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Preface

It is the first Sunday of Advent. A world famous choir sings the ancient Christmas Carols on TV. The name of the choir? It is the choir of your church, the wellknown «Salt Lake City Mormon Tabernacle Choir». A truly excellent choir.

Many who can now see and hear the choir will certainly be reminded of conversation they had with missionaries of the «Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints». These young people from the U. S. are continually active, whether engaged in door to door visitation or being seen walking the streets of towns and cities. It is not only so in Europe but almost everywhere in the world. As far as I can judge they have a good reputation. It is said of them: «They believe what they say and live it.» And I must add that all the young missionaries I have met in the past were friendly people. I admire them for the fact, that for the sake of serving here in Europe they have interrupted their studies or careers and even partially pay their own way.

It is also generally known, that their church is very

activ in the areas of education, caring for the sick, social amenities etc. Many other groups would do well to copy them.

Your church possesses:

- a good choir of world fame
- a good team of missionaries
- good social work
- a good teaching ministry
- a . . .

But what about the teaching?

During an extended train journey from Hamburg to Berlin I had a conversation with five young missionaries concerning the teaching of your church. The conversation with these young men serves as the basis for this tract.

The Bible translation in this booklet is according to the King James version.

1 The Bible – Our Foundation

Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever, «for all flesh is as grass and the glory of man as the flowe of grass. The grass it withereth and the flower thereof falleth away; but the word of the Lord endureth for ever.» And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you. 1 Pet. 1:23–25

When we want to discuss matters of faith must and can, the Bible, the word of God, be our only reference. On what or whom could we otherwise depend? Should we rely on the words of other human beings? There are hundreds of religions and everyone says something different, whom are we to believe. No we cannot depend on man. The Bible even forbids it: «Cursed be the man that trusteth in man» Jer. 17. 5

Also read following verses of Ps. 118: 8; Acts 17. 11; 1 Thess. 5: 21; 1 John. 4. 1

To receive answers to our questions of faith we can only rely on God and His word the Bible.

2 Is the Bible Sufficient?

You will ask yourself this questions and thereby think of the Book of Mormons as well as the continuous revelations. The question arises: «Is the Book of Mormon the Word of God?» If this were so, one would as you already do, regard it as equal to the Bible. If not, you must look upon it as a totally ordinary book.

- 2.1 What proof is there that the Book of Mormon is the Word of God?
 - 2.1.1 The witness of Joseph Smith.
 - 2.1.2 The testimonies of the three witnesses Harris, Cowdery and Whitmer.
 - 2.1.3 Further eight witnesses.
 - 2.1.4 Several officers of the church who had revelations confirming the teaching and the Book of Mormon.
- 2.2 What speaks against this?
 - 2.2.1 The Bible never mentions an additional book.
 - 2.2.2 The Bible warns strongly against heresies. Refer to point 3.

- 2.2.3 The incredibility of the three witnesses:
 - a) Martin Harris admitted later, that he never saw the golden plates.
 - b) Oliver Cowdery left the church after he was convicted of theft and fraud.
 - c) David Whitmer also left the church.
- 2.2.2 The testimonies of the other eight men are also untrustworthy.
- 2.2.5 Investigations has shown without a doubt that the Book of Mormon has its origin in a novel written by Salomon Spaulding.
- 2.2.6 The content of the Book of Mormon proves that the book cannot have originated during the given period.

Points 2.2.3 – 2.2.6 I have only mentioned in passing, as point 2.2.1 and 2.2.2 are of real importance for our considerations. Should you wish further information on points 3 – 6 you are cordially invited to write to me.

Under our next point we will let the Bible speak for itself.

3 What says the Bible?

The Bible does not announce an additional book, not the «Book of Mormon», nor the book «Pearl of Greatest Price» nor the book of «Doctrine and Covenants». But the Bible warns us against heretics, false prophets and apostles. Here are some examples:

Matt. 24. 11:

«And many false prophets shall arise and deceive many.»

Acts 20: 29. 30:

«For know this that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you not sparing the flock. Also of your selves shall men arise speaking perverse things; to draw away disciples after them.»

2 Cor. 11: 13–15:

For such are false apostles deceitful workers transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And do not marvel, for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is

no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as ministers of righteousness, whose end shall be according to their works.

Clearly and hard the apostle Paul states in Gal. 1: 8–9: «But though we or an angel from heaven preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again: if any man preach another gospel to you than that which ye have received, let him be accursed!»

Any one believing the Bible cannot possibly and is even forbidden to believe the «Book of Mormon» or other publications of your church. They cannot believe the therewith propagated teaching of the «Church of Christ Latter Day Saints», as it has nothing to do with the biblical message. The following example will clarify this.

4 Are there many Gods?

For you as Mormon it is evident. Your church holds the view that there are many gods. She teaches polytheism.

But what does the Bible say? Nowhere does it teach any such thing! Rather it teaches unmistakably, that there is only one God eg. Is. 45: 5: «I am the Lord and there is none else, there is no God beside me.»

5 Is the God of the Bible an Exalted Human Being?

Your church represents this opinion yet the Bible says something different eg. Ps. 90. 2: «Before the mountains were brought forth or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world even from everlasting to everlasting; thou art God.»

God was and is and will be from eternity to eternity.

6 Salvation for the Dead?

The teaching of your church concerning baptism, sealing etc. for the dead is also unbiblical. We are not commissioned to do so in the Bible. Nor did the first Christians practice this. On the contrary the Bible states that man in this life only has the possibility to accept or reject God's grace.

E. g. Heb. 9. 27: «And as it is appointed unto man once to die, but after this the judgment.»

7 Can Human Beings Become Gods?

This teaching cannot be found anywhere in the Bible and has absolutely no foundation.

8 Apostles, Ordinations, The True Church, Sealing . . . – or Jesus?

When I look at this heading I think of the creed of your church, particularly point three: To be saved we must believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and follow the laws and ordinances of the gospel. That is according to your church. But the Bible also says something different here:

Eph. 2: 8–9:

For by grace are ye saved through faith and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not of works lest any man should boast.»

Rom. 3: 23–24:

For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God – being justified freely by his grace by the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.»

People are not saved because they belong to a certain denomination or church, because they fulfill certain laws or decrees or because they have gone through certain rites.

If you, dear reader should one day stand before God, it would mean that you could not qualify for eternal life:

because of membership in your church
nor baptism or sealing nor good works (tithing
etc.)
nor regular attendance of churchservices
nor . . .
You do not qualify because of anything, but a life
yielded to Jesus Christ.

Summary

These few statements make it plain that the teaching of your church is not divine but human. Dear Reader, you should now decide to make a new start! The Bible tells us that our sins separate us from God so that we cannot have a relationship with Him and are lost eternally. Read Is. 59: 1–3 and 1 Cor. 2:14.

Although we have become guilty before God, He in His grace and love sacrificed His only Son for us. The Bible says: «For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him, should not perish but have everlasting life.»

John 3: 16

I would like to encourage you to the following:

1. Pray to God and confess your sins to Him. Accept by faith the death of Jesus for yourself and thank God for it. Jesus will come to live in you.

John 1: 12 states:

«As many as received him to them gave he the power to become the sons of God, even to those who believe on his name.»

2. Speak to a biblebelieving Christian, who can counsel you or talk to the person who handed you this tract.
3. You can also order a free Biblestudy course to help you with your start of the Christian life of faith.
4. Write to me regardles whether you want to criticise or have questions or problems you would like answered.

My address is:

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