

#121 MY MORMON FRIEND

Q: When I compliment my Mormon friend on anything, he tells me it is because of his faith in Jesus Christ. It disturbs me because the Jesus he describes doesn't seem to be the same Jesus, but I can't quite understand what is different. He also seems to have more peace than I do, why is that? How do I answer him?

A: Many try to refute the maze of Mormon teaching, by casting accusations at the founding leaders of the church but doing so only causes the Christian worker to appear hateful. By casting accusations, you will only "prove" that you are of the church of Satan speaking against the people "chosen by God". It is only by the power of the real Lord Jesus drawing him, and shining the true light of God's Word more brightly, that he can know the truth and be set free from a false church system. Understand that there are five standard foundational truths of Mormon theology that are radically different from fundamental Christian theology:

1. **The law of eternal progression.** "As man is, God once was, as God is, man may become." God to them was once just a man.
2. **Jesus is a created spirit man** created at the same time as Lucifer and you and me except for his body they teach was begotten by the Father, who had sex with Mary.
3. **The preaching of salvation by the cross and being born again is foolishness,** because Jesus died on the cross to save all men whether they accept it or not.
4. **The Bible is true only when you translate it to agree with current Mormon teaching.** Mormon theology casts doubt on the Bible by teaching that the Bible is true "only in so far as it is translated correctly".
5. **The Godhead of the Mormon church consists of one God who is head over many gods of many worlds.** Their goal is to reach the Celestial kingdom through good works and to become the god (or one of god's wives) of his own world like Jesus Christ.

Q 1. The law of eternal progression states: "As man is, God once was, as God is, man may become." Can this be true?

A: Not unless you accept reincarnation as part of your Theology and believe not only did the Father and Son leave their first mortal body to be born into another mortal body; reincarnated into Gods - but so shall you! No other God than the one true God in Heaven can be Savior! Jesus Christ was not created because He IS the Creator Savior God. Jesus is not a 2nd person but the only person of God born in human form for us. Man cannot ever become God because only One God is Creator and Savior.

Isaiah 43:10-11 "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, nor shall there be after Me. I, even I, am the Lord, and besides Me there is no Savior."

A: Jesus is God (Father & Son of One Spirit) of the Old Testament. The New Testament word God, is from Greek word #2316 Theos, meaning: Supreme Divinity, Exceeding God. And Lord, is from Greek word #2962 Kurios, meaning Supreme God, exchangeable with the Old Testament LORD (also written Jehovah) #3068, meaning Self-Existent Eternal One.

Q 2. My friend says Jesus is our created spirit brother and Lord of this world, but there is only one God who is Father in Heaven. He says the Godhead is one God, but only in purpose.

JOHN 14:8-10 "Philip said to Him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works."

A: Philip was confused about the physical reality of the Father in Jesus when Jesus said He is HE!

Colossians 2:9 "For in Him (Christ) dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily."

Acts 20:28 "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood."

Revelation 1:7-8 "Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him...I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, says the Lord, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

HEBREWS 13:8 "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."

Jude 25 "To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever, Amen."

A: There is only one God who shed His own blood on the cross. Jesus is the only wise God, our Savior - not created, but the Spirit of the Father, born in flesh as the Son of God. The Holy Spirit is Spirit, the Lord Jesus is Spirit and God the Father is Spirit. God is God is God, the same One Spirit, the same ONE GOD.

Q 3. My friend says it is foolish to pray for salvation because everyone is already saved whether they accept it or not.

1 Corinthians 1:18 "For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God."

John 3:3 "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."

A: Salvation is available to all, but only those who believe shall be saved, while unbelievers perish. Jesus said that we must be born again of the Spirit by receiving His Holy Spirit, and by being born again of the water in baptism.

Q 4. Is it true that the Bible is only true if it is translated correctly?

Proverbs 30:5 "Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him."

Psalms 12:6-7 "The words of the Lord are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. 7 Thou shalt keep them, O Lord, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever."

A: We can trust every word of God to be preserved for us today and to be pure and true forever. It is true that we must rightly divide the word of truth because there are many false translations that add and delete what God has said and paraphrase from corrupt texts, but we can trust the King James Version because it is a word for word translation from the original text, so that by using a Strong's Concordance, we can see for ourselves the original Hebrew or Greek word from where each word came.

Q 5. How do we know there are not many gods over many worlds?

A: This has the same answer as for question 1: the self-existent eternal Creator of Spirit alone is God. In Isaiah, God speaks (by His spoken word) as both Father and the servant yet to be born, emphatically declaring that there was never a God formed before Himself, nor will there ever be any other god formed after.

Isaiah 43:10 "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."

A: There will never be any other God formed who is not the God who created you! In Genesis God spoke the entirety of all the heavens and worlds that shall ever be into existence by the word of His mouth, by Himself alone, and by the word of His mouth, He became flesh to save us: there shall be no others!

Isaiah 44:24 "Thus saith the LORD, thy redeemer, and he that formed thee from the womb, I am the LORD that maketh all things; that stretcheth forth the heavens alone; that spreadeth abroad the earth by myself."

Psalms 33:6 "By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth."

John 1:1,14 "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth."

1 Timothy 1:17 "Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen."

God was never like us, and you and I can never become God! We pray to the Father, through Jesus who is God made visible in flesh. He understands our weaknesses because He made Himself in every way to be like us, gave His blood on the cross to pay for our sins, made Himself our mediator, and gives us the wisdom of His indwelling Holy Spirit, teaches us all things and gives us power to know how to pray.

PRAYER: Dear Father God, Thank you for speaking Your word to become flesh in Your only begotten Son, our LORD Jesus, to die on the cross for my sins. Thank you for coming into my heart, to show me who You are. Fill me with your Spirit and help me to live my life for you every day, until you come to take us home, **in Jesus name, Amen.**



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