

# The Christian Arsenal

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## Christianity, Cults and World Religion Definitions

The following choices below will give you a basic outline of some of the key doctrines of Christianity and what other cults and sects believe about them. If you are interested in a cult or religion that is not listed below, please [email us](#).

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Mormonism (Latter Day Saints)

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### Founder/Leader:

The founder is Joseph Smith, Jr. (1805-1844). The Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-day Saints was founded in 1830 in New York. The present day headquarters is in Salt Lake City, Utah.

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### Foundational Documents:

The Book of Mormon, Pearl of Great Price, Doctrine and Covenants, the Bible (King James Version only or Smith's "Inspired Version") are the basis of the LDS sacred library. There are also authoritative teachings of Mormon prophets and other LDS "general authorities" that are considered sacred to the members of the LDS.

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### God is...

God the Father was once a man, but became God. He has a physical body, as does his wife (Heavenly Mother). No Trinity. Father, Son, and Holy Ghost are three separate gods. Worthy men may one day become gods themselves. They live on a planet called Kolab.

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### Jesus is...

Jesus is a separate god from the Father (Elohim). He was created as a spirit child by the Father and Mother in Heaven, and in the "elder brother" of all men and spirit beings. His body was created through sexual union between Elohim and Mary. Jesus was married. His death on the cross does not provide full atonement for all sin, but does provide everyone with resurrection. Jesus is the spirit brother of Lucifer, in other words he has the same status of sonship with God as did Jesus.

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### The Holy Spirit is...

The "Holy Ghost" is a god separate from the Father and the Son. The "Holy Spirit" is not a god or personage but a "fluid-like" substance by which the Father exercises his influence.

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### Method of Salvation:

A person is resurrected by grace, but saved (exalted to godhood) by works, including faithfulness to church leaders, Mormons practice baptism, tithing, ordination, marriage, and

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secret temple rituals. There is no eternal life without Mormon membership.

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## Death and Beyond...

Eventually nearly everyone goes to one of three separate heavenly "kingdoms," with some achieving godhood. Apostates and murderers go to "outer darkness."

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## Other Beliefs:

No alcohol, tobacco, coffee, or tea. Baptism on behalf of the dead. Two-year missionary commitment encouraged. Door-to-door proselytizing. Secret temple rituals available only to members in good standing. Extensive social network. People of African ancestry not granted full access to Mormon priesthood and privileges until 1978. See 2 Nephi 5:21. It is to be noted that Mormons will claim to believe everything that an evangelical Christian would believe. They do however, there is a unique Mormon definition to nearly every term. An excellent resource to become familiar with this is "Decker's Complete Handbook on Mormonism" by Ed Decker, published by Harvest House Publishers. A must for anyone who is seeking to study Mormonism!

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## Recommended Bibliography

[Decker's Complete Handbook on Mormonism](#) by Ed Decker - Probably one of the best works in print on the subject of Mormon doctrine and what the Latter Day Saints believe. This book provides over 150 articles on various aspects of what the Latter Day Saints believe and a Biblical response to each. This book contains a massive amount of documentation and provides plenty of references for further research.

[Mormonism 101: Examining the religion of the Latter-day Saints](#) by Bill McKeever and Eric Johnson - This book is written in a very clear and concise manner and is very easy reading. It lays out the history and teachings of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, was extensively researched and respectively differentiates between Mormonism and Christianity. This book is current and up to date since it mostly quotes from LDS leaders over the past 10 years.

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## Links on Mormonism

[Mormon Challenge](#) - Included here are some short clips from the scientists that were interviewed for the video *DNA vs. The Book of Mormon*. Also included (on the bottom half of the page) are these same scientists addressing related arguments that have come up

[Apostate Looks at Mormonism](#) - Mormon leaders have stated that the Mormon Church is the true church, that all other Christians are apostate since the first century.

[The Massive Mormon Scripture Mess](#) - Trying to sort out the massive complexities of the Mormon scriptures is somewhat akin to the illustration of the man who tried to sew a man's pick-up truck back together by stringing it. Every time you feel like you have made some headway another mess the results may surprise you. A must read!

[The Mormon Missionaries tell the People They Unreliable the Bible is](#) - Now the Book of Mormon Church is offering free Bibles in public advertising, will the missionaries tell people about the defects in it?

[Mormonism - A comparison of two different versions of "Jerald and Sandra Tanner's Distorted View of Mormonism: A Response to Mormonism - Shadow or Reality?"](#) - Written by a Christian priest and an ex-Mormon. It compares essential Mormon and Christian

[doctrines in Transition](#) - Mormon beliefs - history of Mormonism: 100s of pages of documented articles on the Mormon Church, Book of Mormon, changes in Mormon

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<p><a href="#">LDS Arguments: Leaders Not Speaking for God</a> - Mormon arguments about Christians deriving LDS doctrine from statements by church leaders. How Mormons explain their leaders were not always speaking for God.</p>
<p><a href="#">LDS:The Only True Church</a> - Mormon leaders have stated that their church is the only true church, that all other Christians are apostate since the first century.</p>
<p><a href="#">The Massive Mormon Scripture Mess</a> - Trying to sort out the massive complexities of the Mormon scriptures is somewhat akin to the frustration one might feel trying to rewind a pickup load of tangled fishing line. Every time you feel like you have made some headway, another mess pops up.</p>
<p><a href="#">The Mormon Missionaries tell the People How Unreliable the Bible is</a> - Now that the Mormon Church is offering free Bibles in public advertising, will the missionaries tell people about the defects in it?</p>
<p><a href="#">Mormonism</a> - A comparison of two different versions of "Jerald and Sandra Tanner's Distorted View of Mormonism: A Response to Mormonism--Shadow or Reality?"</p>
<p><a href="#">Mormons in Transition</a> - Mormon beliefs - history of Mormonism: 100s of pages of documented articles on the Mormon Church, Book of Mormon, changes in Mormon history, Mormon polygamy and temples.</p>
<p><a href="#">Problems With Mormonism</a> - I am an ex-Mormon, having been born in the faith. I come from a long line of Mormons. My nth great grandparents crossed the country to help settle Southern Utah. The rest of my family are still in the faith. Here's the full story of why I left the church.</p>
<p><a href="#">Saints Alive</a> - We are a Christian nonprofit corporation founded upon the call of God to witness Jesus to those lost in Mormonism and other cults.</p>
<p><a href="#">Utah Lighthouse Ministry</a> - Utah Lighthouse Ministry provides research comparing Mormon claims with Christianity as well as documentation on historical problems in LDS History.</p>
<p><a href="#">What Mormons Don't Say</a> - We have never been given or heard of any official Mormon tract or booklet that openly and briefly summarizes all of their major teachings. In fact, I believe such a document does not exist. What are these teachings? By way of example, what follows is a list of those <b>not found</b> in the Book of Mormon.</p>