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"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." 2 Timothy 3:16

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"CONTRADICTIONS OF MORMONISM" (Concluded)

In our article last month we gave a list of things that are taught in the **Scriptures** and then we contrasted some things which are taught in a book called **DOCTRINES AND COVENANTS** to what the **Scriptures** teach. As any candid reader should be able to see, **DOCTRINES AND COVENANTS** flatly contradicts some things taught in the **Scriptures** (the **BIBLE**). Since the book called **DOCTRINES AND COVENANTS** contradicts **THE BIBLE**, it (**DOCTRINES AND COVENANTS**) **cannot be INSPIRED OF GOD**. The two primary books that serve as a basis for Mormonism are the products of **human wisdom** rather than products of **divine revelation**. These books are a part of the very foundation of Mormonism. When they are shown (as we have shown in our last two articles) to be contradictory to the teachings of the **Scriptures**, then the **foundation** of Mormonism crumbles and Mormonism cannot be taken seriously by **BIBLE** believing people. This is not to say that all Mormons are dishonest. No doubt, many (if not most) Mormons have been deceived. They actually believe that Mormonism is true. However, their faith is in a **false** system of religion.

Mormonism also **claims** that a book called **PEARL OF GREAT PRICE** is **inspired** of God along with their two primary books.

In this study we are considering some of the **contradictions** within Mormonism itself. It is not consistent with itself. The following are some examples of such **contradictions** and **inconsistencies**.

MORMONISM TEACHES:

1. **"There was error in the Egyptian record.** (Mormon 9:31-33)
2. No one knew the Egyptian language. (Mormon 9:34)
3. Plural marriages are **condemned**. (Jacob 2:23-24, 26-28)
4. **Only one** God. (Alma 11:36-29)
5. Baptism is **for** the remission of sins. (D.&C. 33:11)
6. Water baptism is to be administered **by elders**, etc. (D.&C. 20:38)

MORMONISM TEACHES:

1. The Egyptian record was correct. (Pearl of Great Price, J.S. 2:6)
2. Prof. Anthon of New York knew the Egyptian language. (Pearl of Great Price, J.S. 2:64)
3. Plural marriages are **sanctioned**. (D.&C. 132:4, 32, 34, 37-39, 55)
4. **Many** Gods. (D. & C. 132:37)
5. Adam was baptized **after** his sins were forgiven. (Pearl of Great Price, Moses 6:51-65)
6. Adam was baptized in water **by the Holy Ghost**. (Pearl of Great Price, Moses 6:64-65)

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Editorial . . .

SOME SINS OF DISPOSITION OR ATTITUDE (No. 3)

Let us now continue our study of some sins of disposition and attitude.

ENVY

IV. ENVY. Envy is condemned in the Scriptures. It is mentioned in 1 Tim. 6:4-5 along with such things as strife, railings and evil surmisings. Envy is listed in Gal. 5:19-21 as a work of the flesh. Paul said concerning the works of the flesh “. . . **that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God .**” In describing those who did not like to retain God in their knowledge, Paul said: “**Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; FULL OF ENVY, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, Backbiters, haters of God, spiteful, proud, boaters, inventors of evil things, . . .**” (Rom. 1:29-30). We learn from verse 32 that those who “**commit such things are worthy of death, . . .**”

EXAMPLES OF ENVY IN THE O.T.

1. ISAAC WAS ENVIED BY THE PHILISTINES. Gen. 26:12-14 says: “**Then Isaac sowed in that land, and received in the same year an hundredfold: and the Lord blessed him. And the man waxed great, and went forward, and grew until**

he became very great: For he had possession of flocks, and possession of herds, and great store of servants: AND THE PHILISTINES ENVIED HIM.”

2. RACHEL ENVIED LEAH. Gen. 30:1 says: “**And when Rachel saw that she bare Jacob no children, RACHEL ENVIED HER SISTER: . . .**”

3. JOSEPH'S BROTHERS ENVIED HIM. Gen. 37:11 says: “**And HIS BROTHERS ENVIED HIM.”**
Also see Acts 7:9.

4. THE ISRAELITES ENVIED MOSES. Psa. 106: 16 says: “**THEY ENVIED MOSES in the camp, and Aaron the saint of the Lord.”**

EXAMPLES OF ENVY IN THE N.T.

1. THE CHIEF PRIESTS ENVIED CHRIST. Matthew 27:18 says: “**For he (Pilate — ed.) knew that for ENVY THEY had delivered him.”**

2. SAINTS AT CORINTH. I Cor. 3:3 says: “**For ye are yet carnal; for whereas there is among YOU ENVYING, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?”**

WHAT IS ENVY?

WEBSTER defines ENVY as “**painful or resentful awareness of an advantage enjoyed by another joined with a desire to possess the same advantage.**” Speaking of ENVY, W.E. VINE says: “**. . . Is the feeling of displeasure produced by witnessing or hearing of the advantage or prosperity of others.**” NOTE: Envy and jealousy are closely related.

SOME FACTS ABOUT ENVY

1. IT IS EARTHLY, SENSUAL, DEVILISH! James 3:14-16 says: “**But if you have bitter ENVYING and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is EARTHLY, SENSUAL, DEVILISH. For where ENVYING and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.”**

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2. **WORSE THAN WRATH AND ANGER.** Prov. 27:4 says : **"Wrath is cruel, and anger is outrageous; but who is able to stand before ENVY?"**

3. **IT IS INSIDIOUS!** Envy is so insidious that the righteous can be **envious**, even against evil doers. Prov. 24.1 says: **"Be not thou envious against evil men, neither desire to be with them."** Psalms 37:1 says: **"Fret not thyself because of evil doers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity."** Even the Psalmist was envious. He said: **"For I was envious at the foolish, when I saw the prosperity of the wicked."** (Psa. 73:3). Also see Psa. 73:4-28 and Prov. 24:19-20.

Envy is so insidious that it can motivate one to do a good thing for a wrong reason. Paul was discussing this when he said; **"Some indeed preach Christ even of envy and strife; and some also of good will: The one preach Christ of contention, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my bond."** (Phil. 1:15-16).

A group of disciples who leave a congregation and begin a new congregation may work zealously, preaching, teaching, inviting people to assemble to hear God's word taught **but** these actions may be prompted by **envy** and **strife**. They may be envious of the congregation they left and be motivated by such to give more and work harder, not to please Christ, but to "show" the group they left that they are really zealous of the Lord's cause. Of course, this attitude is sinful.

On the other hand, the congregation from which the disciples left may give more, work harder, etc. to "show" those who left that it can get along without them and that they were not worth much to the Lord's cause anyway. Or the congregation may be a lot "stricter" in requirements for "correction" than it was **before** they left

or than it applies to those who remain at the old congregation. This, too, is a sinful attitude.

4. **IT IS AS ROTTENNESS OF THE BONES!** Prov. 14:30 says: **"A sound heart is the life of the flesh: but envy the rottenness of the bones."**

5. **IT BRINGS UNHAPPINESS AND MISERY!** Consider the elder son in Luke 15:25-30.

6. **IT IS NOT CONFINED TO ANY SEGMENT OF SOCIETY!** Envy is a very common disease (sin). Lord Claredon said: "Envy is a weed that grows in all soils and climates." Alien sinners may be envious. (See Titus 3:3). **Brethren** in the church may be guilty of this sin! (See 1 Cor. 3:3; Phil. 1:15-16). **Yes, Ephraim can envy Judah!** (See Isa. 11:13).

SOME ASSOCIATES OF ENVY

1. In 1 Cor. 3:1-3 **envy** is associated with **strife** and **divisions**.

2. In 2 Cor. 12:20 **envy** is associated with **debates, wraths, strifes, backbitings, whisperings, swellings, tumults**.

3. In 1 Tim. 6:4-5 **envy** is associated with **strife, railings, evil surmisings and perverse disputings**.

4. In 1 Peter 2:1 **envy** is associated with **malice, guile, hypocrisies and evil speakings**.

5. In Titus 3:3 **envy** is associated with **foolishness, disobedience, deception, divers lusts and pleasures, malice and hatred**.

For other sins with which **envy** is associated in listing please see Gal. 5:19-21 and Rom. 1:29-32.

Envy is just as despicable, destructive, disgraceful and soul-damning as any of the other sins enumerated.

God **warns** against **envy** in Romans 15:13; Gal. 5:26 and 1 Pet. 2:1-2. **HOW MAY WE OVERCOME ENVY?**

If you want to overcome **envy**, then **crucify self**, (Lk. 9:23), **learn to be content**, (Heb. 13:5; 1 Tim. 6:6-10), **fill your heart with love**, (1 Cor. 13:4), **walk in the Spirit**, (Gal. 5:25-26), and **truly fear the Lord**. (Prov. 16:6). (CRS)

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7. **Wine** should be used in the Lord's Supper. (D.&C. 89:5-6)

7. **Water** may be used in the Lord's Supper. (D.&C. 27:2; Articles of Faith, p. 176)

8. The Priesthood **was to continue** in the church in **all generations**. (D.&C. 84:17)

8. The Church **was literally driven from the earth**. (Articles of Faith, p. 203)

A study of the above **contradictions** of Mormonism with itself should certainly make it obvious to truth loving people that the **so called inspired** books of Mormonism are **far from** being inspired of God. Certainly Mormonism rests on a "sandy" foundation. It simply will not stand in light of the **inspired Scriptures**.
(CRS)

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— SENTENCE SERMONS —

Outward expressions reveal inner thoughts and feelings.

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"Bad habits are like a comfortable bed; easy to get into, but hard to get out of."

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"If faultfinding were electrified, some people would be powerhouses."

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"Hem in both ends of the day with prayer, and it won't be so likely to unravel in the middle."

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"When looking for faults, use a mirror and not a telescope."

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