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Mormonism

Brief History of Mormonism

In 1822 Joseph Smith of Sharon, Vermont, claimed to have seen a vision from an angel telling him that he would find gold tablets buried on a hill called Cumorah. He supposedly dug up the tablets, which were written in a language called "reformed Egyptian"

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(Egyptologists tell us that there is no such language.) He translated the plates behind a curtain with the aid of two crystals that gave him knowledge of the language. This is fortunate, since many who knew him say that he could barely read English. This translation of the gold plates became the Book of Mormon.

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Interestingly, for a “new revelation” from god, the Book of Mormon is not very original in many ways.⁸ It contains over 27,000 words taken directly from the King James Version of the Bible, and has been changed by the Mormon church about 3,000 times

1. Who am I?

- Humans are the spirit children in bodily form of the god of this earth and his eternal wives.
- Every male has the opportunity to become the god of his own planet. They say: "As man is, God once was, and as God is, man can become." Women have the opportunity to be the eternal wife of a god and produce millions of spirit children

2. Where did I come from?

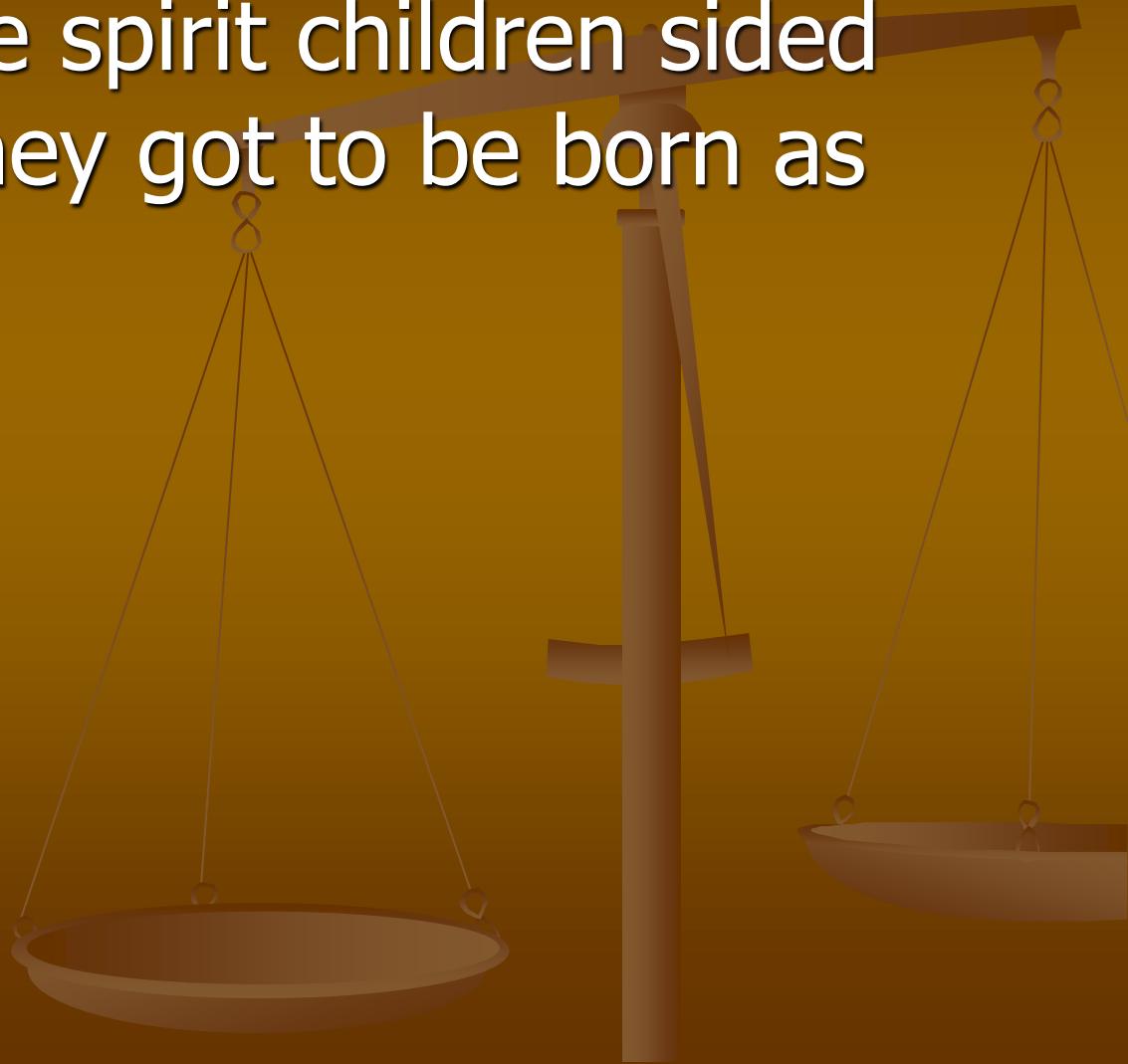
Humans are the spirit children in bodily form of the god of this earth and his eternal wives. God and his wives had millions of spirit children, but their firstborn were Jesus and Lucifer. They had to figure out what to do with all these spirit children, so they decided to create Earth and let them come and live in bodies.

2. Where did I come from?

Lucifer wanted to be the ruler of Earth, but god wanted Jesus to be the ruler. Lucifer rebelled, and a third of the spirit children rebelled with him. These were sent to Earth without bodies- they are demons. Some of the spirit children remained neutral. They were sent to earth as black people.

2. Where did I come from?

The rest of the spirit children sided with Jesus. They got to be born as white people.



3. Who is God?

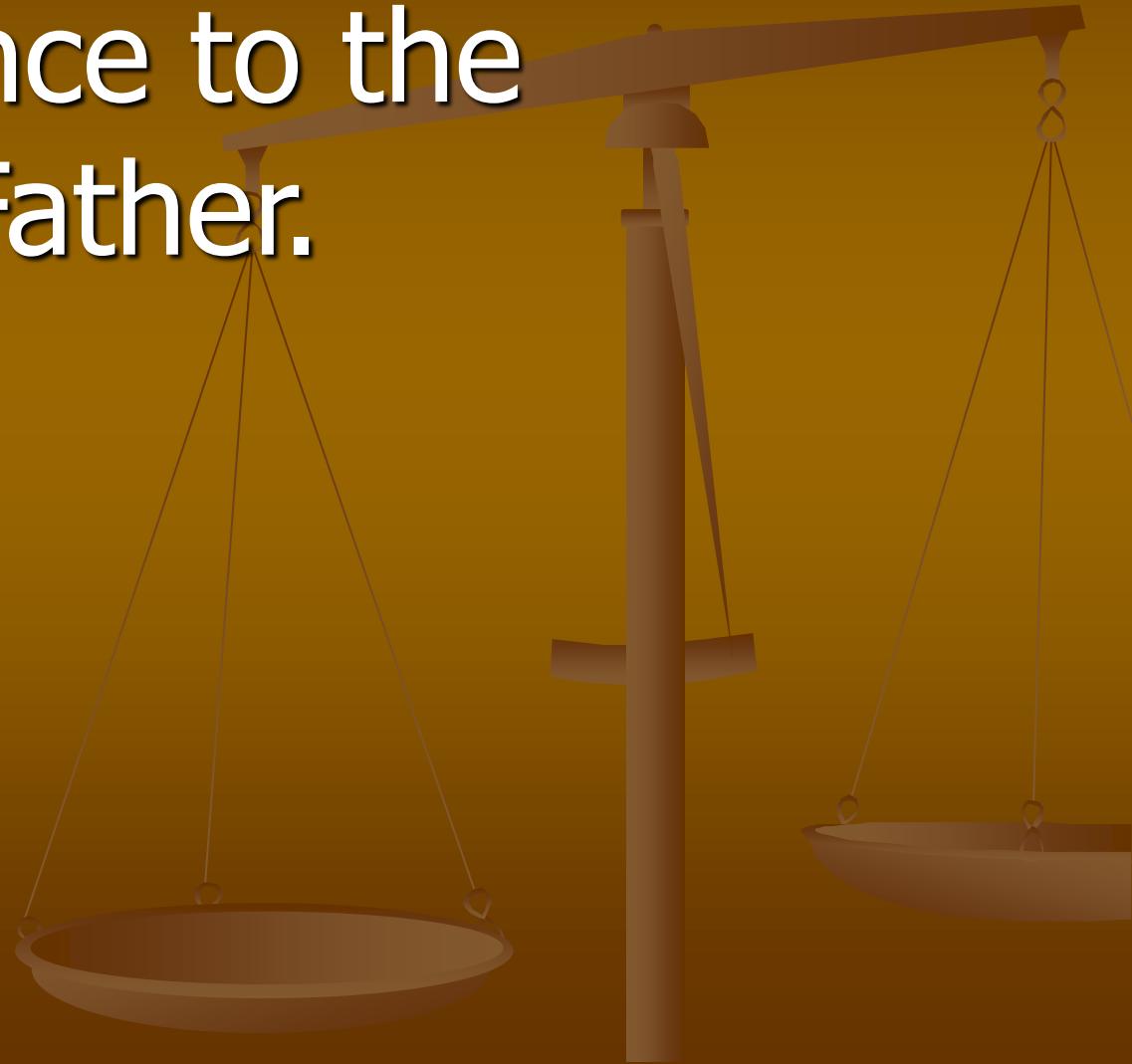
The god of this universe was once a Mormon man on another planet. By following the teachings of Mormonism, he became the god of his very own planet.

3. Who is God?

He and his spirit wives produced millions of spirit children, who populate our planet. God lives with a flesh and blood body on a small planet near an uncharted star called Kolob. God has evolved to his godhood, from a spirit child, to a man, to a god.

4. What is Wrong?

Disobedience to the
heavenly Father.



5. What is the answer to what is wrong?

Work. We must earn our salvation by obedience to the commandments of god.

Is the Mormon Church the true religion?

- No. Several reasons indicate this, but the most prominent is the dubious nature of their scriptures.
- First, the gold plates Smith supposedly found were written in a language that never existed. Archeologists have never seen "reformed Egyptian." It does not exist.

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- Second, the Book of Mormon describes historical events that cannot be verified. It claims that there was a mass migration of Hebrew people to America about 600 b.c., and that Native Americans are really Hebrews. There is no archeological or genetic evidence to prove this.

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Third, many of the teachings of the Mormon church are direct contradictions to the Bible, which they claim as one of their holy books. For example, they teach celestial marriage: that human men become gods and human women are their spirit wives. But the Bible clearly says that in heaven, people will not be married. (Matthew 22:30)

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- Also, they teach that god is really a man with a body like ours. But the Bible says:
- *Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man.... they exchanged the truth of God for a lie. (Romans 1:22,23,25)*

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Because the Mormon religion conflicts with historical evidence and with its own holy texts, it is not the true religion.

