



FROM CHAR'S DESK

This Christmas EMFJ will not be the same without our dear co-director, Bill Pardee. Bill went home to be with the Lord on October 12th and will be missed by all, especially me, his wife. However, we can rejoice that Jesus never changes and all things will stay the same with Him.

I am so grateful that Jesus gave Bill the free gift of salvation and he didn't have to earn it. How my heart aches for the dear Mormon that doesn't believe this, but is taught to work hard in order to one day earn his salvation. The signs of the times seem to reveal how close the coming of the Lord is. Let's not get weary in well-doing but let's continue to witness to all our Mormon friends and relatives the marvelous grace of God. Jesus was born that first Christmas morning to die so they could have eternal life as a free gift. Let's never cease telling them this good news. May your Christmas be blessed by knowing Him!

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MORMONS TEMPLE CLOTHING VIDEO

For some time now, we have been hearing of a mass exodus of people leaving Mormonism due to previously hidden information that is now being exposed through the Internet. We believe this has forced the LDS leadership to do the unthinkable. On October 16, 2014, they released a four minute video regarding their temple clothing. This immediately went viral, as this type of information has always been taboo for those outside of Mormonism.

The video first shows the temple robes laid out on a table. These robes are different than the "garments" and are *only* worn inside of the temples. The video speaks of them being white "as a symbol of purity". It also partially shows the green fig-leaf apron, which is worn *over* these robes, but no mention is made of the apron. A side note of interest regarding this apron is that in their "Endowment Ceremony", it is Lucifer who instructs Adam and Eve to put on these bright green aprons and then the temple "patrons" also follow these instructions of Lucifer.

Next, the temple "garment" is shown which is to be worn twenty-four/seven for the rest of their lives, under their normal clothing. The video shows the two piece garment, also laying on a table, but the four "Priesthood markings" that are sewn in are *not* seen. Also not seen in the video is the temple worker who tells the "patron" that "it [the garment] will be a shield and a protection to you from the power of the destroyer...". Another note of interest is that the patron is instructed that when the garment is worn out, he must cut the Priesthood markings off of it and burn them, after which the garment can be used for rags or any other purpose. Thus we see that the magical "power" is in the these markings ("What's Going On In There?", p.13). (Continued on p.2)

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The video tries to downplay the Mormon temple clothing by showing other religion's special clothing, such as a nun's habit, a Muslim skullcap, a Jewish prayer shawl or a Buddhist's saffron robe. The only problem is, unlike Mormonism of the past, none of those other "religious vestments" were hidden from the public and anyone can know what they represent.

The Washington Post brought up the point that during his 2012 Presidential campaign, Mitt Romney was being the target of "underwear jokes". Maybe they are now trying to take the mystery out of their temple clothing in preparation for Romney's next bid for the presidency? And why not, the information is "out there" anyway so they have nothing to lose.

The reactions from Mormons vary – some say they are glad to have the cloud of secrecy removed from their temple clothing while others seem bewildered and upset. However, the bottom line is that most will be accepting as they always are of anything and everything their leadership does, even if it doesn't make sense to them. Oh for the day when the Mormon church reveals all the truth, so that converts will not feel betrayed or deceived anymore.

"FAITHFUL ARE THE WOUNDS OF A FRIEND" (Pr.27:6)

If you have ever been actively engaged in witnessing to a Mormon, sooner or later you would have heard one or all of their stock remarks: "We don't go around knocking your religion, why pick on us?" or "Doesn't the Bible say, judge not, and ye shall not be judged?" or "Why are you persecuting us?" At this point, many Christians will back off in favor of not wanting to offend or endanger their relationship with this person (or as the late and great apologist, Dr. Walter Martin put it, have a "non-rockaboatus attitude").

While we agree that "a brother offended is harder to be won than a strong city" (Pr.18:19), we can't agree that silence on the subject is in the Mormon's best interest. At the time, a Mormon might not appreciate your efforts in sharing the errors of Mormonism, but we know of many souls that are now saved (of which

I am one) because someone cared enough to risk telling them the truth in love (Eph.4:15). The early Mormon apostle, Orson Pratt, even seemed to agree with this sentiment:

"... Convince us of our errors of doctrine, if we have any, by the Word of God and we will be ever grateful for the information, and you will ever have the pleasing reflections that you have been instruments in the hands of God of redeeming your fellow beings" ("The Seer", p.15)

Countless times we hear, "but Mormons are such nice people"! Yes, that is true. They are, for the most part, clean cut, helpful, have good morals and make wonderful neighbors. However, it is their **doctrine and theology** that makes them lost souls, not their "works", as Eph.2:8-9 points out: *"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest any man should boast."*

Our director, Charlotte Pardee, recently received an email from a Christian lady that fits in with this article. The email stated: *"I have some wonderful young men who assist me in my "Back Yard" with trimming my jungle. I have been a Christian for many years, and sadly only Mormons have asked me if I needed help. Please pray for R, L, B and K. Also, that I may do or say something lovingly that leads them to the real Jesus. Thank you!"* This prompted Charlotte to write the following poem to send to this lady. It is entitled, "My Friend?":

I have often heard it said to me,
My Mormon friend is one to please.
He mows my lawn and brings me bread,
But how does that help me when I'm dead?

On the other hand, my Christian friend
Seldom mows my lawn nor brings me bread;
But he did tell me how to find
Jesus as my Savior, how very kind,

As now I'm not afraid to die,
For I know I'll reign with Him on high.
So pleasing me was good and well,
But it could have sent me straight to hell.

So be sure to love your Mormon friend,
And thank him for all the good he's done.
But you must not forget to let him know
That won't help you if you're in hell.

So share with him the gospel of grace,
And he'll be able death to face.
Then he won't end up saying to you,
I mowed your lawn but what did you do

To keep me from this awful place,
As you never told me of His grace.
So to all the Mormons we must share
So they will know we truly care!

CITATIONS OF CONCERN (From LDS Leaders)

"The Christian world, so-called, are heathens as to the knowledge of the salvation of God." (Brigham Young, Journal of Discourses, Vol.8, p.171)

"With regard to true theology, a more ignorant people never lived than the present so-called Christian world." (Brigham Young, Journal of Discourses, Vol.8, p.199)

"Brother Taylor has just said that the religions of the day were hatched in hell. The eggs were laid in hell, hatched on its borders, and kicked on to the earth" (Brigham Young, Journal of Discourses, Vol.6, p.76)

"We talk about Christianity, but it is a perfect pack of nonsense...It is a sounding brass and a tinkling symbol; it is as corrupt as hell; and the devil could not invent a better engine to spread his work than the Christianity of the nineteenth century." (Third LDS President, John Taylor, Journal of Discourses, Vol.6, p.167)

"...all other churches are entirely destitute of all authority from God; and any person who receives Baptism or the Lord's supper from their hands highly offend God, for he looks upon them as the most corrupt of all people. Both Catholics and Protestants are nothing less than the 'whore of Babylon' whom

the Lord denounces by the mouth of John the Revelator..." (LDS Apostle Orson Pratt, The Seer, p.255)

Today the Mormon Church has toned down its animosity and has been making great strides to befriend Christians. This, however, should not lead one to think that the Mormon Church has changed its view. It has **never** denied that it alone represents true Christianity. And while some Mormons may wish to distance themselves from the above quotes, they cannot do so entirely since the following anti-Christian sentiment is still taught in the Book of Mormon:

"Behold there are save two churches only; the one is the church of the Lamb of God [meaning Mormonism] and the other is the church of the devil; wherefore, whoso belongeth not to the church of the Lamb of God belongeth to that great church, which is the mother of abominations; and she is the whore of all the earth." (First Nephi 14:10).

"THE WORD OF WISDOM"

("Teaching as doctrines the precepts of men" – Mark 7:7)

Christians know that there are some "grey area" beliefs in our Bible (which I like to term as non-heaven or hell issues). On the other hand, when it comes to essential doctrines like the atonement, salvation (grace versus works, the cross), the true God, the true Jesus, monotheism, etc., the Bible becomes black and white, and leaves no valid wiggle-room for man's own interpretations.

Rather than accept and follow many clear teachings of the Bible, Mormonism chooses to replace scripture with their own man-made doctrines. I believe, among other things, this helps them feel like their own group is elite and has superior knowledge. One example of this is Mormonism's "Word of Wisdom" (found in D&C Sec.89) which forbids, and/or places restrictions on the partaking of certain drinks, foods, and tobacco.

While to a Christian, this would be one of those non-heaven or hell issues I referred to earlier, yet it is

extremely important to a Mormon. President Boyd K. Packer stated: "The Word of Wisdom put restrictions on members of the Church. To this day those regulations apply to every member and to everyone who seeks to join the Church. They are so compelling that no one is to be baptized into the Church without first agreeing to live by them. No one will be called to teach or to lead unless they accept them. When you want to go to the temple, you will be asked if you keep the Word of Wisdom. If you do not, you cannot go to the house of the Lord until you are fully worthy."

"While the revelation came first as a "greeting; not by commandment or constraint" (D&C 89:2), when members of the Church had had time to be taught the import of the revelation, succeeding Presidents of the Church declared it to be a commandment. And it was accepted by the Church as such." ("The Ensign", May 1996, p.17).

Now there may be nothing wrong in abstaining from certain products, and one might even be healthier (however **not** holier) if they did. But what is so amazing is how clear the Bible is on this subject, yet Mormons choose to put themselves under submission to follow what their leaders tell them rather than what the word of God says.

Of course the Old Testament had many dietary regulations for a variety of reasons (which I will not go into here). However, the New Testament tells us that other than gluttony and drunkenness, no such restrictions now exist. A couple of examples are as follows:

"There is nothing outside the man which going into him can defile him; but the things which proceed out of the man are what defile the man." (Mark 7:15)

"And He said to them, Are you so lacking in understanding also? Do you not understand that whatever goes into the man from outside cannot defile him; because it does not go into his heart, but into his stomach, and is eliminated? (Thus He declared all foods clean.)" (Mark 7:18-19, NAS)

"Therefore let no one act as your judge in regard to food or drink or in respect to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath day—" (Col.2:16)

"If you have died with Christ to the elementary principles of the world, why, as if you were living in the world, do you **submit yourself to decrees**, such as, do not handle, do not taste, do not touch! (which all refer to things destined to perish with the using)—in accordance with the **commandments and teachings of men**? These are matters which have, to be sure, the appearance of wisdom in self-made religion and self-abasement and severe treatment of the body, but are of no value against fleshly indulgence." (Col.2: 20-23 NAS)

It is hard to understand how Mormons can overlook such clear teachings of scripture in favor of blindly following what their leaders tell them, but I guess this is what bondage to brain-washing is all about. There is much wisdom in the saying, "truth can only be understood by the mind that is surrendered to it"!

SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

In December, we hold our annual Christmas Potluck. This will be on the second Tuesday (Dec.9th) at 6:30 P.M. Please note the time change from our regular support group meetings. We look forward to seeing you there.

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WHAT GIFT HAVE I FOR JESUS?

What Gift have I for the Christ Child?

What token can I bring?

What offering of gratitude can I lay before the King?

MY best could never satisfy the worthy Lamb of God. My symbols of affection certainly would not.

A king deserves a royal prize

Beyond all earthly measure.

I'll give my heart and nothing less,

The highest of my treasure.

"FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH, BUT HAVE BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE." (John 3:16)