WHY MORMONISM IS NOT CHRISTIAN

"The preacher sought to find out acceptable words; and that which was written was upright, even words of truth." (Eccl. 12 : 10).

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon) appears Christian because the name Jesus Christ is embedded in its name. Mormonism however is not Christian because it proclaims a Jesus other than the historic Jesus of the New Testament; its followers receive "another spirit" than God the Holy Spirit and "another gospel" than that announced in the Bible. Because the Apostles of Mormonism preach "another Jesus" and "another (or a different) gospel," the Apostle's verdict applies to them, "such are **false apostles** deceitful workers . . ." (2 Cor. 11). The prophets of Mormonism also fail the Biblical tests of true prophets (Deut. Chs. 13 and 18 and 1 John 4 : 13).

"ANOTHER JESUS"

The Jesus of Mormonism is not the Jesus of the New Testament who was miraculously born, begotten of the Holy Ghost, God-Incarnate.

1. **The Mormon Jesus was naturally born.** Mormon prophet Brigham Young stated: **"The birth of the Saviour . . . was the result of natural action."** (J.O.D. Vol. 6 p. 115).
   Heber C. Kimball said; **"I was naturally begotten so was . . . my Saviour Jesus Christ . . . there was nothing unnatural about it."**
   The Bible states: "A VIRGIN SHALL CONCEIVE . . ." (Isa. 8 : 14) — that undoubtedly is supernatural. (See Matt. 1 : 23).

2. **The Mormon Jesus was NOT begotten by the Holy Spirit.** Brigham Young stated:

   . . . when the virgin Mary conceived the child Jesus, the Father had begotten him in his own likeness. He was not begotten by the Holy Ghost. And who is the Father? He is the first of the human family . . . now remember from this time forth, and forever, that Jesus Christ **"was not** begotten by the Holy Ghost". (B. Young J.O.D. Vol. 1, p. 51). The Bible states that Jesus **was** begotten by the Holy Ghost. (Matt. 1 : 20; Luke 1 : 35).

3. **The Mormon Jesus Is A god, not God Incarnate:** he is separate and distinct from the Father and the Holy Ghost who are also gods, along with multitudes of other gods, who were all once men.
   Thus on all count, the Mormon Jesus is "another Jesus". Only the real historic Jesus saves. He alone is the Christ. Only those who receive him are Christians. Since Mormonism proclaims "another Jesus" it is not Christian.

"ANOTHER SPIRIT"

Those who believe in the Mormon Jesus receive "another spirit" than the Holy Spirit. Paul refers to a "spirit of bondage" and "the spirit of fear", which are foreign to those who receive the Holy Spirit, (Rom. 8 : 15, 2 Tim. 1 : 7). Who is given to those who obey the truth of the gospel (Acts 4).
The Holy Spirit Is the Spirit of God, Who Is love. "God", says Paul, "hath **not** given us the spirit of fear; but of power and of love, and of a sound mind". (2 Tim. 1 : 7). The Holy Spirit witnesses to, glorifies and teaches us about the real historic Jesus Christ. (John chs. 14-16).

"ANOTHER GOSPEL"

The Mormon Gospel is repentence; faith in Joseph Smith Jnr., as a prophet of God and in Jesus Christ; baptism by immersion, by one holding authority, for the remission of sins; and the laying on of hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost. This is **not** the gospel of the New Testament. Here are some statements of the N.T. gospel:

"I delivered unto you the gospel . . . how that **Christ died for our sins,** according to the scriptures; **and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day** according to the scriptures. (Paul: 1 Cor. 15 : 1-3).
"God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost . . . we are witnesses of all things that He did . . . whom they slew and hanged on a tree: Him God raised up the third day . . ." (Peter: Acts 10, 38-40).
"Who His own self bare our sins on His own body on the tree." (1 Peter 2 : 24).
". . . they took Him down from the tree, and laid Him in a sepulchre. But God raised Him from the dead . . ." (Paul: Acts 13 : 29-30).

Mormonism is not Christian because its apostles and prophets proclaim a gospel different from the real gospel of the Bible.

"FALSE APOSTLES"

Those who preach "another Jesus" and "another gospel" are exposed by the apostle Paul as "false apostles".
Like their master Satan, who though the prince of darkness, transforms himself (fashions himself) into an angel of light, so his servants fashion themselves, from being slaves of sin, into servants of righteousness (2 Cor. 11 : 13-15). Mormon apostles and proselytisers fall under this condemnation since they preach "another Jesus" and "another gospel" which cannot save but is a subtle counterfeit of the reality. (Read Galatians ch. 1).

"FALSE PROPHETS"

God through Moses states that those prophets who seek to lead the people to believe in "other gods", even though they perform miracles, are **false** prophets (Deut. 13). Mormon prophets preach gods other than the one Holy Triune God of the Bible. They also teach a Heavenly Mother; every god has his wife or wives; even "the Father", according to Mormon prophets, has a body of flesh and bones! Jesus said, "God is Spirit" (John 4). Such **false doctrines** prove Mormon prophets to be false.
Moses also stated that the prophet who made a **single false prophecy** was **not** a true prophet (Deut. 18 : 20-22). Judged by this standard, Joseph Smith and Mormon prophets are clearly false.