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Chapter 9

FALSE PROPHETS IN SHEEP'S CLOTHING

Six month of painting had gone by, when there was a knock on the door. Two missionaries stood there smiling in black suits with their bicycles. My usual attitude was not to talk to any people at the door. Another week or two later they came back. "Sorry, but I can't talk to you," I stated. When they showed up the third time, I changed my approach and invited them in, hoping to talk them into forgetting about us. It occurred to me to ask them why they kept coming back. "We pray over neighborhoods and your house was impressed on us," was the missionary's answer. They presented their Mormon testimony and my family, husband and two children were convinced that we had missed a good thing throughout our past lives, by not being Mormons. The missionaries physically picked us up on Sunday after the six weeks of instruction introducing us to the Church of Jesus Christ and of Latter-day Saints.

God was about to show us what cults were all about. Not realizing that these missionaries were lying to us, we found later that their church was anything but the church of Jesus Christ. Being European, I had no idea who the Mormons were. I had not done my homework and studied the Bible myself therefore had no way of telling that they were lying to me. I depended on the fact that Christians were not supposed to lie. God gives us a long rope and even greases the banister when we wish to slide down to the bottom. Inviting these missionaries in was against the rules according to the Word of God from the start and cost us 20 years in a cult, many, many dollars and many, many hours serving them for zero in return all the way around. God did not count that as serving Him even though I thought I was serving Him.

An article fluttered in my memory that had described their puritan attitudes. Mormonism was not traditional like the Lutheran Church, but completely American. That was a drawing card for me, still seeking to break the German image. In trying to join traditional Churches in America, something had always interfered. I tried the Baptists but the loud clapping and excited singing and preaching did not to line up with German churches. In German churches you never talked loud. One could hear a pin drop. The cathedral ceilings so high there would have been an echo had there been any noise. It was a place of utter peace and silence. Altar calls were unheard of and Holy Communion was only for the privileged away from the group and not very often. That is how I identified with a church and my impression of holiness was peace in the sanctuary.

Mormon missionaries talk to each member of a family privately in another room and ask a lot of personal questions. I asked the missionary, "do you permit sinners in your Church?" He said: "of course!" My next question was: "can I reach perfection?" The missionary answered with a "yes" and that was all I needed to know. The last yes turned out to be the biggest lie of them all. Mormons never

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get there because their theology is solely based on works and it so arranged that they never make it and it is their own fault. They use works to control the sheep. My ignorance in biblical understanding was incredible. What I should have asked: "do you believe in the Trinity? Was Jesus Christ God in the flesh, born of a Virgin and conceived of the Holy Spirit, raised up on the cross to give His blood to cleanse us from all our sins? Did he die on the cross and was He resurrected after three days in the same flesh and bones?" They would have probably said, "yes" on all counts not even realizing that they would have had to lie because that is not what Mormons believe. The missionaries are taught everything that could come up and to agree in trying to get people to join. They actually believe whatever is in the four standard works. They have been taught to turn their brain off. Those books contradict each other but cover all that could come up. They use the King James Version Bible as one of those four books and they learn to recite it. When Mormon children begin high school they start doing seminaries before school for four years to keep them from losing their testimony that Mormonism is the only true church. They study the KJV and memorize verses. They are being prepared for eternal marriages, which includes going on missions for two years and college run by Mormons. To get married for eternity requires celibacy till marriage. Add the Word of Wisdom to this morality that includes no smoking, no alcohol, no caffeine, no drugs it truly impressed me and did keep my children out of problematic areas. Mormon girls go so far as to turn men down for marriage if they did not go on a mission. From that point of view it was hard for me to believe that they were not Christians.

The missionaries carry the KJV Bible in addition to the Book of Mormon and claim to be subject to it like Christians. Scripture was the facade in the occult Brotherhood of Light as well as in Mormonism. In 1994 I had occasion to be invited when Mormons tried to convert Christians to Mormonism The missionaries are so sophisticated they had me convinced they were born again Christians and insisted that Mormons speak in tongues. Again that turned out to be a lie. Joseph Smith Jr. spoke in tongues and at one point he said that he didn't know whether he was communicating with God or Satan and forbade the church to speak in tongues. I never heard a Mormon speak in tongues once.

"I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye. Be ye not as the horse, or as the mule, which have no understanding: whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle, lest they come near unto thee. Many sorrows shall be to the wicked: but he that trusteth in the LORD, mercy shall compass him about. Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, ye righteous: and shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart." Psalms 32:8-11

What Christians don't realize Scripture promises personal instruction regardless of place or time from the Holy Spirit. God uses the whole creation to teach. He can use any experience.

After my personal experience of being sealed, ideally baptism was very appropriate and attendance in a fundamentally sound Christian Church should have followed. My baptism had happened at three and confirmation at fourteen. John the Baptist was baptizing adults who were repentant. According to Matthews, people were rebaptized to receive Christ fully aware of their sinful natures and the need of a spiritually new nature that only the Holy Spirit can create. Not totally realizing that, I was a sitting duck for Satan to move in on me again. Essential at this point was Scripture study. Instead I left it to God

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thinking that He would move me into the right Church. From my own experiences I should have known that God leaves our lives up to us. He works directly through our experiences. The information sitting in our brain is not taken away until we leave this life. The only counter action we can engage in is personal daily Scripture study. It is the way to get discernment of the truth. Not until filled to overflow with pure Scripture is Satan stopped. He despises the Gospel. Otherwise there is always another number he can play on us to deceive us. Believe me he has thousands of methods.

Mormonism has a similar concept as the occult soul mates and that was very familiar to me. I chuckled when I heard about their eternal marriage because it fit what I had learned in the occult teachings.

There is Scripture in the Bible that alludes to a mystery of God. Mormonism is for the vane. The theology sets people apart as the special select few in the only true church to whom that mystery was going to be revealed.

Men were drawn to Mormonism originally because they could have unlimited women to impregnate practicing polygamy and after they are dead they would receive their own planet from an unlimited amount of planetary systems.

The Mormon teaching also based on evolution is parallel to occult teaching with different twists. Their belief that we were created spirits (souls) first and evolved through various stages, which is more, like a ladder to heaven. Mormon theology teaches that God wanted someone to save this planet and asked for volunteers. Jesus and Lucifer, who were spirit brothers subject to a council of gods, both came forward. In the Pearl of Great Price, one of their standard works, is revered as part of their Bible: Abraham 3:3 *"And the Lord said unto me: These are the governing ones; and the name of the great one is Kolob (star), because it is near unto me, for I am the Lord thy God: I have set this one to govern all those which belong to the same order as that upon which thou standest."* 3:22,23: *"Now the Lord had shown unto me, Abraham, the intelligences that were organized before the world was; and among these there were many of the noble and great ones; and God saw these souls that they were good, and he stood in the midst of them, and he said: These I will make my rulers; for he stood among those that were spirits, and he saw that they were good; and said unto me: Abraham, thou art one of them; thou was chosen before thou wast born."*

Satan's recommendation was to force people to worship God and save them all and Jesus wanted to give people a choice. God chose Jesus. If God chose Jesus then Jesus' name should have been Satan because that is what this Jesus represented. All will be saved, believers and non-believers, due to baptism for the dead. There is no hell in Mormonism. Because dead people cannot refuse baptism or endowments, there is no free will about it.

I know many who do not wish to go to heaven because they simply do not believe God exists.

In LDS theology, God chose Jesus and Satan got mad. All spirits were asked to take sides; one third chose Satan and left heaven with him, never to be incarnated in a human body. What is very significant in this theology all people are equal to Jesus and Satan in the spirit world since humans were spirits

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before their birth into bodies. Another most significant concept in Mormonism is that humans have already chosen Jesus in the spirit world. That is how they explain that all will be saved. The fact that Jesus had not gone to the cross doesn't matter. The choice between Jesus and Satan had already been made in the spirit realm. Those who did not get baptized while alive get it done by proxy after they die. These Jesus spirits came to earth and no matter what sins they committed, repentance therefore is irrelevant. For some strange reason they teach repentance at baptism at eight years of age when children are considered innocent of sin or for new members before they become members of the Church, probably to make it look like Christianity. If all humanity is already going to heaven, what reason is there for repentance? None.

Mormons believe that only spirits who chose Jesus in heaven are here on earth in bodies. Brigham Young taught that Adam is really their god. Through Adam all people are automatically saved because Adam was baptized by immersion and received the Holy Spirit Baptism making him the first born Son of God. What's wrong with that supposition? Jesus had not given the Holy Spirit until 4033 later after He was crucified and resurrected. Since the inception of the Mormon Church, members are working on baptizing every living and deceased person (by proxy) so they can receive the Melchizedec priesthood to give all the opportunity to become eligible to live in the Celestial Heaven with God and receive a planet like Adam.

To satisfy that all human beings chose Jesus in the spirit world, they have to make all human beings eligible through baptism. Their belief excludes the Holy Spirit birth necessary for eternal life with God. The word 'reborn' is never used in Mormonism.

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. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit. Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can these things be? John 3:3-9

The Bible teaches that God created Adam and Eve in flesh bodies as one husband and wife who bore children. They gave Lucifer their authority, which caused their spiritual death first to be followed by physical death. In Mormonism Adam and Eve believed that Satan was telling the truth when he tempted Eve into eating the forbidden fruit, the apple of the tree of life. They believe that they will be gods. *“And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.”* Genesis 3:4

Mormons don't believe God when He stated that Satan is the author of lies. Mormons belief spirits are

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waiting to receive bodies so they will have the opportunity to become gods. Their gods cannot become gods unless they have flesh bodies first. In their theology God has a body of flesh like Jesus Christ. They even have pictures of both standing by each other.

Mormons will be comfortable with the New Age teaching that we are all one. Because all human beings have bodies means that all Satan worshipers, criminals and anti Christians are really Christians because all humans chose Jesus before they came to earth to get their bodies.

In a session with Mormon missionaries recently an Elder came along to help a prospective member to join Mormonism. Called into the situation, I questioned the Elder about his inability to be objective. He made an interesting statement: "I turned my brain off and let them do the thinking for me, when I joined Mormonism." Since I lived in Mormonism for twenty years, I can agree that most Mormons have done that. Really considering their concepts with some scrutiny brings to the surface that they are not even logical. Us humans are so gullible.

In California invited to a celebration of my son's baptism at the bishop's home, my daughter-in-law asked the Mormon bishop's wife: "why do you have so many children (she had ten)?" The bishop's wife replied that she believed that she had probably promised the spirits 'bodies' (they cannot become gods without bodies) and wanted to be sure that she had not forgotten some spirit. My daughter-in-law laughed and said to me later: "they are cracked!" Offended, I did not respond but years later found out she was right in certain respects. Mormons are not cracked but taught a lie and it affects every day of their lives in everything they think and do. God is not a love bear but a disciplinarian Who is to be feared. God sent Mormons a strong delusion that they should believe a lie and will be damned if they don't renounce it and submit to the Holy Spirit.

“And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness”. 2 Thessalonians 2:8-12

To me Mormonism was a hard experience in spite of the self-discipline I practiced on a daily basis. To try to sell other people on joining Mormonism was not in my heart. The responsibility of someone's failure in a church did not appeal to me. Thank God, I don't have that on my conscience now.

My ex-Catholic daughter-in-law got curious about me. She wanted to know what made me tick and talked my son into joining with her. My son had a severe accident soon after their baptism. He fell through a skylight covered with black plastic during construction of a home. Concrete just pored and covered with plywood was protective, but bones shattered in his right leg and wrist. The blessing was

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that his back and neck remained in tact. After six months of convalescing in casts, he gradually came back to a normal life. My daughter-in-law associated the fall with the Mormon Church and called it Satan's church. They left soon after that. Some intervention can be painful. Again God allowed this fall to intervene.

It was easy to switch over to Mormonism from previous occult readings. In trying to convince us to join, they elaborated that they were the only true Church and described the problems Joseph Smith had as a youngster looking for a church. Every Christian deals with that issue because they are looking for true Christianity in action. Men and women fall short of the outward appearance that Jesus exemplified. Mormons' Celestial Heaven (where God resides) depends on their good works and they peddle hard to make it in their own strength. Christians designated as hypocrites the minute they don't measure up are oblivious of this Scripture: *"But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away."* Isaiah 64:6

This area is one of Satan's favorite hot buttons and the reason I landed in Mormonism. Mormons look like an example of Jesus. Their lives revolve around assignments from the Church. It makes them feel secure that they have something to do with their journey to heaven. It represents having control over one's destiny.

One young pipe-fitter had six children. During a deep freeze, weather-wise, many pipes broke and he fixed them free. He had a lot of other assignments because he was so willing. Concerned with his well-being I asked him one day: "why are you working so hard?" He said: "I don't want to scrub floors in heaven." He confessed one day that his testimony of Mormonism is very fragile and how he tries to avoid us. He is worried I'm going to blow down his house of cards. It explained why generational Mormons don't integrate with converts. It would be difficult to tell someone like him, that you are serving the wrong god. Sometimes I wonder where Mormons shop. They avoid the stores that inactive members frequent to make sure they don't get approached.

Not knowing which Lutheran Church [there are four different types of Lutherans] I needed to join and the black cloud I had experienced in the vision were described in Joseph Smith's prayer and vision and they were also connecting points. These similarities hooked up like magnets. "Which Church is right?" God had told Joseph Smith Jr. that they were all wrong, that he should start a new one. That was logical but not biblical. "The name of the church: The Church of Jesus Christ and of Latter-day Saints confirms that it is the Church of Jesus Christ," insisted the missionary. "There is not a church in the world that carries His name." That proved to be another lie since I found others later that included the name of Jesus.

In the early 1970's the missionary's presentation was their welfare system. Again, ten years of poverty set me up for this strategy. Today they don't concentrate on those areas because it brought too many people with financial problems who needed help. They told us that they would pay our rent if we ran

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into problems. One could get employment through their employment service and buy cheaper foods through their exceptional purchases in quantity. One could get second hand clothes from collection centers and preserve foods in their canneries. Fruits and vegetables grown on their land purchased for membership to use was another incentive. After the poverty I had gone through, this was manna from heaven. We never used their offers because God provided for our needs to be met from our own incomes. Had I known the truth about this Church, I would most definitely have turned down anything connected with it. Satan comes with a perfect coat for a person to wear. *"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children."* Hosea 4:6

Tithing would be next to impossible, I told the missionaries, we were living on \$104 a week for a family of four. I was not working. "Oh don't worry about that, we often give people money so they can tithe." Their belief is that one's life improves by tithing and to make it improve to a point where a person can tithe, they will pay tithing for a person. How much of that was really going on I don't know. We never used the church for that purpose. There were a few cases when women were in desperate straits and nothing was coming forth from the Church with the excuse that they had not participated in the temple ordinances, indicating that help was only for the elite Mormons.

Dressed in white, three of my family immersed in their baptismal font received the baptism in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost. After the baptism we became members of the Church by confirmation and a vote from the membership. Baptism is mandatory to get into the only true church. They teach that new members have be cleaned up with the baptism. The confirmation is done by a group of Elders, Melchizedec priesthood holders, by laying on of hands on new members' heads. One supposedly received the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is also known to be the Spirit of truth. Mormonism is proven to be a cult, built on lies and not of Christ Jesus. It represents another Jesus; the laying on of hands cannot represent the transfer of the Holy Spirit. It is written in John 16:13 *"Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come."*

If the following verses in John 1:33,34 *"And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost. And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God."* are true, how can Mormons be baptized with the Holy Ghost, since their Jesus is a different Jesus. In their doctrine their Jesus is a spirit brother of Satan and all human spirits of the living and pre-existing? Without the Holy Ghost baptism there is no eternal life in heaven.

Mormon Melchizedec priests are temple Mormons that means they are participating in a form of Freemasonry not Christianity. How can they be a vessel for the Holy Spirit? God addresses this question in Scripture as well. Jesus portrayed as the vine and born again Christians as the branches through which the Holy Spirit bears fruit, leaves no doubt.

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I'm convinced that Mormons have help from the spirit realm in more than one way. Like the missionary said they pray over the neighborhood and are guided to prospects. They seem to know where the newly converted Christians are. Newborn Christians are so grateful to God that their sins have been forgiven, they wish to serve the church in some way as their worship. Converts get all the work done. Only about 25 – 30% of Mormons attend church and are otherwise actively involved. I was in charge of reporting activity in Sunday School.

Members are free to use the membership list for solicitations to keep productivity and earnings within the Mormon family. Within the first year in the church, Mormons approached us to join the Amway hierarchy in Miami. To accommodate them, I invited all my relatives. My family became disgruntled when they found out that I wanted them to participate in Amway. The Amway group got so insistent, that we decided to move, which really upset my family.

Amway wasn't the only reason another move became necessary. My health was back and I was looking forward to completing my education in Denver. We sold the house to a white person who turned out to be a front for a black person. Shortly after, all the neighbors had their homes on the market. People next door were old, they had their life in their beautiful garden. The harassers pelted their house with rocks and my neighbors got the point. We realized a few thousand dollars this time, loaded all our stuff into U-Haul trailers and headed back to Denver. I made a rule from then on: no more moving. We found a house across from where we had lived before and kept close to my parents by visiting every year.

Our records transferred to Denver, we began attending the LDS church every week and became involved in all the activities. After seven years of coordinating the Junior Sunday School and lots of substituting for 'no show' teachers, they phased out Jr. Sunday School internationally. That enabled me to attend some gospel doctrine classes. They study the Old Testament for a whole year and then the New Testament. Scripture taught out of context does not take hold in the heart of a person. The teachers only use verses that fit into Mormonism. They had Scripture for everything: the garments, the name change, the plural marriages in the Old Testament, the priesthoods, baptisms for the dead, the three heavens and whatever came up it was Scriptural. Most of their doctrine was never discussed and did not receive attention until after we left. Their standard works contain all the doctrines but they keep people too busy to study. Even missionaries don't know what they really believe.

Never did I see one Mormon disagree when voting in the twenty years I attended. Emphasis in Mormonism is to get all minds into unity worldwide. They frown on disagreement and punish that behavior by demoralizing members in question in some form publicly. New members are inundated with jobs to prove their worthiness. A Mormon has to participate to get the work done. Every member gets assignments. They are supposedly straight from God so there is no choice about it. They teach members that it is about obedience and growing by doing. It is part of their sacrifice to God. With the positions they apply rewards and punishments and build self-esteem. They tell members that leaders fast and pray over positions. When a position becomes vacant, they claim that God personally tells them who should fill that position. One feels very special selected by God personally. Every offer is

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accepted at first.

If one does not turn one's brain off, certain procedures become obvious quickly. They have an inner circle like any worldly organization that get the choice jobs. Flattered that they had confidence in my ability to serve, I accepted four positions. Assignments are also used to teach conduct and understanding of what Mormon leaders expect from their members. It turns into a never-ending continuum. They have a method of letting people know that they have deficiencies and have a long way to go to make the grade. Just when one thinks one has it all down pat, there is another corner to turn. Women taught by word of mouth, are too busy with chores to attend classes. At least four families which usually turns into six, assigned to each woman to visit once a month to insure that all is well. These visits cause people to get to know each other intimately. Allowing a visit is considered a sacrificial offer to God.

Often people were not too happy to have their time taken up with strangers in their home. Visits were done in pairs causing problems of scheduling. I had continual problems dealing with everything because of my own schedules at school and work. The men get the same kind of assignment and this explains why many Mormon children feel abandoned. Their parents are constantly running errands for the Church. Church becomes the focus of their lives and something is going on every day especially when the temple visits are added. The reason for all this activity is control. Mormons don't have time for television, sports and nightclubs. They have to learn to get along with each other. They are together a lot. They get to know near every detail about each member.

Genealogy is a major issue. Landing in the library right away as an assistant, I spent hours cutting out obituaries for their collection of information. Genealogy became an additional major expense. Researching in Europe, sometimes the only alternative was to hire someone there to unlock a dead end. Also paying for each birth, marriage and death certificate overseas with postage ran into hundreds of dollars. Some bureaus of vital statistics took advantage of researchers and charged hundreds of dollars for documents. The LDS Church wanted accurate records that made these procedures necessary. Researching my family line, I put together 3000 names for temple work. Each name found, researched and fitted properly into the family order, took many hours of dedication. These names submitted to temples the world over, keep Mormons busy coming to temples to do rituals for the dead. They tell people: "isn't it wonderful that you are the savior of all your relatives? Just think how well you will be received as their savior when you get to heaven. They will thank you for setting them free." Jesus has nothing to do with neither the temple nor its work.

The opportunity to get baptized by proxy had an effect on family members who were not members. They put off becoming part of the Body of Christ till after death.

Mormonism is a social system within a social system. It fills every need for a person from birth to death. A baby blessed soon after birth, is made to feel that it is being cared for throughout life and eternity. When aged they still receive visits, meals and help with chores in sickness till the corpse goes

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to a funeral home, untouched by unauthorized hands and buried in priesthood garments.

The tragedy is, it is a masterpiece of a counterfeit Jesus. An example of the grip this church gets on an individual was the passing of George. We had cut all ties to the church 11 years prior to his death. The funeral home called me and wanted to know if they should put priesthood garments on his corpse. The man who was attending to George's body was a Mormon. In shock I told the caller, "absolutely not".

It is difficult to relinquish the brotherhood of this Church because it is real and comforting. The relationship with God has to be personal and have the highest priority before a person can move out of Mormonism. God warns that we need to love Him with all our hearts and minds. This warning is not for His sake but for ours. We cannot get out of the hands of Satan without that kind of commitment. To me the whole Bible was written for that purpose. We cannot have victory without practicing what God teaches. He is not a respecter of persons. We have to care enough about ourselves and take His advice. He cannot do it for us. That is the tragedy of it all.

Adam gave dominion to Satan. God is not on planet earth except by the Holy Spirit and the teachings of the Scriptures. Without cooperation from us God does not bring us out of darkness. We have to ask for His help. God wants all of us but many have rejected Him and the emphasis of the Gospel is on the fulfillment of the prophecy as the Bible presents it.

To me the Mormon coverage of every facet in the physical was very reassuring. If only there was the opportunity to get into God's hands, it would have been wonderful. For Mormons to get into God's hands they would have to tear down the temples and throw Joseph Smith's revelations out to correct the church. Freemasonry has been proven to be Baal worship and is an abomination to God. Books by former 33rd degree Freemasons revealed that they are subject to Satan in Freemasonry

Mormonism is a form of Freemasonry practiced only in the temples shrouded in secrecy. Participators are under a death threat if they reveal what goes on in the temples. They teach the same rituals, identical handgrips, and good works. There is lots of opportunity to do works for a Christian, only God cannot receive it because works negate what Jesus Christ has already done. *"O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you? This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh? Have ye suffered so many things in vain? if it be yet in vain. He therefore that ministereth to you the Spirit, and worketh miracles among you, doeth he it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness. Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham."* Galatians 3:1-7

Mormons are redoing the Old Testament even though Jesus has fulfilled it and ended it. Old and New is

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not a continuation. They teach that the Church of Jesus Christ fell into apostasy after Jesus died. Although God used the Levitical priesthood to set up His Glory here on earth Himself as written in the Old Testament with the Aaronic priesthood, Mormons tell their members they are from the tribes of Ephraim or Manasseh and are practicing the Aaronic priesthood. All Mormon men take on the Aaronic priesthood to begin with.

Anyone who fulfills their requirements and becomes eligible for the temples can become a Melchizedec priest. There are many thousands of them. All men who have gone through the Temples are Melchizedec priests which includes missionaries. They have over fifty temples that do ordinances daily from early morning to late at night.

The original biblical Aaronic priesthood practiced within Aaron's family line, is by direct genetic connection. God abolished it when Jesus received the eternal priesthood of Melchizedec. This priesthood is not transferable to anyone else, nor is there any connection to the Aaronic priesthood. Mormons are in direct violation of the WORD OF GOD.

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. He made all things; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men." "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." John 1:1-4, 14 *"And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God."* Revelation 19:13

"And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the most high God." Genesis 14:18 *"The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek."* Psalms 110:4

The seventh chapter of Hebrews shows why the Levitical priesthood was done away with. It describes why Jesus Christ is the only one eligible to receive the Melchizedec priesthood. To assume that all men are eligible is blasphemy.

Hebrews 7:1-28 *"For this Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him; To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace; Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually."*

"Now consider how great this man was, unto whom even the patriarch Abraham gave the tenth of the spoils. And verily they that are of the sons of Levi, who receive the office of the priesthood, have a

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commandment to take tithes of the people according to the law, that is, of their brethren, though they come out of the loins of Abraham: But he whose descent is not counted from them received tithes of Abraham, and blessed him that had the promises.

“And without all contradiction the less is blessed of the better. And here men that die receive tithes; but there he receiveth them, of whom it is witnessed that he liveth. And as I may so say, Levi also, who receiveth tithes, payed tithes in Abraham. For he was yet in the loins of his father, when Melchisedec met him. If therefore perfection were by the Levitical priesthood, (for under it the people received the law,) what further need was there that another priest should rise after the order of Melchisedec, and not be called after the order of Aaron? For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law.

“For he of whom these things are spoken pertaineth to another tribe, of which no man gave attendance at the altar. For it is evident that our Lord sprang out of Juda; of which tribe Moses spake nothing concerning priesthood. And it is yet far more evident: for that after the similitude of Melchisedec there ariseth another priest, Who is made, not after the law of a carnal commandment, but after the power of an endless life. For he testifieth, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.

“For there is verily a disannulling of the commandment going before for the weakness and unprofitableness thereof. For the law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope did; by the which we draw nigh unto God. And inasmuch as not without an oath he was made priest: (For those priests were made without an oath; but this with an oath by him that said unto him, The Lord sware and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec:.) By so much was Jesus made a surety of a better testament.

“And they truly were many priests, because they were not suffered to continue by reason of death: But this man, because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood. Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. For such a high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens; Who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this he did once, when he offered up himself. For the law maketh men high priests which have infirmity; but the word of the oath, which was since the law, maketh the Son, who is consecrated for evermore.

Every Mormon boy grows through the stages of priesthood. How flattering to introduce your son as a priest, twelve years old. My children informed me from the start that they were not planning to go on a mission. The songs were teaching in the junior classes what the leaders of the church expected of them later in life. Told to start saving money for their mission early on, many young men and women began putting their allowances up for later.

Most of the lessons were about Joseph Smith and his vision in the woods, and conduct. I rarely went to the women's meetings because they were offensive about my job. They wanted me to quit and spend all

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my time at church. I had spent ten years in the streets without jobs and had tried to be home in this marriage with the same results. They want men to work and women to stay home and have children, regardless of consequences in old age. Being dependent on the LDS church keeps the members in their ranks. Many try to leave only to come back to the fold because they have become dependent on their social system.

Their expectations were not fulfilled in my husband; they did not put him in a position for years, not until I approached a member who worked with me. A bishop advised me to get a divorce if I wanted temple marriage. There was uneasiness in my heart all the time. Something was wrong and I could not put my finger on it. When we think of Satan worship, we think of blood sacrifices. Reassuring myself that they would understand the truth one of these days, I kept rationalizing into continuing from month to month and year to year. The members were college educated and in my reasoning mind would not be deliberately serving Satan. The problem was, they were blind to the truth.

My spirit was grieving in me, especially during bread and water sacrament that was supposed to be Holy Communion. In my mind transgressions by members were kept insignificant tied to individuals, because the church of Jesus Christ had to be flawless.

Being a bishop was just a title. They had no formal education in ministry. The leadership consisted of people off the street who had joined. Any member in good standing could become a bishop; in fact the church leadership expected it. The only paid jobs people had were clean up jobs.

My husband did not comply with tithing and attending meetings and that created much pressure on my marriage. A woman has to adjust mentally to one of many wives as Mormon doctrine still teaches. The LDS church does not practice polygamy but it is mandatory in a spiritual sense. That is why fundamental Mormons break away and practice it illegally. They can't change the Book of Mormon because it is the new religion given to Joseph Smith Jr. and their unchanging word of god.

Wives are also dependent on their husbands to get into heaven. If he does not call her name and allow her into heaven, she cannot get in. A man and woman get a new name in the Temple that is necessary to get saved. The husband knows her new name, but she does not know his. It causes strange relationships because the men have their minds on plural marriages as a future prospect. That aspect takes emphasis off their wives. The sealing of husband and wife for eternity gives a sense of security but is often abused. It is difficult to become unsealed (spiritually divorced). Godhood depends on this relationship and focus moves to the spirit existence. In my case I began thinking about what it would be like to be a god. It did not take long before I knew that I wanted no part of it. To be a god must be nothing but grief.

The temple veiled in secrecy, became a stumbling block for me. Jesus did not believe in hiding information. He represents the Spirit of Truth. Hiding information does not give a person a free choice.

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To be expected to participate blindly in something did not seem to be Christian.

In occult teachings, they spread everything in front of pupils. They thoroughly explained the dangers of certain activities. The responsibility moved to the participant by making him or her sign a contract. LDS members who have participated in the temple take an oath and put their lives on the line, should they discuss rituals, even with family members. Death threats make discussion about the temple impossible.

James 5:12 warns that we should not engage in any oaths: *“But above all things, my brethren, swear not, neither by heaven, neither by the earth, neither by any other oath: but let your yea be yea; and your nay, nay; lest ye fall into condemnation.”*

Satan knows that secrecy draws us like a bird draws a cat. Curiosity was my weakness.

When Scripture does not agree with Mormonism, they parrot that the Bible is not interpreted correctly. In their King James Version is a dictionary and a reinterpretation by Joseph Smith Jr. Their standard works include the Book of Mormon, Pearl of Great Price and Doctrine and Covenants and the Holy Bible. They do not correspond doctrinally. People commented to me that the Bible forbids adding to the Scriptures. LDS answer to that is that they were only adding other books without changing the Bible. If a person attended a class and questioned anything the teacher made it such a negative experience that it would not happen again.

My children got tired of the competition. Every member in the church, invited to do family presentations on Sunday, participates. Later I found that it is usually reserved for generational Mormons. Converts are rarely asked. In twenty years they never asked me to speak, though I diligently served. Today I'm grateful that I was spared. There is no preaching in church. Members share their experiences. This sharing enhances unity. Listening to off tune violin concerts was part of one's sacrifice to God.

Bishops are administrators. Now and then they coach people to have more than a travelogue or they read a letter from the prophet of the LDS Church in Salt Lake City. Boredom even got to the leadership. People did not take their responsibilities very serious. The whole curriculum comes out of Salt Lake City. Bible study independently or in groups outside of their prescribed curriculum is discouraged.

After a year of good behavior that includes living the word of wisdom (no coffee, no cigarettes and no liquor), tithing and coming to all the meetings, visiting assigned families, one becomes eligible for a Patriarchal blessing. My patriarch was home alone at appointment time and a stranger to me. He took me to a bedroom in his home. Not knowing what to expect, I was a bit unnerved. He sat me down on a little table with a tape recorder and laid hands on my head and began speaking rapidly about what appeared to be intimate information at the time. Looking it over later, it could have applied to any

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Mormon.

The result was another lesson about expected behavior from a member in good standing, if they wanted to be in the first resurrection (as if Mormons have anything to do with the first resurrection). The millennium according to Mormonism is for genealogical purposes. The patriarch told me that I was of the tribe of Ephraim and that was technically incorrect according to my genealogy. God has something to say about people who assume a Jewish identity when they are not Jews: *"I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan."* Revelation 2:9

They would like people to believe that they are channeling this information from God. In my case it was about genealogy. God's Word states: *"Neither give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which minister questions, rather than godly edifying which is in faith: so do."* 1 Timothy 1:4 To confirm: *"But avoid foolish questions, and genealogies, and contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and vain."* Titus 3:9

LDS genealogy records in Salt Lake City contain millions of names sorted by the membership through their personal genealogy. The goal is to establish every person who lived on record within a family and connecting all families back to Adam. The missionaries all over the world have been photographing records in churches, government records of vital statistics, censuses and whatever records of people available such as military, ship and immigration records. The geographical sources indexed by country and province is recorded on films. The films rented directly from the Salt Lake genealogical library by mail are viewed on machines.

Today the records are available 'online'. Microfiche is another widely used medium to research. Ironically few members get involved with their family history. Non-members patronize the LDS Genealogical Libraries. Now CD disks with millions of names are advertised from Utah costing over a thousand dollars each (1994). Millions of dollars are spent on these records that have nothing to do with the New Testament. Millions of hours spent by members serving this area, relative to God go unrecognized by Him. Joseph Smith's ultimate goal was to tie back into the Aaronic priesthood to make it legitimate.

Genealogy was an interesting journey that I enjoyed. It explained my genetic makeup. My own ancestry established in their records, dates back to the 1200 and the earliest name was Kersten later changed to Carstens. The earliest paternal great...grandfather was a judge, called into city government to straighten controversies over moneys collected from citizens for building cathedrals in Luebeck, Germany. He moved there and became involved in the political world of this international seaport. The men in my line became bishops of Catholic cathedrals for four generations. They later became Lutherans when Martin Luther reformed Catholicism. Luther lived close to this city.

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Freemasonry practiced in conjunction with Catholicism, is still very visible in the cathedrals. An astrological clock, the size of a large wall, still sits by the entrance pointing to paganism. This research became a whole life in itself and very time consuming. Satan's strategy is to keep us busy, like a Ram to be sacrificed but caught in a thorny bramble bush.

Mormons claim that their dead ancestors help them in their search for documents all over the world. It often appeared that way when there was a break through. If they were correct and there was help, it would have been from demonic spirits, since angels would not be interested in baptisms for the dead. The souls of the dead who did not go to paradise are sent to Hades for holding purposes until judgment day. In my heart, I contemplated that it had to be a Genealogical Society using the church membership to sort everything out.

A person could put off their baptism and sealings and have a relative do it by proxy. Relatives of Mormons can be sure that they are baptized and endowed by proxy into the 'body' of the LDS Church after they die. They even added Martin Luther to their collection in the 19 hundreds as well as Adolf Hitler. The deception has the same effect as reincarnation. A person can accept Jesus Christ in a future life if they keep coming back to live other lives until they have overcome their Karma.

In truth these religions are lies. If we are not already committed to Jesus Christ, we only get one opportunity to become part of the Body of Christ, that is NOW! We may be dead tomorrow.

The latest devised method that guarantees the temple work is the extraction program. It does not require a relative to enter a name for temple work. People volunteer to extract random names and submit them to Salt Lake City LDS Genealogical Society. All names will become part of their records, and will be baptized and endowed over time.

Mormonism does not accept a biblical hell. Their hell is an existence much like we experience or better. There are contradictions to that, because they threaten temple Mormons with outer darkness, if they don't hang unto the iron rod (Book of Mormon) and stay on course. These concepts had the tendency dilute the threat of the eternal lake of fire. I found out later that I had a hard time accepting hell from a loving God.

Hell is very much part of the teachings of Jesus Christ Himself, he mentioned it between 20 and 30 times during His ministry. LDS teachings are contradictory, ignoring the Bible whenever it is inconvenient, yet they peddle Mormonism as a Bible based religion.

The temple was on the shelf in my mind for years because my husband would not obey the rules. He knew he was not cutting it and the temple would bring even more responsibilities he did not want to meet. We had many, many demoralizing episodes over the temple. It put our marriage in bad straights

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for years. I had long given up on going. This dilemma motivates people to seek other partners and the church supports that. Then some thirteen years after we had joined, a Mormon decided to change that situation. Thinking back, I now believe this brother kept tabs on our family for years and was probably assigned to us permanently without our knowing it. He often appeared when least expected and I trusted him as a friend.

One day this Elder brought another missionary. They converted my husband to the Temple in no time. Next we headed for Salt Lake City, although my husband had not met requirements to get a temple recommendation and they gave it to him anyway which became another problem to me. The Elder and his wife chaperoned us and showed us all the procedures. After thirteen years of waiting, we were finally to marry in the temple for time and eternity. Although Scripture states clearly in Luke 20:35 *“But they which shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry, nor are given in marriage:”*

Mormons claim that is why they do it now. They ignore the Word of God: *“There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”* Galatians 3:28 To confirm that: *“How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.”* 1 John 3:1,2

We did not have an inkling of what we were going to experience. There was a temple preparation class and all they discussed was the clothing we would have to buy but no other details. They said that it would be a learning experience just like going to a university. Much talked about is spiritual warfare when one undertakes going to the temple. The weather was snow and fog and the roads icy through the Rocky Mountains from Colorado to Utah. On the floor of our Van, afraid to watch the road, I could hear the men saying: "Can you see the road?" The fog was so thick. "No I can't, what are we going to do?" We had to be in the temple in Salt Lake City by 4:00 AM for the washing and anointing. They had to keep going.

Planning to rent a wedding gown at the temple, my imagination was trying to visualize what was about to happen. I was so excited thinking I was going to walk down the aisle with my man in a wedding gown and finally get married for eternity. What a let down when they separated the men from the women, even the newlyweds. Ushered through the various stages of instructions on how to handle the underwear we were about to put on for the rest of our lives, we intently listened. After the washing and anointing of our bodies wearing a covering at all times, we received blessings. Finally led to the room where the rituals were to be performed, the men seated themselves on one side of the room and the women on the other. Two good books that describe temple rituals are: 'What's Going On In There', by Chuck Sackett and 'Secret Ceremonies', by Deborah Laake.

When I laid eyes on my husband in his temple clothing, I almost burst into loud laughter, he looked so

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funny in the priesthood garment. In a whisper they informed me that loud laughter was not permitted. Soon I was to find out that one had to sit like a zombie not knowing where to look or how to hold one's face for long stretches, some simply went to sleep. A light went on inside my head when the rituals began, I was doing Freemasonry. The occult Brotherhood of Light lessons came up in my memory. After I disconnected from Mormonism, I repurchased the book: 'Ancient Masonry', by C.C. Zain {Hermetician Order (derivative of Rosicrucianism) The Brotherhood of Light} could not believe my eyes when I came to the page of the 'five points of fellowship' which is the final token written word for word. The ritual calls for a blessing (would mean cursing, with the sign of the nail, a satanic grip) of one's children, grandchildren and all future generations.

The brethren have no idea what they are doing by the veil because they don't know the truth. A Mormon Elder stands behind the veil and a female or male member in front and they connect, foot to foot, knee to knee reaching through the slits in the veil doing certain handgrips and conversation. Before the veil rituals we had to commit our talents, time, our tithes, chastity and obedience to our husbands and the Church. I found myself committing everything I owned (assets) to the Church if the President in Salt Lake City decided to enforce the 'Law of Consecration'. We had to swear that we would hand everything over. This is what they call the 'endowment'. I could not believe my ears. When I ran my hand along my throat and stomach swearing to secrecy, it did not occur to me that I would allow them to cut my throat and open my bowels if I talked about the temple rituals. They did not explain anything before we arrived. If they did explain it, no one would go through the temple that I know of. Not till after I disconnected from the LDS Church and began putting the pieces together, did I know what had happened in the temple ceremony.

Stunned I looked at all the people in the room with us, the doctor, the engineer, the CPA, the dentist and men and women that I had gone to church with us for thirteen years. They can't all be dumb or they would not be here. "Would anyone in their right mind jeopardize their eternal life with Christ?" I reasoned. There were no evil bloody sacrifices going on. Everyone was in white priesthood clothing with green fig leaf aprons. It did not feel threatening. How could I make a fool of my brothers and sisters and walk out? These thoughts were racing through my mind. An endowment ceremony that includes the rituals lasts close to two hours and since we came from Denver to Salt Lake City my Mormon friends wanted to stay and go through all the sessions throughout the day. This meant we had to participate several more sessions two hours each. That day was the most hideous day of my life.

The word endowment is a bequest according to Webster's Dictionary. Mormons say that a person receives an endowment. They don't explain what an endowment is. In looking at 'endow': 'to furnish with an income (like a hospital)', endowment: 'the part of an institution's income derived from donations'. Why would they be endowing the dead? Their possessions are dead to the church. I was fuming when I got home and thought about how we had been tricked, but time was not up yet for us.

Their motto that they are building Zion, covers the wound. Little did I know what Zionism is. "The temples and the church as a whole package will be handed to Jesus at his return to earth," members insisted. Years later I discovered public records that just a few men incorporated in the presidency of

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the church own the assets (estimated value according to the stock market was \$30 billion in 1992, not the church membership itself. Already too indoctrinated, I blindly kept walking. In my heart restlessness about the secrecy kept nagging at me. Jesus did not do anything in secret. It did not make sense.

Mentioning something about the temple to a brother made him shriek back in fear that I might make him disobey. He would not discuss it. Reassuring myself that Mormons were trustworthy since they acted like Christians, I kept making excuses for them and kept coming every Sunday. Everything in me was working against going to church but they talked about this spiritual warfare a lot and I wasn't going to let Satan win.

It made me realize how Adolf Hitler got away with keeping the concentration camps under wraps. His SS Stormtroopers submitted to indoctrinations modeled after the Orders of Knights. They had to take oaths or be killed. What pains me so now, millions of people world wide are submitting to these rituals daily in more than 50 temples and most of them do not know what they are submitting to. To explain what God had to say about this and why I was in this condition and could not move out on my own volition when I should have is this Scripture: *"And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:"* 2 Thessalonians 2:10-11

Shortly before the rituals were changed in 1990, they found pockets in Utah where satanic rituals with sacrifices were being performed because members were witches. People were having flash backs from previous Satan worshipping experiences. The new rituals hide the hideousness of their evil origin even more.

The prayer circle with the arms of the brethren in a square pointing up is identical to invoking demonic spirits. God hates every shred of what goes on in Mormon temples, although the membership teaches that God walks around there. It is so sacred that one has to remove all outward clothing down to shoes and stockings and replace them with a temple wardrobe. When the Denver temple opened for viewing to the public, all carpeting was removed and replaced afterwards. According to reports it had to be cleansed for God.

"And they forsook the LORD, and served Baal and Ashtaroth." Judges 2:13

"And he reared up an altar for Baal in the house of Baal, which he had built in Samaria." 1 Kings 16:32

"And Jehu said, Proclaim a solemn assembly for Baal. And they proclaimed it" 2 Kings 10:20

"But what saith the answer of God unto him? I have reserved to myself seven thousand men, who have not bowed the knee to the image of Baal." Romans 11:4

"I will also stretch out mine hand upon Judah, and upon all the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and I will

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cut off the remnant of Baal from this place, and the name of the Chemarims with the priests;"
Zephaniah 1:4

"And them that are turned back from the LORD; and those that have not sought the LORD, nor enquired for him." Zephaniah 1:6 "Then all the people went to the house of Baal, and brake it down, and brake his altars and his images in pieces, and slew Mattan the priest of Baal before the altars". 2 Chronicles 23:17 "And it shall come to pass, if they will diligently learn the ways of my people, to swear by my name, The LORD liveth; as they taught my people to swear by Baal; then shall they be built in the midst of my people.." Jeremiah 12:16

At this point, I knew I had been lied to. Often people were bemoaning that no financial statements ever came forth. Large sums of expenditures talked about regarding renovations and new buildings, kept the peace. For years members were assessed extra amounts for new buildings and utilities. Tithing and offerings were mandatory plus time and talents if one wanted to participate. There were at least two wards in each building with not more than six hundred members in each ward. If a member separated from friends because of redistricting, tough, they made no exceptions. One had to attend where one was assigned.

All rules are built around obedience. Activity during home visits had a format that was to be followed. To teach anything that did not come from Salt Lake City was against the rules. I tried to teach a class 'Our Lord's Prayer', not used in Mormonism, I lost my teaching position never to be called again as a teacher although I had a degree in teaching and without explanation. What it amounted to: one mistake and you are out is certainly not what God advocates.

Mothers start early to get their children into accepting that they were going to follow with the whole program of missions, college on an LDS campus and temple marriages. One young fellow in Sunday School stood up one Sunday and confessed that his mother was playing tapes on how to be a good Mormon at night in his bed. He told the group that he was going to put a plastic bag over his head if she did not stop it, hoping someone would tell her. That family moved to another town.

Participation and having to go in front of the whole congregation and share their testimony was something my children never could do, they were too shy. The children and adults were expected to say certain sentences in their testimony that would run the same information by people's ears hundreds of times. They had to say that they believed that the Church is the only true Church, and that the president (by name) is a prophet and that Jesus is the Christ. Little three year old children did not know the difference and were told to say it, made me cringe every time. I got up a few times in the twenty years because something would come over me to make me shoot out of my seat and literally stumble up to the pulpit. It was suggested at times not to get up unless prompted by an inner surge. My heart would pound as if it were going to jump out of me. The episode turned into a demoralizing experience of apologizing for my family's disinterest and my failure to produce fruit for the church.

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My two sons told at home that God wanted them to choose Him out of love for Him and that He promised liberty, not bondage, saved my whole family in the end. When they got out of high school my two sons both left the church. Thank God, they had a mind that was not turned off. My popularity down totally after that, they did not make any attempts to get them activated again until just before I left. That really struck a cord because there is a lot of emphasis in Christ's teaching about the lost sheep.

In trying to cultivate a friend, I agreed to drive a female member to the temple periodically and go through the Denver temple with her. She said to me during a session: "Did you know, you are expected to concentrate on the dead person's spirit when you are endowed for them by proxy, to let them know that they have been endowed and baptized by proxy?" That was news to me. At that time I did not know that Necromancy is also an abomination to God. Later I heard people talk about their spirit visitations, after I left the church.

Just before we disconnected from the church, my husband and I were sealed to our dead parents and the same chaperons were there who had witnessed our eternal marriage. The Elder asked me afterward if I saw my father standing next to me. He said he saw him, I should have asked him: "what did he look like?" He probably would have described him to a 't', I read that spirits know the person they are imitating and can be pretty convincing. At around twenty years old, a close friend of mine passed away with Leukemia. An apparition of him appeared to me in his mother's house right after the funeral. He had gone to sixty pounds when sick but appeared in full healthy stature looking beautiful.

This was not conjured since it was long before involvement in any books. Mormons convinced they have visitations of dead relatives, look for it when they do ordinances. Demons are trying to convince us that the Bible is not true. The Bible teaches that the dead go to a holding place until judgment. They do not float around in the spirit world. Since the Bible is truth, we have to accept that. Satan and his demons are liars. They only have access to some very convincing information.

Young Mormons on missions, worldwide, live with their own sex for two years and opposite sex is forbidden fruit. That gets them ready for the opposite sex on campus at college. There they select their partners while participating in their college curriculum. With their temple wedding behind them and their educations completed they receive jobs on campus and go wherever the best deal comes up. Many don't return home. The progression is ideal from a worldly point of view and most Mormons who are born into the Church opt for this golden ring. They can't loose in relation to the world, but sadly enough stand little chance for eternal life with Jesus Christ. The more successful they are, the smaller the chance of getting them out of Mormonism. The Apostle Peter warns in his writings: "*Be sober; be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.*" 1 Peter 5:8

Happiness and love are a low priority. If Mormons sidestep, they usually shipwreck. It is very difficult for a young Mormon to maintain independently should they marry outside the church. Their

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environment programmed and protected skews their personalities. Life is dependent on partnership and life becomes a threat when that goal is not met. I watched some devastating examples for the people involved and don't recommend getting involved with Mormons without a commitment. It will create continuous stress. The members work hard to impose their way of life on converts and converts never change their status. The members are told to remember there is a difference between a lifetime member and a convert. With the help of magazine articles and behind closed doors they are obedient to the Church above all. My complete failure was heaven-sent and turned out to be a magnificent blessing. I don't have anyone stuck in Mormonism.

Because shunned, it became very difficult for me to attend. Every Sunday, I came up with an excuse why I had better things to do but I made myself go. Still praying to the same God, I had always prayed to and believing in the same Jesus Christ, I had always believed in, I analyzed everything with the Bible in mind. My hope was that one of these days they would get it. The line between offerings to God and works was blurred. Mormons always come up with the right answers because they know all the questions raised about Mormonism. I did not know until I was out, that they were not accepting grace and they would probably deny it, if faced with it.

A cross on a necklace around one's neck had to go. The comments from people were always the same: "would you wear a gun around your neck?" There are no crosses anywhere to be found. Angels and candlelights were forbidden. One of our home teachers confessed that he had tried to leave Mormonism but only lasted six months because of all the confusion that is going on in Christianity today. I wish I could talk to him today and relate what I have learned since.

There is an amazing similarity between the Order of the Templars and Mormonism. The emphasis in Mormonism, as in the New World Order, that is bringing all nationalities under one roof as a brotherhood and practicing peace, was also the main thrust in the Templar Orders. LDS Magazines filled with stories from people of all over the world, serve as a conditioner to global thinking. The Templars voted their peers into office that is also a Mormon practice. All members wore specific mantels to show who they were, another Mormon practice in the temples. Mormon underwear has Masonic symbols embroidered over each breast, the navel and one knee. They are all white same as the Templars. Mormons buried in their priesthood clothing are as those worn during temple rituals same as templar's practice. Mormons establish all their dead relatives on record and perform their ordinances by proxy. The Templars were giving donations to absolve their dead relatives and themselves. Before entering Mormonism certain vows and interrogations that have to do with entering the temples, have to be performed before permission is granted, is also a Templar procedure.

Another parallel between the Order of the Templars and Mormon temple rituals are that endowed persons have to swear to uphold chastity, obedience, loyalty, secrecy and offer their talents, time and belongings as a sacrifice to the church for time and eternity. They also kneel and pray together, learn secret handgrips and new names to identify themselves to their brothers in time of emergency. They call each other brothers and sisters and allow whole families into this life style. Mormons are also independent of any other organizations and a law unto themselves but told to submit to

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government statutes if possible. They come from all walks of life and are a self-contained social system within society and respected for their moral values.

Templars kept the units at fifty people with a leader and hierarchy that is broken down into knights and serving brothers, where Mormonism has 600 persons in a congregation, divided when it gets beyond the 600 members. Within the 600 are the Quorum of seventy (Elders), Melchizedek priests comparable to knights. The Templars started out committed to serve Jesus Christ indicated by their identification as Templar Christi and over time their goal became wealth that ended in destruction. Joseph Smith Jr. is thought to have had direct access to God, Jesus, Peter, James and John, and the Church's success is attributed to this encounter and additional revelations. The only new revelation Joseph came up with was the planet Kolob where God lives and he described the people living on the Moon. Little did Joseph realize that the United States' astronauts would actually have access to the Moon's surface to disprove that revelation.

All I can say we have an awesome God, He backs His children to the hilt. His precious Son gave us only two commandments: *"Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."*

Matthew 22:37-40

"Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him". Matthew 4:10,11

"For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another. For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself" Galatians 5:13,14