

When The Mormons Come Knocking

Just last week I witnessed young men called Mormon elders knocking on my neighbors' doors. I was disappointed that they skipped my house. Word gets out quickly amongst the Mormons and Jehovah Witnesses that I am a preacher for the church of Christ. When doors are knocked by these people, most members of the church will either turn them away or avoid answering the door. These people are captured by a false religion and need the truth as much as anybody else. We have an opportunity right at our doorstep, so let's take advantage of it.

One thing that you need to be cognizant of is the Mormons use this as a training mission for their newer "elders." There are usually two of them and one is a trainee. Learn to pick out the newbie and focus your remarks and questions on him. Place a seed of doubt in his mind and hopefully he will leave this damnable heresy. Remember, this is your doorstep so don't let them control the conversation, but rather **you** take command of the situation. Here are some questions to ask them and demand an answer because they will quickly try to change the subject when put on the spot.

- 1. Why are your young missionaries referred to as elders?** The terms elder and bishop refer to the same group of men (Titus 1:5-7). An elder is a bishop, and a bishop is an elder. A bishop, or an elder, is to be the husband of one wife (Titus 1:5-6), having children in "*subjection with all gravity*" (1 Timothy 3:4), and who are faithful (Titus 1:6). Ask them if they are married and have faithful children. If not, then they have been misled.
- 2. Why does the Mormon religion install deacons at age 12?** Deacons are also to be the husband of one wife, ruling their children and own houses well (1 Timothy 3:12). Are these young men married with children? Have they established their own households?
- 3. Would you follow a doctrine that contradicts the Bible?** If not, why not? If so, why use the Bible?
- 4. Does the Bible contain all that is needed to be saved?** Second Peter 1:3 and 2 Timothy 3:16-17 says it does. Since such is true, then why would I need the Book of Mormon, or any other book for that matter?
- 5. In the Mormon's 8th Article of Faith it says, "We believe the bible to be the word of God as far as it is translated correctly?"** As pertaining to salvation, where is the Bible incorrectly translated? If it is incorrectly translated concerning salvation, then why do you use it?
- 6. If I had never heard of the Book of Mormon, could I still go to Heaven? If not,** then what about all those people who died after the Bible was written and before the Book of Mormon was published? And what is the point of your "baptism for the dead?" **If yes,** then why do I need the Book of Mormon?
- 7. If man is as God once was, then who was God's god?** Joseph Smith said, "God himself was once as we are now, and is an exalted man" (Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith, 342-346). Lorenzo Snow said, "As man is, God once was; as God is, man may become." If God had a beginning, then who created Him? Who was the first god? What is eternity if there was a beginning?
- 8. Would you be willing to denounce Mormonism if its doctrine was different than what the apostle Paul and other inspired writers wrote?** Do you believe what Paul wrote in Galatians 1:8-9? The Book of Mormon claims Jesus was born in Jerusalem (Alma 7:10), the Bible says Bethlehem (Micah 5:2; John 7:42)???
- 9. Was the Book of Mormon divinely translated into English by Joseph Smith?** If so, then why almost 4000 spelling and clerical mistakes? Did the Holy Spirit or "angel Moroni" not know how

to properly construct a sentence or spell correctly? Explain how this can be reliable evidence for inspiration?

- 10. How is it possible that the Book of Mormon was translated into Elizabethan English?** History tells us that Elizabethan English was not a language during the writing of the Book of Mormon. The Book of Mormon contains many quotes from the King James Version which was translated 200 years earlier. However, if God gave the same information in the Book of Mormon as in the Bible, why did He use King James English and not the English of the day?

You probably will not convert these young men on your doorstep, but if you can put questions in their minds to convert them from the error of their way, you have done your duty. It is always good to show someone The Way. *“As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men,”* Galatians 6:10.

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