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# The Private Doctrines of Mormon Theology

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In the preceding leaflet, "The True Mormon Doctrine," being the professed Mormon "Articles of Faith" completed by quotations from their own writers, the main points of Mormon teaching which can be laid before the general public are set forth. But the fangs of the serpent are drawn in that publication, terrible as are the facts there presented. And it is felt by those best informed that a supplementary statement should be made, giving the bottom facts for those who can safely know them, that the need for earnest action may be properly appreciated.

Where possible, this should be read in connection with the previous issue.

## MORMONISM A DEIFICATION OF SEX—A MODERN PHALLIC RELIGION.

Most heathen religions have been at bottom worships of the generative principle, symbolized by images of the generative organs. Such are called phallic religions. Unaided by genuine revelation of God, man seems unable to reach a higher conception of Him than this. He must needs magnify a human being for his god, because such is the highest order of being known to him; and of this being's attributes sex will be the chief, because the climax of material power is to reproduce that which is of itself highest in nature.

Here we strike the hidden heart-beat of Mormon theology. In more or less consciously forswearing the true God, Joseph Smith and others had only one course left, which was to follow the beaten path of the ages into the worship of the sex-idea which soon came to dominate their lives, if it was not already doing so. The ruling principle of a life easily becomes its god.



## The Doctrine of God.

In "True Mormon Doctrine" Mormon writers teach that there are many gods, who are male and female, were once human beings, have fleshly bodies with every human organ, and "in a condition to multiply for ever and ever." The following quotations out of many will show the phallic idea further:

**I. Procreation the chief glory of gods.** "Man has not only a Father in heaven, but a Mother also. . . . the power of endless increase [begettings] will contribute to the power and dominion of those who attain . . . to these privileges . . . Instead of the God-given power of procreation being one of the chief things which is to pass away, it is one of the chief means of man's exaltation and glory in that great eternity, which like an endless vista stretches out before him. Through it man attains to the glory of endless increase of eternal lives, and the right of presiding as priest and patriarch, king and lord, over his ever increasing posterity." By this process "the race of the Gods is perpetuated," and by it, in connection with the rest of Mormonism, "man will yet attain unto the power of the Godhead, and like his Father—God—his chief glory will be to bring to pass the eternal life and happiness of his posterity."—*B. H. Roberts, New Witness*, 461-2. **2. Millions of new worlds needed for it.** . . . "Or would you, like your heavenly Father, . . . wish to fill countless millions of worlds with your begotten sons and daughters . . . ?"—*Key*, 152. "In that endless future, new worlds, systems of worlds and universes will be created from the exhaustless store of eternal matter, and made the habitation of the ever increasing posterity of the Gods. Let no one fear—there is room for all this multiplying and increasing in limitless space."—*New Witness*, 474-5.

Thus in Mormonism the sex-idea is made the ideal of both men and gods.

## The Doctrine of Man.

The doctrine of man is really a part of the phallic doctrine of gods. As with the old problem of the hen and egg, it seems yet unsettled in Mormon theology whether gods made men or men made gods, in their endless cycles of aimless propagation.

**I. The origin of human spirit-life.** "Let it be remembered that the Prophet Joseph Smith taught that man, that is, his spirit, is the offspring of Deity; not in any mystical sense, but

actually."—*New Witness*, 461. "Man . . . is the offspring of Deity. . . . This organized spirit . . . possesses every organ after the pattern and in the likeness or similitude of the outward or fleshly tabernacle [human body] it is destined to inhabit. . . . The spirits which kept their first estate were permitted to descend below, and to obtain tabernacles of flesh . . . in our present world."—*Key*, 56-7. **2. The purposes of this life.** "One great object of the creation of the world was that bodies might be prepared for those spirits who already existed, and who, when they saw the earth formed, shouted for joy."—*Taylor, Med. & At.*, 130. "It is the duty of every righteous man and every woman to prepare tabernacles [bodies] for all the spirits they can; hence if my women leave, I will go and search up others who will abide the celestial law, and let all I now have go where they please."—*Brigham Young, Sermon, Des. News*, Oct. 1, '56. **3. Destiny.** "They can become the fathers and mothers of lives, and be capable of eternal progression."—*Taylor, M. & A.*, 141. "No man or woman, separate and single, can attain the fullness of celestial glory." . . . "Celestial marriage [Mormon marriage for eternity] is a state of perfection and comprehends the gift of perpetual increase [of children] in which there are endless dominion and the exercise of all the powers of immortal manhood and womanhood."—*Mor. Doc.* 48, 50. "The eternal union of the sexes, in and after the resurrection, is mainly for the purpose of renewing and continuing the work of procreation." . . . "It should be the privilege of every virtuous female . . . to demand, of either individuals or the government, the privilege of becoming an honored wife and mother, even if it were necessary for her to be married to a man who has several wives."—*Key*, 160, 156. All who are not sealed together here "will remain in a single state . . . without the joys of eternal union with the other sex, and consequently without a crown, without a kingdom, without the power to increase. . . . Hence they are angels and not gods; and are . . . servants, in the employ . . . of the ROYAL FAMILY OF HEAVEN, THE PRINCES, KINGS AND PRIESTS OF ETERNITY!"—*Key*, 161-2. **4. Polygamy necessary:** (Speaking of polygamists) "They will, therefore, go forward unto the highest degree of exaltation, while their posterity will multiply in an ever-increasing ratio, until worlds will be filled with their generations and they will ascend to the majesty and splendor of the Gods on high."—*Mor. Doc.*, 51-2.

Thus man is spiritually the offspring of gods and goddesses, and physically of human beings; propagation is made at once the highest act, glory and aim of gods and men alike, and polygamous propagation is its highest

point. If this be not modern phallic heathenism, what is it? But there is more.

## Divine Basis of Polygamy.

Mormon works often state that their gods are polygamous, as under Art. I in "True Mormon Doctrine," and in *The Seer*, I: 158: "It follows that each God must have one or more wives." Polygamy becomes thus practically an object of worship with the good Mormon, as much as the truth or holiness of the true God is with us. As already shown, it is also made the condition of attaining the highest divinity hereafter, and in both these ways is presented as the ideal of both human and divine life. "The principal object" of "this law is the multiplication of the children," says the *Key*, 153—in other words, furnishing bodies for the spirit-children of the gods. These being born without bodies, while such are necessary for their development into full "gods," they must come to this earth and have bodies made for them by natural human generation. The "gods" multiply far more rapidly than men, and have been increasing from eternity, in "endless line," (*New Wit.* 466); hence the Mormon saying that "there are myriads of these spirits hovering over us, waiting for bodies," and that every time a babe is born a spirit is let out of its bondage, to go on in its career of progression. The teaching is that we are all such beings; and on condition of receiving the "sealing" ordinances (especially if polygamous) each will finally become one of the Mormon "gods," in turn to create a world and populate it, as the Adam-god did this one. Here is the logical basis of polygamy; in the need of all the bodies possible for these budding divinities. Logically every woman who is capable must be a mother, and must be such as often as possible from her earliest age to her latest—a breeding machine for the gods and for the glory of her husband in eternity. (The affirmations of Brigham Young and others on this point, even in their sermons, are too vile to repeat, even in private.) And polygamy is necessary to this end.



The error of expecting law alone to root out polygamy is evident from these facts. History shows that every people will practice what they worship in their gods. Law can help in suppressing outward vice, and should be used to the utmost. But polygamy cannot really be destroyed till Mormonism is destroyed, for it is part of the doctrine of gods, and that doctrine is the essence of Mormonism. And instead of polygamy being the one evil feature of Mormonism, which can easily be lopped off, we see that it is a part of the very system and cannot be separated, and is less evil than the blasphemous phallic doctrines of God which gave it logical, if not chronological, birth. And the physiological arguments which "elders" sometimes use for its defense are the very spawn of perdition—the arguments of the libertine everywhere.

#### The Mormon Christ—His Conception and Polygamy.

Brigham Young emphatically affirmed that Christ was not begotten by the Holy Ghost, but was the natural son of Adam-god and Mary, just as his own son was his son. Of course this disposes of the whole Christian doctrine at one sweep, leaving Christ as only a human "sinner just like the rest of us," as the writer has lately heard advocated in Utah (though such doctrine would hardly be officially acknowledged). That Christ was one of the Mormon god-spirits come to earth by natural generation, where he had the two Marys and Martha as polygamous "wives" and by whom he had children, and that he was crucified to make resurrection possible—this is the blasphemous Mormon doctrine of Christ, stripped of its pretensions.

#### The Resulting Morality.

The results of these doctrines in character cannot fail to be "earthly, sensual, devilish," as are the doctrines themselves. The Mormon people are yet far above their system, thanks to remains of Christianity and to the comparatively short period during which these doctrines have been taught. But their fruitage is terribly evident

already, especially along lines of sexual evil. Being accustomed to such ideas from early youth, (for nearly all the quotations given above are from books used in all their Sunday-schools), and the evil result of these being fostered by weekly public dances, drink, etc., it is not strange that immorality is exceedingly prevalent. As many as 75% of the first marriages in some localities have been reported as clearly the result of the sin which the doctrines directly incite; and other evils are characteristic.

Words are hardly adequate to characterize such doctrines, or persons who understandingly propagate them. It ought to be said, in justice to the Mormon people, that probably few of them grasp the system as a whole. It is taught piecemeal, and with such use of Scripture as Satan made in the Temptation of Christ, and is *never printed together as a whole!* None the less truly have we in our midst a pronounced sexual paganism. And the system is not dormant, but is carrying on what is perhaps the most active and dangerous proselyting campaign that the world has ever seen, and is making deceived converts in every state of the Union and every Christian land of the world.

Only Christian Truth can successfully combat pagan error. But the truth must be brought into contact with the souls in bondage or it is powerless. Here is the reason why we have Mormonism in a Christian land to-day—the truth has not reached the common Mormon masses, and can not seemingly do so for generations without more diffusive, pervasive methods of applying it than have hitherto been made possible. The Utah Gospel Mission, incorporated at Cleveland, O., is undertaking this work, as supplementary to and co-operative with all regular forms of Christian work in Mormon regions. It plans to reach practically every Mormon home and village at least once each year with the needed truth, by its peculiar wagon colporter and evangelistic work; and this method, fully employed, will surely replace pagan error with Christian truth, delivering the souls of its victims and finally doing away with the whole evil system. The most urgent need of the great Mormon issue at present is the adequate support of this undertaking. Details will be furnished willingly to friends desiring to aid in any way. Address Rev. John D. Nutting, Secretary, 1854 81st St., N. E., Cleveland, O.

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