

Mormonism:
I Will Be Like the Most High

1. A DEFINITION of Mormonism/The Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints:

Mormonism derives its doctrine from _____ holy books and the words of modern day prophets, redefines Christian terms, and teaches that all people are spirit-children of a heavenly father and mother, and can go to the celestial heaven and one day become gods through belief in Jesus Christ, membership in the Mormon church, observance of ordinances and holy living.

2. The DEVELOPMENT and HISTORY of Mormonism

- A. The original architects of Mormonism were _____ (1805-1844) and _____ (1801-1877).
- B. After claiming a visit from God and Jesus Christ at age 15, and then 3 years later from the angel Maroni, Smith begin translating ancient writings left by the Nephite who Smith claimed to have been visited by the resurrected _____.
- C. The book of Mormon was published and the Mormon church established in _____.
- D. Under local pressure, the church moved from Pennsylvania to Ohio and then to Illinois between 1833 - 44. During this time, Mormons embraced _____.
- E. Smith was _____, during which time, a mob of 200 locals stormed the jail and shot Smith to death.
- F. After Smith's death, _____ took over as prophet and leader, moved the church to Utah, and presided for over 3 decades.

3. The DOCTRINAL Foundations of Mormonism

- A. The *Book of* _____ was originally recorded on golden tablets in "revised Egyptian" and miraculously translated by Smith in 1827-30.
- B. *Doctrines & Covenants* is a collection of divine revelations from _____ and others concerning the doctrines of the LDS church.
- C. *The Pearl of Great Price* contains 5 sections of _____ writings on the faith and doctrine of the Mormon church.

- D. Mormons selectively use the _____ to complement other Mormon holy books.
- E. Mormons believe divine revelation comes from modern day _____.

4. DEFINING DOCTRINAL terms and beliefs of Mormonism

- A. Heavenly father is an _____ who was once _____ and progressed enough to become the god of planet earth.
- B. There are many _____ ruling over many _____.
- C. Heavenly _____ is the original wife of Elohim.
- D. All people are _____ conceived by the heavenly father and mother.
- E. Jesus was the _____ spirit child and Lucifer was the _____.
- F. Jesus' atonement, accomplished when he prayed in Gethsemane and sweated great drops of blood, is a _____ that Mormons obtain through LDS membership, obedience of ordinances, and holy living.
- G. Salvation comes through faith in Jesus Christ _____ membership in the true Christian church—Mormonism, obedience of LDS ordinances, and holy living.
- H. _____ is one of three kingdoms: the Celestial (highest), the Terrestrial, and the Telestial (lowest) where non-Mormon and evil people will go.
- I. Outer darkness is reserved for Satan, his angels, and _____ Mormons.
- J. Grace is defined as God's gift after we have _____ all that we can _____.

5. DELIVERING the good news to Mormons

- A. Many Mormons may not _____ the foundations and core tenets of their religion.
- B. Stick to who _____ is and His _____ work on the cross.
- C. Use God's word, and the _____, the only message God promises to bless.
- D. Realize that Mormons are blinded by a _____ religion, and their very identity may be tied up in being a member of the true church.