

MILLIONS OF MORMONS, THOUSANDS OF FULL-TIME MISSIONARIES AND CONGREGATIONS WITH THEIR BISHOPS AND PRESIDENTS, HUNDREDS OF CENTRAL AUTHORITIES INCLUDING PROPHETS, APOSTLES AND PRESIDENTS, SEERS AND REVELATORS, AND OTHERS— WITH ALL OF THESE SOURCES, THE SUBSTANCE OF MORMONISM IS OFTEN DOWNPLAYED BY MORMONS/ MISUNDERSTOOD BY CHRISTIANS. OPINIONS AND CONFUSION: TO WIT—

1. MORMONISM: WHAT CHRIST WANTED ALL ALONG, BUT HE HAD TO WAIT UNTIL THE 1800S.
2. WHAT MORMONS HAVE TOLD US..
3. RELATED INFORMATION SOURCES.

1. In its official monthly magazine, the Mormon church published this by a professor* at the church's Brigham Young University:

•In His day, Jesus Christ “establish[ed] the Church’s correct order.” But He “knew full well that the Church would disappear.”

•With the true church gone, Catholics and Protestants “preserved a basic understanding of Jesus Christ” and some material from the Bible. They “were, and still are...part of the Lord’s plan to prepare people to receive the fulness of the gospel”—“the gospel’s restoration.” People would be able “to recognize the true Church when its time came in the last days.”

•In 1830 the true Church reappeared “with all that was lost—and more”; “priesthood keys were returned.” The restored organization((“the Church”) has “a single prophetic head” and “exists once again, replete with prophets, Apostles,” and other authorities, as it originally existed “almost two millennia ago.”

*For what it’s worth, a brief unofficial biographical sketch of the professor is [at the link](#).

2. A Mormon church official in Salt Lake City confided: more Mormon missionaries on the streets means more converts. They are not authorities on their church’s history or doctrines, but promote the church by testifying that they “know” supernaturally that their religion is true.

Two Mormon missionaries said they believe in

only one God, Who has always been God and Creator of all things. When challenged, they said “people wouldn’t accept” their church’s actual teachings about God. They said they used a valid sales technique: start with something with which people are more likely to agree.

A Mormon church member told a visitor after a Sunday morning sacrament meeting that every mortal has been a being “from everlasting to everlasting” in much the same way as God Himself.

A Mormon bishop {a congregation leader; in effect, a local “pastor”) told a couple that they could not be married in a Mormon temple (a requirement for eternal life) until they made good on overdue tithes, suggesting that they sell one of their cars and pay the bill.

Two Mormon missionaries refused to say what they meant by “the gospel,” explaining that individuals must discover for themselves by reading the Book of Mormon prayerfully; then the Holy Ghost will quietly assure sincere seekers that the Mormon church and its doctrines, whatever they might be, are true.

A recent convert to Mormonism, a young man attending an evangelical church, confided that he had been impressed by the Mormon missionaries. After they baptized him they mentioned other facts about the religion and his obligations, and unusual expectations of the Mormon lifestyle. Concluding that the missionary message had been a ruse, and the additional information was unacceptable, he quit and returned to an evangelical Christian church.

3. Additional sources. Accurate information is available at our church web site.

•What Mormon leaders tell their missionaries to teach:

<http://immanuelbible.net/images/ibc/mission/moq/ps010.pdf>

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•The Mormon church’s extravagant self-image:
<http://immanuelbible.net/images/ibc/mission/moq/moq1902.pdf>