths is withheld from the church because of the members' lack of faith.

page 46 - revelation is synonymous with discovering new truths.

page 48 - faith is the only way to find God.

page 50 - there is a proper channel for revelation.

page 52 - Joseph Smith is the head of the LDS Church.

page 54 - Christ committed the keys to Peter when he departed; this made him the president/chief of the apostles. John the Revelator describes it (the keys of the kingdom being taken from the earth) most clearly - connects to Rev 12..

page 54 - the Lord declared that Peter, James, and John and the 12 other apostles held the Presidency in the early church (not according to the Bible).

page 54 - God may reveal himself to other nations [Bible says only Israel].
God will not call one from the Ten Tribes to give us the priesthood.

page 55 - Brigham Young was sanctioned by the voice of God. God would not permit a wicked man to lead the LDS church.

page 56 - you must agree with the direction of the authority - in 99% of the cases you are wrong and the LDS teacher/leader is right. (reference also made to 16 to 1 chances).

page 57 - persecution proves the priesthood (but people can also be persecuted for teaching lies).

Chapter 4 - Free Agency

page 58 - voters who object (by showing an uplifted hand) will be heard another time.

page 61 - Cain - if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door - fall of Adam.
Agency is to choose good or evil.

Chapter 5 - God and Man

page 64 - we do not depend on the written word or knowledge of ancient apostles.
As a Christian, I do depend on the writings of the ancient apostles.

page 65 - Joseph Smith received an answer to prayer in a way he did not expect.
God delivered them out of enemy hands.

page 67 - natural calamities are a sign of God's visitations.

page 68 - even Zion will be affected by pestilence. Natural calamities are sent by God for their good.

page 69 - God is not omnipresent.

page 70 - the Lord did not design anger that would lead to violence (but Adam and Eve had to fall in order to progress). A reason is given for the suffering of man.

page 71 - meaning of God's rest is explained.

page 73 - Holy Spirit is not omnipresent.

page 74 - the Holy Spirit, in person, may visit some people but it won't tarry with them.

page 75 - humans are born into the world as God's offspring with the same attributes.

page 78 - God is an eternal being; he always was. We are in the same position he was in [but the Mormon heavenly father was a man who became a God. Jesus was a spirit who also became a God - see page 83].

page 78 - there is a reference made to Christ's resurrection, but not to Heavenly Father. Purpose (object) of life is exaltation [the resurrection of Heavenly Father and Mother is alluded to on page 85. Echoes of Shirley Maclaine's "I am God"]. Without obedience there can be no plan of salvation [Adam had to obey Satan for God's plan of salvation to work].

page 79 - "I never could be happy again without the hope that I shall enjoy the society of my wives and children in eternity" [he was a polygamist. People will be miserable without families after death].

page 79-80 - can anything happen in the church to change your mind about the gospel? [I would answer no, but could teaching about a false Jesus cause you to leave the church and find a true one? I would not worship a man who became a God].

page 81 - inspiration from God = Spirit of Christ - this prompts men to do good and eschew the evil [who prompted Adam and Eve to commit evil when they disobeyed God? They could not follow the plan of salvation without progressing].

page 81 - one must be worthy to get the Spirit.

page 83 - Jesus is the Father of this world. Jesus and the Father did not receive a fullness

at once. They were not perfect. The spirit without the body is not perfect.

page 83 - man was ordained in the beginning to become like Christ.

page 84 - sin of Adam. The LDS Church is the most democratic institution in the world.

page 85 - it is divine revelation that only resurrected and glorified beings can become parents of spirit offspring. All other spirits progress to become a God. Jesus became a God in the spirit world become coming to earth.

page 85 - the spirit part of the body is immortal and eternal.

page 86 - God has a body of flesh and bone as Christ has. There are two purposes for the coming of Christ - the atonement and to set an example.

Chapter 6 - The Purpose and Mission of the Church

page 87 - the LDS Church is the kingdom of God. All Latter-day Saints stand for honesty [see the Institute of Religious Research's review of the Manti Pageant].

page 89 - the LDS would prevail over their enemies as long as they were faithful [but apostasy arose in their camp].

page 90 - LDS are leaven to leaven the whole world [but when something is totally leavened; ex. pizza dough, then it is useless - if you don't believe this, allow leaven to run its course and see what happens. Also, leaven is depicted as false doctrine according to Christ's warning - beware the leaven of the Pharisees].

page 90 - the spirit of the gospel inspires man to do good and not evil [who inspired Adam and Eve to do good or evil?].

page 91 - occupy the land of Zion in all parts of it.

page 92 - if the majority of Latter-day Saints became unfaithful they could throw down Zion.

page 94 - there is a warning not to rob God of honor [but Latter-day Saints created a song about Joseph Smith - Praise to the Man. - thus robbing God of praise].

page 96 - the ordinances of the gospel are not administered in any church except the LDS Church. They don't have the gospel or its ordinances [meaning all other churches are false - another subtle way the LDS Church criticizes non-mormon faith groups]. These 'false' people declare canon is closed and no more of the Lord's will is delivered to man [I believe the Lord still communicates with man but that we don't necessarily have to write it in a book and call it scripture - Doctrines of Salvation, by Joseph Fielding Smith says something similar too - not all revelation is put into a book].

page 99 - you must obey the LDS leaders. It is difficult to get the LDS to comprehend what is right [why? Too much leaven?]. The LDS know that their leaders have superior wisdom [I don't believe my pastor's wisdom is superior to me if we are both knowledgeable in the Word].

page 101 - we have a testimony that Brigham Young is a prophet.

page 101 - people should have a witness of the truth in the words LDS teachers speak [this assumes they don't teach error]. It is in the power of every man to prove for himself whether we speak the truth or whether we lie. We do not come as deceivers or imposters before the world; we do not come with the intention to deceive, but we come with the plain, simple truth [so were Joseph Smith and Joseph Fielding Smith liars for teaching that Heavenly Father was a man who became a God and Jesus was a spirit who progressed into becoming a God?].

page 102 - miracles and signs are weaker testimonies when compared to the soft whisperings of the spirit.

page 103 - gospel teaches men to be ... honest ... before the Lord and with each other. The earth will be made a fit abode (home) for heavenly beings. The Lord our God will dwell on it during the Millennium [is Jesus or Heavenly Father their God?]. The purpose of life is to get eternal life.

page 104 - 'gospel' means more than just good news.

page 105 - there is a great deal that is taught as gospel truth that the Lord did not reveal [like teaching that Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ became Gods].

page 106 - the LDS are a peculiar people, a royal priesthood.

page 109 - war should come upon all the nations of the world.

- page 110 - it was not the Lord's purpose, design, or intent to fore-ordain the condition the world is in today [so who designed it so Adam and Eve would need to fall in order to gain the ability to have children?].
- page 111 - without being born again, we are not in God's family but we are as aliens. Those in a fallen condition are estranged from God. The fallen nature must be born anew. The gospel was taken from the earth in consequence of it's being rejected when proclaimed by Jesus and his apostles.
- page 112 - Elijah is related to hearing the gospel after death. Exaltation in the kingdom of God.
- page 114 - our fallen nature leads to wanting many things. We will have the power to resurrect our bodies [really?]. The question of 'where did we come from?' Mention of the councils in heaven.
- page 115 - Satan sought to destroy agency so his plan was rejected [in LDS theology, one-third of the spirits rebelled against the Father and choose to follow Satan. Did this rebellion occur before or after the Father decided who would be the Redeemer? If before, was it taught to the spirits that having no agency was evil so they had decided to choose evil? If after, why would one-third choose to follow their brother instead of their Father?].
- page 115 - the LDS are the most law-abiding and peaceable people on earth.

Chapter 7 - The First Principles of the Gospel

- page 116 - those who sin against the light can get back to it. Deathbed confession is not a true doctrine.
- page 117 - baptism is only valid through authorized LDS people [Those outside the LDS church have invalid baptisms].
- page 119 - those not of the LDS faith are ignorant. Unbaptized Latter-day Saints [and baptized Protestants for example] remain in darkness. God will give us the earth as an eternal inheritance. A great gulf separates those who marry versus those who don't marry.
- page 120 - baptism on your eight birthday has several advantages. It is better to baptize an eight year old while he is living rather than after he dies. Repent and make restitution.
- page 122 - good signature. Why people cannot accept the simple truth.

page 122-123 - God is the only Supreme Governor being and omnipotent [Mosiah 5 says Jesus is Omnipotent].

page 123 - Repentance also involves turning away from sin, never to repeat it, plus making a restitution. Only then will God accept your repentance. Baptism means immersion, not sprinkling or pouring.

page 124 - baptism must be done by authorized persons. It is invalid without divine authority. Since it is invalid, there is no remission of sins.

page 126 - the duty of man is the worship the true God [how many true Gods are there?].

page 127 - redeemed from eternal death. It is necessary to partake of the Last Supper sacrament.

page 127-128 - as Noah built the ark for the people to gather to so for today's dispensation also has a peculiar principle or commandment - to gather into one place. It is an essential part of the gospel.

page 129 - gathering to the chambers of the Almighty. Marriage is an ordinance of the gospel. Condemnation added to those who reject marriage.

page 129 - a penalty is attached to disobedience.

page 130 - only the sons of perdition will be lost.

Chapter 8 - The Church and the Man

page 134 - if you don't have your name on the church records then you don't have a portion, or lot or inheritance in the kingdom of God.

page 135 - if you don't tithe then you don't have an inheritance in the Zion of God.

page 135-136 - LDS members must leave secret societies. Their standing in the church is threatened if they don't.

page 137 - little poem about gossip.

page 139 - Joseph F. Smith says he wants the world to know the LDS.

page 141 - in regards to the gathering of the Latter-day Saints, they are almost all of the blood of Ephraim.

page 143 - religious hobbies are dangerous.

page 144 - the restoration of the gospel and the fatherhood of God must be accepted with our whole heart.

page 145 - Simon the sorcerer offered money to the apostles (Acts 8:14-23).

page 149 - have the Spirit of God possessed as a birthright.

page 150 - it is very unwise to take a fragment of truth and treat it as if it were the whole thing [I find that Latter-day Saints build an entire story around a few words - eg. the sons of God shouted for joy].

page 151 - there is no truth found in another religious society that is not also found in the LDS faith [one that comes to mind is Freemasonry - they teach that even Muslims will attain to the Celestial Lodge].

page 153-154 - comparing the success of Jesus and Joseph Smith [in our Christian church, we never compare what Jesus went through with other saints. This would be considered hero worship].

page 155 - blessings are the result of disobedience [but LDS theology has Adam and Eve receiving the blessings of procreation and mortal bodies due to their disobedience].

page 155 - ancient saints upon this continent [the Book of Mormon is regarded as a historical account].

page 156 - there is no such thing as physical rest in the church.

page 156 - where do people go who are unsettled in the truth? - the written Word of God [young Joseph Smith as a boy thought that he should find the right church to join, but the church is the body of believers and not a physical organization on earth].

page 157 - become perfect through obedience.

page 158 - the soul = body + spirit.

page 163 - the LDS have free access to the Holy Spirit.

page 165 - it is the duty of LDS to teach the divinity of the mission of Joseph Smith. Don't let Joseph Smith perish out of your thoughts and minds. [It is not my duty to teach the divinity of the mission of the Apostles Peter, Paul, etc.].

page 166 - the name of Joseph Smith will be coupled with Jesus some day [hero worship].

page 167 - Joseph Smith, Brigham Young, and Hyrum Smith are preaching in the spirit world [however, a song by the LDS Church, Praise to the Man, has Joseph mingling with the Gods in heaven].

page 167 - many other hundreds and thousands are in the spirit world preaching.

Chapter 9 - Priesthood

page 168 - priesthood is the authority to act for God. Keys of priesthood is for directing the labours/ordinances.

page 170 - the LDS Church is the only church which legitimately bears the name of Jesus Christ and his divine authority (all others are invalid).

page 170 - the divine authority to speak is here in the midst of these everlasting hills, in the midst of this intermountain region [this is an allusion to Utah as being tied to a biblical reference - fruitful bough - Genesis 49:22].

page 171 - we are his by adoption.

page 173 - the priesthood is the power of God. Keys of binding and loosing was committed to the disciples.

page 173 - men are not called upon the curse mankind.

page 174 - men are empowered with keys of binding and loosing.

page 175 - the LDS were persecuted, driven from their homes [another place says they rejected the truth so were punished]. By the law of adoption we have become heirs of God. Zion will not be thrown down anymore [Jesus said his church would not be destroyed, contrary to LDS teaching. If you cannot believe Jesus, then no reason to believe Joseph F. Smith].

page 176 - priesthood is the authority and power of God. The key is the right of communication from heaven and authority [in LDS theology, women do not have the priesthood nor the keys, but women in the Old and New Testaments received communication from angels, thus showing they had these so-called keys].

- page 176 - more descriptions of what a priesthood key is. There is no minister outside the LDS Church who has the keys or the authority to enjoy the ministrations of angels; there isn't one of them who possesses this priesthood [see comment above. Also, females were prophets in the Old and New Testament. LDS teach that all other ministers have invalid authority].
- page 177 - in the past, LDS Church custom used to allow re-baptisms before adults entered the temples [reference to a book called "Articles of Faith, Talmage, 144-148" is given].
- page 178 - some know this gospel is true but they don't have the least particle of the Spirit [doesn't make sense. They would need to have the Spirit to know the gospel is true].
- page 180 - there cannot be two equal heads.
- page 181 - one on one meetings are used to settle disagreements or if someone has done something wrong [would that apply to a child molester too?].
- page 181 - Joseph F. Smith says he has the right to pronounce patriarchal blessings. Earlier on page 173, it said men are not called upon the curse mankind [but D&C allows Latter-day Saints to curse: D&C 103:24-25 - And inasmuch as mine enemies come against you to drive you from my goodly land, which I have consecrated to be the land of Zion, even from your own lands after these testimonies, which ye have brought before me against them, ye shall curse them; And whomsoever ye curse, I will curse, and ye shall avenge me of mine enemies. Also, D&C 132:47 - And again, verily I say, whomsoever you bless I will bless, and whomsoever you curse I will curse, saith the Lord; for I, the Lord, am thy God].
- page 183 - The priesthood was originally exercised in the patriarchal order; those who held it exercised their powers firstly by right of their fatherhood. It is so with the great Eloheim. This first and strongest claim on our love, reverence and obedience is based on the fact that he is the Father, the Creator, of all mankind [in LDS theology, Eloheim is Heavenly Father. So either Heavenly Father first exercised his priesthood powers first when he became a parent or he got it from his father, i.e. Jesus' Grandfather].
- page 183 - brethren strongly gifted with the power of healing [no example is given].
- page 185 - those outside the LDS faith are divided, disorganized, and confused - without divine authority or power [this is not surprising as the LDS Church has attacked all other churches ever since it was founded].

page 185 - those who will to abide in sin don't have forgiveness, even in the after-life.

page 186-187 - the Aaronic Priesthood deals with temporal matters (such as the gathering of the saints) and the Melchizedek Priesthood is for the spiritual welfare of the people.

page 189 - stake of Zion. Bishops may try an elder [like in a trial] for apostasy.

page 190 - it is expected that bishops know all the people in their ward. They should know who are the faithful ones and who are the cold ones.

page 191 - all members in the ward must give their allegiance to the presiding bishop. [the term "watchcare" is used. Watch and care over the people].

page 192 - I cut no figure personally [they make no income]. LDS Church is the kingdom of God. Purpose of the LDS Church. Whoremongers are disfellow-shipped from the church [but whoremongers inherit the telestial glory in LDS theology - a life far greater than their earthly life].

page 192-193 - the LDS Church must take steps for severing [removing, excommunicating] person who would weaken or destroy the faith of others.

page 195 - the truth will never divide members 'from' the Church [will you leave the LDS Church when you realize that God is Eternal or will you believe in Joseph Smith when he taught that God is not God from everlasting to everlasting and that Heavenly Father was a man who became a God?]

page 195 - men of the priesthood will be called upon to be the judges of the people. Watchmen. They will set the standard for them to attain to [Jesus is my standard. How about you?].

page 196 - make a record of their duties. Duty of the priesthood. Members in good standing to vote.

page 198 - every male person in the church, who has reached the years of accountability, is supposed to be a pillar in Zion, an exemplar. [is an 8 year old or a 12 year old who is ordained a deacon more of an exemplar or pillar of wisdom than a mature Christian lady of 50 years old?]

page 199 - priesthood is power and authority.

page 200 - the priesthood was bestowed upon many there were not worthy to receive it [since you must be worthy to have the Holy Ghost as your companion or to get a temple recommend, why would the LDS Church ordain people to the priesthood when they are not worthy of it?]

page 200 - how cases should be decided. Take the matter to a specific chain of command.

page 201-202 - a reference is made to honoring father and mother in the history of the Israelites [but no mention is made to Adam and Eve and their sons - supposedly they knew about the gospel of Jesus Christ too in LDS theology].

page 202 - you need the consent of parents for anything asked of children [what is the age of these children?].

page 203-204 - avoid use of sacred names. Don't use Apostle but rather use Elder. It is evil to make frequent use of the name of the Holy Being [can you give some example where calling God Eloheim is evil?].

page 205 - read D&C 107 - it is said to contain an important teaching about the priesthood rights.

page 206 - obligations of the priesthood. The question is asked - "Would you be riotous, and eat and drink with the drunken, with the unbelieving and with the profane?" [this is part of what Jesus did - to the point where some called him a winebibber. Jesus did associate with these sinners but he did not sin].

page 206 - men and women are not perfect without each other.

page 207 - certificate of ordination.

page 210-211 - Joseph F. Smith offers glorifying testimonies of former presidents of the LDS Church - Brigham Young, Erastus Snow. They are called true men, pure men.

page 211 - His [Joseph Smith's] testimony is now, and has been, in force among the children of men as verily as the blood of Jesus Christ is in force and a binding testimony upon all the world, and it has been from the day it was shed until now, and will continue until the winding up scene [I would never equate the blood of Jesus even with Peter or Paul, but this is a common form of hero worship in LDS theology].

page 211 - Brigham Young and his associates fleeing from wrath was an example of a divine mission [but the LDS forget that it was their apostasy that led to their expulsion - and their god supposedly allowed them to be punished this way].

page 213 - all is well in Zion today.

page 214 - when the LDS president dies, the First Presidency must be re-organized at once.

page 216 - priesthood organization. A reference is made to the October General Conference Report, 1901, pages 70-71 and D&C 124:123-145.

page 216 - it is not necessary that the First Presidency are ordained apostles [but another teaching says the Lord organized 15 apostles to lead the church, 3 in the First Presidency and 12 in the Quorum of the Twelve. Examples are given in LDS history was this was not the case - hence it cannot be a true restoration.].

page 217 - the apostolic office is a proselyting office.

page 218 - the Lord would not call upon a deacon to baptize. It is said that Joseph Smith searched out the Twelve but shortly after it said they (Whitmer and Harris) chose the Twelve [which is it?].

page 219-220 - the Lord said 3 high priests would preside over the whole church. A reference is made to D&C 107:22,64-67,91-92). There are 3 presidents (D&C 107:29). [not according to the Bible]. Winder and Lund are names mentioned as presidents. Watchmen on the towers of Zion.

page 221 - Twelve Apostles are to preach the gospel to the world [I see Billy Graham and others on TV preaching to the world, never the 12 LDS apostles].

page 221 - there are never two equal heads in the church. The Lord never ordained it [Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery were co-Presidents in the early church. They jointly held all the priesthood keys].

page 221-222 - if the president dies, then the First Presidency is dissolved and power transfers to the Twelve.

page 222 - the Twelve are supposed to be 'eye' and 'ear' witnesses of the divine mission of Jesus Christ [in the New Testament, the Twelve were really eye and ear witnesses of Jesus Christ]. Where the 12 LDS Apostles cannot go, they must ask others for assistance [where can't the 12 LDS Apostles go? England, Australia, Brazil, China?]

page 222 - Joseph Smith and his restoration of the gospel is one component of what Latter-day Saints preach around the world. Jesus (God) is the only Sovereign of his kingdom.

page 224 - how General Authorities are supported [an interesting use of the tithing example is given. "In other words, tithing funds were invested in these institutions, which give employment to many, for which the Trustee-in-Trust hold LDS stock certificates, which are worth more today than what was given for them; and the dividends from these investments more than pay for the support of the general authorities of the Church. So we do not use one dollar of your tithing. April Conference Report, 1907, pp. 7, 8]

This would be like saying the following - I used my \$100 tithe to invest in a stock. I later sold it and made a profit of \$500. Then I gave this \$500 profit to support a General Authority. So my \$100 tithe was not used. To me, this sounds illogical. Do you see the faulty logic of Joseph F. Smith?].

page 226 - Patriarchs hold the evangelical office. They hold the right to bestow blessings [they also hold the right to curse - D&C 103:24-25 - And inasmuch as mine enemies come against you to drive you from my goodly land, which I have consecrated to be the land of Zion, even from your own lands after these testimonies, which ye have brought before me against them, ye shall curse them; And whomsoever ye curse, I will curse, and ye shall avenge me of mine enemies. Also, D&C 132:47 - And again, verily I say, whomsoever you bless I will bless, and whomsoever you curse I will curse, saith the Lord; for I, the Lord, am thy God"].

page 227 - a high priest should be a teacher of righteousness. A high priest can become a power in the midst of the community where he dwells.

page 228 - those who take charge of the Mutual Improvement organizations have special age and situational requirements [a deacon in the LDS Church, an ordained worthy male at least 12 years of age, is not allowed to preach the gospel or baptize anyone - Gospel Fundamentals, pages 108-109).

page 229 - a Seventy is to preach the gospel without purse or script. Seventies are to be replenished from the young men [because women do not hold the priesthood].

page 230 - it is the mission of the Seventy to bear record (testimony) of Jesus and Joseph Smith.

page 233 - the bishops are to ensure that the members live pure and upright lives. The mortal body is beset by weakness and imperfection [fall of Adam]. Deacons are to look after the welfare of widows, the fatherless, the aged and the poor [a boy can be ordained as a deacon as young as 12 years old in the LDS Church].

page 234 - deacons should also help to edify the body of Christ, bringing other members up to a standard or righteousness [even a 12-year old deacon I presume].

page 236 - teachers should visit homes. Purpose of life - to exalt oneself. No ordinance is accepted by God if done without authority [i.e. ordinances in non-LDS churches are invalid. LDS teachings keep reminding other Christians about this but in a non-public way].

page 238 - the Melchizedek Priesthood is named such for 2 reasons: (1) to honor the great high priest, Melchizedek, of Salem and (2) to avoid the too frequent repetition of the name of the Son of God [but the same paragraph says, "The Holy Priesthood after the order of the Son of God was the original name given to this priesthood. Subsequently it was called the Melchizedek Priesthood". So when was there ever a too frequent repetition of the name of the Son of God?]

page 238 - the Melchizedek Priesthood was conferred upon the Nephite disciples upon the 'American' continent. They were called to bear witness of Jesus upon both hemispheres [I see no such things mentioned in the Book of Mormon but I will double-check. [?]

page 238 - there are more books [scriptures, records] yet to come forth in the future.

page 239 - the church ceased to exist around 300-400 A.D. This was a fulfillment of Revelation 12.

page 240 - "The Gentiles among whom the priesthood had been established, and the gospel preached, fell away also after the example of unbelief and the manner of the Jews, or children of Israel. God who spared not the natural branches, also cut off the engrafted ones, and "Mystery, Babylon the Great, the mother of harlots and abominations of the earth," was set up as foretold by the Prophet Daniel and the Apostle John".

This Mystery Babylon is said to have destroyed the holy people.

[focus on the words "was set up". This seems to indicate that Mystery Babylon was set up either after the Apostles in Israel died off or after 400 A.D. in 'America'. The Book of Mormon prophet Nephi refers to this abominable church too].

page 240 - both the Bible and the Book of Mormon affirm that this kingdom shall no more be thrown down [focus on the words "shall no more". The Bible says the gates of hell would not prevail against Christ's kingdom. It would not even be thrown down once so "thrown down no more" is a false LDS statement. The Book of Mormon is not even aware of Christ's statement of the gates of hell quote].

page 241 - the lesser priesthood deals with baptism with repentance and baptism [a deacon cannot baptize in the LDS Church]. The Aaronic priesthood continued till John the Baptist. John was ordained to overthrow the kingdom of the Jews [what kingdom did the Jews have?]

page 242 - the LDS cannot fix the date when the Melchizedek Priesthood was supposedly conferred upon Joseph Smith (probably between May 15 1829 and April 6 1830).

page 244 - chronology (history) of important dates in the LDS Church.

page 245 - the man of sin was revealed and the authority of the Melchizedek Priesthood was manifested.

page 247 - prophecy of Joseph Smith that saints should gather to the Rocky Mountains [not recorded in the standard works of the LDS Church].

page 249-250 - a tribute to Erastus Snow.

Chapter 10 - Spiritual Gifts

page 251 - the gift of tongues is most easily imitated by the devil. According to Smith, the gift of tongues is learning a known earth language.

page 252 - but a comparison is wrongly made to 1 Cor. 14:19 about Paul speaking in an unknown tongue.

page 252 - the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper - about Adam & Eve. The Lord designed to place before man the knowledge of good and evil, and gave him a commandment to cleave the good and abstain from evil.

page 253 - if Adam and Eve should fail, God would give him a law of sacrifice.

page 254 - Adam and Eve would take the firstlings of the flock and the best fruits of the field and offer sacrifice unto God [this would explain the picture where Adam and Eve offer the offering of Cain].

page 254 - if heathen have doctrines and ceremonies similar to Bible, then this proves these are the traditions of their fathers, passed down from Adam to Noah, etc.

page 255 - the law of sacrifice was given to Adam and Eve. He (Jesus) that was without sin for him that had sinned [that is, Adam sinned]. They were subject to the penalty of the law which the sinner had transgressed [that is, Adam sinned].

page 256 - those who reject the gospel are condemned [the telestial and terrestrial inhabitants are condemned].

page 258 - no man can be saved in ignorance.

page 259 - healing the sick is evidence of the LDS work [but Satan can heal too].

page 259 - the LDS Church is now the same as it was in the days of the Master [Jesus did not have 15 Apostles for one thing, and he did not set up quorums or high priests].

page 261 - God's people should be the richest in regards to temporal matters [the prosperity gospel].

page 262 - it is our privilege to ask God to remove the curse from the earth. There are great blessings to those who observe the Word of Wisdom [they failed to mention those who would not be slain by the Destroying Angel].

Chapter 11 - Obedience

page 263-264 - Christ is our Savior and God. The LDS prophet is God's mouthpiece on earth. God's vicegerent. In Heaven, there are three (Father, Son, and Holy Ghost) so three stand at the head of the church on earth (the First Presidency). Contaminating effects of sin (Adam and Eve). Only those who have the truth and obey it are free.

page 265 - mortality brings weaknesses [Adam and Eve].

page 265-266 - Jesus attended some ordinances which he thought essential to man's salvation [but he did not get married, tithe, or obey the Word of Wisdom].

page 266 - gospel gives power to ordain and create other worlds. All blessings are obtained by obedience.

page 267 - gospel is always uplifting, prompts men and women to do what is acceptable before God.

page 270 - weaknesses of fallen human nature [Adam and Eve].

page 272 - the birth or begetting of Jesus was just as natural as the birth of any one of his children [don't they mean supernatural?]. All blessings are based on obedience.

Chapter 12 - Prayer

page 273 - pray in the morning and evening.

page 274 - we were placed on earth to inherit exaltation [purpose of life].

page 277 - pray in the morning, noon, and night.

page 278 - the devil invites and entices one to sin continually. God invites and entices to do good continually [Adam and Eve and the fall].

page 280 - pray for servants who preside over you. One on one approach after finding fault with someone.

Chapter 13 - Tithing

page 282 - the law of tithing was instituted because the LDS would not keep the higher law of consecration [due to apostasy in the LDS Church].

page 286 - said that the widow gave her mite, a 10% tithe [this is wrong. In the Bible, the widow gave everything ... which is 100%]. Those who tithe have their names recorded in the book of the law.

page 288 - if you do not tithe, then the bishop can deny you an ordinance.

page 290 - only a tithe payer should receive help from the church. Their name must be on the record.

page 291 - those in full time ministry should draw support from the tithing fund [the LDS Church does not consider this as paid clergy, but one could say it is supported clergy ... semantics].

page 292 - the spending of the tithe fund rests on the decision of a minimum of eighteen men [not sure why they pick the number 18. This is not a biblical teaching].

page 294 - LDS children poke fun at the cripple and unfortunate [reference to Conference Report, October 1904, p. 87-88. I have never heard this said about any other religious group of children].

page 295 - too many youth in Zion - idlers - are involved in card playing. This is a foolish practice.

page 297 - the fast was instituted to provide poor with food [where?].

page 298 - the monthly fast day. The Lord instituted this law [when?]. Sin of over-eating.

Chapter 14 - Temperance: The Sabbath

page 301 - saloons are a soul-destroying evil.

page 302 - defeat the liquor interests [the Marriot Hotels, owned by a Mormon, have no intention of stopping their selling of liquor to those who stay there - at least from what I have heard as of 2012. I think they evil distribute pornographic channels to their televisions in their rooms].

page 304 - Sabbath is a day of rest and worship set apart by special commandment to the LDS Church [but Christians have observed a day of rest of worship since the early church was founded].

page 305-306 - the law of fasting - no food or drink for 24 hours [no sex too?]

page 307 - wholesale LDS communities neglect to keep the Sabbath day holy [another sin] of apostasy].

page 308 - prepare your food on the Sabbath so that your fasting may be perfect.

page 309 - no entertainment on the Sabbath.

page 310 - ball games and other sports on Sunday are evil [how many Mormons participate in playing or watching these games on Sunday?]. Plan amusement so as not to interfere with the Sabbath.

Chapter 15 - Many Duties of Man

page 312 - purpose of life [nothing mentioned here about exaltation].

page 314 - the apostle John of Patmos would never die.

page 317 - All-Seeing Eye [this concept has its origin in Hindu theology. Not found in the scriptures to my knowledge].

page 317-318 - LDS should war against false teachers and false doctrines [I don't see any Mormons warring against teachings in Gospel Principles, 1997 version].

page 318-319 - look for good, not for evil [politicians take note!]

page 320 - obtain salvation through obedience to laws.

page 322 - plant in the hearts of people that Joseph Smith is a prophet [reference to Conference Report, October 1902, p. 88. When Christians preach the gospel around the world, we do not plant into the hearts of people that Peter or Paul is a prophet of God].

page 324 - learn to sing.

page 325 - join choirs in the wards. Music is one of the most acceptable methods of worshipping God.

page 326 - says that Jesus did not require rich man to sell everything [if you read the parable, Jesus DID tell him to sell everything and follow him].

page 334 - words of poet - "Take not away the life you cannot give, for all things have an equal right to live."

page 337 - the spirit is immortal.

page 338 - main purpose of life is to conform to the image and likeness of Christ. Jesus came for 3 reasons: a. to atone for sins, b. to set an example, c. to establish the standard of obedience.

Chapter 16 - Marriage

page 341 - no one can reach exaltation alone.

page 342 - without marriage, the purposes of God would be destroyed [in LDS theology, without following the temptation of Satan in eating from the forbidden tree, Adam and Eve would have destroyed the purposes of God because they were not able to have children]. Marriage for time and eternity determines eternal happiness or eternal misery [single people will be miserable after they die ... and for eternity ... sounds like hell].

page 342 - adulterers should be put to death. Law of God in violation of the marriage covenant is on parallel with murder [so if you knowingly divorce your spouse, there is no forgiveness of your sin]. Without marriage, the purposes of God would be frustrated [let me repeat again ... in LDS theology, without following the temptation of Satan in eating from the forbidden tree, Adam and Eve would have frustrated the purposes of God because they were not able to have children].

page 345 - a single man is a dangerous factor in the community [oddly enough, the police in my community do not view me as a dangerous factor].

page 345 - don't marry someone who is not of the same faith.

page 346 - purpose of life is exaltation. There is no exaltation without marriage. No woman will go there alone.

page 347 - don't abuse the course of nature [sounds like birth control is a sin].

page 348 - only LDS have a belief in father, mother, and child recognizing each other after death [?. I think all Christians have this belief. By the way, Mormons believe mother and father will never live with their children in eternity if they themselves failed to become a God or Goddess. In some cases, a woman may live in the two lower levels of the Celestial kingdom whereas her husband is thrust into the Telestial Kingdom if he proves unfaithful]. Those who reach fulness of joy are those who reach exaltation.

page 349 - the fashions, especially of women, have tendency to evil. It is evil to curtail the birth of children [birth control].

page 350 - birth control is one of the greatest crimes. Let LDS marry LDS and let Catholics marry Catholics and then see who comes out best in the end [Conference Report, Oct 1909, pp. 5-6].

page 350-351 - teaching of no marriage in heaven - he explains Christ's words.

"Why did Jesus teach the doctrine that there was no marrying, nor giving in marriage in the other world? Why did he teach the doctrine that marriage was instituted by the Father and designed to be accomplished in this life? Why did he rebuke those who sought to entrap him when they brought to him the example of the fulfilment of the law of Moses, for Moses wrote the law that God gave him, that if a man married in Israel and died without issue, it was the duty of his brother to take his widow and raise up seed unto his brother; and when seven of these brothers (which is doubtless a problem that these men put to the Savior in order to entrap him if they could) had taken her, to whom should she belong in the resurrection, since they all had her? Jesus declared to them, "Ye do err, not knowing the Scriptures, nor the power of God." They did not understand the principle of sealing for time and for all eternity; that what God hath joined together neither man nor death can put asunder (Matt. 19:6) They had wandered from that principle. It had fallen into disuse among them; they had ceased to understand it; and consequently they did not comprehend the truth; but Christ did. She could only be the wife in eternity of the man to whom she was united by the power of God for eternity, as well as for time; and Christ understood the principle, but he did not cast his pearls before the swine that tempted him" [reference is made to Conference Report, April, 1912, p. 136].

If you don't notice the obvious problems, here they are:

- a) Jesus was not talking about sealings, for marriages were not performed in the temples. Marriage was not made up of 2 acts: one in and one outside of the temple.
- b) According to a previous teaching

page 351 - plural marriage forbidden - official declaration - Manifesto of 1890.

page 352 - the LDS authorities try their best to route out plural marriage [this is a reference to Conference Report, April 1911, p. 8]. Large families are desirable.

page 354 - there is no exaltation if your sin of neglect causes your child to become an infidel [Conference Report, April 1902, p. 87]. Teach your children to respect the infirm, the unfortunate and the poor.

page 355 - too frequently we see LDS children make fun of the unfortunate, the poor, and the crippled [this is the second time this is mentioned in Gospel Doctrine. Reference is made to the Juvenile Instructor, vol. 39, p. 657, Semi-Annual S.S. Conference, Oct 9 1904].

page 356-357 - then it seems to lay the blame for the actions of the children on the parents.

page 359 - parents will be held responsible for the actions of their children. The father is the authority in the family.

page 362 - blessings for having many children - arrows in a quiver. This is a divine requirement of motherhood.

page 363 - the LDS Church is most suited to teach executive responsibilities to men and women.

page 365 - teach children that Christ's blood may cleanse them from all sin. It is the duty of parents to teach children certain things [in LDS theology, there is no forgiveness for murder].

page 366 - Peter, James, and John were ordained under the hands of Jesus [not mentioned in the Bible].

page 365-367 - what to teach the children [missing is teaching the children not to poke fun at the poor, unfortunate and the infirm].

page 367 - the blood of children will be upon the skirts of their parents [only skirts, not heads?]. Children are taught in schools on Saturday and Sunday. Children are the most helpless of the animal creation born into the world [why are children considered animal creation?].

page 370 - loud laughter is a grievous sin to the Lord [how?]. Kindergarten kids should be taught Jesus' death.

page 373 - don't put children under pledges [what about the pledge of allegiance or oaths in the temples?].

page 374 - become the richest of all the people on the earth [prosperity gospel].

page 375 - homes versus tents - home has been the chief characteristic of superior over inferior nations.

page 376 - evil effects when women abandon the home.

page 377 - too little fear of God. Spend 10 minutes reading the Bible, Book of Mormon, and Doctrine and Covenants [10 or 30 minutes total?].

page 378 - parents are largely to blame for the infidelity of the children [not the schools; who don't teach children not to poke fun at the infirm, the unfortunate and the poor?].

page 379 - tree is judged by its fruit (context of family).

page 380 - parents should desire to build a kingdom of their own, eternal increase, power, exaltation. Buy lands around homes and churches to ensure you have a purely LDS neighbourhood [keep out the strangers].

page 381 - we should not patronize foreign labor against our own [why should Ford pay an American \$25/hour to build a car when they can build it in Mexico for \$5/hour? Why should IBM hire an IT consultant at \$45/hour when they can hire someone in India for \$7/hour?]

page 386 - fornication is sin.

page 388 - whoredoms are an abomination [Jacob 2:28 says polygamy is an abomination]. An adulterer will not be exalted.

page 391 - sexual immorality is on par with murder. If you commit adultery, you should be put to death. You are made children of the Father through baptism [but LDS believe they are children of the Father before they come to earth].

page 391-392 - false educational ideas is one of 3 dangers that threatens the LDS Church from within [false doctrine].

page 393 - JFS said that without his wives and children in eternity, he would be miserable [misery awaits many Mormons in their unforever families]. Admonition to settle down near your parents so you can take care of them.

Chapter 17 - Amusements and Fashions

page 405 - financial immorality.

page 408-409 - raffling is gambling. Games of chance are forbidden.

page 410-412 - a few pages are devoted to talking about the evil of playing cards.

Chapter 18 - Love your Enemies

page 422 - have light to discern truth from error.

page 423 - we bring no accusations against them [but they teach that all Christian creeds are an abomination to God].

page 425 - the word "Mormon" and "Latter-day Saint" is everywhere held in contempt [most Americans, even in 2012, don't even know who Mormons are, let alone hold them in contempt].

page 426 - keep aloof from the wicked. There is a line between truth and error. Fallen human nature [from Adam and Eve].

Chapter 19 - Education and Industrial Pursuits

page 430-431 - disdain for people becoming lawyers. They are leeches and worthless.

page 433 - it is degrading not to produce housewives.

page 437 - there should be dignity in agriculture related jobs.

page 442 - don't organize groups (social) outside of the church.

Chapter 20 - Missionaries

page 444 - only the LDS President has the authority to call missionaries to preach the gospel.

page 445 - when picking missionaries, don't choose former gamblers or saloon boys; they should be unspotted [a reformed alcoholic or gamblers is better able to testify what Jesus has done for him rather than an LDS missionary who thinks he is 'unspotted from the world'].

page 448 - LDS are not to contend [Jude says to earnestly contend].

page 455 - LDS should avoid debate about doctrinal issues [Apostle Paul would not make a good Mormon example].

page 457 - the Word of Wisdom became a commandment under Brigham Young.

page 458 - keeping the Word of Wisdom will make you feel like God. Are not hidden treasures something to be desired? [remember Adam and Eve. Eve wanted to be like God]. Coffee and tea are prohibited.

page 459 - forbidden things in the Word of Wisdom.

Chapter 21 - False Teachings

page 464 - able to reason between cause and effect, good and evil. The hatred of Joseph Smith is compared to Jesus.

page 465 - hatred towards Jesus because it is preached that he ascended to heaven [a Mormon song has Joseph Smith also ascended to heaven, mingling with the Gods].

page 465-466 - you will only find the spirit of contention among apostates. They dispute with you all the time. The LDS do not contend. Contenders grieve the Holy Spirit [based on this teaching, Apostle Paul would not be viewed favourably in the Mormon Church].

page 466 - false teachers deny the First Vision account. There are two sources among Latter-day Saints where false doctrines are disguised as gospel truth 1. from the ignorant 2. from the proud [I would add 3. from those who are deceived from a devil - who teach that heavenly father was once a man who became a God].

page 470 - divination is evil [Joseph Smith used divination to seek for buried treasure]. The devil uses the counterfeit coin of false doctrine. Beware of the devil's spurious currency [beware of those preaching a counterfeit Jesus].

page 471 - reference to John's vision in Revelation 13 about the devil deceiving people with miraculous wonders. The wonders can come from an evil source - Matthew 7:22-23.

page 472 - led astray by those who peep and mutter [Joseph Smith was led astray by his peep stone].

page 473 - the Messiah-craze among the degenerate Lamanites [i.e. Indians].

page 474 - extremely benighted condition of the minds and habits of the red men [i.e. Indians].

page 474 - God will cut short his work in righteousness.

page 475 - promises to the seed of Joseph. One or more of the 3 Nephites may have visited Porcupine and the Lamanites (Indians).

page 476 - it is improbable that Christ himself would appear to a people utterly unprepared to accept him [but he appeared to the utterly unprepared in Israel and they rejected him).

page 478 - Edward Partridge is the one mighty and strong.

Chapter 22 - Auxiliary Organizations

page 481 - the bishop should be, more than anyone else, aware of the character and daily lives of the members in his ward.

page 483 - secret combinations.

page 485 - object of Sunday School is to teach children to be honourable [this apparently broke down somewhere since it was noted earlier that little children poke fun at the poor and handicapped].

page 486 - no teacher should dishonor his position by teaching personal views not in harmony with the teachings of the church [this principle should also be applied to all teaching manuals published by the LDS Church].

page 495 - Columbus inspired with the spirit of unrest, the spirit of longing, to seek out the western hemisphere. Book of Mormon is said to make a reference to Columbus [Columbus was looking for India and accidentally found Central America].

page 496 - parable of the kingdom of God - a man and the twelve servants [reference is made to D&C 88:51-63]. God has visited all nations [but the Bible says God only dealt with the nation of Israel].

page 497 - "I believe that Mohammed was an inspired man and the Lord raised him up to do the work he did" [does Joseph F. Smith know that Mohammed denied the death and resurrection of Christ in the Quran?].

page 500 - Father, Son and Holy Ghost is the one true and living God [but Joseph Smith taught they are 3 Gods].

page 501 - like truth, Jesus is eternal [in LDS theology, Jesus is not the Eternal God. He is the first spirit child of heavenly parents, who progressed into becoming a God].

Chapter 23 - Political Government

page 504 - God does not wish that a parent sin and the consequences be transmitted to posterity [except that this is what LDS believe happened to Adam and Eve otherwise they would have frustrated the plan of salvation].

page 506 - Joseph Smith predicted constitution hanging by a thread [reference to Conference Report, April 1912, pages 8-11].

page 513 - the Lord established his church with so little difficulty and opposition. The Lord was able to maintain it. The church was not possible without liberty in the United States [His Church is flourishing in Communist China. It actually thrives more in times of persecution].

page 516 - it was the Lord's will to drive the Latter-day Saints to Salt Lake City so they should view this as a blessing in disguise - because there was not enough space in Jackson County.

page 518 - the LDS Church is the only one that legitimately bears the name of Jesus Christ [i.e. all other churches are illegitimate - subtle attack. A reference is also made to earlier teachings in Gospel Doctrine on pages 169-170].

page 526 - denominations lack the essential knowledge of God's revelation and truth [subtle attack to Protestants and Catholics - and also to those in the Book of Mormon - for many LDS doctrines are not taught there]. God did not design or want war [but apparently he designed that Adam and Eve eat from the forbidden fruit so they could gain the power of procreation].

page 527 - shedding blood in self defence is okay. The Allies are praying for victory over their foes [weren't the Latter-day Saints praying for victory over the Germans too?]

page 528 - they don't have the Spirit of God because they are praying for victory [same question - weren't Latter-day Saints praying for victory over the Germans?]

page 528 - "Now, my sisters, I am speaking from my point of view, and my point of view is that Christ was divinely appointed and sent into the world to relieve mankind of sin through repentance; to relieve mankind from the death which came upon them by the sin of the first man. I believe it with all my soul" [I wonder how many Latter-day Saints today believe that Adam sinned with all their soul?].

page 531 - God is striving for ... the inalienable right of people to choose their own leader (democracy) [but the Bible says it is sinful for the people to ask for a human king. God is not striving for a democracy, but rather theocracy].

page 535 - poison and sting of death.

page 537 - no sin in shedding blood during war times.

Chapter 24 - Eternal Life and Salvation

page 539 - the spirit in a mortal body is imprisonment.

page 540 - all-seeing eye of God.

page 542 - there is a proneness of mortal beings to yield to temptation and wrong doing.

page 544 - "Now, all the world today, I am sorry to say, with the exception of a handful of people who have obeyed the new and everlasting covenant, are suffering this spiritual death" [which handful of people today are not suffering this spiritual death?].

page 546 - David was thrust into hell for the Bathsheba and Uriah incident but he would escape the second death.

page 548 - "You will be brought forth from death to life again, just as surely as Christ was brought forth from death to life again, just as surely as those who ministered to the Prophet Joseph Smith had been raised from death to life therefore ..." [which of these ministers to Joseph Smith were resurrected].

page 549 - Jesus taught the fulness of the gospel [the Book of Mormon does not contain the fulness of the gospel - many LDS doctrines are missing]. Jesus told them to do the same thing he did [Jesus did not get married].

page 553 - purpose of life is fulness of joy/exaltation - to possess every power and every attribute possessed by Heavenly Father [i.e. getting married and becoming a god or goddess in LDS theology]. Elder Brother Jesus.

page 553 - "This is the law of the celestial kingdom, and when we die, its power will bring us forth in the morning of the first resurrection, clothed with glory, immortality and eternal lives. Unless we do keep the law that God has given unto us in the flesh" [there is no chance for celestial glory after death].

page 554 - the disembodied spirit before the resurrection is not prepared for exaltation in the Celestial Kingdom [but the Holy Spirit is an exalted God in LDS theology. Did he die?].

page 555 - "Having accomplished its [the spirit] work, having gone through its earthly probation, and having fulfilled its mission here below, it [the spirit] is then prepared for the knowledge and glory and exaltation of the celestial kingdom. This Jesus did; and he is our forerunner, he is our exemplar. The path which he marked out we have to walk in, if we ever expect to dwell, and be crowned with him in his kingdom" [in LDS theology Jesus had to be prepared to become a God].

page 556 - Jesus did not finish his work at the crucifixion [the Bible has Jesus saying "It is finished"].

page 556 - Saviours upon Mount Zion.

page 557 - you need to perform ordinances on someone to release them from the prisonhouse.

page 557-558 - Adam's posterity suffers the penalty of spiritual death. Outer darkness is being cast out of the presence of God's glory [Alma 42 in the Book of Mormon calls this punishment].

page 558 - any outstanding ordinances will be performed after death. There is no death except to those who die in sin, without the hope of the resurrection of the just [this would put them in the group of the resurrection of the unjust].

page 559 - the spirit is an immortal being.

page 561 - the testimony of the ancient apostles about the resurrection is not enough. The additional evidence enables us to become witnesses to the ancient apostles [I don't need a modern-day pastor to give me a testimony about the resurrection of Christ - I have the sufficient testimony of the biblical witnesses].

page 561 - the Book of Mormon testifies of Jesus Christ's death and resurrection [it places the event at the 'fourth' day of the first month].

page 563 - my testimony is true.

page 565 - the wicked after death (before the resurrection) go to outer darkness.

page 566 - paradise or prison-house. Lake of fire is the second death.

page 567 - if your name is not in the book of life, then you go to the lake of fire. Joseph F. Smith said the words "it is finished" means that the agony of Christ is finished.

page 568 - they can be redeemed from spiritual death. The Book of Mormon says that we must stand before the bar of God [I need to verify this].

page 569 - those in the prison house are punished - no exaltation and no power for them. They will become servants of the celestial inhabitants.

page 574 - the spirit of Jesus was full grown before he was born into the world [but he was a spirit child of Heavenly Mother according to LDS theology. She was a Goddess before she gave birth to a spirit Jesus].

page 580 - temple ordinances are necessary for redemption.

page 581 - Jesus went to those in bondage in the spirit house.

page 581 - "I have always believed, and still do believe with all my soul that such men as Peter and James and the twelve disciples chosen of the Savior in his time, have been engaged all the, centuries that have passed since their martyrdom for the testimony of Jesus Christ, in proclaiming liberty to the captives in the spirit world and in opening their prison doors" [did Jesus choose 14 disciples?]

page 581 - Peter and James also open the prison doors in the spirit world.

page 582 - women in the spirit world preach to the women and men to the men [peculiar evangelism].

page 582 - the good women who have died have actually been anointed queens and priestesses unto God and their husbands. Even some LDS cannot accept this teaching.

page 583 - every doctrine taught by Joseph Smith leads people up to God [Satan's temptation to Adam and Eve to become like God led them away from God. He still tempts people today - he tempts them into believing they can actually become a God or Goddess of their own created world and spirit children].

page 589 - explorers and scientists are discovering facts in the Book of Mormon [I am not aware of any].

page 590 - Cowdery, Whitmer and Harris all apostatized against Smith but none of them repudiated their testimony.

page 592 - curse of Adam.

page 595 - Joseph Smith and Brigham Young are preaching in the spirit prison [the righteous are in the spirit prison? Also, a song by the LDS Church has Joseph mingling with the Gods].

page 600 - the righteous spirits viewed their condition as bondage.

Chapter 25 - Joseph Smith the Prophet

page 604 - God is a creature of flesh and bones, like Christ. Holy Ghost is a creature of spirit [who created Heavenly Father and the Holy Ghost?]

page 604 - if the teachings of Joseph Smith are untrue, then those of the Great Nazarene fall to the ground, for they are one and the same [Jesus did not teach that men and women could become Gods].

page 605 - our faith in Joseph Smith's doctrines establishes beyond a question or reasonable doubt our faith and belief in the divine mission of Jesus Christ [the Bible is not sufficient enough for Latter-day Saints].
The power of the priesthood enables one to perform ordinances [LDS women cannot baptize anyone because they don't have this power].

page 605 - man cannot be exalted alone. It was not designed for man to be alone [are Jesus and the Holy Ghost married exalted beings?].

page 606 - the name of Joseph Smith will be heralded abroad to nations of the earth. His name will be held in reverence as universally as the name of the Son of God [Christians never herald the names of Peter or Paul - regarded as greater than Mr. Smith]. Peace on earth, good will to man, is the proclamation Joseph Smith made; so did Jesus [in the Bible, the angels made this proclamation at the birth of Christ].

page 607 - the name of Joseph Smith, as no other man who has figured in religion, is so widespread among the nations, for either good or evil [this book was printed in 1919. Today is 2012. Even after all this time the world still does not know his name. If you go to the Muslim world, they are more familiar with Abraham, John the Baptist, and Jesus of course].

page 607 - Latter-day Saints love Joseph Smith as no other man [do you love the Apostles Peter and Paul as no other man?].

page 613 - Joseph Smith did more for people's salvation than any other man, save Jesus Christ only [more than Peter and Paul too?]

page 617 - in regards to Smith's first vision account, there is no thought given to the idea that he invented a dream.

page 618 - Joseph was incapable of knavery and connivance [boys will be boys; you know how mischievous they can be]. His parents also had dreams and visions [this could have influence the young boy to have his own dream - but it had to be spectacular]. Was it reasonable to accuse Joseph of premeditated deceit? [not unless he was deceived by an evil angelic being].

page 619 - Joseph Smith is the author of plural wives.

page 620 - only 5 of Smith's plural wives are mentioned [I wonder why the others are not mentioned].

page 621 - Joseph Smith was planning to go to the Rocky Mountains but he was recalled to Carthage by those accusing him of avoiding suffering. If it were not so, they might have escaped [escaped from what?]. Martyrdom has been inspirational [it seems Smith returned to Carthage for the wrong reason - to show he was not a coward. He did not go as a lamb to the slaughter since it was his original design to escape to the Rocky Mountains].

page 624 - the Book of Mormon is a record of the ancient inhabitants. The doctrines of Jesus Christ is more plainly and simply taught in the Book of Mormon [many of the LDS Church ordinances and teachings are not found in the Book of Mormon].

page 625 - I owe it to Joseph Smith for the fixed and unalterable confirmation of belief in Jesus Christ as the Son of God [the Bible is not sufficient for him].

page 626 - the Father and Son condescended to come down to this our mother earth and show themselves to Joseph Smith [it is also taught the Father condescended to come from his throne to visit Mary to become the Father of Jesus in the flesh - the Religion 430-431 - Doctrines of the Gospel Student Manual calls this "Celestial Sireship"].

page 627 - the testimony of Joseph Smith lead him nearer the possession of truth that Jesus is the Christ [the Bible is not sufficient for him].

page 628 - Joseph Smith never taught a doctrine that was not true [he taught God was not God from all eternity - that he was a man who became a God].

page 632 - if saints went to California, they would have been overwhelmed and swallowed up [seems like a lack of faith].

page 633 - the first real marvel of God was that the Mississippi River froze so people could cross it to go the west [this was in the winter time. Now it was a real marvel of God when the Jews crossed the Jordan River at flood time].

page 634 - Joseph Smith taught the building of temples [Apostle Paul taught humans are the temple of the Holy Spirit. There is no need for a temple of brick and mortar].

Chapter 26 - Personal Testimonies and Blessings

page 637 - deceived by the craftiness of the adversary. That his [Christ's] blood may cleanse them from all sins [I recall a teaching by Brigham Young that man must atone for certain sins on his own]. Secret combinations.

page 638 - "Spiritualism started in the United States about the time that Joseph Smith received his visions from the heavens. What more natural than that Lucifer should begin revealing himself to men in his cunning way, in order to deceive them and to distract their minds from the truth that God was revealing?" [when you examine everything that Joseph Smith taught, and what is depicted in the Temple Endowment Ceremony, it is not difficult to see how Lucifer has revealed himself in a cunning way].

Ellen B. White is one example of another person who believed she was visited by angels. But spiritualism was alive and well even before Joseph Smith was born.

page 638 - "Therefore, I bear my testimony to you, my brethren and sisters, that the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth, that he lives and that his Son lives" [in the above passage, the Lord God Omnipotent is Heavenly Father. In the Book of Mormon, the Lord God Omnipotent is Jesus Christ - Mosiah 3:5, 17-18, 21].

page 639 - as an elder in Israel, I tried to be true [Latter-day Saints refer to being "Israel"].

page 642 - the Saviour appeared and delivered the same gospel to the inhabitants of the western continent [maybe he means hemisphere. Many teachings of the LDS Church are absent from the Book of Mormon].

page 642 - testimony of Joseph Smith was sealed in blood [but he was not killed for believing in Jesus].

President Joseph F. Smith - An Appreciation

page 644 - his words are accepted as of inspired authority.

page 645 - In November 1838, apostasy, jealousy, and persecution were shaking the church.

page 646 - Sandwich Islands in Hawaii - he drove out evil spirits.

page 649 - until at length, in the providence of God, he became president [the oldest person in the quorum of 12 is elected as the next president. He providence of God keeps you alive until you are elected].

page 651 - if all the family cannot be educated, then the women should be given first chance. Smoot investigations.

page 652 - "Perhaps the best evidence of the high intellect of President Smith is shown in his clear understanding and explanation of the principles of the gospel. Men often sink to oblivion in quagmires of theological vagueness. In matters of theological doctrine the President is lucid as the noon-day light. Some few years ago, certain men, loving to conjecture the improbable, insisted on knowing what would happen if all the men holding the Priesthood were to die, save one elder. At one of the great conferences (general), before ten thousand assembled Saints, President Smith, in one-half dozen sentences cleared up the whole subject. It would be the privilege and duty of the one remaining elder to organize again the whole Church with apostles, prophets, etc., according to the revelation! The powers and purpose and duty of the priesthood were thus driven into the understandings of the people, as they never had been before".

[would this mean that all Nephite/Lamanite elders were killed before they could ordain another?].

page 660 - Reed Smoot.

page 665 - "What shall I say of the grand and glorious work that he has done in rearing the large and splendid family that he leaves behind. What a noble work for any man! Indeed, no man without great nobility of soul could have accomplished it. Is not this bringing up a good family, and a large family of good citizens, good men and women, good for the Church,, for the State, and for the Nation? Is not this, I say, about the most God-like piece of work that a man can do in this world? The thinking mind, who goes into this question deep enough, will see that here is the work, not only of a man, of a great man, but of a God in embryo."

[I wonder if this is the earliest reference to man being a God in embryo?].

Biographical Sketch

page 667 - "Joseph's early years were spent amidst the agitations which culminated in the martyrdom of his uncle and his father on the memorable 27th day of June, 1844. After the abandonment of the city by the Twelve, and when the majority of the Saints had been driven from Nauvoo, in September, 1846" [I wonder if they were told by God to abandon the city?].

page 671 - district of Kula in Hawaii - gift of healings and casting out of evil spirits.

page 672 - an account of rebuking 2 evil spirits is given.

page 680 - the First Presidency was organized in October 1880.

page 681 - "I saw him when he crossed the river, returning from his intended western trip into the Rocky Mountains to go to his martyrdom, and I saw his lifeless body together with that of my father after they were murdered in Carthage jail".

The following is an excerpt from History of the Church, volume 6, chapter 29:

Saturday, June 11, 1844.--About 9 p. m. Hyrum came out of the Mansion and gave his hand to Reynolds Cahoon, at the same time saying, A company of men are seeking to kill my brother Joseph, and the Lord has warned him to flee to the Rocky Mountains to save his life".

[Take note of that. The Lord warned him to flee to the Rocky Mountains and Joseph Smith begins his escape to the west].

Sunday, 23.--At daybreak arrived on the Iowa side of the river. Sent Orrin P. Rockwell back to Nauvoo with instructions to return the next night with horses for Joseph and Hyrum, pass them over the river in the night secretly, and be ready to start for the Great Basin in the Rocky Mountains.

Joseph, Hyrum and Dr. Richards walked up to Captain John Killien's house, where they arrived at sunrise; but he not being at home, they went from thence to Brother William Jordan's. About 9 a. m. Dr. Bernhisel came over the river to visit Joseph; also Reynolds Cahoon, who made some explanations respecting Governor Ford's letter.

Early in the morning a posse arrived in Nauvoo to arrest Joseph, but as they did not find him, they started back to Carthage immediately, leaving one man of the name of Yates behind them who said to one of the brethren that Governor Ford designed that if Joseph and Hyrum were not given up, he would send his troops and guard the city until they were found, if it took three years to do it.

At 1 p. m. Emma sent over Orrin P. Rockwell, requesting him to entreat of Joseph to come back. Reynolds Cahoon accompanied him with a letter which Emma had written to the same effect, and she insisted that Cahoon should persuade Joseph to come back and give himself up. When they went over they found Joseph, Hyrum and Willard in a room by themselves, having flour and other provisions on the floor ready for packing.

Reynolds Cahoon informed Joseph what the troops intended to do, and urged upon him to give himself up inasmuch as the Governor had pledged his faith and the faith of the state to protect him while he underwent a legal and fair trial. Reynolds Cahoon, Lorenzo D. Wasson and Hiram Kimball accused Joseph of cowardice for wishing to leave the people, adding that their property would be destroyed, and they left without house or home. Like the fable, when the wolves came the shepherd ran from the flock, and left the sheep to be devoured. To which Joseph replied, "If my life is of no value to my friends it is of none to myself."

Joseph said to Rockwell, "What shall I do?" Rockwell replied, "You are the oldest and ought to know best; and as you make your bed, I will lie with you." Joseph then turned to Hyrum, who was talking with Cahoon, and said, "Brother Hyrum, you are the oldest, what shall we do?" Hyrum said, "Let us go back and give ourselves up, and see the thing out." After studying a few moments, Joseph said, "If you go back I will go with you, but we shall be butchered." Hyrum said, "No, no; let us go back and put our trust in God, and we shall not be harmed. The Lord is in it. If we live or have to die, we will be reconciled to our fate."

After a short pause, Joseph told Cahoon to request Captain Daniel C. Davis to have his boat ready at half-past five to cross them over the river.

Letter.--Joseph and Hyrum Smith to Governor Ford Consenting to go to Carthage.

BANK OF THE RIVER MISSISSIPPI, Sunday, June 23rd, 1844, 2 p. m.

His Excellency Governor Ford:

SIR.--I wrote you a long communication at 12 last night, expressive of my views of your Excellency's communication of yesterday. I thought your letter rather severe, but one of my friends has just come to me with an explanation from the captain of your posse which softened the subject matter of your communication, and gives us greater assurance

of protection, and that your Excellency has succeeded in bringing in subjection the spirits which surround your Excellency to some extent. And I declare again the only objection I ever had or ever made on trial by my country at any time, was what I have made in my last letter on account of assassins, and the reason I have to fear deathly consequences from their hands.

But from the explanation, I now offer to come to you at Carthage on the morrow, as early as shall be convenient for your posse to escort us into headquarters, provided we can have a fair trial, not be abused nor have my witnesses abused, and have all things done in due form of law, without partiality, and you may depend on my honor without the show of a great armed force to produce excitement in the minds of the timid.

We will meet your posse, if this letter is satisfactory, (if not, inform me) at or near the Mound, at or about two o'clock tomorrow afternoon. which will be as soon as we can get our witnesses and prepare for trial. We shall expect to take our witnesses with us, and not have to wait a subpoena or part at least, so as not to detain the proceedings, although we may want time for counsel.

We remain most respectfully, your Excellency's humble servants,
JOSEPH SMITH, HYRUM SMITH

[A few questions come to mind. Why would Emma want Joseph to return when the 'Lord' told him to escape to the Rocky Mountains? Why would Joseph first turn to Rockwell and then to his brother Hyrum and ask them what to do? Would he want to follow the 'Lord' or now seek the counsel of men? Why would he appeal to these men instead of following the request of his wife Emma? Why would he follow his wife instead of the 'Lord?' How could Joseph Smith be persuaded with the threat of being labelled as a coward? Which fable says when the wolves came the shepherd ran from the flock, and left the sheep to be devoured? Only a false shepherd runs from his flock so why would they accuse him of being a false shepherd if the 'Lord' told him to escape to the Rocky Mountains? Didn't Emma and the other Latter-day Saints know about this warning to Joseph? Why would Joseph Smith say 'If you go back I will go with you, but we shall be butchered?' Didn't he trust in God?].

Last of the Old School of Veteran Leaders

page 683 - he was chosen by the Twelve and set apart as president of the church on October 17 1901. He died on November 19 1918.

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