

## **INTRODUCTION**

The Book of Mormon, first published by Joseph Smith in 1830, claims to be the record of Jews who left Jerusalem and sailed to North America in 600 B.C. They later separated into two nations known as the Nephites and the Lamanites.

“After thousands of years, all were destroyed except the Lamanites, and they are the principal ancestors of the American Indians.” (Introduction, Book of Mormon)

Mormons claim that after Christ’s ascension, as recorded in the Bible (Acts 1:9-11), Jesus later came back down to North America to teach those people who were allegedly living here; an act which is not recorded in the Bible.

The record of these ancient people was supposedly recorded on a set of golden plates, and buried in the ground until Joseph Smith (the Latter-Day Prophet), was instructed by an angel in 1823 about where to find them and translate them into the Book of Mormon.

Unfortunately, millions of White people have embraced this Mormon fiction, as if it were historic fact.

## **THE RACE ISSUE**

The Book of Mormon teaches that there was continual warfare between the Nephites who were righteous before God, and the Lamanites who were unrighteous and wicked. This wickedness eventually led God to curse the Lamanites with dark skin.

“And it came to pass that I beheld, after they had dwindled in unbelief they became dark and loathsome, and a filthy people, full of idleness and all manner of abominations.”

(1 Nephi 12:23)

“The skins of the Lamanites were dark, according to the mark which was set upon their fathers,

which was a curse upon them because of their transgression."  
(Alma 3:6)

For some white settlers who saw the American Indians as inferior anyway, Joseph Smith's book provided a perfect fairy tale to justify their prejudices.

The Book of Mormon goes so far as to teach that if the Lamanites truly repented of their wickedness, the visible proof would be their skin once again turning white.

"And the gospel of Jesus Christ shall be declared among them; wherefore, they shall be restored unto the knowledge of their fathers...and many generations shall not pass away among them, save they shall be a white and delightsome people." (2 Nephi 30: 5-6)

(Note: Recent editions of the Book of Mormon have been changed to read, "a pure and a delightsome people." The attempt to water down the original teaching would seem obvious.)

Confident that such a "miracle" as skin color changing would not happen, Joseph Smith and his early collaborators must have felt good about their new doctrine. They could exclude dark skinned Indians, Negroes, Asians and others from full participation in their religion (while receiving financial tithes from them) on the grounds that God, "in their scriptures," had decreed them to be unrighteous until their skin should turn white. In time, their church would even come to enjoy American religious tax exemptions while doing so.

Take a look at any Mormon painting of Jesus Christ and you will see something is instinctively wrong. The Jesus of Mormonism does not look like a Semitic Jew of two thousand years ago (read Song of Solomon 5:10-11). He looks more like the Bounty paper towel guy or the Marlboro Man.

## **BRIGHAM "SPEAKS FOR GOD"**

The second president of the Mormon Church, Brigham Young, was not shy concerning his beliefs about White superiority, or the curse carried specifically by the Negro.

“Shall I tell you the law of God in regard to the African race? If the white man who belongs to the chosen seed mixes his blood with the seed of Cain, the penalty, under the law of God, is death on the spot. This will always be so.” (Journal of Discourses, Vol. 10, pg. 110, March 8, 1863)

Later Mormon leaders would also state the official doctrine of the Church concerning blacks and the priesthood,

“Negroes in this life are DENIED THE PRIESTHOOD; under no circumstances can they hold this delegation of authority from the Almighty.” (LDS “Apostle” Bruce R. McConkie, Mormon Doctrine, 1966, pg. 527)

“Not only was Cain called upon to suffer, but because of his wickedness he became the FATHER OF AN INFERIOR RACE...Millions of souls have come into the world cursed with black skin and have been DENIED THE PRIVILEGE OF PRIESTHOOD.” (LDS President Joseph Fielding Smith, The Way To Perfection, 1931, pp. 101-102)

## **CAUGHT IN A BAD SITUATION**

In early 1978, the Mormon Church found itself suffering from a massive news media campaign criticizing their attitudes towards blacks and nonwhites. Allegations of discrimination and racism by such groups as the NAACP and ACLU were directed against the LDS church, and rightly so. The Mormon leadership began to sweat.

If things progressed badly for them, they feared losing large numbers of their members who saw the church as a white supremacist haven, and were willing to tell the media about it. Even worse, they feared losing their federal tax exempt status from the IRS; a loss that would have devastated their financial empire.

## **THE SOLUTION**

On June 8, 1978, Mormon President and prophet, Spencer W. Kimball announced to the world a new “Official Declaration” from the Lord. Suddenly, he claimed,

“...all worthy male members of the Church may be ordained to the priesthood WITHOUT REGARD TO RACE OR COLOR.”

This was after he and his fellow leaders had “pleaded long and earnestly in behalf of these, our faithful (black) brethren...supplicating the Lord for divine guidance.”

They told their members and the world that,

“He has heard our prayers, and by revelation has confirmed that the long-promised day has come when every faithful, worthy man in the Church may receive the holy priesthood...”

What happened to the black race being an “inferior race,” and that “under no circumstances” could they hold the authority of the priesthood?

Certainly, if this was God’s church he was free to give new instructions to his designated servants. Yet, we can only guess that fearing the loss of their tax benefits was a great motivator in their “long and earnest” prayer meetings. The timing couldn’t have been more convenient.

(The Lawd sho' do work in mysterious ways, don't he?!)

## **CONCLUSION**

Anyone who has studied these matters in detail must see that the history of the Mormon religion is a long history of racial nonsense, offensive doctrine, and well timed “revelations” intended to help the leadership save face.

Nonwhites who would join such a religion need to open their eyes to the truth, and White people who accept it ought to be ashamed of themselves!