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LDS culture is a menstruous rag to God

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*NOTE: In this post I am using LDS in a very
broad sense to refer to any of the many sects*

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that consider Joseph Smith to be a prophet. I am not sure a better term to use. Calling these people "Mormon" or "Joseph Smith believers" would be an insult to these men, whose beliefs were as different as can be to theirs.

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I have not said much about the LDS church since writing *Teaching for Doctrines the Commandments of Men*, having been directed to work to bring to light more urgent things. In that book, I laid out a few points where the LDS church has conflated the traditions of men with doctrine. I referenced the history around each tenet analyzed and contrasted that with the scriptures and teachings of Joseph Smith to provide a single, short resource for any LDS member to have an informed idea of what it is they believe and why. If you haven't read that

book, you really should. You will be held accountable for its contents. If you haven't shared that books contents, you really should. You will be held accountable for the people you would have helped by doing so.

I am interrupting other work to come back to the topic briefly for a specific purpose. This post is addressed to people in or from and LDS background, and is intended to help them more accurately see the place LDS culture has in God's eyes.

I don't have time to lay out a nice polished essay right now. I have more important things I need to attend to. Please forgive me for the brevity, and feel free to use this as a launchpad for your own study if that is needed.

When you fly over a city at night, you see lots of dark areas, some marginally lit areas, and some bright lights. If your task was to drive across the city, you would have to do your best to fill in the blanks of what you can't see well. When you are trying to understand prophecy, it is natural to do the same thing.

Joseph's mission was to translate the Book of Mormon. He did that. The fruits of that ministry are available to all, not just those of an LDS background. Oddly, those outside of an LDS background who study the Book of Mormon have a far greater likelihood of actually doing what it says than those of an LDS background, just as someone who reads the Bible without having been to a church has a greater likelihood

of believing what it says than someone whose common sense has been shellacked by the flood of false traditions found in any church. If you want to benefit from the Book of Mormon, the best thing you can do is throw everything you learned in the LDS church right in the trash, and read it with the eyes of a child.

Joseph's right was to attempt to establish Zion. He failed. Those who professed to believe him failed for far worse reasons. Many will say "but there was so much good in it, we can keep all the good and throw out the bad!" How many of Joseph's associates were redeemed? Can you clean a pool that has been peed in by 20,000 people in any other way than to drain it, disinfect it, and refill it with clean water? Why did Jesus say that new bottles were needed for

new wine? Because old traditions are sticky. Even a few grains of bacteria are sufficient to leaven the whole lump. There were many valuable things that Joseph received from God, and some of them have survived. Mixed in with these are a) particulars that applied only to those people at that time and b) misunderstandings, modifications, and mistakes. If you possess the skill to parse these out, you can find the nuggets. If not, you will likely be poisoning your spirit on the detritus of a failed people in an attempt to pick up where Joseph Smith left off.

Many, many people have and continue to claim Joseph Smith as the justification for what they do and believe. Joseph Smith would not own any of these, and would be the first to denounce

them.

What is the inheritance of the LDS church? The Book of Mormon.

What work of God remains for the LDS church to do? Nothing. As an institution, the best thing it can do is die. It has no privileges with God and causes far more harm than good.

I know there are many people out there who interpret end times prophecy through an LDS lens, in spite of having found some critical errors in LDS doctrine. This is like if you were mountain climbing with gear from a certain company, had a rope break, snapped your back, healed back to function, then climbed again with gear from the same company. The issue is not that particular

rope, folks.

The Lord has said many strongly negative things about apostate Israel. For instance:

Son of man, when the house of Israel dwelt in their own land, they defiled it by their own way and by their doings: their way was before me as the uncleanness of a removed woman. (Ezekiel 36:17)

For all of Israel's folly, and all their sin, they still retain unconditional promises from God obtained through the intercession of righteous men such as Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. The strength of these promises envelope both these mens' posterity and those who are adopted into it through faithfully obtaining and living the

principles they taught.

What promises do the professed inheritors of Joseph Smith possess? Did Joseph Smith work out any unconditional promises from God for his posterity? What about for those who were the ideological inheritors of his ministry? Are there any ideological inheritors of his ministry? Can you name even one person who believes and lives everything he taught?

If God is willing to subject Israel to horrendous past and future calamities, how do you think he will treat those with an LDS ideology?

Everything negative God ever said about Israel is at least as true of the LDS church.

When the Messiah came to Israel, he did so in spite of Jewish culture, not as a result of it. Jewish culture is what killed him. Jesus used the Israelite scriptures while revealing something totally new to them.

When God reveals the priesthood and builds Zion, it will be in spite of LDS culture, not as a result of it. There is no reason to believe any of that will come out of the LDS church. It will not be a restoration of what Joseph taught. When Jesus came to the Israelites, he did not claim to be coming to restore what Moses did. He claimed to fulfill it and bring something anew. This is the pattern you will see in the path toward Zion. The road will not flow from LDS culture to Zion. It will be a new road, even though it uses the Book of Mormon. The fact

that the Book of Mormon will be essential to the latter day gathering does not imply any involvement whatsoever from LDS tradition, any more than the use of the Bible would imply the involvement of Catholic culture.

If you are coming from and LDS background, the best thing you can do is take your copy of the Book of Mormon, read it, and do it. Burn everything else you have learned from them to ashes, beat the metal left into dust, and scatter it on the water.

For almost everyone, any LDS exposure you have will hurt you more than help you. Flee from it.

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