

MOCKERY (NOUN) AN ABSURD IMITATION

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TO UNDERSTAND MORMON RELIGION, START AT THE BEGINNING. THE MORMON CHURCH HAS PUBLISHED A VARIETY OF CREATION ACCOUNTS IN ITS SCRIPTURES. ONE ACCOUNT IS IN THE KING JAMES VERSION (KJV) OF THE BIBLE. ANOTHER IS IN *THE PEARL OF GREAT PRICE*. TAKE A LOOK.

In the Mormon church's book of scripture called *The Pearl of Great Price* is *The Book of Abraham*, where it says in Chapter 4:

verse 1 At the beginning "they, that is the Gods, organized and formed the heavens and the earth."

2 "...and the Spirit of the Gods was brooding upon the face of the waters."

3 "And they (the Gods) said...."

4 "And they (the Gods) comprehended the light, for it was bright...."

5 "And the Gods called the light Day...."

6 "And the Gods also said...."

7 "And the Gods ordered the expanse...."

8 "And the Gods called the expanse Heaven...."

9 "And the Gods ordered...."

10 "And the Gods pronounced the dry land, Earth...."

11 "And the Gods said...."

12 "And the Gods organized the earth...."

13 "And it came to pass that they numbered the days...."

14 "And the Gods organized the

lights in the expanse of the heaven....

16 "And the Gods organized the two great lights...."

17 "And the Gods set them in the expanse of the heavens...."

18 "And the Gods watched those things which they had ordered until they obeyed."

20 "And the Gods said...."

21 "And the Gods prepared the waters that they might bring forth great whales...and every winged fowl.... And the Gods saw that they would be obeyed, and that their plan was good."

22 "And the Gods said: We will bless them, and cause them to be fruitful and multiply...."

24 "And the Gods prepared the earth to bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle and creeping things, and beasts of the earth...and it was so, as they had said."

25 "And the Gods organized the earth...; and the Gods saw they would obey."

Comparing the above citations from Mormon scripture with Genesis 1, you can see that this official account of Creation is an absurd imitation of the Bible, far short of the real thing.

It gets worse in the next verses.

26 "And the Gods took counsel among themselves and said: Let us go down and form man in our image, after our likeness...."

27 "So the Gods went down to organize man in their own image, in the image of the Gods to form they him, male and female to form they them."

And so on for four more verses about "the Gods" and their organizing. (Elsewhere the Mormon church teaches that Creation was simply the organizing of existing materials that had not been and could not have been created.)

You can read the Mormon church's arguments defending its various Creation accounts and the Book of Abraham here: <https://www.lds.org/topics/translation-and-historicity-of-the-book-of-abraham?lang=eng>

#### A suggestion

Do not accept any invitation from Mormon missionaries or others to read *The Book of Mormon* and pray, asking God to confirm privately to you that it, its prophet, Joseph Smith, and the church he founded are true.

Instead, invite Mormons to read chapter 4 of their *Book of Abraham*. Why? Because:

- The Bible, the Word of God, is true. Its account of Creation is accurate and true.

- The Book of Abraham and other Mormon books are clearly not true, the arguments and rationalizations by Mormons notwithstanding.

- Even a devotee of Mormon religion can recognize why Christians reject the religion (and should): "the Gods," if nothing else. And Mormons should too.