**Lightning Apologetics**

**MORMONISM – PART TWO**

If you are ever in a discussion with a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, the following Q & A might help you with answers as posed by the Mormons. I hope it is of use to you.

**The Central Question: Who is God?**

*What Mormons will say they believe about God:*

1. We believe in God the Father who is the Father of Jesus Christ
2. We worship God the Father and pray to him in Jesus’ name.
3. Jesus is our Savior.

*Why the Mormon God the Father is not the Christian God the Father:*

1. “God the Father” to a Mormon is not God the Father, first Person of the Holy Trinity,

to Whom Christians confess. He is one of many gods.

1. The Mormon worships God the Father because He is the god of this planet, but other planets have other gods equal to or even greater than God the Father.
2. The Mormon “God the Father” had a father and was once a man on a planet who worshipped his own Father God. He was subsequently exalted to godhood. He has a physical, human body.
3. It is the hope of the male Mormon to progress to the point where he too will be a god like God the Father and be ruling over his own planet.
4. The Mormons have a saying: “What man is, God once was; what God is, man will become.” This is polytheism.

*Christian Answer:*

1. The God of the Bible is the Creator and God of all the universe, of all worlds, not just our planet. He made the heavens and the earth; there is no other God; there never has been any other God, nor will there ever be another (Gn 1:1, Is 43:10, 44:6,8,24).
2. God the Father was never a man.
3. You will never be God.
4. True Christianity, like Judaism, is monotheistic. As our Creed states “I believe in one God.”

**Jesus: Brother of Lucifer?**

*Why the Mormon Jesus is not the Christian Jesus:*

1. The Mormon Jesus is the spirit-brother of Lucifer (Satan). They were both born in heaven by God the Father’s union with one of his many spirit wives.
2. According to Mormon teaching, when it was time for Jesus to come down to earth, God the Father sent down one of his spirit wives from heaven to be born as a woman, Mary. They he came down and had physical, marital relations with her in order for her to give birth to a human body inhabited by Jesus coming from heaven. This is a denial of the Virgin Birth.

*Christian Answer:*

1. Since God the Father does not have a physical human body, He did not impregnate Mary by a physical union. (2 Chr 6:18; n 4:24).
2. Jesus became incarnate by the power of the Holy Spirit and was born of the Virgin Mary. (Mt 1:23; Lk 2:30-35).
3. God the Father does not have a wife or wives in heaven.
4. Jesus is the eternally-begotten Son of God, one consubstantial with the Father (Jn 1:1-18).
5. He is not the older brother of Lucifer.
6. He is the older brother, as well as Lord and God, of those born again by water and Spirit, God’s adopted children (Jn 3:3-17; Rom 8:14-17, 29).