

# What is the TRUTH ABOUT GOD?

## YOU DECIDE!

This pamphlet is intended to accurately represent the doctrines of both Christianity and the LDS religion.

Does the doctrine of God as taught by Joseph Smith and the LDS Church agree with or disagree with the doctrines found in the Bible (and the Book of Mormon)?

### The LDS 'PROPHET' Joseph Smith

*"Joseph Smith, the Prophet and Seer of the Lord, has done more, save Jesus only, for the salvation of men in this world, than any other man that ever lived in it"*

(Doctrine and Covenants 135:3).

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### POLYTHEISM—A Plurality of Gods

**Joseph Smith said,** "I will preach on the plurality of Gods... I wish to declare I have always and in all congregations when I have preached on the subject of the Deity, it has been the plurality of Gods." (TOPJS, p. 370).

**The Biblical Doctrine of God is Monotheism—Only One True God**  
Isaiah 44:6, 8, "Thus says the LORD the King of Israel, and his redeemer the LORD of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God... You are even my witnesses. Is there a God beside me? yea, there is no God; I know not any."

**The Book of Mormon agrees –**  
Alma 11:26-29, "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 [Amulek] answered, No."

### LINEAGE OF GODS

**Joseph Smith said,** "My object was to preach the scriptures, and preach the doctrine they contain, there being a God above, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ... If Jesus Christ was the Son of God, and John [the Apostle] discovered that God the Father of Jesus Christ had a Father, you may suppose that He had a Father also. Where was there ever a son

without a father? And where was there ever a father without first being a son? ...Hence if Jesus had a Father, can we not believe that He had a Father also?" (TOPJS, p. 370, 373).

### Biblically, the LORD God is the Most High God—How many Most High Gods can there be?

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-10, "He that dwells in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust... Because you have made the LORD, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation; There shall no evil befall you, neither shall any plague come near your dwelling."

**The Book of Mormon agrees –**  
3 Nephi 4:32, "Yea, they did cry: Hosanna to the Most High God. And they did cry: Blessed be the name of the Lord God Almighty, the Most High God."

### GOD HAS NOT ALWAYS BEEN GOD

**Joseph Smith said,** "It is necessary we should understand the character and being of God and how he came to be so; for I am going to tell you how God came to be God. We have imagined and supposed that God was God from all eternity. I will refute that idea, and take away the veil, so that you may see" (TOPJS, pg. 345).

### Biblically, the LORD God has eternally been God

Deuteronomy 33:27-28, "There is none like God... The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms."

Psalm 90:1-2, "Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting you are God."

**The Book of Mormon agrees –**  
Moroni 8:18, "For I know that God is not a partial God, neither a changeable being; but he is unchangeable from all eternity to all eternity."

### THE LDS GOD IS A MAN

**Joseph Smith said,** "God himself was once as we are now, and is an exalted man, and sits enthroned in yonder heavens! That is the great secret... I say, if you were to see him today, you would see him like a man in form...he was once a man like us; yea, that God himself, the Father of us all, dwelt on an earth, the same as Jesus Christ himself did" (TOPJS, p. 345-346).

**Biblically, the LORD God is not a Man**  
Hosea 11:9, "I will not execute the fierceness of my anger; I will not return to destroy Ephraim; for I am God and not a man, the Holy One in your midst."

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Numbers 23:19, "God is not man, that he should lie, neither the son of man, that he should repent."

## MEN CAN BECOME GODS

**Joseph Smith said,** "Here, then, is eternal life—to know the only wise and true God; and you have got to learn how to be Gods yourselves, and to be kings and priests to God, the same as all Gods have done before you" (TOPJS, p. 346-347).

"As man is, God once was; as God is, man may be" (Articles of Faith, Talmage, p. 430).

### **Biblically, the LORD God is God Alone—There Never Will Be Any New Gods**

Isaiah 43:10, "You are my witnesses, says the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen: that you may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me."

### **And, the LORD God will Judge Those Who Have a Desire to Become Gods**

Isaiah 14:12-15 [& Book of Mormon – 2 Nephi 24:12-15], "How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How art thou cut down to the ground, which did weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thy heart: I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will sit also

upon the mount of the congregation in the sides of the north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the Most High. Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit."

## THOUGHTS ON THE 'TRINITY'

**Joseph Smith said,** "I have always declared God to be a distinct personage, Jesus Christ a separate and distinct personage from God the Father, and that the Holy Ghost was a distinct personage and a Spirit; and these three constitute three distinct personages and three Gods... Many men say there is one God; the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost are only one God. I say that is a strange God anyhow—three in one, and one in three! It is a curious organization... All are to be crammed into one God according to sectarianism. It would make the biggest God in all the world. He would be a wonderfully big God—he would be a giant or a monster" (TOPJS, p. 370, 372).

### **Biblically, God is a three in One God, a Triune Being, the Trinity**

Matthew 28:19 "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them **in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:**" ["in the name of" is singular—in the Bible the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost all share the same name because they are one God.

### **The Book of Mormon agrees –**

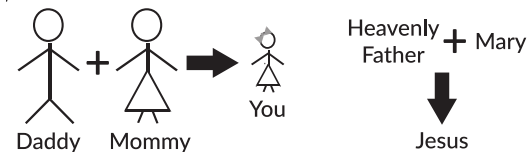
3 Nephi 11:27 "After this manner shall ye baptize in my name; for behold, verily I say unto you, that the Father, and the

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." 2 Nephi 31:21 "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" (see also Alma 11:44). Alma 11:44, "Every thing shall be restored to its perfect frame, as it is now, or in the body, and shall be brought and be arraigned before the bar of Christ the Son, and God the Father, and the Holy Spirit, which is one Eternal God."

## THE LDS JESUS WAS CONCEIVED NATURALLY BY AN EXALTED MAN

**Joseph Smith said,** "Jesus Christ is... the Only Begotten of the Father according to the flesh" (TOPJS, p. 323).

"We are told in scriptures that Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of God in the flesh. Well, now for the benefit of the older ones, how are children begotten? I answer just as Jesus was begotten of his father..."



(Family Home Evening, LDS Church, 1972, p. 125-6).

"The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints proclaims that Jesus Christ is the Son of God in the most literal sense. The body in which He performed His mission in the flesh was sired by the same Holy

Being we worship as God, our Eternal Father. Jesus was not the son of Joseph, nor was He begotten by the Holy Ghost. He is the Son of the Eternal Father" (Teachings of Ezra Taft Benson, p. 7).

### **Biblically, the Virgin Birth was the Result of a Miraculous Conception**

Matthew 1:18, "The birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost."

### **The Book of Mormon agrees –**

Alma 7:10, "He shall be born of Mary... she being a virgin, a precious and chosen vessel, who shall be overshadowed and conceive by the power of the Holy Ghost, and bring forth a son, yea, even the Son of God."

## A BIBLICAL TEST FOR A 'PROPHET'

"If a prophet or a dreamer of dreams arises among you... and if he says, 'Let us go after other gods,' which you have not known, 'and let us serve them,' you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams... because he has taught rebellion against the LORD your God" (Deuteronomy 13:1-5).

**CONCLUSION: Joseph Smith/LDS doctrine opposes the doctrines of God as taught in the Bible [& Book of Mormon]. The 'god' of Joseph Smith and the LDS Church is not the LORD God of the Bible.**