

1. The LDS God is One Among Countless Gods

Mormon Apostle, Bruce R. McConkie, said:

“Three separate personages—Father, Son, and Holy Ghost—comprise the Godhead. As each of these persons is a God, it is evident, from this standpoint alone, that a plurality of Gods exists....But in addition there is an infinite number of holy personages, drawn from worlds without number, who have passed on to exaltation and are thus gods.” (McConkie, *Mormon Doctrine*, 2nd ed., pp. 576-77)

The Christian God is self-existent. (1 Tim. 2:5; Deut. 4:35,39; Is. 42:8; 43:10; 44:6-8; 45:5-6,21-22; 46:9)

2. The LDS God is an Exalted Man

The LDS Heavenly Father *has not* always been a God. First LDS President, Joseph Smith Jr., taught that:

“God himself was once as we are now, and is an exalted man, and sits enthroned in yonder heavens!” (Smith, *History of the Church*, Vol. 6, p. 305)

LDS Apostle John A. Widtsoe stated:

“God and man are of the same race, differing only in their degrees of advancement.” (Widtsoe, *Rational Theology*, p. 61; also *Gospel Through the Ages*, p. 107)

From such teaching, every Mormon hopes to become a personal God some day, ruling over their own planets.

The Christian Father God has never been a mortal man. (Num. 23:19; Ps. 50:21; Is. 31:3; Rom. 1:22-23)

3. The LDS God Has a Body of Flesh and Bones

“The Father has a body of flesh and bones as tangible as man’s....” —D&C 130:22

As a Spirit, the Christian God is incorporeal, without a physical body. (Jn. 4:24; Jer. 23:24; Is. 31:3)

4. The LDS God is a Created Being

Because the Mormon God is an exalted man, He had a beginning like us. LDS Apostle, Orson Pratt, taught:

“We were begotten by our Father in Heaven; the person of our Father in Heaven was begotten on a previous heavenly world by his Father; and again, He was begotten by a still more ancient Father; and so on. . .” (Pratt, *The Seer*, Vol. 1, No. 9, p. 132, Sep 1853)

The Christian Father God has never been created, neither has He had a beginning. (Ps. 90:2; 93:2; Is. 63:16; Hab. 1:12)

5. The LDS God Was a Sinner Needing Salvation

An official LDS teacher's manual says:

“Our Heavenly Father knows our trials, our weaknesses, and our sins.” (*Gospel Principles*, p. 305)

This sin knowledge by the LDS God is through personal experience as an exalted man, once like us:

“The Father is a glorified, perfected, resurrected, exalted man who worked out his salvation by obedience to the same laws he has given to us so that we may do the same.” (McConkie, *A New Witness for the Articles of Faith*, p. 64)

By definition, a God Who has always been God could not have a sinful past. (See previous citations, item 4)

6. The LDS God Earned His Status by Achievement

Mormon Seventy, Milton R. Hunter, said:

“Our Eternal Father has attained His position of exaltation and Godhood by obedience to the great law of progression.” (Hunter, *The Gospel Through the Ages*, p. 12)

The Christian God has always been God. (see previous Bible citations, item 4)

7. The LDS God is Not Omnipresent (Everywhere)

Second LDS President, Brigham Young, taught:

“Some would have us believe that God is present everywhere. It is not so.” (Young, *Journal of Discourses*, Vol. 6, p. 345, July 31, 1859)

The Christian God is not confined by a body, and is personally and fully everywhere. (1 Kings 8:27; 2 Chron. 6:18; Ps. 139:7-8; Jer. 23:23-24)

8. The LDS God is Not Omnipotent (All-Powerful)

LDS Apostle and future fourth President of the LDS Church, Wilford Woodruff, taught that:

“God himself is increasing and progressing in knowledge, power, and dominion, and will do so, worlds without end.” (Woodruff, *Journal of Discourses*, Vol. 6, p. 120, December 6, 1857)

One thing the LDS God cannot do is create matter from nothing; He can only change its form. (McConkie, *Mormon Doctrine*, 2nd ed., p. 589)

The true God can do anything. (Gen. 18:14; Matt. 19:26; 28:18; Lk. 1:37) LDS had better hope that a more senior Mormon god out there somewhere doesn't challenge their god some day. Who wins?

9. The LDS God is Not Omniscient (All-Knowing)

As item eight demonstrated, the LDS God still does not know everything to be known today.

The Christian God is omniscient, never learning anything, and always knowing everything. (Col. 2:3) God didn't learn mathematical laws—He made them!

10. The LDS God is Not Virgin Born

Bruce McConkie explains the non-virgin birth of Jesus:

“Christ was begotten by an Immortal Father in the same way that mortal men are begotten by mortal fathers...Christ was born into the world

as the literal Son of this Holy Being; he was born in the same personal, real and literal sense that any mortal son is born to a mortal father." (McConkie, *Mormon Doctrine*, 2nd ed., pp. 547,742)

Second President, Brigham Young, said on April 9, 1852:

"...Jesus Christ was not begotten by the Holy Ghost." (Young, *Journal of Discourses*, Vol. 1, p. 51)

The Christian Jesus was conceived supernaturally of a virgin by the Holy Ghost. (Matt. 1:18; Lk. 1:35) The flesh and bones body of the LDS Father God constrains Mormonism to accept a heretical view of Christ's birth.

11. The LDS God and a Wife Sired Son Lucifer

"The devil...is a spirit son of God..." (LDS Apostle Bruce McConkie, *Mormon Doctrine*, p. 192)

Jesus is the only begotten Son of God. (Jn. 3:16) Jesus created everything, to include Satan. (Col. 1:16-17)

12. The LDS God Has a Gate Keeper in Heaven

President Brigham Young said that you must have the consent of Joseph Smith and others to enter into Heaven:

"Just wait till you pass Joseph Smith; and after Joseph lets you pass him, you will find Peter; and after you pass the Apostles and many of the Prophets, you will find Abraham, and he will say, "I have the keys, and except you do thus and so, you cannot pass;" and after a while you come to Jesus...If we can pass Joseph and have him say, "Here; you have been faithful, good boys; I hold the keys of this dispensation; I will let you pass;" then we shall be very glad to see the white locks of Father Adam." (Young, *Journal of Discourses*, Vol. 5, pp. 331-32)

The LDS God also requires his "boys" to learn secret, Masonic passwords and handshakes to enter Heaven.

First, the Christian God isn't a Mason. Second, Jesus said "...I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." (Jn. 14:6) If we ever get through Heaven's gates, it will be via the Son of God, not the son of Joseph Smith Senior! Jesus said "I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved..." (Jn. 10:9) Jesus guards the door, not Joseph Smith! "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)

LDS Apostle Bruce McConkie correctly observed:

"There is no salvation in believing any false doctrine, particularly a false or unwise view about the Godhead or any of its members. Eternal life is reserved for those who know God....True and saving worship is found only among those who know the truth about God and the Godhead..." (McConkie, *BYU Speech* entitled *Our Relationship With the Lord*, p. 2, March 2, 1982)

Dear LDS friend, do you have the true God, or an idol? If your doctrine is wrong on the question of "Who God is," then almost every other doctrine will be wrong as well. As with the gospel found in the Book of Mormon, LDS doctrine hasn't merely amplified Biblical doctrine about God--it has contradicted it in numerous and eternally significant ways. Shouldn't that concern you? The Biblical God *will not* be amused when you meet Him:

Take heed to yourselves, that your heart be not deceived, and ye turn aside, and serve other gods, and worship them; And then the Lord's wrath be kindled against you.... -Deut. 11:16-17

Sincerely, **Bill Young** (former LDS)

LDS Friend,

Choose Your GOD!

*12 Reasons Why the
Mormon God IS NOT
the God of the
Christian Faith.*



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