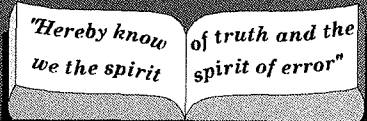


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EDITORIAL

By William A. BeVier

In this issue of The Discerner are two articles on Mormonism by Marcia Hornok, writer/journalist. Her husband is Rev. Ken Hornok who is pastor of the Midvalley Bible Church in Salt Lake City, Utah. She has extensive personal experience with Mormons. Her father-in-law is Rev. John Hornok, who founded and directed the Utah Bible Mission for many years. These articles are reprints of earlier publications by this writer.

Mormons, along with other established cults, such as the Worldwide Church of God, Jehovah Witnesses, Seventh-day Adventists, The Way International, are making "changes" (they say) to become accepted as mainline denominations or religious bodies.

There are a number of cult ministries that are actively engaged in exposing cults and doing it effectively. A recent

report from Ed Decker's ministry, Saints Alive, was of special interest on the Mormons. He wrote about the evangelistic "blitz" the Southern Baptists waged in Salt Lake City preceding and during their National Convention there this June. They had TV spots, billboards, went door-to-door and were very forthright in presenting the truth of the Gospel. (Note: Ed Decker has written a number of books, especially on Mormonism and Masonry, which RAS carries).

We have also seen in the last few months a number of cults being exposed on such national TV programs as 20/20, Dateline, ABC News, Prime Time, i.e., the Children of God, Scientology, the occult and others.

We are witnessing the demise or decline of some of the notorious cults, one of which is the "survivalist" cult the Church Universal and Triumphant

(CUT). This development has been reported by articles in the SCP Newsletter, Spring/ Summer 1998, Vol. 22:4, and in Christian Research Report, Vol. 11, issue 4, July-Sept. 1998. We have also been receiving inquiries as to the current condition of this cult. We have included an article on what appears to be their status at this present time.

There are a number of new books on various aspects of the cults. We are attempting to review them, or secure reviews to bring them to your attention. One of these recent books is reviewed in this issue by Stacy Speck, a former Mormon, The Counterfeit Gospel of Mormonism by Norman Geisler, with other leading apologists contributing.

Also a new book being reviewed is Darwin's Leap of Faith by John Ankerberg and John Weldon. The book exposes the false religion of Evolution. With the teaching of evolution in our public schools so predominant, this book is a valuable resource. A number of our books are going out-of-print (on evolution and other subjects) and we need to replace them with new books.

We are offering to you a series of new pamphlets by Dr. Thomas Key of Decatur, Mississippi, dealing with subjects which are

issues in some of the more prominent false groups. These are excellent from a doctrinal approach and each has a salvation statement in it. The subjects are:

"What Does the Bible Say About Tongues?"

"Which Church Saves?"

"The Holy Spirit—Person or Influence?"

"Should We Worship on Saturday or Sunday?"

"Is God One or Three?"

"How Are You Going to Get to Heaven?"

These pamphlets are .15 each or 6 for .85, plus shipping and handling, available from RAS. Should you want large quantities of these, they are available from the author (we can supply his full address).

We endeavor to keep up with our books and literature, keep our mailing list up-to-date and answer questions. If we have failed to do this, please bear with us and inform us.

Thanks again for your support and prayers. We depend on you.

CHURCH UNIVERSAL AND TRIUMPHANT UPDATE

By William A. BeVier

Ewald Eisele wrote a short article on the Church Universal and Triumphant (CUT) in the Apr-May-June 1990 The Discerner. Much has happened since then.

The name is a misnomer, it is not a "church" in the New Testament sense, it is not "universal," and certainly it is not "triumphant." Its name is something like that of "Christian Science," which is neither Christian nor science, as Walter Martin noted long ago.

The Christian Research Report (July-Sept. 1998) states the Church Universal and Triumphant is entering a "second cycle of life." As an element of the New Age movement, it might be said it is having a "reincarnation," that is, something new is developing.

The current president, Gilbert A. Cleirbaut (since 1996), comes from a background as a management consultant. He is giving a new appearance to the Church Universal and Triumphant, without denying its heritage. Its past emphasis on an immediate worldwide catastrophe is being ignored.

The Church Universal and Triumphant is an offshoot of the I AM movement. The I AM movement, in turn, has a background in Theosophy and pagan gnosticism. Jesus is viewed as one of many "ascended masters" or avatars. "St. Germain," a French occultist, is revered in Theosophy, I AM movement, and the Church Universal and Triumphant. Anyone dying without accepting the truth of these movements, must reincarnate and try again, or so they teach. At this point, they relate to the New Age movement and, in reality, to ancient Hinduism. All of these movements are essentially pantheistic, another common factor.

Guy and Edna Ballard are credited with founding the I AM movement in 1930 after a visit from "St. Germain" (d. 1784), which gives the whole movement an occult aspect. Mark Prophet, with a Roman Catholic background, became involved with the I AM movement, but broke with them in 1958. He then formed the Summit Lighthouse, later renamed the Church Universal and Triumphant. In 1961 Elizabeth Clair Wulf became his wife (after he had deserted his first wife and five children). By

this way she acquired the married name of "Prophet." Their belief in pantheism (all is God and God is all) and the separation of Jesus and Christ ("Christ consciousness," which anyone can have) are only two of their non-Biblical teachings. Karma replaces Christ's sacrifice for sins, reincarnation replaces resurrection, and secret wisdom from the ascended masters replaces the revelation in the Bible.

Mark Prophet died (or "ascended") in 1973 and his widow became the sole leader and recipient of revelations from the ascended masters, which after 1973, included her "ascended" husband.

Since 1973 the group has moved from Washington, DC (where Mark Prophet had its headquarters), to Colorado Springs, then to Pasadena, and finally to Montana, just north of Yellowstone Park.

While her fourth husband was in prison for weapons violations and other charges involving Church Universal and Triumphant activities, Elizabeth Clair (who kept the name "Prophet" through her 2nd, 3rd, and 4th marriages) sold 2/3s of the 12,000 acre Montana ranch near Yellowstone. She also closed down many of the group's operations, e.g., print shop, food processing plant, ranching operations. In business this would be called "downsizing." After his

release from prison, her husband attempted to restore the organization. This eventually led to a divorce of the two.

Elizabeth Clair Prophet predicted a nuclear holocaust would take place in 1989. The collapse of Russian communism in 1990 proved the falsity of her prophecy. "Prophet" may be her name, but she isn't a true one. After her predictions did not occur in 1989, many followers became disillusioned and left the movement, along with their financial support. This is what led to the "downsizing."

Mrs. Prophet's health and family problems also have contributed to the decline of the group. Eventually all four of Mrs. Prophet's adult children by Mark Prophet left the Church Universal and Triumphant. One received an extensive interview in the SCP Newsletter by Tal Brooke in 1990. The daughter's name is Moira, which is of interest. The daughter's name appears to be a corruption of "Morya," the alleged founder of the Church Universal and Triumphant (see SCP Newsletter, Spring/Summer 1998, p. 8). This can be traced back to Helena Blavatsky and Theosophy, and even further back to a pagan origin. Incidentally, this cited issue of SCP Newsletter has a feature article titled "End of a False Prophet," by Joseph Szimhart. The article traces the antecedents of the Church

Universal and Triumphant back to the "I AM" cult and up to the current problems. John Moore, in an introduction to Szimhart's article, states he believes Elizabeth Clair Prophet is suffering from a "neurological disorder" (p. 1). The Christian Research Report (July-Sept. 1998, p. 2) is more specific. She is suffering from increasing epilepsy and her memory is being affected. She is making fewer public appearances. Her fourth marriage ended in divorce last year. It can be noted she reportedly gave birth to her fifth child during this brief marriage when she was age 55 (Minnesota Christian Chronicle, March 31, 1994, p. 1B). Her fourth husband, at the time, was 12 years her junior.

In 1993 Elizabeth Clair Prophet made one of her visits to her faithful followers in Minnesota. Large posters were circulated featuring a photograph of Prophet, also known as "Guru Ma." The main title read: "Enter Aquarian Age Through the Teachings of the Ascended Masters." References on the poster were made to Saint Germain on America's destiny, Jesus Christ, Gautama Buddha, and Mother Mary (something for most everyone). Mantras and chakra initiations from the Lords of the Seven Rays were promised. The Seven Archangels would provide "healing power." The poster stated one could free themselves

[self-salvation] from "...the bonds of karma, disease, problem relationships – even AIDS and cancer." Lower on the poster one could read: "Freeing our planet from war, famine, pollution, the exploitation of people and resources." The Ascended Masters, with Elizabeth Clair Prophet "their Messenger since 1964," are those who have "overcome their karma and ascended to God. Now they want to help us." One will gain a "Higher Consciousness" of one's "Higher Self." In the meantime, during Guru Ma's seminars, one can personally meet his/her "guardian angel." Thousands have attended these seminars across the country. The workshop's fee in Minnesota was \$25 for "2 full days." In some places the fee is stated to be \$80 for a longer period. Later reports in Minnesota were that Prophet was only personally present for four hours on one day.

The Religion Staff Columnist of the St. Paul Pioneer Press, Clark Morphew, gave a glowing tribute to Mrs. Prophet in the 27 February 1993 issue of the paper (p. 9c). He predicted that eventually this new religion of this new age, though "persecuted today," will "carry the day." He concluded his article: "Elizabeth Clair Prophet is a part of our religious history, and someday, the Church Universal and Triumphant will be honored as Mormonism is

today." Interesting comparison. Among Bible-believing Christians, neither group is "honored." With what is happening to the Church Universal and Triumphant now, only five years after Morphew's column, he should be thankful false predictions by newspaper writers do not call for stoning as for false prophets in the Old Testament.

It is of interest that when the Church Universal and Triumphant built large underground shelters on the ranch in Montana, planning to survive the holocaust of 1989, the local health officials closed them down. There was space for thousands of people (and many went there), food for many months, but no sanitary facilities. Human waste had to be carried back up to the surface. It seems one who claimed revelations from "God," "Ascended Masters," etc. could have foreseen this need.

Moira Prophet, during the interview with Tal Brooke (1990), agreed that her mother was paranoid, she feared "the force," so kept moving from place to place for years. This fear even kept her away from her own children.

Are we seeing the end of the Church Universal and Triumphant? It certainly does not have the numbers, the wealth, or the influence it had

only a few years ago. Clearly Elizabeth Clair Prophet, Guru Ma, is no longer the forceful leader of the group. Under Gilbert A. Cleirbaut's presidency the group is seeking to erect a new image, though still claiming to further the teachings of "Mrs. Prophet" (Detroit News, April 4, 1998).

John Moore believes others will pick up the basic New Age beliefs of the Prophets, Mark and Elizabeth, and that the Church Universal and Triumphant:

...may continue to spawn ever more virulent spiritual viruses, new groups, new leaders, new voices adding to the rising din. It seems there is no lack of voices crying out for deliverance; but these are voices crying not for the Savior, but for the Ascended Masters, the Buddhas of all ages to come and take control of the planet. (SCP Newsletter, Spring/Summer 1998, p. 14).

Elizabeth Clair Prophet will go the way of all flesh, as did Mark Prophet, Jim Jones, David Koresh, Marshall Applewhite, etc. but Satan lives on and will raise up others to take her place until he, at last, is himself removed by the one Living God (Rev. 20:10).

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MARK AND CARL TALK ABOUT SALVATION

By Marcia Hornok

Mark and Carl preferred late lunch breaks, so they often had the company's lunch room to themselves. When this happened, they enjoyed discussing religion, since Mark was a Latter-day Saint (Mormon), and Carl called himself a born-again Christian. At first the two men found similarity in many of their beliefs. But when they defined terms such as salvation, God, revelation, and heaven, doctrinal differences appeared.

During one lunch break, Carl asked Mark, "What exactly does the death of Christ do for us?"

"It does two things," Mark answered. "Jesus' suffering, death, resurrection redeem all people from mortal death and the grave—all mankind will have a resurrection. This is general salvation. It's a free gift." Mark bit into his sandwich.

"You're saying, Jesus conquered physical death, and therefore we will conquer it too?"

"That's right. Physical death results from Adam's fall. 'By one man, sin entered into the world, and death by sin, and so death passed upon all men' " (Romans 5:12).

"I agree with you, Mark. But what about spiritual death?"

Adam's sin brought two kinds of death, physical and spiritual. Adam hid from God because he was spiritually separated from fellowship with God."

"Yes," Mark replied, "I said Christ's atonement accomplished two things. The second thing is that we can be saved from spiritual death. This is called 'individual salvation.'"

"Is it a free gift too?"

"No. It is given only to those who accept it."

"Then we agree! As I've told you before, Mark. I have received Jesus' sacrifice as payment for my sins. Jesus is my personal savior, and I trust only Him for forgiveness and a future in heaven. John 1:12 says, 'As many as received Him to them gave He power to become the sons of God; even to them that believe on His name.'"

Mark raised an eyebrow. "But that's not what 'accepting Christ' means."

Carl took a long drink, as Mark continued. "We accept Christ's atonement by repenting of our sins, being baptized, receiving the gift of the Holy Ghost by the laying on of hands, and obeying all the commandments."

“Mark, show me that from the Bible, and I’ll believe it. To me, ‘accepting Christ’ means receiving the free gift He provides.”

“Well, I don’t know where the Bible says it, but it’s in our scriptures. You see, Christ did His part, and we must do ours.”

Carl laid down his apple. “I’m afraid that’s where we differ. Many verses in the Bible say Jesus did it all. ‘The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord’ (Romans 6:23). ‘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’ (Ephesians 2:8-9). If salvation is a gift, how could we earn it or pay for it? That would make it not a gift.”

“Carl, I know what you say. You think Jesus paid our debt. All we do is believe that, and then live any way we want. I also believe Jesus paid our debt. Now we need to pay Him back. II Nephi 25:23 says we are saved by grace and after all we can do.”

“First, I don’t believe we can live any way we want, Mark. Out of gratitude for salvation, we will desire to please God. ‘Faith without works is dead.’ By my works, others will see that I have faith in God; that I am a Christian. The works comes after we are saved, but works don’t save me. It is faith in the work Christ did for

me that grants me eternal life. You know my bumper sticker, ‘IF YOU COULD EARN IT, WHY DID CHRIST DIE?’”

Mark’s mouth was full, so Carl continued, “I agree with you that Christ’s resurrection made resurrection possible for everyone, but Christ’s death in our place, made forgiveness possible for all those who believe and accept it. We are sinners because of Adam’s fall, but we are also sinners because we choose to sin. That’s why God forgives only those who choose forgiveness by trusting Christ’s death to save them. This illustration might help you understand: Because of sin, we are all in an airplane doomed to crash. Jesus has provided a parachute for everyone. He stands at the escape hatch and offers us a parachute. All we have to do is let Him put it on us and jump. That’s what it means to trust Jesus and be saved. We would look silly flapping our arms on the way down because we thought the parachute was not enough.”

“I don’t know what to say, Carl. My church says we need to obey laws and ordinances to receive remission of sins and become worthy to live with the Heavenly Father.”

“That’s incredible,” Carl replied. “How will you know when you’ve done enough?”

Mark glanced at the clock. “When I die, I guess.”

"I think I like my doctrine better." Carl smiled slightly. "1 John 5:13 says, 'these are written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God, that ye may know that ye have eternal life.' I know for sure I'm going to heaven because the Bible says 'whosoever believeth in Him shall receive remission of sins'" (Acts 10:43).

Mark crumpled his lunch bag and tossed it into the wastebasket. He never missed. "I wish I could believe like you do, but that's not what my church teaches, and I know my church is true."

"Then do yourself a favor, Mark. I challenge you to read one book from the Bible—the Gospel of John. Underline the word 'believe' every time you see it, and let me know what you find."

Mark stood up. "I asked you to read the Book of Mormon, and you did, so I guess I'll accept your challenge to read the Gospel of John."

Lunch break over, the two friends returned to work.

Since Mark and Carl's beliefs contradict, you are left to decide which man was right. Mormonism and Christianity are not alike. In fact, all religions can be classified two ways: those that teach we must DO SOMETHING to earn a place in heaven, and those that say Jesus DID IT ALL FOR US, in our place.

The Bible says salvation is a free gift of faith, not works. Faith is an act of the will; a decision to believe what God says in His Word.

In whom are you trusting—God or yourself?

References are from the King James Version Bible; Moroni 8:24-26 in the Book of Mormon; Doctrine and Covenants 33:11-15; and Gospel Principles, published by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1988.

SATAN THE TRICKSTER

By Marcia K. Hornok

Most of us do not give much thought to false prophets today, at least not in the Old Testament sense. Yet Jesus told us that false prophets would come to us as wolves in sheep's clothing in order to deceive us (Matthew 7:15). Wolves wearing wool today make it difficult to distinguish between truth and error, or more realistically, truth and semi-truth.

It used to be when a person's lifestyle included regular church-going, no smoking or drinking, and obvious morality, people called him Christian. Now, however, the comment is, "He must be a Mormon."

Sharlene Wells, a Brigham Young University coed, became Miss America shortly after Vanessa Williams was "dethroned" for immoral conduct. When Sharlene was asked if there were any skeletons in her closet, she replied, "I'm a Mormon, and that says it all."

Now that Mormons "look" like Christians and even call themselves Christians, how can true Christians distinguish themselves, besides sporting more Ichthuses and crosses? (Mormons still avoid the symbol of the cross. To them it speaks of torture rather than triumph.)

We will distinguish ourselves by living the Word of God. Adherence to a personal taboo list or "spiritual duty roster" does not separate sheep from wolves. In other words, external piety is no indicator of internal righteousness. Even though we can deceive ourselves, those not yet in the fold are able to discern between false piety and true righteousness.

Satan tricks us into thinking that cleaning the outside of the cup is enough. A Mormon practices his righteousness without the power or presence of the Holy Spirit. We Christians often do the same thing. No wonder we look like "good Mormon people."

The key to true righteousness lies in what motivates us to keep God's commands and follow Biblical principles. Is it for approval from our fellow pharisees or is it to honor the Lord Most High? God's holiness sets Him apart from everything else (Leviticus 11:44-47). Likewise, our personal holiness entails separation from all sinful practices and temporal values, enabling us to enjoy relationship with our Holy Father.

How then can we judge our own motives? By the attitude that results. That God's grace

allows us to share His distinction (HOLY) and that He sees us as holy ought to result in humility. If our attitude instead is pride (I do what is right; therefore I am better than others), then we are white-washed sepulchers (Matthew 23:27-28).

It's all right to be known as people whose beliefs place them in church every Sunday and keep them from certain activities, but God's people must also be known for walking humbly with their God.

By daily fellowship with God, by kindness to others, by our responses to circumstances, people will be caused to remark, "He must be a Christian."

Take sheep-skin wearing one step further. Some wolves not only look (act) like sheep, they have learned to bleat like sheep.

A few years ago the LDS [Latter Day Saints] Missionary Manual was amended to include in the first lesson, teaching people to accept Jesus Christ as Savior. The lesson states that all men have sinned. Jesus Christ atoned for our sins. Salvation comes by Jesus Christ. Does this sound like bleating? It is actually howling, which interpreted means that Jesus' death and resurrection will give all persons a resurrection.

Steve and Julie Shepton (not their real names) and their two children moved to Salt Lake City three years ago. Steve had been

raised in a Christian home on the foreign mission field. When that family moved stateside, Steve's father became the founder and first president of a Bible School, still standing for the truth today. Even this background did not prevent deception.

Steve did not know anything about Mormonism. When he moved to Salt Lake City, he looked for a Bible-believing church. When two young men in dark suits visited his home, inviting him to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, he naturally inquired as to their doctrine. Because the LDS missionaries answered all Steve's questions "correctly," he and Julie joined the LDS Church through baptism.

Several months later, realizing what he had done, he sought a Bible church and with much embarrassment, admitted his mistake. They stopped attending the LDS Church, but were ostracized by their neighbors. When Steve's company offered a transfer out of Utah, he gladly accepted it.

Yes, wolves in sheepskins, imitating sheep-talk will deceive even the elect if they are uninformed. II Timothy 3:13 tells us, "evil men and seducers (impostors) shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived." Satan's trickery is intentional, but we cannot say the same about his servants. The sad truth is

many of them are also deceived. With sincere beliefs and genuine motives, they unknowingly teach false doctrines. Our enemy is Satan. "Potential" sheep are being led astray by his tricks, one of which is using Biblical terms to teach unbiblical doctrines.

What can be done about this? Christians should learn the nuances in meaning between LDS doctrine and Bible doctrine when the same terms are used. (See Appendix). When talking with Mormon friends about spiritual things or confronting Mormon missionaries, insist that they define their terms. Then present your definition, verified with Scripture. Wolves will turn

tail and run, but "potential" sheep will realize that someone has "pulled the wool over their eyes."

The apostle Paul said, "For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them. Therefore watch and remember..." (Acts 20:29-31b).

Satan, as a roaring lion, transforms himself into an angel of light to deceive us. His false prophets, a pack of wolves, masquerade as harmless sheep. We must beware, be wary, and be informed.

APPENDIX

TERMINOLOGY	L.D.S. MEANING	BIBLICAL MEANING
ACCEPTING CHRIST AS SAVIOR	Accepting what the LDS Church teaches about Christ, as being the truth	Receiving Christ by faith you realize you are a helpless sinner and believe Christ's death provides forgiveness and eternal life. John 1:12; John 5:24.
ATONEMENT	Christ's suffering in the Garden of Gethsemane paid for our sins, making forgiveness possible.	The blood of Christ, shed on the cross, paid the price for our sins, making forgiveness possible. Heb. 9:22; Rom. 3:25; I Pet. 2:24
BAPTISM	Immersion, which makes one a member of the Church and forgives his sins. Baptism is essential to attain heaven and can be done by proxy for people who have died.	A visible sign to others that you have received Christ by trusting Him only for salvation. Matt. 28:19
BEING SAVED	Repenting, baptism, receiving the Holy Ghost, and having faith in Christ. (See FAITH)	Receiving the free gift of eternal life by believing Christ to be your Savior. Acts 16:31; Rom. 5:9; Tit. 3:5
BORN AGAIN	Baptism into the LDS Church and receiving the Holy Ghost by the laying on of hands.	Receiving eternal life so that you are no longer spiritually dead in sin. John 3:3; I Pet. 1:23

CHRIST DIED FOR OUR SINS	Because of Adam & Eve's sin, which brought death, Christ died and rose again so that all people will have a resurrection. (See SALVATION)	Christ died in our place to satisfy God's righteous demands for sin. II Cor. 5:21; Rom. 5:9; I Pet. 2:24.
CHRISTIAN	A person whose beliefs include <i>Jesus Christ</i>	A person who believes <i>Christ has done everything</i> for his redemption, and by faith has received Him as Savior.
ETERNAL LIFE	God's life. The kind of life God lives. (See EXALTATION)	God's free gift of salvation to those who believe. John 3:15-16; I Jn. 5:11-12
EXALTATION	Becoming like God and living forever with Him in the Celestial Kingdom. Comes to those who obey all the commands. (See HEAVEN)	No such doctrine in the Bible.
FAITH	A hope and belief in the truth so that you do what is right (keep the commands). Must be accompanied by works.	By an act of the will, believing what God says is true, and thus transferring my trust from self to God. Heb. 11:1-6; Eph. 2:8-9
FALL OF MAN	Adam and Eve's disobedience which made God's plan for earth possible. Thus it accomplished something good (a "fall upward").	Through Adam and Eve's disobedience, sin entered the world resulting in death and judgment. Rom. 5:12-21

GIFT OF THE HOLY GHOST	Comes by laying on of hands after baptism and enables one to receive revelation if he is worthy. (See REVELATION).	The Holy Spirit indwells each Christian the moment he believes in Christ for salvation. I Cor. 3:16; 6:19-20
GOD THE FATHER	The literal father (through copulation) of the spirits of all people. (See PRE-EXISTENCE)	The spiritual father of all who have received Christ as Savior. John 1:12; Rom. 8:15-16
GOSPEL	Mormon doctrines and teachings as "restored" to Joseph Smith and revealed to the LDS prophets. All who die without hearing the gospel will hear it in the spirit world.	The good news of Christ's death and resurrection as atonement [propitiation] for our sins. I Cor. 15:1-4; Gal. 1:8
HEAVEN	Consists of three kingdoms: the celestial for Mormons who keep all the commands and are married in a temple; the terrestrial for Mormons who do not keep all commands and for good non-Mormons; the telestial for wicked non-Mormons.	The abode of God and future dwelling place for all His children. John 14:1-3
INSPIRATION	God telling you "in your mind and heart" what He wants you to know; can be a "burning in the bosom," or a peaceful feeling or a "stupor of thought."	God superintending the writers of Scripture so that without error they recorded in words God's revelation to man. II Tim. 3:16; II Pet. 1:21

PRE-EXISTENCE	God's spirit children live with Him waiting to receive a physical body and come to earth to prove themselves worthy.	No such doctrine in the Bible.
REPENTANCE	Feeling sorry for sins, confessing them, making restitution, and forsaking them.	A change of mind and heart; turning from sin and our own way to God and His viewpoint.
REVELATION	Direct communication from God to man through dreams, angelic visits, visions, and inspiration. A prophet receives revelation for the whole Church. Individuals who are worthy receive revelation for themselves and their families. (See INSPIRATION).	God disclosing His mind to man. We have God's complete revelation in the 66 books of the Bible. (See WORD OF GOD). Rev. 22:18-19
SALVATION	Resurrection. The right to be resurrected at the end of this age; given to every person because of Christ's death and resurrection.	Deliverance from the penalty of sin (death) and receiving the free gift of eternal life by faith. Rom. 6:23; Rom. 5:9
SON OF GOD	Pre-existence as a literal spirit-child of God through union with one of His wives. (See GOD THE FATHER)	A person becomes a child of God when he receives Christ as his personal Savior. I John 3:9-10; John 1:12

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God's written revelation to man (the Bible) and also a designation for Jesus Christ, who is God incarnate. Heb. 4:12; John 1:1, 14

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Dr. Greg McLaughlin, Editor

UN OPPOSES CHRISTIANITY—Christian relief workers charge that United Nations efforts are prolonging war and famine in Sudan. They say they have to register with and get permission for everything they do from the UN. It then gives veto power over everything to Sudan's Islamic government (8/1 World). The project director for Franklin Graham's Samaritan's Purse,

Ken Isaacs, said it cannot take Bibles in with its privately-funded food and medicine. He said, "We as an evangelical organization cannot work with the UN because they will not let us take Bibles in." Frontline Fellowship's Peter Hammond said, "The UN is not against religion, it is just against Christianity."

BOOK REVIEW

Darwin's Leap of Faith

"Exposing the False Religion of Evolution"

By John Ankerberg and John Weldon

Reviewed by Jo Ann BeVier

The book starts with a "Note to the Reader" in which the authors ask the question (since the authors are not scientists and do not have science backgrounds), "Why should a scientist or layman buy a book by non-scientists on a scientific issue?" This was answered by a reviewer with a Ph.D. in Biology who stated that if any evolutionist read the entire book, including the citations, he didn't see how that person could continue to believe in evolution. The authors encourage the reader to "listen" to important statements made in the footnotes by scientists, both evolutionists and creationists, even though it may be work to read them.

The book is divided into three parts: Part I – Evolution and the Modern World, which covers why the creation/evolution issue is so important, and the influences of evolution in the modern era; Part II – Evolution and the Politics of Science, covering a number of areas on the issue of science, evolution, and creation; Part III – Evolution and the Scientific Evidence, with some interesting chapter titles which

deal primarily with evidence. Some of the titles in Part III are: "Alphabet Soup and Winning the Lottery"; "The Molecules of Melodrama"; "More Monkey Business"; which though catchy titles they deal with some of the major theories which have been held over the years.

The matter is summed up by the last statement in the main body of the book, "Only Christianity survives the tests of logic, rationality and empirical, historical verification as a comprehensive worldview." Only God as the one self-existent being could have created this marvelous universe.

As stated before, the notes at the end give readers a great deal of pertinent information and detailed documentation and should be read.

It is an understandable book for the lay person but also will satisfy the most scholarly scientific mind. And it does refute evolution.

(392 pages, published 1998, available from RAS, \$10.95 + p&h.)

BOOK REVIEW

The Counterfeit Gospel of Mormonism

By Norman L. Geisler, General Editor

Reviewed by Stacy Speck

Just when you thought there couldn't be another helpful book on Mormonism, Harvest House Publishers presents a handy little volume that will prove beneficial to anyone who is presently dealing with one of the fastest growing religions in America today.

Written primarily in response to Stephen Robinson's (an LDS scholar) and Craig Blomberg's (an evangelical scholar) controversial book How Wide the Divide?, the book exposes the radically opposing theological positions that define Christianity and Mormonism.

The book contains six chapters written by various contributing authors: Norman L. Geisler, Francis J. Beckwith, Ron Rhodes, Phil Roberts, and Jerald and Sandra Tanner. Each chapter covers key theological topics—Scripture, God, Christ, Salvation; plus an important chapter on the terminology differences that often derails meaningful dialogue between evangelicals and the Latter Day Saints (LDS). The book concludes with a presenta-

tion of the true Gospel to our Mormon friends.

The first three chapters are especially strong, particularly Francis J. Beckwith's contribution on the doctrine of God. Beckwith ably presents the Biblical concept of God over against the LDS view. He also includes a valuable philosophical critique of LDS theism not found in most reference books on Mormonism.

There can be only one real quibble with the book—there are several annoying typos that with more careful editing should have been caught—but that should not detract in any way from the overall high quality of the book.

At a time when evangelicals are being confronted with the minimalist approach to the differences between Christianity and Mormonism, The Counterfeit Gospel of Mormonism is a valuable tool in combating this growing trend among LDS (and evangelical) scholars and apologists.

(220 pages, published 1998, available from RAS, \$9.95 + p&h.)

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