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Update 11/19/12

If we are going to do start declaring that Mormonism is no longer a cult, we are going to have to re-write the Bible and eliminate the books of Ezra and Nehemiah. For both the Samaritans then and the Mormons now, our God was just one of a whole pantheon of gods. Joining with Mormons in a culture-war is one thing. Accepting them as full-fledged Christians is quite another!

Is it possible for cultists to have a real relationship with Jesus Christ? Christ himself will have to judge that. But Jesus did convert the Samaritan woman to the true God of the Jews and explained that "salvation is of the Jews." (John 4:22)

I am convinced that I was born-again before I left Mormonism. But I got born-again because, like the Samaritan woman, the real Jesus found me--not because I had found in the real Jesus in the Book of Mormon! Being born-again made me examine my faith more closely, intending to write a book defending the Book of Mormon. That is when I studied the Bible more closely and came to realize that I had been trapped into a deceptive cult!

I ended up writing a manual for Christians to use to win Mormons to the true Christ as part of my doctoral project! It is on this website, entitled "Book of Mormon Problems!" Check it out and win a Mormon to the real Jesus!

Update 11/10/12

The defeat of Mormon Republican Mitt Romney may have sounded the death-knoll of Mormon dreams of ever having a Mormon as U.S. President. The demographic change alone almost guarantees that the inherent racism in the different Mormon scriptures will never again make it acceptable to field a candidate. Now Mormon leaders are going to have to figure out how to straighten out more of their scriptures, something they are not averse to doing!

Update 11/1/12

I recently saw a documentary on the Sharon Tate murders by the Charles Manson cult. It made me think of Tim Thompson's new book, "When Evil Whispers" which is referenced down this page a little further. If you would like to see why we are experiencing "Climate Change" with the storms and

earthquakes like we have been having lately, just read this booklet and take a hard look at what the Anti-Christ is doing to our young people! I think Jesus Christ really knew what he was talking about when he described the Last Days!

Update 10/11/12

I here refer to something elsewhere on this page which I wrote shortly after Mitt Romney officially became the Republican candidate:

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Update 10/9/12

A Questioner Asks:

Dr. Dean:

"How can you, as an ex-Mormon, even consider voting for Mitt Romney?"

My Answer:

I am "open-minded!" I vote for what I think will be best for our country!

Update 9/30/12

From Larry Gault, Evangelical missionary in Chile:

I still cross paths with people in many locations who ask about you. Your seminars throughout Chile about the Mormon cult definitely had quite an impact!

Update 9/29/12

My Thoughts on the End Times

by Dr. Dean Helland

I have been a student of Bible prophecy my entire life, and I have been an ordained minister for over 50 years. During that time, I have watched the world change, and many of the questions I had in my younger years as to the Second Coming of Christ apparently answered before my very eyes.

When writing about the second coming of Christ, it is hard to know where to begin. I learned a great lesson about Biblical prophecy when I first read the Old Testament backwards--from the end to the beginning. I started with Malachi and went through the Old Testament books backwards to Genesis. I discovered that more and more details in prophecy were unfolded prophetically as the centuries rolled on. By the end of the Old Testament, they had been developed in incredible detail.

Of course, they culminated with the prophecies of Christ and the New Testament. Revelation, the final book of the New Testament, wraps the sum of biblical prophecies up together very neatly with many additional details.

By beginning the study of Bible prophecy with the declarations of Jesus Christ in the Gospels, it starts coming into focus:

1) Concerning the end times, Jesus declared that if the Father should not shorten the history of man by direct intervention, all life on this planet would be destroyed. In that same verse of scripture, Matthew 24:22, Christ declares that God will indeed intervene: "For the elect's sake, those days shall be shortened."

To me, that leaves no doubt that Iran, and possibly many other nations, will be able to obtain atomic weapons.

2) One of the conundrums facing the student of prophecy is to figure out how the dynamics at play between the nations at the time of the end come about. For example, humanly thinking, how can all of

the nations be united in their quest to destroy Israel? That scenario is in Ezekiel 38 and 39 and again near the end of the Old Testament in Zechariah 14:2. That verse clearly declares: "For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle."

My problem until just the last three years was the idea that the United States of America would join other nations in the fight against the land of Israel. I heard Morris Cerullo-- a convert to Christianity from Orthodox Judaism--say back in 1966 in an evangelistic campaign that the time would come when the United States would turn against Israel. Until Barack Obama became president, I did not see how that could ever happen. Now I can.

3) Another problem I had was the fact that the United States is not given any special place in biblical prophecy. My question was: "How can the United States ever decline enough to be on the same low level as the rest of the nations of the world?"

I have been seeing that decline take place since about 1960. I do not think the United States will remain a "super power" much longer. Of course, I hope I am wrong about all this, but I think I am probably right!

Update 9/21/12

Freedom of Speech!

If there is any freedom Americans feel strongly about, it is freedom of speech!

Over the years, the U.S. Supreme Court has upheld the right of pro-Nazi demonstrators, pornographic publishers, blasphemers against Christianity, protestors at soldiers' funerals, in short, fanatic extremists of all stripes, to air their favorite distasteful themes publicly.

If freedom of speech is to be removed from Americans, it will be the end of America as we know it.

Permitting distasteful speech has been considered one of the sacred protections allowing Christians to feel secure in knowing that their own freedom to proclaim the Gospel will also be protected.

Comparing the life of Mohammed to the life of Christ can only lead to controversy.

Christians believe Christ lived a sinless life. Islam teaches that Mohammed lived a sinless life. Let both Christ and Mohammed's lives speak for themselves! Leadership is best illustrated by example!

Anyone who compares their lives objectively should be able to make an intelligent choice of which religious leader to follow.

Removing the right to have a free marketplace of ideas short-circuits the whole foundation upon which American was built.

Freedom of speech was a cornerstone of the U.S. Constitution. However, there has never been the freedom to commit violent acts. This is the great difference between America and the countries Americans fled from.

The spectacle of seeing an American citizen being put under arrest for publicly expressing his ideas on Islam is foreign to the American mentality!

Update 9/18/12:

Having read the Koran twice myself and dozens of books on the subject, I can only conclude that what is happening throughout the Muslim world right now is totally consistent with the teachings of Islam. Any other explanation is misleading.

Update 9/14/12: According to information I just received, the Vatican at Rome recognizes the extent to which society has fallen. I have been told by a reliable source that the Pope has recently ordered that an exorcist be assigned to each diocese to deal with the infestations of demon-possession which are being experienced throughout the world!!!

It is time that all Church leaders, regardless of denomination, take another look at the serious nature of this spiritual battle as described by the Bible in the book of Ephesians, chapter 6, verses 10 through 18.

Update 9/11/12: I believe that we are indeed in the last days before the Second Coming of Christ. Removal of the Bible and prayer from our schools in 1963 marked when America's moral decline began.

Removal of the Ten Commandments from our public life meant that it was no longer ingrained into our national consciousness to reverence God, country, family or life itself.

It was after that Supreme Court decision in 1963 that we entered into the drug culture with its accompanying evils, including abortion, sexual perversion, bestiality and the acceptance of satanism as a legitimate religion.

The secular belief that we are no different from the animals has changed ours into a degraded, animal-like society where "anything goes." The American concept of liberty has been morphing from liberty to permissiveness to anarchy.

And our children are flooded with this Godless mentality!

When is the Church going to recognize what has happened and come to grips with our perilous situation? We have to speak out while we still can!

Now is the time, if ever there ever was, to stand on holy ground!

Update 9/1/12:

What Would It Be Like To Have a Mormon President?

Hear a full hour of my views on Mormonism, Mitt Romney's family history including his polygamous ancestry, (Note: Barack Obama's father had 5 wives!) and what I predict it to be like if we have a Mormon President!

I tell all on a recent radio broadcast with fascinating observations on the inside world of Mormonism and a Christian view of what is taking place right now!

Hear it all at robekno.com ! Just go to the bottom of the left-hand column of the home page, click on "iradio Los Angeles", then go down the "In Your Face" page to the August 17th broadcast!!!

Update 8/22/12:

For those of you who have been following the story of converted satanist Tim Thompson, he and his wife, Jennifer, are each featured in radio interviews on robekno.com, the same program I appeared on this past August 17th.

He is interviewed on August 8th and she on August 16th. Both of those interviews received rave reports, as they go into their own past and describe what is happening to much of today's youth!

Find them on the "In Your Face" page after clicking the "iradio LA" icon on its home page!

Special Update 8/15/12;

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Having said all that, let me say that Joseph Smith, the founder of Mormonism, esteemed the U.S. Constitution so highly for a number of reasons, but one of the most obvious one was its provision for religious freedom. No doubt, he saw that as his opening to break with the traditional ban in the United States on the practice of polygamy that was esteemed so highly by the established churches of his time.

I believe that he saw that starting a new religion in this young country would be a way to funnel all the funds of the faithful through himself and his descendants, whom he planned to secede him in the leadership of the Mormon Church. (He came from a desperately poor family that knew the pain of eviction and lack of an adequate work ethic.) (To this day, funds of the Mormon Church are directly controlled by the First Presidency!)

Enough said for now on that subject. However, you can see that this ministry will become very important in the days to come. Keep tuning in to my website for news of things to come!

Update 7/29/12: A lot of Mormon-sponsored misinformation about itself is being provided for reporters of the news media. An example is found in the church's public affairs department report that the idea that faithful Mormons will get their own planet is false and has never been official doctrine.

This contradicts a 2002 church manual, *Gospel Fundamentals*: "To live in the highest part of the celestial kingdom is called exaltation or eternal life. ... They will even be able to have spirit children and make new worlds for them to live on, and do all the things our Father in Heaven has done." (p. 201)

ABC news reporter Gregory J. Kreig, in his blog on May 25, 2012, "Mormons! The Least You Should know," referring to whether Mormons believe that Jesus and the devil are brothers, explained: "The answer is no; Mormons do not believe that, nor does Mormonism teach it. There is no such thing written in any of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS) doctrine".

He needs to do his homework! Former Mormon president Spencer W. Kimball wrote: "In the wilderness of Judaea, on the temple's pinnacles and on the high mountain, a momentous contest took place between two brothers, Jehovah and Lucifer, sons of Elohim." (Mormons believe that Jehovah is Jesus Christ and that Elohim is God the Father. D.H.)

This quote comes from *Teachings of Spencer W. Kimball*, p. 34.

(See the July-August issue of *Mormonism Researched* or go to www.mrm.org for more information on this.)

Update 7/7/12: Some have wondered how I could claim to be a loving and tolerant Christian and say things such as the following update. My response is that neither I nor anyone else has to apologize for telling the truth. Especially not when one is called by God to speak the truth about Him! Could a loving, tolerant Christian fail to warn his neighbor that his house is on fire and that he must take the appropriate measures to save himself from certain death? I think not. Read on, dear reader, and learn what you will one day know is true--if not now, then in the next life!

Update 7/2/12: God has spoken to man through just one book--The Holy Bible. Those who spend their time disparaging it do so because they do not accept its message. It is the only message from God that shows the way to heaven--through faith in Jesus Christ, the righteous judge.

It is the only book containing the teachings by which all peoples of all nations will be judged when they stand before God after their life on earth is over. What they do with the Bible and what it teaches will determine where they spend eternity--in Heaven or in Hell. All people, without exception, will bow their knees before God on that day and confess that Jesus Christ is Lord of Heaven and Earth. (John 14:6, Revelation 20:11-12, Philippians 2:9-11)

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**To see Mormon President Thomas S. Monson's message via YouTube, click on the following link. To get the full context of his message, be sure to click where it says "Show more" under the written text to his video:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eIGoWGQJSIQ>

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The complete quote from my doctoral project was as follows:

"Ed Decker, president of Ex Mormons for Jesus in Issaquah, Washington, went to Chile during April of 1982 for an intensive time of teaching Christian workers and publicly exposing Mormonism. As a result, the growth of Mormonism in Chile was severely curtailed. However the need became evident for an easier and less spectacular way to equip Christian workers to witness effectively to Mormons.

"Decker's approach dealt with many different themes in Mormonism, emphasizing its more bizarre aspects. These included not only its practice of polygamous marriage in the last century and a belief that it will be practiced in the hereafter, but also its secret Temple ceremonies and its involvement in the FBI, the CIA and international politics. This approach naturally enraged the Chilean citizens. Both the Protestant clergy and Roman Catholic Church publicly denounced Mormonism as non-Christian. This was the expected reaction.

"After that, however, Marxist terrorists started bombing and burning Mormon churches. The author of this project believed that this unanticipated participation by terrorists in combating Mormonism could have been sparked at least in part by some of the things which were exposed in Decker's teachings.

"The problem, therefore, was how to streamline this training so that it would enable Christian workers to win Mormons to Christ with a minimum of elements which might inflame the Marxist terrorists.

"Ignorance about Mormonism abounds, and this fact combined with the high visibility of attractive young missionaries who go door-to-door gives Mormonism a mystique which appeals to potential converts. Few who have not actually been involved in Mormonism have any idea about how to witness to Mormons or how to win them to Christ."

My personal observations:

Of course, this quote gives the "raison d'être" for my doctoral project, and inspired not only it, but this website!

I might add my personal opinion that if the Mormon Church had not cozied up to the Pinochet military regime so much, I doubt that their properties would have been such a target. Also, all American missionaries, regardless of their affiliation, are suspected by some citizens of other countries of being CIA agents, no matter where they go. And many of them, also, not taking account many, many of their converts, were martyred by Marxist extremists.

Since I was Ed Decker's personal chauffeur and interpreter for the entire time he was in Chile, I need to set the record straight.

Mormon President Monson declared on YouTube: "There was an American Protestant missionary in Chile who refused to have anything to do with Decker after he began telling everyone that Mormon missionaries were really only 'CIA agents.'"

Not once did I ever hear Decker say or imply that "Mormon missionaries" were agents of the CIA! Nor did I ever hear of any such missionary! That is simply not true! And I served in Chile for eight more years after his visit!

In fact, one of Ed's own sons, Jeff, happened to be serving in Chile at the time as a Mormon missionary, and we paid him a visit. It is silly to think that he ever intended to endanger the lives of the Mormon missionaries by publicly declaring them to be CIA agents! I can say with total confidence as an eye-witness to all he said and did during his entire time in Chile, Ed Decker does not have Mormon blood on his hands. And when we get to heaven, I am sure that a lot of former Mormons who actually get saved will thank him for the great work he did to reach them with the original gospel!

"Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor." Exodus 20:16

Saw the Website - Outstanding.... Just Outstanding, Glory to God!

Way To Go Brother.... Way to Go!

We want to tell you that you are an inspiration to those of us "New Kids" who are witnessing to the Truth about Mormonism.

Outstanding!...and you are so right that Monson intentionally misused your statement.

Again, Praise and Glory to God, you are a valiant Servant!

In Christ, Lee and Kathy Baker

Hey, Dean!

We had a great time in Chile. I think of it and you often. I will post some of your articles on the Saints Alive website. Also see my new site at www.deckerreport.com.

Ed

Update 5/10/12

What are the Official Doctrines of the Mormon Church?

One thing that really irks the Mormon leadership is the honest effort by people outside their inner circle to figure out what the Mormon doctrines really are. Their problem is that the Mormon Church is actually a secret society tightly controlled from the top, and they claim exclusive right to speak with authority on the subject. And when they change their minds, Mormon doctrine changes, and no one is supposed to say anything about it.

I once had the bishop of a Mormon stake tell me in front of a number of his members that he had no authority to talk with me about the official doctrines of the Mormon Church.

This reticence of the Mormon Church to be pinned down to any definite doctrinal position was recently illustrated again, not by ex-Mormon “whistle blowers”, but by what recently happened to a long-time professor at Brigham Young University.

When Professor Randy Bott granted an interview to the Washington Post explaining the pre-1978 stance of the Mormon Church on the black African race, he was quickly rebuked by BYU’s dean of religious education, Terry Ball. Ball said that Bott’s explanation “do not reflect the teachings in the classroom at Brigham Young University.¹

Professor Bott had simply said publicly what he had long discussed with his students while teaching religion at BYU. And what he said was true. He describes himself on his university web page as being expert on the “doctrines of the gospel.” The Mormon leadership took it upon itself to make the following statement in a recent article also printed in the Washington Post:

“The positions attributed to BYU professor Randy Bott in a recent Washington Post article absolutely do not represent the teachings and doctrines of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. BYU faculty members do not speak for the Church.”²

Over the years, I have made it a point to seek out pastors and priests of many different faiths and ask them pointed questions about specific beliefs which they hold dear. I have always received full and courteous explanations on the spot, and those offering the information have shown themselves more than willing to take me into the backgrounds of their movements to fully illustrate what they say.

However, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, which claims to be the “Only True Church,” backs off when facing an inquiring public. How dare a Mormon Bishop publicly acknowledge before his own people that he is not authorized to speak for the Mormon Church! How dare the Mormon Church declare before the secular and religious public that one of their own professors who has long taught about Mormonism be publicly rebuked for having misrepresented Mormon history and practices.

I am sure he would not do that intentionally: I understand that Mormon BYU professors sign an undated letter of resignation when they are hired!

“Political correctness” was practiced by the Mormon leadership long before that term ever came into use in the public forum. And it continues to be the most enduring official Mormon doctrine of all!

¹Mormonism Researched, May-June 2012 issue. (www.mrm.org)

²LDS Newsroom, “Church Statement Regarding ‘Washington Post’ Article on Race and the Church,” Feb. 29, 2012.

Note: The Bible says: "I am the Lord, I change not. (Malachi 3:6) and "If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free!" (John 8:31-32)

Update 3/11/12

My opinion:

"Strategic obfuscation" is a term which generally refers to the tactic of politicians to hide their true motives and core values from the voting public. They will give an explanation for their vote in Congress which seems reasonable, but hide the true reason for it. I contend that this term can also be appropriately applied to Joseph Smith, Jr. and his Mormon apologists. They offer complicated explanations for their strange beliefs to mollify the misgivings of their Mormon followers, but don't really answer their questions honestly.

Update 3/11/12

Mormonism holds to the occult view of Creation: that matter has always existed and that God simply arranged it during the "creation." I want to urge Mormons of a the scientific bent to examine the latest book by Hugh Ross entitled *Revealing a Testable Model for Creation--More than a Theory*. Any scientific-minded person will find it enjoyable reading and better understand the Biblical position that God created the heavens and the earth without pre-existing matter and with great care in preparation for the advent of mankind. This book also discusses the current speculations of secular theories on how life may have appeared on earth without God having had anything to do with it.

Update 2/16/12

Hugh Ross's latest book, *Hidden Treasures in the Book of Job--How the Oldest Book in the Bible Answers Today's Scientific Questions*, (2011, Baker Books, Grand Rapids) delves into some of the thorniest questions about Genesis 1. He bases his insights on startlingly relevant passages found primarily in the book of Job. He points out that the book of Job was available to both Abraham and Moses long before the Genesis was written and served as background material for the first 11 chapters of Genesis. The book of Job also deals deftly with many of the conundrums still puzzling modern-day scientists in many different fields.

Update 2/7/12

For you scientific buffs, Astrophysicist-theologian Hugh Ross's website, *Reasons to Believe*, at www.reasons.org is a place you must visit. Books written by him include *Why the Universe Is the Way It Is*, *Creation as Science* and *The Creator and the Cosmos*. He holds a PhD from the University of Toronto, has spoken on hundreds of university campuses in the United States and abroad and is considered a

veritable apostle to the scientific community. Especially your brainy friends who are fascinated by recent discoveries in astronomy, Einstein's theory of relativity and the life sciences will find his website and his books fascinating beyond anything available in the purely secular scientific publications.. I highly recommend him!