

## How did the Mormon church begin?

the attitude of open and avowed defiance of the laws, and of having made open war upon the people of this state... the Mormons must be treated as enemies and exterminated or driven from this state." - History of the Church 3:175 Only 3% of India is Christian.

## What books do the Mormons consider authoritative?

### The Book of Mormon

"I told the brethren that the Book of Mormon was the most correct of any book on earth, and the keystone of our religion, and a man would get nearer to God by abiding by its precepts, than any other book." — Joseph Smith, History of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Salt Lake City, UT: Deseret Book Company, 1973), 4:461. Monotheists — Brahman the impersonal god-force behind everything

### Problems With The Book of Mormon

1. The Book of Mormon has problems with witnesses.
2. The Book of Mormon was written in King James English.
3. The Book of Mormon contains historical and factual errors.

"The Smithsonian Institution has never used the Book of Mormon in any way as a scientific guide. Smithsonian archeologists see no direct connection between the archeology of the New World and the subject matter of the book."  
— <http://mit.irr.org/smithsonian-institution-statement-on-book-of-mormon>

4. The Book of Mormon has over 4,000 corrections from the original 1830 edition.

I will now give you a description of the manner in which the Book of Mormon was translated. Joseph Smith would put the seer stone into a hat, and put his face in the hat, drawing it closely around his face to exclude the light; and in the darkness the spiritual light would shine. A piece of something resembling parchment would appear, and on that appeared the writing. One character at a time would appear, and under it was the interpretation in English. Brother Joseph would read off the English to Oliver Cowdery, who was his principal scribe, and when it was written down and repeated to Brother Joseph to see if it was correct, then it would disappear, and another character with the interpretation would appear. —David Whitmer, An Address to All Believers in Christ (Concord, CA: Pacific Publishing Co., 1976, reprint).

Joseph did not render the writing on the gold plates into the English language in his own style of language as many people believe, but every word and every letter was given to him by the gift and power of God. . . . The Lord caused each word spelled as it is in the book to appear on the stones in short sentences or words, and when Joseph had uttered the sentence or word before him and the scribe had written it properly, that sentence would disappear and another appear. And if there was a word wrongly written or even a letter incorrect the writing on the stones would remain there. . . . and when corrected the sentence would disappear as usual. — Journal of Oliver B. Huntington," p. 168 of typed copy at Utah State Historical Society; in Jerald and Sandra Tanner, Major Problems of Mormonism (Salt Lake City, UT: Utah Lighthouse Ministry, 1989), p. 161.

5. There is no such thing as Reformed Egyptian Hieroglyphics.
6. The Book of Mormon is an expansion of the book Romance Found.

### The Pearl of Great Price

### Doctrines and Covenants

### The Bible

## Was Joseph Smith a false prophet?

### Jesus will return within 56 years.

"President Smith then stated that the meeting had been called, because God had commanded it; and it was made known to him by vision and by the Holy Spirit...go forth to prune the vineyard for the last time, for the coming of the Lord, which was nigh—even fifty-six years should wind up the scene." (History of the Church, vol. 2, p. 189).

## All nations will be involved in the American Civil War.

For behold, the Southern States shall be divided against the Northern States, and the Southern States will call on other nations, even the nation of Great Britain, as it is called, and they shall also call upon other nations, in order to defend themselves against other nations: and then war shall be poured out upon all nations." (Doctrine and Covenants 87:1-3)

## What do Mormons believe?

### God

"God was once as we are now, and is an exalted man." (History of the Church, Vol. 6, Ch. 14, p. 305-6)

### Jesus

"The birth of the Savior was as natural as the births of our children; it was the result of natural action. He partook of flesh and blood—was begotten of his Father, as we were of our fathers." - Brigham Young (Journal of Discourses, vol. 8, p. 115)

### The Fall

### The Afterlife

Telestial heaven, Terrestrial Heaven, Celestial Heaven, Outer Darkness

### The Atonement

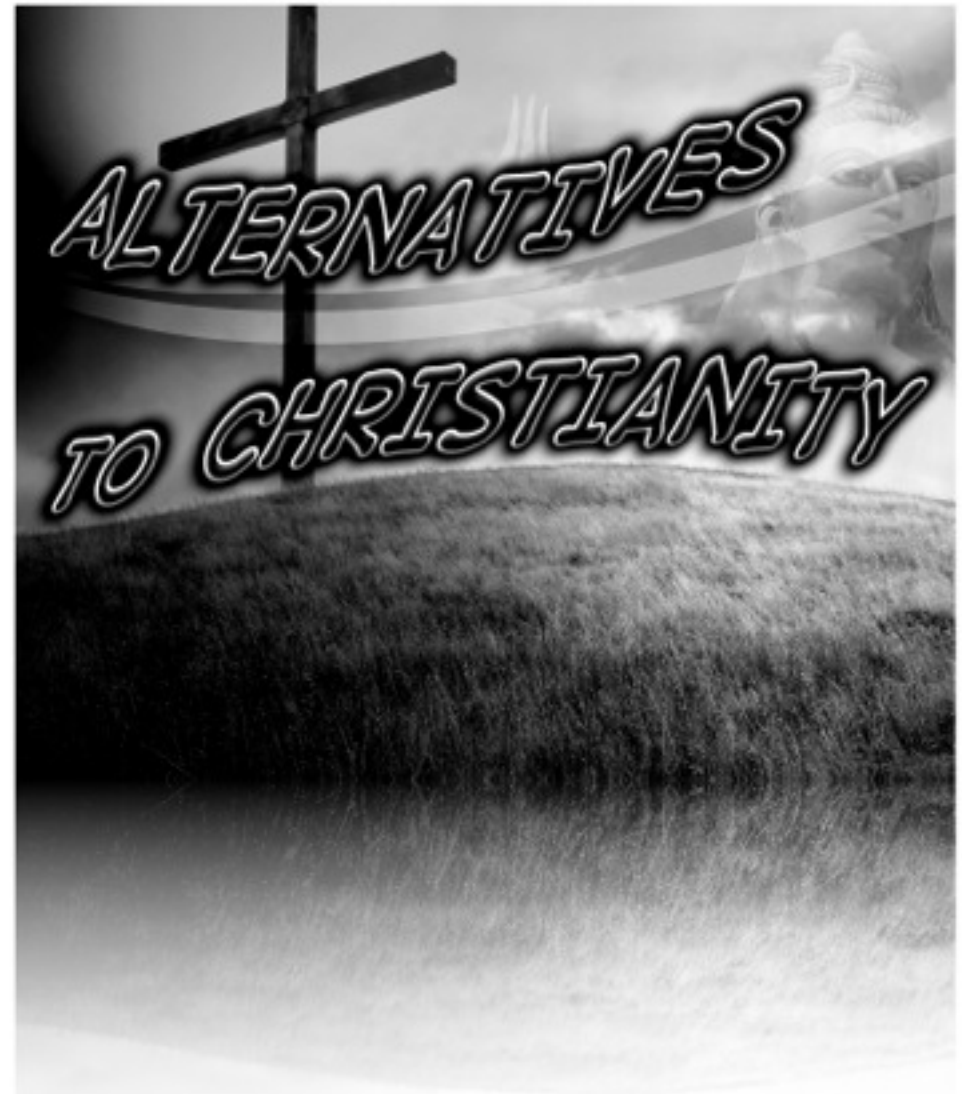
"There is not a man or woman, who violates the covenants made with their God, that will not be required to pay the debt. The blood of Christ will never wipe that out, your own blood must atone for it . . ." (Journal of Discourses, vol. 3, p. 247; see also, vol. 4, p. 53-54, 219-220).

## What are some strange Mormon practices?

### Polygamy

"Now if any of you will deny the plurality of wives, and continue to do so, I promise that you will be damned," (Journal of Discourses, vol. 3, p. 266). Also, "The only men who become Gods, even the Sons of God, are those who enter into polygamy," (Journal of Discourses, vol. 11, p. 269)

### Baptism of the Dead



## Mormonism