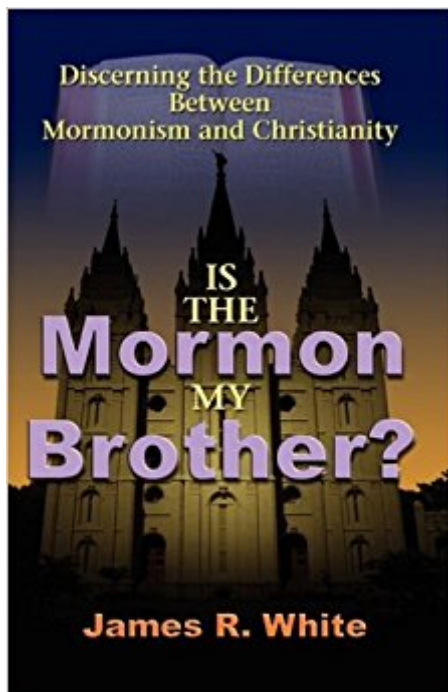


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# Is The Mormon My Brother?



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It's a great book written in Glenn Beck style. Every point is well cited. So you don't have to quote this book, you can quote the original source.

James White has a great gift for logically showing from the Bible itself where different religions depart from orthodox Christianity. He is not one to get caught up in emotionalism and mud slinging.

Is the Mormon my Brother essentially answers the question of whether Mormons are Christians?

Answer NO This book asks a question and then answers it with facts from the bible which Christians exclusively use versus facts from the more evolved books than the bible which the Mormons exclusively use such as the Doctrine and Covenants, Book of Abraham, Book of Mormon, etc. The book follows a question and answer format like the one used below but the book goes into that and more reasons why Mormons are not Christians. This book is awesome. If you want to see the websites, COPY/PASTE a few sentences from any of the paragraphs into Google Search and the website should pop up. Quotes from [www dot irr dot org/mit/is-mormonism-christian dot html](http://www.irr.org/mit/is-mormonism-christian.html) 1. Is There More Than One True God? The Bible teaches and ALL Christians (Lutheran, Baptist, Catholic, etc) believe there is only one True and Living God who is an eternal unchanging God -single Creator of all things and apart from Him there are no other Gods. (Deuteronomy 6:4; Isaiah 43:10,11; 44:6,8; 45:21,22; 46:9; Mark 12:29-34). By contrast, the Mormon Church teaches that Jesus is just one of many Gods. (Book of Abraham 4:3ff), and that we can become gods and goddesses in the celestial kingdom (Doctrine and Covenants 132:19-20; Gospel Principles, p. 245; Achieving a Celestial Marriage, p. 130). It also teaches that those who achieve godhood will have spirit children who will worship and pray to them, just as we worship and pray to God the Father (Gospel Principles, p. 302). In chapters 4 and 5 of the Book of Abraham, Joseph Smith translates his found Egyptian documents saying PLURAL GODS organized and formed the heavens and earth and that THEY (GODS) said Let there be light. Gods (plural) is mentioned well over 40 times and each time the word Gods is capitalized. Essentially it is a rewrite of the Old Testaments Genesis using plural gods.

2. Is The Bible The Unique and Final Word of God? The Bible teaches and orthodox Christians through the ages have believed that the Bible is the unique, final and infallible Word of God (2 Timothy 3:16; Hebrews 1:1,2; 2 Peter 1:21) and that it will stand forever (1 Peter 1:23-25). God's providential preservation of the text of the Bible was marvelously illustrated in the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls. By contrast, the Mormon Church teaches that the Bible has been corrupted, is missing many "plain and precious parts" and does not contain the fullness of the Gospel (Book of Mormon -- 1 Nephi 13:26-29; Doctrines of Salvation, vol. 3, pp. 190-191). The Book of Mormon, Book of Abraham and especially the Doctrine and Covenants are more evolved than the bible. The Book of Abraham contained in The Pearl of Great Price (Joseph Smith translated piece) rewrites the genesis portion of the bible Old Testament.

3. Was God Once a Man Like Us? The Bible teaches and orthodox Christians through the ages have believed that God is Spirit (John 4:24; 1 Timothy 6:15,16), He is not a man (Numbers 23:19; Hosea 11:9; Romans 1:22, 23), and has always (eternally) existed as God -- all powerful, all knowing, and everywhere present (Psalm 90:2; 139:7-10; Isaiah 40:28; Luke 1:37). By contrast, the Mormon Church teaches that God the Father

was once a man like us who progressed to become a God and has a body of flesh and bone (Doctrine and Covenants 130:22; "God himself was once as we are now, and is an exalted man, and sits enthroned in yonder heavens!" from Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith, pp. 345-347; Gospel Principles, p. 9; Articles of Faith, p. 430; Mormon Doctrine, p. 321). Indeed, the Mormon Church teaches that God himself has a father, and a grandfather, ad infinitum (Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith, p. 373; Mormon Doctrine, p. 577).

4. Can a Mortal Man become a God? All Christians (Lutheran, Catholic, Baptist) believe when you die you go to heaven (if you are judged worthy) and that you are one of God's children NOT his equal. By contrast Mormons believe mortal man can become a God just like Jesus and Jesus' father, etc. if they follow divine laws and ordinances and gain exaltation. Part of the divine laws is a celestial marriage which is sealed in the Mormon Temple. "We cannot emphasize too strongly that in Mormonism the idea of advancement to godhood is the gospel of the Church" (P93 in Is Mormon my Brother) "The progression of our father in heaven to godhood or exaltation was strictly in accordance with eternal principle "for he who is not able to abide the law of a celestial kingdom cannot abide celestial glory (D&C 88:22). Man is the child of God, formed in the divine image and endowed with divine attributes, and even as the infant son of our early father and mother is capable in due time of becoming a man, so the undeveloped offspring of celestial parentage is capable, by experience through ages of aeons, of evolving into a God. (The First Presidency, The Origin of Man, Improvement Era November 1909: 81)

5. Can Mortal Man who Dies Continue to have Children? All Christians (Lutheran, Catholic, Baptist) believe when you die you may be reunited with your loved ones but you cannot have children. Mormons believe "By definition, exaltation includes the ability to procreate the family unit throughout eternity. This our Father in heaven has the power to do. His marriage partner is our Mother in heaven. We are their spirit children, born to them in the bonds of celestial heaven. The Lord would have all his children attain exaltation but men must have their agency. Only those who subscribe by ordinance and by faithful adherence to covenant are worth of a continuation of the seeds forever and ever. Doctrine and Covenants 132:196. Are Jesus and Satan Spirit Brothers? The Bible teaches and orthodox Christians through the ages have believed that Jesus is the unique Son of God; he has always existed as God, and is co-eternal and co-equal with the Father (John 1:1, 14; 10:30; 14:9; Colossians 2:9). While never less than God, at the appointed time He laid aside the glory He shared with the Father (John 17:4, 5; Philippians 2:6-11) and was made flesh for our salvation; His incarnation was accomplished through being conceived supernaturally by the Holy Spirit and born of a virgin (Matthew 1:18-23; Luke 1:34-35). By contrast, the Mormon Church teaches that Jesus Christ is our elder brother who progressed to godhood, having first been

procreated as a spirit child by Heavenly Father and a heavenly mother; He was later conceived physically through intercourse between Heavenly Father and the virgin Mary (D&C 93:21; Journal of Discourses, 1:50-51; Gospel Principles, p. 11-13; Achieving a Celestial Marriage, p. 129; Bruce R. McConkie, Mormon Doctrine, pp. 546-547; 742; Ezra Taft Benson, Come unto Christ, p. 4; Robert L. Millet, The Mormon Faith: Understanding Restored Christianity, p. 31). Mormon doctrine affirms that Jesus, all angels, Lucifer, all demons, and all human beings are originally spirit brothers and sisters (Abraham 3:22-27; Moses 4:1-2; Gospel Principles, pp. 17-18; Mormon Doctrine, p. 192).<sup>7</sup> Is God a Trinity? The Bible teaches and orthodox Christians through the ages have believed that Father, Son, and Holy Spirit or Holy Ghost are not separate Gods or separate beings, but are distinct Persons within the one Triune Godhead. Throughout the New Testament the Son and the Holy Spirit, as well as the Father are separately identified as and act as God (Son: Mark 2:5-12; John 20:28; Philippians 2:10,11; Holy Spirit: Acts 5:3,4; 2 Corinthians 3:17,18; 13:14); yet at the same time the Bible teaches that these three are only one God (see point 1). By contrast, the Mormon Church teaches that Father, Son, and Holy Ghost are three separate Gods (Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith, p. 370; Mormon Doctrine, pp. 576-577), and that the Son and Holy Ghost are the literal offspring of Heavenly Father and a celestial wife (Joseph Fielding McConkie, Encyclopedia of Mormonism, vol. 2, p. 649).<sup>8</sup> Was The Sin Of Adam and Eve a Great Evil Or a Great Blessing? The Bible teaches and orthodox Christians through the ages have believed that the disobedience of our first parents Adam and Eve was a great evil. Through their fall sin entered the world, bringing all human beings under condemnation and death. Thus we are born with a sinful nature, and will be judged for the sins we commit as individuals. (Ezekiel 18:1-20; Romans 5:12-21). By contrast, the Mormon Church teaches that Adam's sin was "a necessary step in the plan of life and a great blessing to all of us" (Gospel Principles, p. 33; Book of Mormon -- 2 Nephi 2:25; Doctrines of Salvation, vol. 1, pp. 114-115).<sup>9</sup> Can We Make Ourselves Worthy Before God? The Bible teaches and orthodox Christians through the ages have believed that apart from the saving work of Jesus Christ on the cross we are spiritually "dead in trespasses and sins" (Ephesians 2:1,5) and are powerless to save ourselves. By grace alone, apart from self-righteous works, God forgives our sins and makes us worthy to live in His presence (Ephesians 2:8-9; Titus 3:5-6). Our part is only to cling to Christ in heartfelt faith. (However, it is certainly true that without the evidence of changed conduct, a person's testimony of faith in Christ must be questioned; salvation by grace alone through faith, does not mean we can live as we please -- Romans 6:1-4). By contrast, the Mormon Church teaches that eternal life in the presence of God (which it terms "exaltation in the celestial kingdom") must be earned through obedience to all the commands of the Mormon Church, including

exclusive Mormon temple rituals. Works are a requirement for salvation (entrance into the "celestial kingdom") -- Gospel Principles, p. 303-304; Pearl of Great Price -- Third Article of Faith; Mormon Doctrine, pp. 339, 671; Book of Mormon -- 2 Nephi 25:23).<sup>10</sup> Does Christ's Atoning Death Benefit Those Who Reject Him? The Bible teaches and orthodox Christians through the ages have believed that the purpose of the atoning work of Christ on the cross was to provide the complete solution for humankind's sin problem. However, those who reject God's grace in this life will have no part in this salvation but are under the judgment of God for eternity (John 3:36; Hebrews 9:27; 1 John 5:11-12). By contrast, the Mormon Church teaches that the purpose of the atonement was to bring resurrection and immortality to all people, regardless of whether they receive Christ by faith. Christ's atonement is only a partial basis for worthiness and eternal life, which also requires obedience to all the commands of the Mormon church, including exclusive Mormon temple rituals (Gospel Principles, pp. 74-75; Mormon Doctrine, p. 669).<sup>11</sup> Did The Early Church Fall Into Total Apostasy? The Bible teaches and orthodox Christians through the ages have believed that the true Church was divinely established by Jesus and could never and will never disappear from the earth (Matthew 16:18; John 15:16; 17:11). Christians acknowledge that there have been times of corruption and apostasy within the Church, but believe there has always been a remnant that held fast to the biblical essentials. By contrast, the Mormon Church teaches that there was a great and total apostasy of the Church as established by Jesus Christ; this state of apostasy "still prevails except among those who have come to a knowledge of the restored gospel" of the Mormon Church (Gospel Principles, pp. 105-106; Mormon Doctrine, p. 44). Page 124 sums it: "Official Mormon teaching is clear. God and man are of the same species. The difference between them is a matter of exaltation and progression over eons of time. God was once a man, a mortal, just as we are. He lived on another planet in a condition very similar to ours, and gained exaltation on the same principles that are made available to men today. The worthy Mormon man who is sealed for time and eternity to his wife in the LDS temple and who continues to be faithful to the end in obedience to gospel ordinances and principals, will be exalted, in due time, to the status of a god. He will have "eternal increase," beget spirit children, and be worshiped as a god and creator of other worlds. In those worlds he will raise up his spirit children so that they too, might become exalted. This is the eternal law of progression, the concept of exaltation to godhood and as we have seen over and over, in Mormonism this is the gospel. That this is the LDS teaching cannot possibly be doubted. ....the fundamental issue is monotheism versus polytheism, one eternal God versus an exalted man. .. primary issue. Is there only one true and eternal God? Are we gods in embryo or creatures of the Almighty and Eternal Creator?" Quote from [www dot carm dot](http://www.dotcarm.com)

org/comparison-between-christian-doctrine-and-mormon-doctrine" Mormon theology teaches that god is only one of countless gods, that he used to be a man on another planet, that he became a god by following the laws and ordinances of that god on that world, and that he brought one of his wives to this world with whom he produces spirit children who then inhabit human bodies at birth. The first spirit child to be born was Jesus. Second was Satan, and then we all followed. But, the Bible says that there is only one God (Isaiah 43:10; 44:6,8; 45:5), that God has eternally been God (Psalm 90:2) -- which means he was never a man on another planet. Why is Mormonism a non Christian religion? It is not Christian because it denies that there is only one God, denies the true Gospel, adds works to salvation, denies that Jesus is the uncreated creator, distorts the biblical teaching of the atonement, and undermines the authority and reliability of the Bible" CARM does not deny that Mormons are good people, that they worship "a" god, that they share common words with Christians, that they help their people, and that they do many good things. But that isn't what makes someone Christian. Jesus said in Matthew 7:21-23, " Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name? And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!" (NKJV). Becoming a Christian does not mean belonging to a church, doing good things, or simply believing in God. Being a Christian means that you have trusted in the true God for salvation, in the True Jesus -- not the brother of the devil, not the god of Mormonism, not the gospel of Mormonism. Mormonism is false and cannot save anyone.Quote [www dot leaderu dot com/offices/michaeldavis/docs/mormonism/mormonism dot html](http://www.leaderu.com/offices/michaeldavis/docs/mormonism/mormonism.html)'Is the Mormon church a Christian denomination?' NO. Mormonism is not Christian because it denies some of the essential doctrines of Christianity, including: 1) the deity of Christ, 2) salvation by grace, and 3) the bodily resurrection of Christ. Furthermore, Mormon doctrine contradicts the Christian teaching of monotheism and undermines the authority and reliability of the Bible

The Bible is very plain in telling us how we are to act as followers of Christ. We are to "speak the truth in love"(Eph.4:15), even while we "refute those who contradict"(Titus 1:9) and "expose the unfruitful works of darkness" (Eph.5:11). Christian love does not ignore the truth, it revels in it. Indeed, there is no Christian love where truth is ignored or compromised. They go hand in hand, for "love rejoices with the truth"(1 Cor. 13:6). - James R. White

One of the best books on LDS doctrine of God and the Christian response. This book doesn't deal

with the full history of the LDS church (that's White's other book) but it contrasts orthodox Christian belief with LDS teaching. The balance is fair and the citations are way more than anyone could wish for in establishing official church, doctrinal teaching. This is a must have for anyone doing anything with LDS apologetics as you will most likely be highlighting a lot. White's "equal scales" submission and response on both sides are still present. His quotes almost boarder on too many and too much. However, they more than enough establish the claims. If I could find a negative it would be that footnotes appear at the back of the book and some of them are too good not to have on the same page - a pet peeve of mine. Final Grade - A+

James R. White is a justly a famed Christian (Reformed Baptist) apologist, as well as the Director of "Alpha and Omega Ministries" in Arizona. He is also the author of books such as *Letters to a Mormon Elder*, *What's with the Dudes at the Door: Stuff to Know When the Cults Come Knocking*, *Roman Catholic Controversy*, *The King James Only Controversy*, *The: Can You Trust Modern Translations?*, etc. Here are some quotations from this 1997 book: "I do not wish to be held accountable for beliefs that are not part of my own faith. I don't want to have to defend every word that comes out of the mouth of every televangelist these days. So if we seek to be fair and honor the truth, we must allow Mormonism to define Mormonism." (Pg. 19) "I am glad I am not Bruce R. McConkie... As far as Apostles go, he is the one that LDS missionaries like to disagree with the most... you hear, 'Oh, that's just his speculation.'" (Pg. 117) "(about President Gordon B. Hinckley's words in the August 4, 1997 issue of Time magazine) If Hinckley were to say in a General Conference address that he doesn't 'know a lot about' God being a man, we would have some real reason to wonder. But ... it is hard to avoid asking a rather simple question: How can the President of the LDS Church say that he doesn't know a lot about a doctrine that we have traced through every level of LDS teaching and through every era of the Church's existence?" (Pg. 123-124) "It is my love for the LDS people that compels me to missions work in Utah and Arizona... If I love someone, I will tell them the truth, even if I know they may not appreciate my efforts." (Pg. 167) "I find no biblical warrant for seeking 'dialogue' or 'common ground' with the Mormon faith. It is a postmodernistic viewpoint of truth that sees more value in 'agreements' than in 'disagreements.'" (Pg. 183-184)

Excellent book which accurately describes Mormon beliefs contrasted with Biblical Christianity.

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