

MORMONISM UNMASKED

*Learning the Truth About
America's Largest Cult*

- Dr. Phil Roberts

Joseph Smith, Jr.



- Born December 23, 1805
- Grew Up In Palmyra, NY

Joseph's 1st Vision



- **Foundation of the LDS Church**
- **Claims all other Churches are False and Apostate**
- **Claims Heavenly Father and Jesus appeared to him.**



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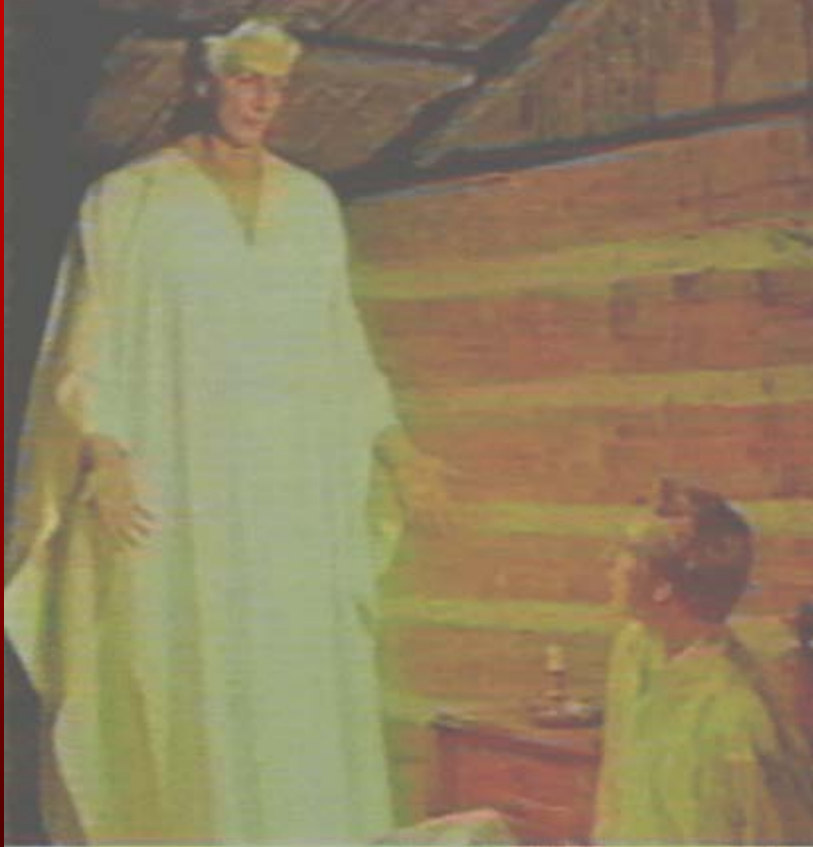


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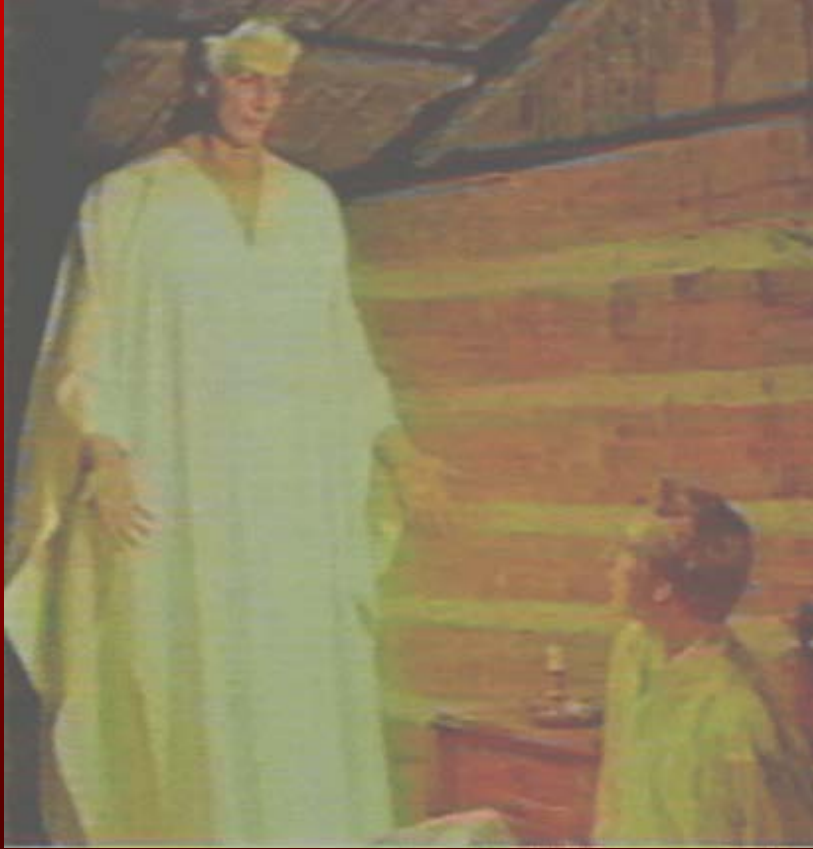
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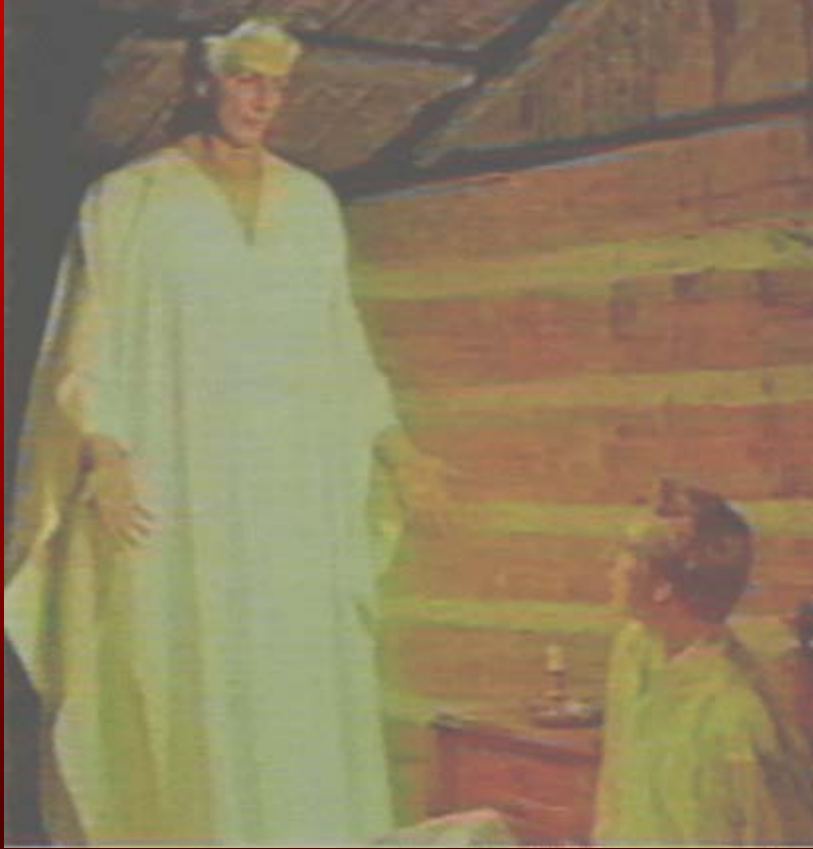


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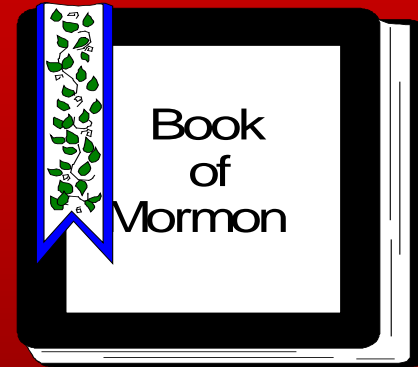
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- **Told Him to Wait Four Years**

The Book Of Mormon

*The Supposed
“Fullness Of
The Gospel”*



- **Claims To Be The History Of The Native Americans**
- **Claims They Migrated To America From Israel About 600 B.C.**

Are Native Americans Jewish?



Book of Mormon says “Yes”
Anthropologists say “No”

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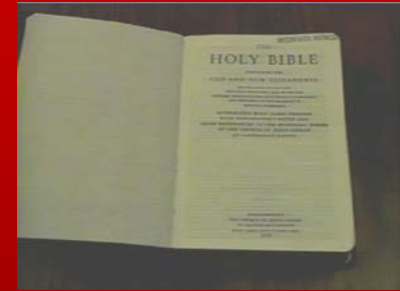
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- (8) No artifact that demonstrates that the Book of Mormon is true has been found.**

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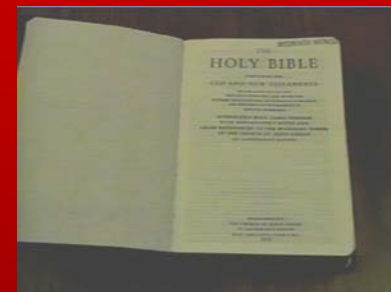
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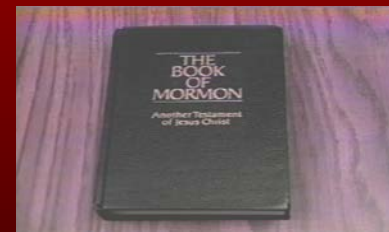
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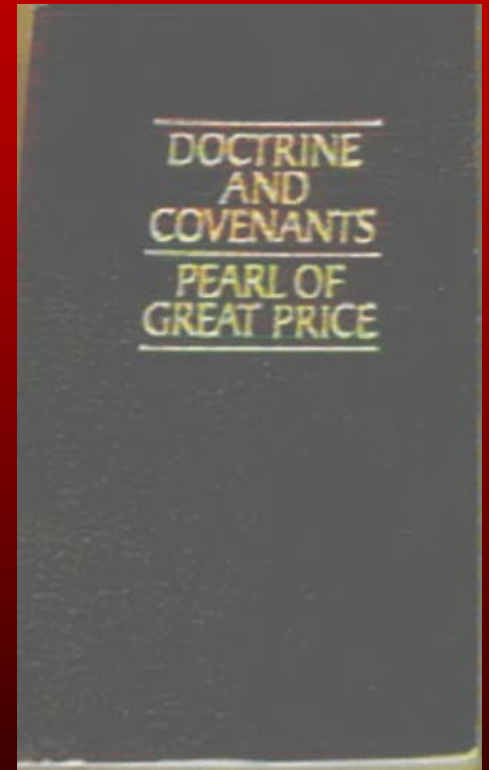
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Two Additional Mormon Scriptures

- Pearl of Great Price
- Doctrine and Covenants



What Mormons Believe

The Living Mormon Prophet



Gordon B. Hinckley

- Can receive new revelation on any subject
- New revelations are considered scripture by Mormons.



LDS Is The One True Church”

Joseph Smith History 1:19

“I was answered that I must join none of them, for they were all wrong; and the Personage who addressed me said that all their creeds were an abomination in his sight; that those professors were all corrupt...””

Beliefs About God

- **An Exalted Man**
- **Has A Physical Body**
- **Has A Wife (or Wives)**
- **There Are Countless Other Gods In The Universe**
- **Has A Father, Grandfather, etc.**

Beliefs About Jesus

The “Son of God”

- “Firstborn” in the Pre-mortal Estate
- “Only-begotten” in the flesh
- Redefine The Virgin Birth
- Atoned For Adam’s Sin
- A Spirit Brother of Satan

Men May Become Gods

- Men Are Gods In Embryo
- Mormon Proverb
- Women May Become Wives Of Gods

“As man is, God once was; as God is, man may become.”

Three Kingdoms of Glory



**Celestial
Kingdom**

Worthy Mormons



**Terrestrial
Kingdom**

Honorable People



**Telestial
Kingdom**

The Ungodly, Wicked, and Filthy



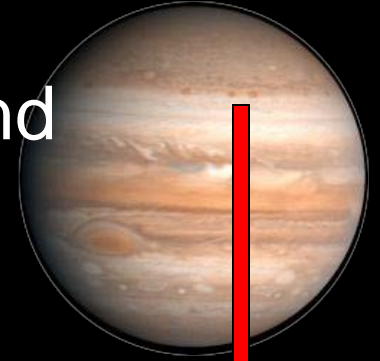
Perdition

Perdition is for **Satan, his angels
and apostates**

Telestial Kingdom



- Adulterers, Liars and Thieves



- Rejecters of Mormonism

- Sins Are Paid For In Spirit Prison

- Suffering During Millennium



Terrestrial Kingdom



- Reserved For Good and Honorable People
- Inactive Mormons are Assigned Here



Celestial Kingdom

- Temple-Worthy Mormons Achieve Godhood

- Children Who Die In Infancy

- Those Who Have Never Heard of Mormonism and have Proxy Baptism and Marriage



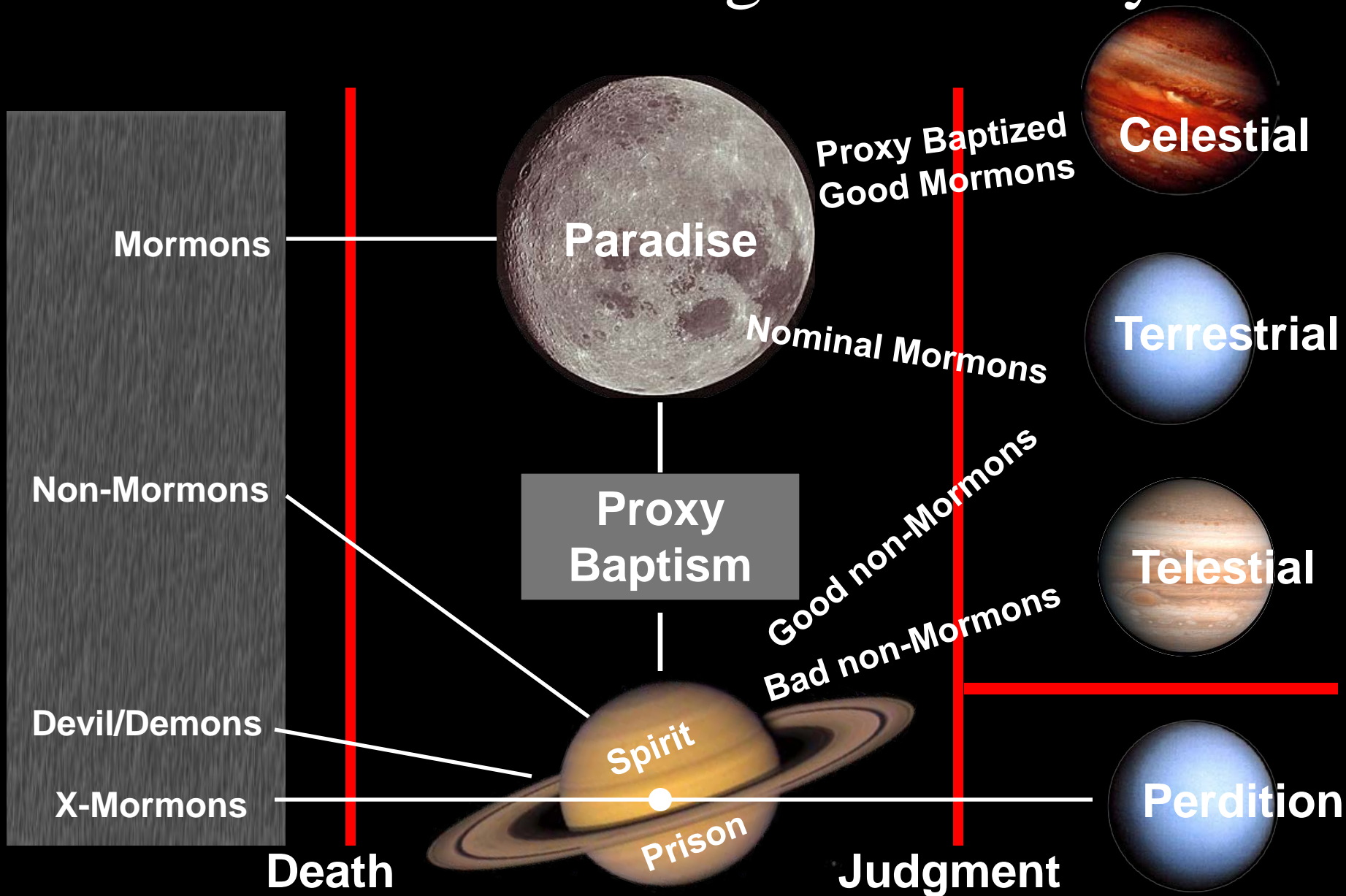
Exaltation Gained By Works



*I never said it would be easy...
I only said it would be worth it.*

- There Is No Certain Hope, No Sufficient Grace of God !

Mormon Teachings on Eternity



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- 2. Be aware of the unique Mormon doctrines as presented in this class.**

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3. Remember, Mormons use Christian vocabulary (gospel, atonement, god) but radically redefine their meanings. Define clearly what you mean when you use biblical words.



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5. Show your Mormon friend that the Bible teaches salvation alone through the cross of Christ (John 3:16; Rom. 10:4, 10-13; Eph. 2:8-9).



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10. Do the basics: pray, trust the Holy Spirit, and be loving, patient, and steadfast.



WHAT MORMONS BELIEVE ABOUT:

1) REVELATION

A. Mormon scriptures are comprised of four books:

I. The Bible

II. The Book of Mormon

III. Doctrine and Covenants

IV. The Pearl of Great Price

WHAT MORMONS BELIEVE ABOUT:

2) GOD

A. Is an exalted Man

B. Who has a body

C. Who has a wife

WHAT MORMONS BELIEVE ABOUT:

3) JESUS

- A. Is the firstborn Son of God
- B. He is the brother of Lucifer
- C. He is our elder brother

WHAT MORMONS BELIEVE ABOUT:

4) MEN

A. May become gods

B. “As man, God once was;
as God is, man may become”

C. Women may become
wives of gods

Mormonism Unmasked

Mormonism's view of the
Afterlife conceives Four
Levels of Heaven:

1. Outer darkness or perdition
is the level of punishment

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2. The lowest level for reward is the *telestial*

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3. The second level of reward is the *terrestrial*

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4. The highest level, where obedient men may become gods, is the celestial