

## APPENDIX B

### Witnessing to Mormons from the Book of Mormon

This writer has noticed that the Mormons he has encountered seem to have an attitude of superiority, believing that only they have all the truth of God. They seem unaware of the contradictory doctrines within their religion. Following are some passages from the Book of Mormon that may be useful in pointing a Mormon toward the real Jesus.

#### I. AUTHORITY OF THE BOOK OF MORMON (to Mormons)

- A. After he translated it, Joseph Smith said that “the Book of Mormon was the most correct of any book on earth” (*History of the Church*, Vol. 4, p. 461).
- B. The Bible and the Book of Mormon are accepted as companion scriptures.
- C. The Book of Mormon warns that anyone who later adds to or subtracts from its doctrines is evil. Those who follow such deceivers are under a curse.  
*“And whoso shall declare more or less than this, and establish it for my doctrine, the same cometh of evil...” (3 Nephi 11:40)*  
*“Cursed is he that putteth his trust in man, or maketh flesh his arm, or shall hearken unto the precepts of men, save their precepts shall be given by the power of the Holy Ghost.” (2 Nephi 28:31)*

#### II. SOME MAJOR MORMON DOCTRINES

Mormon Apostle Lorenzo Snow summarized the heart of Mormonism as follows:

*“... as Man is, so God once was. As God is, so man may become.”*

This leads to the following doctrines, found in *Doctrine and Covenants*.

- A. God is not eternal. He had a beginning, has changed, and continues to change.
- B. God has a body of flesh and bone.
- C. There are many gods.
- D. Jesus, the Father, and the Holy Spirit/Ghost are three separate beings.
- E. Man may become a god himself some day.
- F. In order to achieve maximum exaltation to godhood, plural marriage is necessary.

#### III. QUESTIONS FOR MORMONS.

- A. Did God have a beginning, and does he change?
- B. Does God the Father have a body of flesh and bone?
- C. How many gods are there?
- D. Are Jesus, the Father, and the Holy Ghost three separate beings?
- E. Can man become a god?
- F. Should a man take more than one wife?

#### IV. ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS FROM THE BOOK OF MORMON

##### A. DID GOD HAVE A BEGINNING, AND DOES HE CHANGE?

**God is eternal. He had no beginning, has not changed, and never will change.**

*“For I know that God is not a partial God, neither a changeable being; but he is unchangeable from all eternity to all eternity.” (Moroni 8:18)*

*“For do we not read that God is the same yesterday, today, and forever, and in him there is no variableness neither shadow of changing? And now if ye have imagined up unto yourselves a god who doth vary, and in whom there is shadow of changing, then have ye imagined up unto yourselves a god who is not a God of miracles... And behold, I say unto you he changeth not; if so he would cease to be God; and he ceaseth not to be God, and is a God of miracles.” (Mormon 9:9-11, 19)*

##### **BIBLICAL PARALLEL:**

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou [art] God. (Ps. 90:2)

**B. DOES GOD THE FATHER HAVE A BODY OF FLESH AND BONE?**

God is a Spirit. He took on a body of flesh and bone only when He came to earth in the person of Jesus Christ.

“And Ammon began to speak unto him with boldness, and said unto him: Believest thou that there is a God? And he answered, and said unto him: I do not know what that meaneth. And then Ammon said: Believest thou that there is a Great Spirit? And he said, Yea. And Ammon said: This is God. And Ammon said unto him again: Believest thou that this Great Spirit, who is God, created all things which are in heaven and in the earth?” (Alma 18:24-28)

*“And now when Aaron heard this, his heart began to rejoice, and he said: Behold, assuredly as thou livest, O king, there is a God. And the king said: Is God that Great Spirit that brought our fathers out of the land of Jerusalem? And Aaron said unto him: Yea, he is that Great Spirit, and he created all things both in heaven and earth.”* (Alma 22:8-10)

Jesus said, *“Behold, this body, which ye now behold, is the body of my spirit..”* (Ether 3:16)

**BIBLICAL PARALLEL:**

God [is] a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship [him] in spirit and in truth. (John 4:24)

**C. HOW MANY GODS ARE THERE?**

**There is only one God.**

*“And Zeezrom said unto him: Thou sayest there is a true and living God?*

*And Amulek said: Yea, there is a true and living God.*

*Now Zeezrom said: Is there more than one God?*

*And he answered, No.*

*Now Zeezrom said to him again: How knowest thou these things?*

*And he said: An angel hath made them known unto me.”* (Alma 11:27-31)

**BIBLICAL PARALLEL:**

Ye [are] my witnesses, saith the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I [am] he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me. I, [even] I, [am] the LORD; and beside me [there is] no saviour. I have declared, and have saved, and I have shewed, when [there was] no strange [god] among you: therefore ye [are] my witnesses, saith the LORD, that I [am] God. (Isa. 43:10-12)

**D. ARE JESUS, THE FATHER, AND THE HOLY GHOST THREE SEPARATE BEINGS?**

Jesus, the Father, and the Holy Spirit/Ghost are one. They are not separate beings. Faith in Jesus is the only way of salvation.

“But behold, I will show unto you a God of miracles, even the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob; and it is that same God who created the heavens and the earth, and all things that in them are. Behold he created Adam, and by Adam came the fall of man. And because of the fall of man came Jesus Christ, even the Father and the Son; and because of Jesus Christ came the redemption of man.” (Mormon 9:11-12)

*“Behold, I am he who was prepared from the foundation of the world to redeem my people. Behold, I am Jesus Christ. I am the Father and the Son. In me shall all mankind have light, and that eternally, even they who shall believe on my name...”* (Ether 3:14)

*“Now Zeezrom saith again unto him: Is the Son of God the very Eternal Father? And Amulek said unto him: Yea, he is the very Eternal Father of heaven and of earth, and all things which in them are; he is the beginning and the end, the first and the last; And he shall come into the world to redeem his people; and he shall take upon him the*

*transgressions of those who believe in his name; and these are they that shall have eternal life, and salvation cometh to none else.” (Alma 11:38-40)*

*“And now, behold, my beloved brethren, this is the way; and there is none other way nor name given under heaven whereby man can be saved in the kingdom of God. And now, behold, this is the doctrine of Christ, and the only and true doctrine of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, which is one God, without end. Amen.” (2 Nephi 31:21)*

*“And after this manner shall ye baptize in my name; for behold, verily I say unto you, that the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost are one; and I am in the Father, and the Father in me, and the Father and I are one... And thus will the Father bear record of me, and the Holy Ghost will bear record unto him of the father and me; for the Father, and the Holy Ghost, and I are one.” (3 Nephi 11:27, 36)*

*“And now Abinadi said unto them: I would understand that God himself shall come down among the children of men, and shall redeem his people. And because he dwelleth in flesh he shall be called the Son of God, and having subjected the flesh to the will of the Father, being the Father and the Son - The Father, because he was conceived by the power of God; and the Son, because of the flesh; thus becoming the Father and Son - And they are one God, yea, even the very Eternal father of heaven and of earth.” (Mosiah 15:4)*

#### **BIBLICAL PARALLEL:**

I and [my] Father are one. (John 10:30)

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, **The everlasting Father**, The Prince of Peace. (Isa. 9:6, referring to Jesus)

#### **E. CAN A MAN BECOME A GOD?**

There is not a single passage in the Book of Mormon to indicate that a man may become a god himself some day.

#### **BIBLICAL PARALLEL:**

Ye [are] my witnesses, saith the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I [am] he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me. Isa. 43:10

God [is] not a man, that he should lie; **neither the son of man**, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do [it]? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good? (Num. 23:19) - **GOD THE FATHER HAS NO FATHER!**

#### **THE FIRST LIE EVER RECORDED:**

And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and **ye shall be as gods**, knowing good and evil. (Gen. 3:4-6)

#### **F. SHOULD A MAN TAKE MORE THAN ONE WIFE?**

(Are you prepared to repudiate the doctrine of Brigham Young and his successors as wrong?)

Not only is plural marriage unnecessary, it is an abomination to God.

*“And it came to pass that Riplakish did not do that which was right in the sight of the Lord, for he did have many wives and concubines...” (Ether 10:5)*

*“And now it came to pass that the people of Nephi, under the reign of the second king, began to grow hard in their hearts, and indulge themselves somewhat in wicked practices, such as like unto David of old desiring many wives and concubines, and*

also Solomon, his son.” (Jacob 1:15)

“But the word of God burthens me because of your grosser crimes. For behold, thus saith the Lord: This people begin to wax in iniquity; they understand not the scriptures, for they seek to excuse themselves in committing whoredoms, because of the things which were written concerning David, and Solomon his son. Behold, David and Solomon truly had many wives and concubines, which thing was abominable before me, saith the Lord... Wherefore, I the Lord God will not suffer that this people shall do like unto them of old. Wherefore, my brethren, hear me, and hearken to the word of the Lord: For there shall not be any man among you have save it be one wife; and concubines he shall have none; For I, the Lord God, delight in the chastity of women. And whoredoms are an abomination before me; thus saith the Lord of Hosts.” (Jacob 2:23-28)

**BIBLICAL PARALLEL:**

And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made [them] at the beginning made them male and female, And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. (Mt. 19:3-6) A MAN AND TWO OR MORE WIVES CANNOT BE ONE FLESH!

**V. WHAT IS GOD’S PLAN FOR YOU?**

**A. YOU NEED TO BE SAVED.**

“Have ye walked, keeping yourselves blameless before God? Could ye say, if ye were called to die at this time, within yourselves, that ye have been sufficiently humble? That your garments have been cleansed and made white through the blood of Christ, who will come to redeem his people from their sins?” (Alma 5:27)

**BIBLICAL PARALLEL:**

And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. (Acts 16:31)

I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness [come] by the law, then Christ is dead in vain. (Gal. 2:2)

For he hath made him [to be] sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him. (2 Cor. 5:21)

**B. YOU CANNOT SAVE YOURSELF. AN INFINITE ATONEMENT IS NEEDED.**

“For, as death hath passed upon all men, to fulfill the merciful plan of the great Creator, there must needs be a power of resurrection, and the resurrection must needs come unto man by reason of the fall; and the fall came by reason of transgression; and because man became fallen they were cut off from the presence of the Lord. Wherefore, it must needs be an infinite atonement - save it should be an infinite atonement this corruption could not put on incorruption. Wherefore, the first judgment which came upon man must needs have remained to an endless duration. And if so, this flesh must have laid down to rot and to crumble to its mother earth, to rise no more.” (2 Nephi 9:6-7)

“And after they have been scattered, and the Lord God hath scourged them by other nations for the space of many generations, yea, even down from generation to generation until they shall be persuaded to believe in Christ, the Son of God, and the atonement, which is infinite for all mankind - and when that day shall come that they shall believe in Christ, and worship the Father in his name, with pure hearts and clean hands, and look not forward any more for another Messiah, then, at that time, the day will come that it must needs be expedient that they should believe these things.” (2 Nephi 25:16)

**BIBLICAL PARALLEL:**

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God. (Rom. 3:23)

For the wages of sin [is] death; but the gift of God [is] eternal life through



Jesus Christ our Lord. (Rom. 6:23)

**C. YOU MUST REPENT OF YOUR SINS.**

*“And Aaron did expound unto him the scriptures from the creation of Adam, laying the fall of man before him, and their carnal state and also the plan of redemption, which was prepared from the foundation of the world, through Christ, for all whosoever would believe on his name. And since man had fallen he could not merit anything of himself; but the sufferings and death of Christ atone for their sins, through faith and repentance...”*

*“And it came to pass that after Aaron had expounded these things unto him, the king said: What shall I do that I may have this eternal life of which thou hast spoken? Yea, what shall I do that I may be born of God, having this wicked spirit rooted out of my breast, and receive his Spirit, that I may be filled with joy, that I may not be cast off at the last day? Behold, said he, I will give up all that I possess, yea, I will forsake my kingdom, that I may obtain this great joy. But Aaron said to him: If thou desirest this thing, if thou wilt bow down before God, yea, if thou wilt repent of all thy sins, and will bow down before God, and call on his name in faith, believing that ye shall receive, then thou shalt receive the hope which thou desirest.” (Alma 22:13-16)*

**BIBLICAL PARALLEL:**

[JESUS SAID] I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. (Luke 13:3)

[PETER SAID] Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord. (Acts 3:19)

[PAUL SAID] And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent. (Acts 17:30)

**D. YOU MUST BE BORN AGAIN AND BECOME A NEW CREATURE.**

*“And the Lord said unto me: Marvel not that all mankind, yea, men and women, all nations, kindreds, tongues, and people, must be born again; yea, born of God, changed from their carnal and fallen state, to a state of righteousness, being redeemed of God, becoming his sons and daughters; And thus they become new creatures; and unless they do this, they can in no wise inherit the kingdom of God.” (Mosiah 27:25-26)*

**BIBLICAL PARALLEL:**

Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. (John 3:3)

**E. YOU DO THIS BY REPENTING AND BELIEVING IN JESUS CHRIST.**

*“And this is my doctrine, and it is the doctrine which the Father hath given unto me; and I bear record of the Father, and the Father beareth record of me, and the Holy Ghost beareth record of the Father and me; and I bear record that the Father commandeth all men, everywhere, to repent and believe in me. And whoso believeth in me, and is baptized, the same shall be saved; and they are they who shall inherit the kingdom of God. And whoso believeth not in me, and *is not baptized, shall be damned.*” (3 Nephi 12:32-34)*

**BIBLICAL PARALLEL:**

He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. (John 3:18)

**JESUS IS THE ONLY BEGOTTEN SON OF GOD.**

**F. YOU MUST TRUST IN THE ATONEMENT OF GOD’S ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, JESUS.**

*“Wherefore, beloved brethren, be reconciled unto him through the atonement of Christ, his Only Begotten Son, and ye may obtain a resurrection...” (Jacob 4:11)*

**BIBLICAL PARALLEL:**

The word is nigh thee, [even] in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. (Rom. 10:8-10)

**G. HE SATISFIED THE DEMANDS OF JUSTICE FOR YOUR SAKE.**

*“And thus God breaketh the bands of death, having gained the victory over death; giving the Son power to make intercession for the children of men - Having ascended into heaven, having the bowels of mercy; being filled with compassion towards the children of men; standing betwixt them and justice; having broken the bands of death, taken upon himself their iniquity and their transgressions, having redeemed them, and satisfied the demands of justice.”* (Mosiah 15:9)

**BIBLICAL PARALLEL:**

But he [was] wounded for our transgressions, [he was] bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace [was] upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. (Isa. 53:5, speaking of Jesus)

**H. ONLY HIS MERITS CAN SAVE YOU.**

*“And now, my beloved brethren, after ye have gotten into this straight and narrow path, I would ask if all is done? Behold, I say unto you, Nay; for ye have not come thus far save it were by the word of Christ with unshaken faith in him, relying wholly upon the merits of him who is mighty to save... And now, behold, my beloved brethren, this is the way; and there is none other way nor name given under heaven whereby man can be saved in the kingdom of God.”* (2 Nephi 31:19-21)

**BIBLICAL PARALLEL:**

PETER SPEAKING OF JESUS: Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. (Acts 4:12)

**I. YOU CAN BE SAVED ONLY THROUGH HIS ATONING BLOOD.**

*“O remember, remember, my sons, the words which king Benjamin spake unto his people; yea, remember that there is no other way nor means whereby man can be saved, only through the atoning blood of Jesus Christ, who shall come, yea, remember that he cometh to redeem the world.”* (Helaman 5:9)

**BIBLICAL PARALLEL:**

And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission. (Heb. 9:22)

Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, [as] silver and gold, from your vain conversation [received] by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. (1 Pet. 1:18-19)

**ARE YOU READY TO REPENT, BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST, ACCEPT HIS INFINITE ATONEMENT AND BECOME A NEW CREATURE?**

He calls on you now. Will you say “Yes” and receive Him as your Lord and Savior, or will you reject Him and be damned?  
Your eternal destiny hangs in the balance.