

Shedding Light on Dark Secrets

By Judy Robertson

Isn't there an old cowboy saying something like this: "If ya can't bring 'em in alive, bring 'em in dead?" This may sound insensitive since the temple is the Mormon's most sacred place. But the truth is that through temple works, Mormons spend an enormous amount of money and time in an ongoing effort to "save" the dead. As former Mormons we know this firsthand and from the principles written in Mormon "standard works."¹

Though temple grounds have beautifully manicured lawns and the buildings are expensive, most non-Mormons don't know that the activities inside are mostly for the dead. Both Mormon adults and teenagers count it a privilege to take part in these works.

The baptismal ritual itself, takes place in a sub-floor of the temple because the teens cannot enter the upper floors where other rituals take place. Each "patron" steps into a water-filled basin surrounded by brass oxen and is then baptized for a deceased person—someone they've likely never met or know little about. One teen may perform as many as several hundred baptisms at one time, being immersed each time by a male priesthood holder. By performing this proxy baptism, Mormons have been taught they are giving the deceased a chance to accept the "gospel," meaning the LDS version. This ritual is practiced in every LDS temple throughout the world, recorded and placed in a central storage system so that no baptism can be duplicated.

In a recent Associated Press news article, the Mormon president Thomas Monson announced the church is building five new temples worldwide. The purpose of these temples is for their "sacred religious ceremonies" of which a large percentage is

proxy work for the dead. They "will build a temple in Rome, the home of the Roman Catholic Church." As a result, "In May, the Vatican's Congregation for Clergy issued an order to Catholic dioceses worldwide to withhold member registries from Mormons.

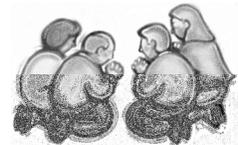
"Officials said the step would prevent Mormons from posthumously baptizing by proxy their Catholic ancestors" (East Valley Tribune, October 5, 2008 *5 New Mormon Temples Planned Worldwide* by Jennifer Dobner).

Unfortunately this action will not prevent Mormons from carrying out what they feel is a sacred duty. In previous years, the Jews also became incensed over the LDS activities involving the Jewish deceased and threatened to sue the church. But the practice did not stop.

From God's word we know that "No man can redeem the life of another or give to God a ransom for Him—the ransom for a life is costly, no payment is ever enough" (Psalm 49:7-8). God alone "holds the keys of death and Hades" (Revelation 1:18). And in Deuteronomy 18:11 among other "detestable practices" to the Lord, is
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Weekly Prayer at Concerned Christians:

We encourage all of our Metro-Phoenix area friends to join us in prayer for our LDS neighbors every Monday, 7:00-8:00 pm at our Mesa office, 525 East Broadway Road (two blocks east of Mesa Drive, southwest corner of Broadway Road and Pioneer). Hosted by Duane Strohmeier of Concerned Christians.



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someone who “consults the dead.” In the case of baptism for the dead, this practice actually goes beyond consulting, by performing acts on behalf of the dead, believing that this will change the deceased’s eternal destiny.

MORMONISM BEGAN WITH COMMUNICATION WITH THE DEAD

Joseph Smith’s first writing came from Moroni, purported to be a dead prophet who supposedly visited Joseph. Moroni told Joseph where to find and dig up the golden plates containing writings he alleged to translate into the *Book of Mormon*. Isn’t this consulting the dead? Though by this time Joseph reported Moroni had become an angel. But wait, do humans become angels after death? No. Angels are ministering spirits sent by God to serve the faithful. (Hebrews 1:14)

To summarize, we have a person long dead who, after becoming an angel, communicates with Joseph—two heretical teachings. Necromancy, by definition, is:

1. Divination by means of pretended communication with the dead.
 2. The black art: magic. Syn: see sorcery.
- NEC’RO-MANCER, n. One who practices necromancy.

And this is what Joseph claimed he did. He taught his followers that baptism for the dead was necessary for “our salvation” and purported to talk with other prophets long dead, as well.

Today, faithful Mormons spend long hours tracing their genealogy back as far as possible. In the Family History building where genealogy work is done, Mormons report hearing and seeing dead ancestors who encourage them in getting their genealogy and temple work done so the dead person can progress in one of three imaginary heavens.

Again, God’s Word is clear, “The spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons” (1 Timothy 4:1). The spirits encountered in these instances are demonic.

Perhaps the idea of completing works after death to gain a higher place in heaven seems appealing for some, for most of us don’t feel that we’ve lived up to our own, certainly not God’s, expectation or plan for us here on earth.

However, this is fantasy. The truth is that after this life there is nothing we can do to increase our merit or position in Heaven. God’s word is clear. After this life, comes judgment. And Jesus Christ “will judge the living and the dead” (2 Timothy 4:1). Our destiny is determined by our choices here on earth, not someone’s work for us in the form of “sacred religious ceremonies.”

For some, this may be much ado about nothing, for others, perhaps this observation will shed light in places that were formerly dark and mysterious. Will it help you in witnessing to your LDS friend, co-worker or relative? It is my prayer it becomes another tool for you when the subject of temples comes up.

We are told in Ephesians 5:11-14 to “Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. But everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for it is light that makes everything visible.”

Let your light shine.



¹ *Doctrine and Covenants* 128 “An epistle from Joseph Smith the Prophet to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, containing further directions on baptism for the dead.” Vs. 15 “...For their salvation is necessary and essential to our salvation...that they without us cannot be made perfect—neither can we without our dead be made perfect.”



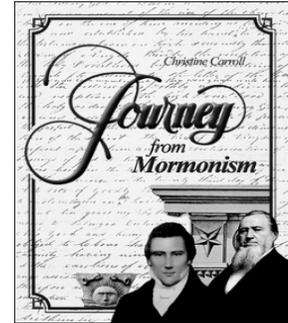


Book Review by Bob Betts

Journey from Mormonism by Christine Carroll

I wish the marketplace were flooded with the testimonies of Christians who were formerly in the Mormon church. I find myself riveted to such stories, just as I and so many of you were riveted to Judy Robertson's story of Jim's and her journey into, through, and *Out of Mormonism*.

'Riveting' is also the nature of Christine Carroll's book about her and her husband's *Journey from Mormonism*. Christine's story is that of a born and raised, loyal and dedicated, obedient and compliant, faithfully practicing Latter-day Saint. Her book is creatively laid out in a unique blend of Mormon history, life-style, teachings, doctrines and scriptures, woven through her struggle to make sense of them. As more and more questions arose out of her studies, the inevitable conclusion was eventually reached: "...God did not bring forth the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints." An initial, unexpected encounter with some Jehovah's Witnesses, their provocative challenge, and years of research, make up much of Christine's unusual story.



Ch. 6 False Prophets and Apostles

Ch. 15 Mormon Hymns

Ch. 18 Grace: A Heresy?

Twenty-two chapters contain a wealth of cited LDS teachings and doctrines, with information on virtually every imaginable subject. Of Christine's two hundred and thirty six, 8 ½ X 11 pages, there are forty pages at the end, containing thirty-three exhibits. It's a must-have handbook for every Christian serious about learning more about Mormonism, and witnessing more effectively to its members.

Just how applicable is *Journey from Mormonism* to you and me, when used to plant seeds of truth in our LDS neighbors? In her guide to the reader, Christine explains, "This book is full of Mormon references and language. My thinking is that Latter-day Saint (Mormon) sources will provide the most credibility to a Mormon, and that Mormon sources do a fine job of calling into question this false gospel...the quotations made throughout this book are from the Mormon *General Authorities* (the LDS Church Hierarchy), and from the *Standard Works* (*Book of Mormon*, *Doctrine and Covenants*, *Pearl of Great Price*, and the *Bible*). The Mormon Church also refers to *General Authorities* as modern *Living Oracles*...**Limiting LDS quotes to the *Living Oracles* and to the Mormon *Standard Works* should diminish controversy over the value and authenticity of the references made in this book.**"

Ch. 9 The Gods Concoct a Plan

Ch. 14 Laughing and Crying

Ch. 16 Family Departures

Ch. 5 Changing God and Scriptures

Ch. 8 Living Oracles Confess Another Jesus

Ch. 12 Temples and Temple Works

Though I have never been LDS, myself, I have been studying Mormonism for almost 15 years. However, there are several referenced quotes in Christine's book, which I have never come across or seen in any other book on Mormonism. And, they have already come in very handy to me, in witnessing to LDS.

You may obtain *Journey from Mormonism* for \$19.00 + s/h through our website bookstore: www.concernedchristians.com, or e-mail bob@concernedchristians.org.

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Thank you to all who support Concerned Christians

As we approach the season of Thanksgiving, we want to take the opportunity to thank all of you who have both intermittently and faithfully supported Concerned Christians over the years. We especially appreciate the notes of encouragement you send and for faithfully praying for us. You have truly been a greater blessing and encouragement than you realize and we say with Paul, "I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel..." (Phil 1:3). Thank-you for partnering with us in reaching out to those lost in Mormonism.





Good afternoon Judy,

It appears that using Mormon Church history to talk to the LDS missionaries is a great way to *begin* a conversation. They listen very intently. Last Saturday afternoon, the LDS missionaries came by. I used David Whitmer's, *An Address to All Believers in Christ*, as part of my approach. They read along with me from page 31 of Whitmer's booklet. I think they were stunned at what David Whitmer wrote. We talked on my front porch for nearly 2 hours. I gave them some cold water from the refrigerator. When they left, one of them kept saying, "I know that Mormonism is true; I know that Mormonism is true." At any rate, it seems to me that if I use Mormon Church history as a point of discussion, and then incorporate my own Christian witness on top of it, this seems to be very powerful. Just before they left, I was able to exalt Jesus to them. I feel that this last encounter was MY BEST EVER. Thanks for your time and for hearing me out. Have a good afternoon. God bless.

(Received by e-mail from Peoria, AZ)

Hi Jim & Judy,

What a blessing you are to so many people who have come out of the darkness of Mormonism into the truth of Jesus Christ. I'm so glad to have had the opportunity to hear your story and ministry. I still have the CD's (for reference) from when you spoke at Scottsdale Bible Church. May God continue to encourage you as you train others to carry on His kingdom work.

(Palm Springs, CA)

Dear Jim & Judy,

I am an active member of Hosanna Lutheran Church in East Mesa where you, Jim, have come out and talked with us. Oh so informative and interesting. Keep up the *wonderful* and God-pleasing work you are all doing. I am 81 years young and on a fixed income – wish I could give more. God's blessings on you all!

(Mesa, AZ)

Hello Gang,

I appreciate your in-depth experiential writings. Keep up the good work. I file your materials in a special study file for witnessing and reference data. Thanks much.

(Yuma, AZ)

Dear Concerned Christians,

I was filling out subscription cards for some other ministries that send me newsletters and thought perhaps I should check in with your ministry. I don't know if you need a signature on file or if I need to re-subscribe to *The CROSS*? It has been awhile since I have contacted your office, so I thought I would check in. I would appreciate continuing my subscription to *The CROSS* newsletter from CC. [No, we don't need a signature on file for readers to continue receiving *The CROSS*] I enjoy reading your material and always learn something new. I really appreciated Judy's recent article about emailing with a Christian who was in love with a Mormon. I could relate all to well! As Bob and Kristine know, that is exactly how I found Concerned Christians. It was exactly the road I was on. I hope everyone there knows this, but I cannot tell you how grateful I am that your ministry spoke to me in truth and in love. I am so thankful that God placed CC in my path! On that note, God has opened my eyes so much over the past three years. If I can ever offer any assistance to someone in such a situation as Judy wrote about, I would be glad to. Please continue to fight the good fight! I have enclosed a small donation to help where you see fit. Thank you and God bless all of you and your efforts to win lost souls to Jesus!

(Broken Bow, NE)

Dear Mr. Robertson,

In a couple weeks I will begin an adult Sunday school class – a 12-week series at my church here in the Seattle area on "Mormonism, is it Christian?" This will be the third or fourth time I have been asked to share what I have learned about Mormonism in a setting like this during the

past several years. In preparation, I went to the web to see what new resources might be available and came upon ConcernedChristians.org. I have just watched both video files – the phone conference with the LDS missionaries and the "Understanding your Mormon neighbor". This is what I would like to say to you. Thank you for faithfully using the communication talents God has given you and for being willing and faithful to the ministry He has called you to. In all the materials I have had at my disposal --- I was somewhat lacking the unique insights that you and your wife are able to provide from the perspectives your lives have experienced ... Your work and your materials will be extremely helpful to me and the 75 or so class participants. You present information very clearly – concisely and in an honest and caring yet truthful manner. Thank-you very much, thank-you for your faithfulness to the calling God has given you. Thank-you for helping me, may He continue to be glorified by your faithful witness.

(Received by e-mail from Kent, WA)

Dear Folks,

This is to let you know I am standing with you in your ministry to the people who are needing the truth of the Bible to see the Lord as Savior, not a religion of works and the confusion of false prophets.

(Milan, IL)

Dear Concerned Christians,

I really enjoy your newsletters. Keep up the good fight.

(Mesa, AZ)

Dear Concerned Christians of Mesa,

My new address is ... I enjoy learning from your newsletter. I pray for your ministry, and love the Mormon families in our area and pray God will lead us all to a saving relationship with Him.

(Fairfield, MT)

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Five New Temples Planned Worldwide—Oh, My!

By Marsha Book

Most everyone has heard the famous line, “Lions ‘n tigers ‘n bears—Oh my! That saying entered my mind when I read the headlines about five new temples worldwide—Oh, my!

Indeed, building plans were announced recently at the LDS General Conference for five new Mormon Temples to be built worldwide in the coming year. Three will be built abroad (Calgary Canada, Italy and Argentina) and two in the U.S. (Philadelphia, in and **my hometown of Kansas City, Missouri**). The Kansas City site will be in Clay County, which borders alongside Jackson County and is believed by Mormons to be where Jesus Christ will reign in an earthly millennium (there, and also from Jerusalem). Whimsically thinking - wow – over 3,000 counties in the United States, this IS special! My own county of birth! Then reality takes precedence with the remembrance that this unbelievable proclamation came from a false prophet.

It’s also interesting to note that some Mormons believe the area of Jackson County, MO was the original site of the Garden of Eden, when the Bible tells us that the Garden of Eden was located on the other side of the world from us – near the headwaters of the Tigris and the Euphrates rivers. Somehow along the way via Joseph Smith, the Scripture was re-interpreted to be the muddy Mississippi.

There were not many Mormon missionaries visible around my Kansas City neighborhood in the 43 years I lived there. Surely they were around, and still are working there. What I do remember are the Jehovah’s Witnesses canvassing my Northland neighborhood. And the golden spiral temple built by the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (RLDS) in the suburb of Independence, MO, which is also in Jackson County (apparently, the RLDS got a heads-up geographically). The RLDS have since changed their name to the Community of Christ, perhaps in an attempt to differentiate themselves from the rival LDS. In my hometown, the average person on the street does not know the difference between the two groups (LDS and RLDS). They are one-in-the-same to Christians and non-Christians alike.

It wasn’t until our move to the Phoenix/Gilbert area that I realized the significance that is placed on a Mormon Temple (see article on page 1 by Judy Robertson). Now with a new temple being built in my hometown, I would imagine my old neighbors will be seeing a lot more LDS activity. That day will come when suddenly – the LDS will seemingly be everywhere in Kansas City. Will you be equipped to give a defense for the historic Christian faith as delivered by the saints? *1 Peter 3:15*



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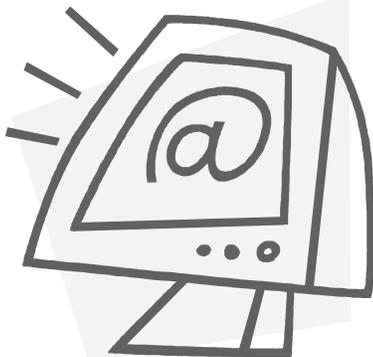
For
to us
a child
is born,
to us
a son
is given



Isaiah 9:6



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Dear People,

A lot of former Mormon missionaries sell security equipment. They still are "witnessing" to Southern Baptists and the like.

Said one: "Have you ever read the Book of Mormon?"

Reply to be polite: "Yes"

Young man then says: "Didn't you find it inspirational?" expecting again a polite answer.

The counter we used: "About as inspirational as General Conference."

The elder then admitted "You've got a point there."

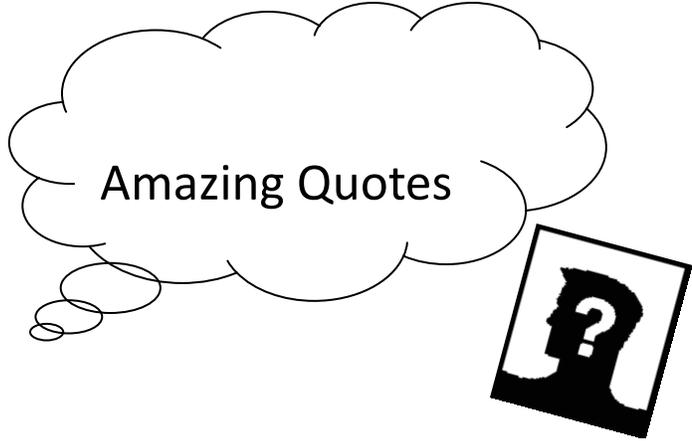
We've yet to see a teenage or 20-something LDS youth say General Conference was "interesting" or "inspirational." General Conference is supposed to be "scripture" and "authoritative."

(Boise, ID)

Dear Jim & Judy,

I am a Christian mother of a son who converted to Mormonism two years ago and is presently on a mission to Chile. My husband and I witness to all we know and meet of the Truth of Jesus Christ and the deceit of the Mormon Faith. While on a bus of conventioners heading to Duluth for our church women's district convention we were asked to introduce ourselves using the microphone as it was passed around. As I told about myself I included our concern for our son who is Mormon. A short time later another fellow conventioner whom I hadn't known previously came up to me and told me that two of her children had married into the Mormon church and become members. We immediately formed a bond and shared our mutual frustrations with our situations. I now have her name, address and phone number so we can continue to communicate. I'm so glad I shared my hurts with my Christian sisters. It may not change my child's situation but it will help us get through it. Thank-you for your newsletter, especially "From the Mailbag"...

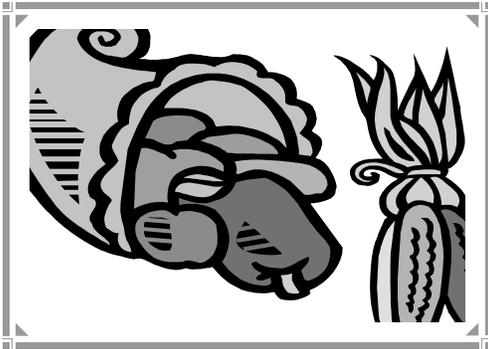
(Detroit Lakes, MN)



From LDS Leaders:

"I want to make it clear that the Holy Ghost remains your companion and mine only if we strive to keep the commandments ... we are entitled to have the companionship of the Holy Ghost, but it cannot be with us if we are not doing what we are supposed to be doing."

Elder M. Russell Ballard of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles during the Salt Lake City North Stake Conference Broadcast as quoted in *The Ensign*, Volume 78, Number 38, pg 4-5, week ending September 20, 2008



I will praise God's name in Song and glorify Him with Thanksgiving. Psalm 69:20

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The Test of a True Prophet

Joseph Smith prophesied in 1833 that before the people of that generation died, the wicked would be swept away by hail, famine, earthquake and disease:

“And now I am prepared to say by the authority of Jesus Christ, that not many years shall pass away before the United States shall present such a scene of bloodshed as has not a parallel in the history of our nation; pestilence, hail, famine, and earthquake will sweep the wicked of this generation from off the face of the land, to open and prepare the way for the return of the lost tribes of Israel from the north country. The people of the Lord, those who have complied with the requirements of the new covenant, have already commenced gathering together to Zion, which is in the state of Missouri; therefore I declare unto you the warning which the Lord has commanded to declare unto this generation, remembering that the eyes of my Maker are upon me, and that to him I am accountable for every word I say, wishing nothing worse to my fellowmen than their eternal salvation; therefore, ‘Fear God, and give glory to Him for the hour of His judgment is come.’ Repent ye, repent ye, and embrace the everlasting covenant and flee to Zion, before the overflowing scourge overtake you, for

there are those now living upon the earth whose eyes shall not be closed in death until they see all these things, which I have spoken, fulfilled.” [Underscore added for emphasis]. (History of the Church, Vol. 1, p. 315-316, January 14, 1833)

The Bible’s test of a true prophet:

“If the prophet speaks in the LORD’s name but his prediction does not happen or come true, you will know that the LORD did not give that message. That prophet has spoken without my authority and need not be feared” (Deuteronomy 18:22).

“I carry out the predictions of my prophets!...” (Isaiah 44:26).

Witnessing tool: Even the *Book of Mormon* states that a true prophet’s words will be fulfilled:

But the Lord knoweth all things from the beginning; wherefore, he prepareth a way to accomplish all his works among the children of men; for behold, he hath all power unto the fulfilling of all his words. And thus it is. Amen. 1 Nephi 9:6