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But though* we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, if any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed. —Galatians 1:8-9 (KJV)

* In many English translations, "Even if"

Mormons have another gospel. They may call it "the gospel," as if it were the gospel preached by the Apostle Paul, but they also call their gospel "the restored gospel" or "the fulness of the gospel." Their restored gospel, according to Mormon lore, was delivered by resurrected Old and New Testament men, including Heavenly "Father" and His "Son" (as for resurrected Gods: search <u>HERE</u> for "resurrected"); and by other heavenly messengers. Restored gospel details continue to change as Mormon leaders receive continuous, updated revelations.

Men, angels, and the Mormon Gospel

Christians can confidently write off Mormonism as a false religion and its modern messengers, as Paul wrote, "accursed." Although its gospel borrows some ideas and language from the Bible, it is not the gospel Paul preached. (Differences: search <u>HERE</u>.)

Who are men and angels according to Mormonism? Who are these beings that delivered the restored gospel to Mormons? Here in brief are Mormon answers:

•"Gods, angels, and men are all of one species, one race, one great family, widely diffused among the planetary systems." <u>HERE</u> (search *this* speech for "one species").

- •"[M]an is coeternal with God." <u>HERE</u> (search *this* speech for "coeternal").
- •Angels are "...resurrected personages, having bodies of flesh and bones..." <u>HERE</u>
- •"...in the resurrection, some are raised to be angels, others . . . to become Gods."

How can Mormons know their messengers tell the truth? How will they know a message is really from God? In 1843 Joseph Smith revealed (<u>now in Mormon scripture</u>) "three grand keys" to distinguish true from false messengers. Not to be fooled when a messenger may appear, one should offer to shake hands. An angel will shake hands and deliver his true message. The spirit of a good man not yet resurrected, will not offer his hand, not wanting to pretend to have a physical hand, but deliver his true message. A devilish messenger will deceptively extend his hand, but it won't be felt because he is only a spirit; his message should be rejected.*

*Despite these instructions, Mormons offer little, if any, claim that they were followed to validate their "restored gospel."

Caution: When fully exposed, Mormon doctrine is an obvious perversion of biblical Christianity. It cannot be fixed with explanations and tweaks commonly offered by Mormon church members and leaders.