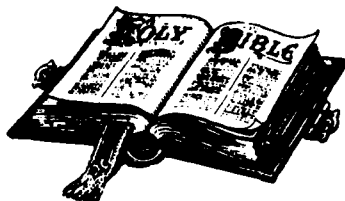


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"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." 2 Timothy 3:16

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"CONTRADICTIONS OF MORMONISM" (No. 2)

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 **THE BOOK OF MORMON** to what the **Scriptures** teach. As any candid reader should be able to see, **THE BOOK OF MORMON** flatly contradicts some things taught in the Bible. Since **THE BOOK OF MORMON** contradicts **THE BIBLE**, it (**THE BOOK OF MORMON**) **cannot be INSPIRED OF GOD**.

Let us now consider some of the contradictions that we find in the book called **DOCTRINES AND COVENANTS** to what we find taught in the **Scriptures**. This book (**DOCTRINES AND COVENANTS**) is another so-called "**inspired book**" by Mormonism.

THE BIBLE TEACHES:

1. **"And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years."** (Gen. 5:23).

2. **"... And Abraham hearkened to the voice of Sarai."** (Gen. 16:2).

3. **"God is a Spirit..."** (John 4:24). **"... for a spirit hath not flesh and bones..."** (Luke 24:39).

4. **"For the priesthood being changed..."** (Hebrews 7:12).

5. **Christ** is the head of the church. (Col. 1:18; Eph. 1:22-23).

6. Christ is **"the head of the body, the church."** (Col. 1:18).

7. **"... All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven..."** (Matthew 12:31).

8. That John was **not** promised that he would not die until Jesus comes. (See John 21:20-24).

9. **"But he shall receive an**

DOCTRINES AND COVENANTS TEACHES:

1. Enoch was 430 years old when he was translated. (D.&C. 107:49).

2. **"God commanded Abraham and Sarah gave Hagar to Abraham to wife."** (D.&C. 132:34).

3. **The Father has a body of flesh and bones as tangible as man's..."** (D.&C. 130:22).

4. The Aaronic priesthood is still in effect. (D.&C. 84:17-18).

5. **Joseph Smith** is the head of the church. (D.&C. 28:6).

6. There are **"heads of the church."** (D.&C. 42:11).

7. **"He that kills shall not have forgiveness in this world, nor in the world to come."** (D.&C. 42:18).

8. John was promised that he would not die until Jesus comes again. (D.&C. 7:1-3)

9. **"... Give unto him an hund-**

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Editorial . . .

SOME SINS OF DISPOSITION OR ATTITUDE (No. 2)

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

EVIL SURMISINGS

II. EVIL SURMISINGS. In 1 Timothy 6:4-5 in describing the man who will not consent to wholesome words and to the doctrine which is according to godliness, Paul declared that **"He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, EVIL SURMISINGS, Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and distitute of the truth, supposing that gain in godliness: from such withdraw thyself."** We see from this passage that **evil surmisings** are listed along with other sinful activities.

What is "evil surmising?" W. E. VINE defines the word translated "surmising" to mean **"To suppose, conjecture. . ."** As used in 1 Tim. 6:4 it is preceded by "evil." WEBSTER defines "surmise" as **"To imagine or infer on slight grounds: GUESS."** The idea of supposing, conjecturing, guessing, imagining or inferring on slight grounds is involved in "surmising." When such is evil, it is "evil surmising."

SOME EXAMPLES

1. It is **evil surmising** to suppose that a person does not love us because he rebuked us or pointed out to us our sin.

2. It is **evil surmising** to conjecture that a certain person is guilty of a crime merely because an article in a newspaper either suggested or charged that he is.

3. It is **evil surmising** to suppose that two men pawned an infant because we saw them go into a pawn shop with an infant.

4. It is **evil surmising** to conjecture that a brother is unfaithful to his wife because someone says that the brother was seen with a woman.

5. It is **evil surmising** to imagine or infer that a certain brother is not honest and can not be trusted because someone told someone that such is the case.

6. It is **evil surmising** to suppose or imagine that a certain brother is a "troublemaker" because of a rumor.

7. It is **evil surmising** to suppose that a brother is aligned in some evil way with a "party" merely because he may write an article in which he may express views that are similar (or even like) the views held by the so-called "party."

8. It is **evil surmising** to suppose that a brother agrees with all the views of an author from whom he may quote.

9. It is **evil surmising** to suppose that a brother or sister is dishonest and does not love truth because he or she does not agree with my views.

10. It is **evil surmising** to imagine that a person is deliberately avoiding me merely because he does not speak to me.

Jesus said: **"Judge not, that ye be not judged"** (Mt. 7:1) and **"Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment."** (John 7:24).

Each of us should examine our hearts and make a special effort to not be guilty of **evil surmising.** Evil

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surmisings can destroy confidences, ruin reputations, discourage Christians and do immense harm to the cause of Christ. Evil surmisings may also cause a person to be lost.

INGRATITUDE

III. INGRATITUDE. This word suggests **unthankfulness**. The following passages indicate that we should be **grateful** and we should also **express thanks**.

1. Col. 3:15 — “. . . And be ye thankful.”

2. Col. 2:7 — “Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, and abound therein with thanksgiving.”

3. Col. 4:2 — “Continue in prayer and watch in the same with thanksgiving.”

4. Col. 3:17 — “And whatsoever ye do in word or in deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.”

5. Eph. 5:20 — “Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Gratitude (or thankfulness) is not optional; it is **essential**! To be an ingrate is to be disobedient! To be disobedient is to be **lost**!

The Psalmist said: “Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation. . .” (Psa. 68:19). The Lord has given us life, breath and all things. He has given us food, raiment, shelter, companions, children, friends, brothers, sisters, etc. He has also provided for us **salvation** and all **spiritual blessings** in Christ. We should not forget all these benefits. Psalms 103:2 says: “Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.” We learn from James 1:17 that “Every good gift and every perfect gift is

from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.”

In Luke 17:11-19 we read about ten men who were lepers who asked Jesus to have mercy on them. Jesus told them to go show themselves to the priests and as they went, they were cleansed of their leprosy. “**And one of them, when he saw tht he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God. And fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan. And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine? There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger. And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith has made thee whole.**” Note the fact that only **one** of ten returned to give glory to God although they had been healed of their leprosy.

We should be **thankful** to God for our **faith** and **trust** in him and for his grace, love and mercy toward us. We should be grateful for the proper presence of mind, for love, peace and strength through Jesus Christ our Lord. We should be very appreciative of the Scriptures.

In Romans I Paul declared that some are without excuse: “**Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, NEITHER WERE THANKFUL; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools.**”

We should count our **blessings**, not our troubles, sorrows, injuries, bruises, inconveniences, dissappointments, etc.

Each of us should search our souls and put forth sufficient efforts to not only be **thankful** but to **express our thanks**. (CRS)

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CORRECTION: In the article entitled “Contradictions of Mormonism” in the Sept. 1991 issue of THE INSTRUCTOR, point number “12” should have been in opposite columns.

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hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands with persecutions . . ." (Mark 10:30). NOTE: The Lord did NOT promise "wives."

10. "Even as God said, I will dwell in them. . ." (2 Cor. 6:16). "That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith: . . ." (Eph. 3:17).

redfold in this world, of fathers and mothers, brothers and sisters, houses and lands, WIVES and children . . ." (D.&C.132:55) NOTE: Mormonism is trying to justify a plurality of wives!

10. "... The idea that the Father and the Son dwell in a man's heart is an old sectarian notion, and is false." (D.&C. 130:3)

A study of the above **contradictions** will certainly make it obvious that **both** the **Bible** and **Doctrines And Covenants** cannot be **inspired of God**. The **Scriptures** (as revealed in the **Bible**) **ARE inspired of God!** The book called "**Doctrines And Covenants**" is NOT inspired of God!

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Money may be used as a universal passport to every where except heaven, and a provider for nearly everything except happiness.

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It has been said that one reason women strive for beauty more than brains is that they believe that men can **see** better than they **think**.

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