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## MEMORANDUM

The following analysis addresses the direct emotional and physical consequences of the humanitarian, missionary, and faith-based efforts of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (“LDS”) on the indigenous people<sup>1</sup> of the Western Hemisphere. Known as the “Lamanites” in the LDS *Book of Mormon*, this includes all native Americans of both North and South American continents.<sup>2</sup>

In conjunction with this analysis, a brief overview of the LDS faith is given, including the origin of, and principal purpose for, the *Book of Mormon* (“BOM”). The summary discusses how the BOM was and is being used to influence the LDS/Mormon people, contrary to its emphasis and intended purpose concerning the Lamanites.<sup>3</sup> The LDS Church’s seeming disregard for the original message given in the BOM story is reviewed, along with a brief of the role that the faith’s founder, Joseph Smith, Jr., played in the book’s development and publication. Most importantly, the summary reviews the significant relevance of the book’s plot as it pertains to the ancient inhabitants of the Western Hemisphere (the “Lamanites”) and their modern-day descendants.

• **Official LDS Statement Regarding Its Humanitarian Efforts.** The following is an official statement made by Elder Dallin H. Oaks of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles of the LDS Church:

Most Christians give to the poor and the needy, as Jesus taught (see Matthew 25:31–46; Mark 14:7). In following this teaching of our Savior, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and its members excel. Our members make generous contributions to charities and give personal service and other gifts to the poor and needy. In addition, our members fast for two meals each month and donate at least the cost of these meals as a fast offering, which our bishops and branch presidents use to help our needy members. Our fasting to help the hungry is an act of charity and, when done with pure intent, is a spiritual feast.

Less well known is our Church’s global humanitarian service. Using funds donated by generous members, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints sends food, clothing, and other essentials to relieve the suffering of adults and children all over the world. These humanitarian donations, totaling hundreds of millions of dollars in the last decade, are made without any consideration of religion, race, or nationality. ...During the last quarter century we have assisted

nearly 30 million people in 179 countries. Truly, the people called “Mormons” know how to give to the poor and needy.<sup>4</sup>

• **LDS Humanitarian Efforts Negatively Affect Local Economic Infrastructures.** The LDS Church delivers millions of dollars worth of goods from its main warehouse (Welfare Square)<sup>5</sup> located in Salt Lake City, Utah, U.S.A., and from other storage and distribution centers located throughout the world.<sup>6</sup> Besides these goods, the LDS members provide countless hours of volunteer services to areas of the world stricken with poverty.<sup>7</sup> In its own report (2011 Welfare Services Fact Sheet<sup>8</sup>), the LDS Church reported 872,721 days of labor donated to Church welfare facilities. The goods and services provided are not produced in the local economic infrastructures or from employment opportunities created for the local people where the poverty exists. The local people do not have the money to purchase these goods and services. Therefore, there is no need for the establishment and support of any type of local economic infrastructure, nor can one be established, as long as foreign goods and services are provided. In every area of the world where poverty existed before the LDS Church began its humanitarian efforts, the local economy was left devastated, and much worse off than it was before LDS efforts began.<sup>9</sup>

• **Church Volunteer Service Eliminates Local Paid Employment.** Using the figures provided by the Church above, 872,721 days of labor in a year equates to 6,981,768 hours of work (based on an 8-hour workday). If 872,721 local people of the impoverished communities were paid only \$2.00 per hour, this would mean almost \$14 million dollars (USD) being put into the local economy. People would have jobs. A Free Market economic infrastructure would be the result and local poverty would greatly diminish. If the local people were paid just \$5.00 per hour, almost \$35 million dollars would establish the foundation of a very vibrant local economy. A typical employee works 5 days a week for 52 weeks every year, or 260 days (assuming no vacations):  $872,721 / 260$  days worked = 3,356.6 new jobs created for the local community, regardless of pay.

• **Tithing Obligations Remove 10% of the Potential GDP from Local Economies.** LDS Church authorities relish in the Church’s humanitarian efforts and claim:

The gospel raises people out of poverty and dependency, but only when gospel culture, **including the faithful payment of tithing even by the very poor**, prevails over the traditions and cultures of dependency. ...No one shows love for their fellowmen more impressively than the noble men and women of this Church who leave comfortable homes and surroundings to serve as couple missionaries. They provide the most authentic and the most valuable assistance to those who are struggling to change. God bless our couple missionaries!<sup>10</sup>

The LDS humanitarian and missionary efforts establish and promote “cultures of dependency.” This doctrine implies that the poor are unworthy of prosperity when the poor refuse the LDS/Mormon “gospel culture” and do not pay their tithing. The LDS Church does not use any of its tithing proceeds to help the poor.<sup>11</sup> When the people in poor areas pay their tithing to the LDS Church, the local economic revenue (Gross Domestic Product) decreases proportionately.

• **The LDS Church Recognizes and Admits the Negative Results of Its Own Humanitarian Efforts.** LDS Apostle Dallin H. Oaks continues:

The doctrine and practice of personal responsibility and personal effort collide with individual traditions and local cultures in many lands. We live in a world where there are large differences in income and material possessions and where there are many public and private efforts to narrow these differences. The followers of the Savior are commanded to give to the poor, and many do. But some gifts have promoted a culture of dependency, reducing their recipients' need for earthly food or shelter but impoverishing them in their eternal need for individual growth. The growth required by the gospel plan only occurs in a culture of individual effort and responsibility. It cannot occur in a culture of dependency. Whatever causes us to be dependent on someone else for decisions or resources we could provide for ourselves weakens us spiritually and retards our growth toward what the gospel plan intends us to be.<sup>10</sup>

Again, in all areas of the world where poverty existed before any LDS humanitarian efforts were introduced, the Church left the local economies devastated. For an example of this, in areas where the Church donated large amounts of clothing, the textile industry was decimated and hundreds of textile workers became unemployed.<sup>12</sup>

• **LDS Church Lobbies Congress for Charitable Tax Deductions and Religious Tax Exemptions.** The LDS people are some of the wealthiest people, per capita, in the world.<sup>13</sup> They need charitable donations to offset their personal income taxes.<sup>14</sup> The LDS Church is also the wealthiest church *per capita* in the world.<sup>15</sup> The LDS Church reports a worldwide membership of about 16 million members.<sup>16</sup> If only ½ attended church regularly, and of those who attended regularly, only ½ paid a full tithe, it would equate to about 4 million tithing payers.<sup>17</sup> Most full-tithe-paying Mormons are U.S. citizens. A person is considered poor in the United States if, in a family of four, their income is \$2,000 per month or less.<sup>18</sup> If 4 million people were to pay \$200 per month in tithing, the Church would receive \$800 million dollars *per month*.<sup>19</sup> The current corporate tax rate in the U.S. was recently lowered to 21% by the Trump administration.<sup>20</sup> If the LDS Church were forced to pay taxes on just its tithing receipts *alone*, it would pay \$168 million dollars *per month* in tax revenue.

In Mexico, the average wage, which includes all Mexican millionaires, is about \$1500 per month.<sup>21</sup> If the LDS Church took what it would pay in corporate taxes and provided the cash to the Mexican people, the Church could support 112,000 people with a basic income. (NOTE: these LDS tithing receipt estimates are very conservative. If 16 million people paid \$100 per month in tithing, the Church's monthly receipts would be \$1.6 billion dollars. This amount of money would provide over 1 million humans of Mexican decent with a basic income. More than 1 million people would have the money needed to establish and support local businesses and economic infrastructures.

Instead, according to its official statement on the use of tithing, the LDS Church only uses tithing receipts as follows:

Tithing is the Lord's law of finance for His Church. Tithing donations are always used for the Lord's purposes, which He reveals through a council of His servants. Some of these uses are:

- Building and maintaining temples, chapels, and other Church buildings.
- Supporting the activities and operations of local Church congregations.
- Supporting the programs of the Church, including education and family history research.

Tithes are paid privately, and information about donations is kept strictly confidential.<sup>22</sup>

• **The LDS Influence in U.S. Politics Negatively Affects Immigrants, Especially Families.**

Of the States that make up the United States of America, the State of Utah is one of the top five most conservative.<sup>23</sup> Most LDS members lean toward the Republican political party.<sup>24</sup> The official Republican platform on immigration is:

Immigrants have undeniably made great contributions to our country, but any national immigration policy must put the interests of our existing citizens first. To start, our border must be absolutely secured and illegal immigration must be stopped. Then, and only then, can we begin reforming our system in a way that lets new immigrants experience the American Dream without causing economic hardships to American citizens.<sup>25</sup>

When a person from Mexico (or any other country in South America) enters the U.S. illegally and has children, the children are automatically born U.S. citizens. However, if and when the parents are discovered, the parents can be sent back to their country.<sup>26</sup> Because of the LDS support of a Republican government, the borders between the U.S. and Mexico have been strengthened and the immigration laws tightened.<sup>27</sup> Hundreds of families have been torn apart because of LDS/Republican supported immigration laws.<sup>28</sup> The LDS Church uses its money and influence in politics to fight laws supporting abortion,<sup>29</sup> gay rights,<sup>30</sup> and religious freedom, which are standard political issues of the Republican Party.<sup>31</sup> Yet, up until very recently, it has taken no significant stand against abusive immigration laws; and even this “[fell] short of endorsing any specific legislative or executive solution.”<sup>32</sup> This support of current U.S. immigration laws, and even stricter ones proposed by the current Trump administration and the Republican-controlled U.S. Congress, not only destroys families, but perpetuates unemployment and poverty in the countries to which the illegal immigrants are returned.

The most prosperous cities in Mexico and South America are resort, tourist cities, where most of the wealthy visit on vacation. English is a preferred language of many of the resorts' employees. When a person is illegally living in the U.S. for many years, he or she learns English. When one parent is forced out of the U.S., the immigrant family loses a provider, which forces the family into poverty while still living in the U.S. The exiled parent is forced to find work where available, usually at a resort in a tourist city. Because the resort owners prefer English-speaking workers, the exiled parent takes away a job that would otherwise have been filled by a local resident. The influx of English-speaking exiles provides many more workers than available

resort jobs, which lowers the wages paid to the employees. Because the exiled parent must still continue to support their U.S. family, the meager wage paid to the parent as a resort employee forces the exiled parent, as well as the local non-speaking job seeker, into more poverty. U.S. immigration laws create and perpetuate poverty on both sides of the border. Even more devastating is the emotional devastation a parent and family feels being forced into this separation.<sup>33</sup>

The LDS Church has done nothing in the past and does nothing now to bring these devastating facts to the attention of the politicians whom it supports. Once “*the noble men and women of this Church who leave comfortable homes and surroundings to serve as couple missionaries*,”<sup>34</sup> return from their missions, they go on vacations as tourists to many of these resort cities. These older Americans only see smiling faces on the employees at the resort. These smiles hide the emotional devastation that the resort employees are faced with in their daily lives because of the customers these employees serve. If a resort employee is caught frowning or possessing a negative attitude towards tourists, he or she is immediately terminated.

• **Proselyting the “Only True Religion” Polarizes and Marginalizes the People.** The ancestors of the native American people<sup>35</sup> (Latinos and Hispanics included) were forced by the sword of early conquistadors, explorers, and armed Christian missionaries to accept Christianity (predominantly, the Roman Catholic faith).<sup>36</sup> For hundreds of years, the only hope the conquered people had was in Jesus Christ. Roman Catholicism is still the most popular religion today.<sup>37</sup> Their hope is in salvation through baptism in this church. It was their ancestors’ hope. It is their hope. They know of no other. Infant baptism ensures salvation for their child. LDS doctrine directly opposes infant baptism and condemns the practice as a “mockery before God.”<sup>38</sup> For anyone who believes in infant baptism, “he must go down to hell.”<sup>39</sup>

The uneducated poor of these countries, of whom the LDS have most success at converting, see the Americans as very “blessed” and prosperous. The LDS missionaries preach that these people, too, can be “blessed” and prosperous, “*but only when gospel culture, including the faithful payment of tithing even by the very poor, prevails over the traditions and cultures of dependency*.”<sup>40</sup> The LDS Church maintains that it is the ONLY True and Living Church of God upon Earth,<sup>41</sup> and that the people can only receive the will of God and salvation by rejecting their “traditions and cultures” and allowing the LDS “gospel culture” to prevail.

• **LDS Doctrine of “Cursed” Ancestors Promotes Race Devaluation and Marginalization.** The LDS people believe that all humans came from two white individuals: Adam and Eve. Mormons (as well as many other Christian-based faiths<sup>42</sup>) believe that the only reason why there are dark-skinned races upon Earth is because God cursed the ancestors of the dark-skinned people who were once a light-skinned race.<sup>43</sup> This part of the modern LDS “gospel culture” and its doctrine<sup>44</sup> justifies the existence of poverty among these non-white people.

Because they were of the white race, which many believe was the original race of all people through Adam and Eve, the early LDS people misinterpreted and used the *BOM* to set up a new, first-of-its-kind, original American religion: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Over years of “gospel culture,” many came to believe the racist concept that dark-skinned people were born that way (“cursed”) because of wrong choices they made in the “pre-existence.”<sup>45</sup>

However, they are and were taught (as the LDS Apostle, Dallin Oaks, states) that they can begin to prosper, “if they rel[y] on the Lord’s promises and [pay] a full tithing. ... [Otherwise,] the Lord [will] withhold material and spiritual blessings when his covenant children [are] not keeping this vital commandment. ... The law of tithing and the promise of blessings to those who live it apply to the people of the Lord in every nation. I hope our members will qualify for the blessings of the Lord by paying a full tithing.”<sup>46</sup>

The LDS doctrine teaches that these people

shall...rejoice; for they shall know that it is a blessing unto them from the hand of God; and their scales of darkness shall begin to fall from their eyes; and many generations shall not pass away among them, save they shall be a pure and a delightful people.<sup>47</sup>

• **Missionary Imagery Suggests American Prosperity and Perpetuates Hopelessness.** LDS missionaries dress in white shirts and ties,<sup>48</sup> the normal and universal vesture indicative of worldly success and prosperity. The “gospel culture” taught by tens of thousands of missionaries suggests that a poor person who accepts their message and converts to Mormonism will also be likewise blessed. The people willingly listen to American Mormon missionaries, hoping that they too might one day be “blessed” enough to enjoy this perceived Mormon prosperity. But no matter how long the majority of Native American Mormon converts attend church and are assimilated into the LDS “gospel culture,” their impoverished situation continues and is actually exacerbated. The hope that these poor once had in the Roman Catholic faith was replaced by the hope of the American Dream. Their hope in the American Dream has been dashed and completely lost because of the “gospel culture” perpetuated by the missionary and humanitarian efforts of the LDS Church.

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### ***Book of Mormon Summary Pertaining to Indigenous Americans***

When read carefully and in context, the *Book of Mormon* is all about the “Gentiles” (modern-day Americans) helping the descendants of ancient native Americans (the “Lamanites”) prosper and feel important and equal<sup>49</sup> to the Europeans who possess and control the Western Hemisphere. Unfortunately, the *BOM*’s importance and original purpose is clouded by extensive historical arguments over LDS/Mormon history and subverted by the LDS Church’s disregard for the book’s original message. As a result, the *Book of Mormon* is mocked as a fantasy written by a conman to take advantage of people and justify a new American religion.<sup>50</sup>

The modern LDS Church cannot explain its complicated history.<sup>51</sup> It cannot explain why the alleged founder of Mormonism, Joseph Smith, Jr., was murdered and (most notably) why, after his murder, those closest to him (his immediate family—including his wife, children, mother, brother, and other intimates) refused to follow the Mormon leader, Brigham Young, to the State of Utah. LDS members and missionaries today attempt to convince the world that they are continuing Joseph Smith’s *original* intent in organizing and growing a new religion. This is simply not true. A book has been published that presents many of the facts and information that the modern LDS Church, as well as LDS/Mormon critics, do not consider. This book, *Without Disclosing My True Identity, the Authorized and Official Biography of the Mormon Prophet, Joseph Smith, Jr.*,<sup>52</sup> presents an unprecedented and profound look into the origins of the LDS Church. A sincere analysis of this book cannot deny the profound insight and answers it provides to many of the questions that one might have about LDS/Mormon history.

The authors of this book also wrote and published *The Sealed Portion—The Final Testament of Jesus Christ*.<sup>53</sup> The “sealed portion” of the *Book of Mormon* is presented in the *BOM* as being the most important part of the narrative.<sup>54</sup> Published in 2004, *The Sealed Portion* has convinced many *BOM* believers to leave the LDS Church, and religion all together.<sup>55</sup> Once separated from the LDS Church, these former LDS members have an insight and understanding of how much damage their former church and beliefs have done to the world. More essentially, they understand what the *original* intent of the *unsealed Book of Mormon* actually was.

Most non-Mormons mock the *Book of Mormon* as a nineteenth-century invention penned by Joseph Smith,<sup>56</sup> possibly with the help of others who lived at that time. Their mockery is understandable and a result of how the modern LDS Church uses the *Book of Mormon* in its missionary efforts. The facts will show that the *BOM* is indeed a nineteenth-century invention, but it is an invention of unprecedented worth to the native peoples of the Americas. Here is a brief summary of the book’s origins:

A small group of men wanted to help bring equality and justice to the Native American people, whose land and culture had been overrun and stolen by the Europeans who organized a government and became the United States of America. Wanting to remain completely autonomous of religion, as well as anonymous, these men approached Thomas Jefferson and explained their purpose and what they had in mind to help the Native American people. After consulting with these men for many days, Jefferson rejected their suggestion to present a *new*, authentically American version of Christianity presented as a story about the Native American peoples. Instead of doing it their way, Jefferson did it *his* way. In 1804, Jefferson wrote his own version of the Bible, but for the same purpose and end the anonymous men had in mind. Jefferson called his original work:

*The Philosophy of Jesus of Nazareth, being Extracted from the Account of His Life and Doctrines Given by Matthew, Mark, Luke and John; Being an Abridgement of the New Testament for the Use of the Indians, Unembarrassed [uncomplicated] with Matters of Fact or Faith beyond the Level of their Comprehensions.*<sup>57</sup>

Although his plan was to help the “Indians” understand Christianity better, Jefferson’s plan failed, and few took his *new Bible* seriously.

Eventually, these anonymous men found another popular and educated American Christian minister named Ethan Smith<sup>58</sup> (no relation to Joseph Smith, Jr.). They explained to Smith that they wanted to present a story about the ancient inhabitants of the American continent and how they were actually descendants of the Hebrews, the primary culture responsible for the Old and New Testaments of the Bible and Christianity. After many days of meetings and consultations, Ethan Smith also rejected these men’s idea to write an entirely different set of scripture—a *new American Bible*. Instead, Smith penned his own book that loosely followed the ideas discussed. His book, *A View of the Hebrews*,<sup>59</sup> didn’t have much success either.

Undaunted in their desires to do whatever they could to convince the white-skinned Europeans to accept and consider the darker-skinned natives as their equals, the men searched and found a young teenager by the name of Joseph Smith, Jr. Joseph’s family was divided when it came to religion. His older brother and his patriarchal grandfather were both staunch atheists, who followed the philosophy of Thomas Paine<sup>60</sup> and other anti-Christian intellectuals of that day. Joseph couldn’t make up his mind. Interestingly, Joseph Smith reported that in April of 1820, he had an incredible enlightenment while praying in the woods that convinced him that all religion was wrong. Although he told his close family and friends that his mind was enlightened so that he knew things and had answers to many questions about life and human existence, the young boy was mocked for thinking that he was smarter than everyone else. Having followed the teenager’s whereabouts and doings for a few years, the anonymous men finally approached the young Joseph and explained their plan. Joseph was excited and agreed to be their man—the messenger of their message and the “Author and Proprietor”<sup>61</sup> of their *new*, first-of-its-kind *American Bible*.

Who would believe a young teenager? Joseph Smith wasn’t very educated; but his enlightenment at fourteen years old left him with an incredible intelligence and disposition that was hard to find in those days among the uneducated, common folk. To be convincing, the new scripture had to follow the storyline of the Bible precisely. The anonymous men knew the Bible better than anyone. They created the *Book of Mormon*. The plot would fulfill their desire to present the Native Americans as equals to the white-skinned Europeans.<sup>62</sup> If they could get American Christians to accept their story, they knew they could incorporate religious prophecy into the book that would convince the European-Americans to care for and help the Native Americans prosper and benefit from the newly formed government of the United States.

The book’s story begins in Jerusalem and tells of a family that is instructed by God to leave the Eastern Hemisphere for the “promised land” of the Western Hemisphere.<sup>63</sup> The story includes a prophecy of how the Western Hemisphere would develop and eventually house the latter-day “Gentiles” and establish the most powerful nation upon Earth: the United States of America.<sup>64</sup> Because the book’s storyline was created after the United States was well established (it was published in 1830), the authors used recent history to ensure the appearance of veracity given in the *BOM* prophecies about the Western Hemisphere. Once the authors had “prophesied” about the formation of the United States, they specifically orchestrated prophecies that explained that



the “power of God” was with the Americans so that they would win every “battle” forged against them and become the strongest and greatest nation upon Earth:

And it came to pass that I, Nephi, beheld that the Gentiles [Colonial Americans] who had gone forth out of captivity did humble themselves before the Lord; and the power of the Lord was with them. And I beheld that their mother Gentiles [Great Britain] were gathered together upon the waters, and upon the land also, to battle against them. And I beheld that the power of God was with them, and also that the wrath of God was upon all those that were gathered together against them to battle. And I, Nephi, beheld that the Gentiles that had gone out of captivity were delivered by the power of God out of the hands of all other nations.<sup>65</sup>

The *BOM* prophecy about America’s future greatness was not the most important part, however. During the same vision in which the prophecy about America’s greatness was presented, the importance of the New Testament book of Revelation was also introduced. Because this part of the story (in which the vision was given) supposedly happened 1000 years before the New Testament was written (circa 600 B.C.E.), introducing Revelation had to seem as if it were something that would occur in the future:

And [the apostle John] shall also write concerning the end of the world. Wherefore, the things which he shall write are just and true; and behold they are written in the [Bible] which thou beheld proceeding out of the mouth of the Jew.<sup>66</sup>

The importance of Revelation to the overall message of the *BOM* is undeniably profound. Near the end of the story, the authors had one of their main characters, whose image adorns most modern LDS temples throughout the world (“angel Moroni”<sup>67</sup>), explain the importance of Revelation to “the Father’s work”:

And then shall my revelations which I have caused to be written by my servant John be unfolded in the eyes of all the people. Remember, when ye see these things, ye shall know that the time is at hand that they shall be made manifest in very deed. Therefore, when ye shall receive this record ye may know that the work of the Father has commenced upon all the face of the land.<sup>68</sup>

Ironically, the modern LDS Church pays little-to-no attention to the message of the book of Revelation or to the *sealed part* of the *BOM* that is also profoundly presented as the most important part of the story.<sup>69</sup> Written entirely in allegory, Revelation explains the “end of the world” as the end of Capitalism and economic inequality. Somehow, the LDS members and most Christians fail to recognize this important explanation given in Revelation.

The “end of the world” has nothing to do with the physical destruction of the world or of people. The hero of Revelation (which most people assume is Jesus Christ) is introduced as someone with a “two-edged sword”<sup>70</sup> coming out of his mouth. This allegory is indicative of “sharp” words being spoken that cause the “kings”<sup>71</sup> and “merchants”<sup>72</sup> (politicians and businessmen) to cower and wish that the “rocks would cover them”<sup>73</sup> from the presence of the hero, or rather, from what comes out of the hero’s mouth. The word “Apocalypse” that most people believe

means the “end of the world” is never actually mentioned even once in Revelation. “Apocalypse” is from the original Greek for “Disclosure.” Revelation is an allegoric *exposé/disclosure* of the only way that equity and justice—a “new world”—will come about: the end of corrupt politics and business practices first established by the “first beast,” the Great Roman Empire, and then copied and reestablished by the “second beast,” the United States of America.

The authors of the *Book of Mormon* knew everything that could possibly be known about the New Testament and its book of Revelation. They knew that the Bible, both the Old and New Testaments, were Greek inventions. The Greeks were the most prolific storytellers and writers of that time period. Their language had developed perfectly for storytelling and the presentation of allegoric meaning and prose. No other language on Earth at that time had the same type of proficiency. Around 600 B.C.E., the Greeks were hired and commissioned by ancient Hebrew tribal leaders to listen to their extensive oral histories and create a story about the Hebrew people. The Old Testament was the result.

As the Great Roman Empire began to fail and crumble underneath the pressure of great inequality and desperation of the masses, Greek ingenuity and skill were once again needed and commissioned for an intended purpose: to save the “kings and merchants” of the world from the rebelling and revolutionary masses. Christianity and the New Testament were the result. The story of Christianity is based on many of the prevailing myths, both of Jew and Gentile, of that time period. Regardless of what name was used for the Christian hero, just as Hercules saved the Greek masses from the “wrath of the gods,” Yeshua (“Jesus” in English) would save the people from the wrath of the Hebrew mythological gods.

The *Book of Mormon* authors knew the purpose for Christianity. Its purpose was quite simple, but never disclosed to the masses. The greatest questions of the unbeliever were: “If there is a just and compassionate god, why does God allow such misery and abuse of the masses by so few? Why is there poverty and inequality, if all people are God’s equal children? Why does God allow such human suffering?” The masses needed an answer to these important questions, especially at the time that the Great Roman Empire was being torn apart from within because of the desperation of the poor. Why would God allow just a few to prosper when so many were hungry and thirsty, homeless, naked, sick and afflicted, and imprisoned in Roman jails? At that time, the ruling few didn’t have access to modern weapons that could have easily subdued the masses. If not controlled, the masses would have risen up and easily conquered the wealthy and their armies. Something had to be done. The question of God’s inequality had to be addressed and answered in the mind of the masses. The Christian hero, Jesus, the Christ, answered the question.

Jesus was the son of the one and true God. Following the blueprint of the Greek and Roman mythologies about Hercules (which worked for the ancient Greek 1% in controlling the masses), Jesus was born of a god and virgin mother; except Jesus wasn’t strong like Hercules and didn’t fight. Jesus turned the other cheek to the abuses and struggles that the masses were encountering. Unlike Hercules, Jesus never used force against the abuses of the “kings and merchants.” Jesus taught forbearance, forgiveness, and to “love your enemies; do good to those who persecute you and despitefully use you.”<sup>74</sup>

The “kings and merchants” were definitely spitefully using and persecuting the masses. According to the new “Christian” religious movement, God’s only begotten Son<sup>75</sup> suffered the worst of the worst of abuses. And God allowed it. God allowed His only Son to be mocked, ridiculed, abused, and killed.<sup>76</sup> Nevertheless, some of the last words out of His Son’s mouth were, “Forgive them; for they know not what they do.”<sup>77</sup> If God’s only Son had to suffer the abuses of the powerful kings, priests, and merchants of the world, then in his example, God expects the same of the masses. The masses must accept Jesus and become like him: humble, meek, downtrodden, and abused in order to receive eternal salvation and live where Jesus lives. The answer as to why God allows such terrible things to happen to innocent people was given.

Christian myth was the *Magnum Opus* of Greek philosophy. The masses were controlled. No other story has stood the test of time and history like Christian myth. The masses of the Western Roman Empire failed to embrace Christianity—and they were destroyed. The Eastern Roman Empire embraced Christianity and it became the most powerful religion on Earth. It continues to control the minds and hearts of the world’s masses, even today. Christianity allows governments (kings) and corporate interests (merchants) to abuse the people and allows unprecedented division between the rich and the poor. The poor are okay with it: if their Savior had to suffer, so shall they.

It is the Christian god in which the “second beast”<sup>78</sup> (allegorically presented in the book of Revelation)—the United States of America—trusts. The Christian god’s name is profoundly placed on their money, which is the “number of the beast”<sup>79</sup> that all people must have in order to “buy or sell.”<sup>80</sup> (NOTE: the authors of *The Sealed Portion of the Book of Mormon* fulfilled the *BOM* prophecy and published a complete disclosure and explanation of the book of Revelation in the year 2006 titled: *666, The Mark of America—Seat of the Beast: The Apostle John’s New Testament Revelation Unfolded*. No other book matches the explanation of the allegoric presentation given as Revelation.)

Unlike the rest of the New Testament, which has been changed and edited from its original Greek, subsequent Christian leaders couldn’t decipher the meaning of Revelation’s allegory. Revelation’s incomprehensibility was intended by its original authors. Revelation was written so that it would not be understood, except by those who were honest and outside of any religious-based manipulative organization and the influence that these organizations created to control the masses. Corrupt religious leaders couldn’t change what they couldn’t understand.

The authors of the *Book of Mormon* deciphered the original meaning of Revelation. For this reason, they included it as one of the most profound parts of the *BOM* storyline. Truth, the REAL TRUTH as things really are, as they really were, and as they really will be, was presented in ancient Greek philosophy as “a sharp two-edged sword.” One can replace any mention of “Jesus” or “Christ” with the “Real Truth” and one will better understand the overall message intended for the *Book of Mormon*.

The authors of the *BOM* wanted to encourage the *new*, white-skinned Americans to treat the darker-skinned Natives as their equals. Because the Americans were convinced that the Bible was the only “word of God” and that Christianity was God’s only true religion, the plot centered around the Greek hero Jesus and the way that Jesus taught the people to treat each other. The

*BOM* uses biblical stories and prophecy to present its author's desired intent. Centered in the New Testament's Sermon on the Mount, in which Jesus delivers his most profound and direct teachings, the *Book of Mormon* includes this sermon, word for word, as what the *BOM* Jesus delivers to the people from his own mouth.<sup>81</sup>

According to the *BOM* story, once Jesus was killed by the Jews in the Eastern Hemisphere, he resurrected and visited the people living in the Western Hemisphere to show God's liberal equality to all the people of the earth, regardless of race:

For he doeth that which is good among the children of men; and he doeth nothing save it be plain unto the children of men; and he inviteth them all to come unto him and partake of his goodness; and he denieth none that come unto him, black and white, bond and free, male and female; and he remembereth the heathen; and all are alike unto God, both Jew and Gentile.<sup>82</sup>

The *BOM* authors incorporated a lot of the prophecies attributed to Isaiah of the Old Testament<sup>83</sup> into the *Book of Mormon*. They did this in order to present the idea that the Gentiles (modern Americans) were supposed to save and help the descendants of the "Lamanites" (Native Americans): "*For thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left, and thy seed shall inherit the Gentiles and make the desolate cities to be inhabited.*"<sup>84</sup> A "new Jerusalem" was to be established in America, where the Native Americans would be blessed and helped by the Gentiles to prosper:

And behold, this people will I establish in this land, unto the fulfilling of the covenant which I made with your father Jacob; and it shall be a New Jerusalem. And the powers of heaven shall be in the midst of this people; yea, even I will be in the midst of you.<sup>85</sup>

The *Book of Mormon* is filled with these kinds of prophecies. The book's authors' only intent was to inspire the European American people to aid the Native American people, whose cultures the Europeans had destroyed and whose lands they had taken. Their intent failed from the beginning.

Once the authors had helped the young Joseph Smith write and present the book, they could see that the American Christian people who accepted the book as another "word of God" were missing the point of the "*fulfilling of the covenant which I made with your father Jacob.*"<sup>86</sup> Thereafter, Smith received one of many "revelations from God" condemning the people for disregarding the *Book of Mormon*:

And by this you may know the righteous from the wicked, and that the whole world groaneth under sin and darkness even now. And your minds in times past have been darkened because of unbelief, and because you have treated lightly the things you have received—Which vanity and unbelief have brought the whole church under condemnation. And this condemnation resteth upon the children of Zion, even all. And they shall remain under this condemnation until they repent and remember **the new covenant, even the Book of Mormon** and

the former commandments which I have given them, not only to say, but to do according to that which I have written.<sup>87</sup>

The “covenant made with Jacob” was that his posterity would prosper in a “promised land.”<sup>88</sup> The authors had to first convince the Americans that the natives were actual posterity of Jacob, which they did profoundly through the *BOM* storyline. Once convinced, the *BOM* authors proceeded to specifically outline what the “Gentiles” needed to do for the Native Americans. The white-skinned LDS/Mormons, who were mostly of European descent, rejected the *Book of Mormon*’s true purpose and intent. The modern Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was the result of this rejection. LDS/Mormons have completely distorted the “fullness of the everlasting gospel as delivered by the Savior to the ancient inhabitants.”

In fact, modern leaders misquote the book as scripture to enhance the pride and importance of LDS membership. Incredibly, from the pulpit of the LDS Worldwide General Conference held in Salt Lake City, Utah, in October 2016, one of the LDS General Authorities, Elder Gary E. Stevenson, said the following to the members of the Church about the *Book of Mormon*:

Each of you can also receive a personal witness of this book! Do you realize that the *Book of Mormon* was written for you—and for your day? This book is one of the blessings of living in what we call the dispensation of the fulness of times. Although the *Book of Mormon* was written by inspired, ancient authors—many of whom were prophets—they and the people of their day did not have the benefit of possessing the whole book. You now have easily within your reach the sacred record that prophets, priests, and kings treasured, embraced, and preserved! You have the benefit of holding in your hands the complete *Book of Mormon*. Interestingly, one of the *Book of Mormon* prophets, Moroni, saw our day—your day. He even saw you, in vision, many hundreds of years ago! Moroni wrote: ‘Behold, the Lord hath shown unto me great and marvelous things concerning ... that day when these things,’ meaning the *Book of Mormon*, ‘shall come forth among you. Behold, I speak unto you as if ye were present, and yet ye are not. But behold, Jesus Christ hath shown you unto me, and I know your doing.’<sup>89</sup>

The above is a profound example of how the LDS people are deceived by their leaders and misled as to their (LDS) importance to the world. This LDS General Authority is quoting directly from the *Book of Mormon*; but he takes his message of pride and membership importance **completely** out of context. Oddly, he has fulfilled *BOM* prophecy and has “transfigured the holy word of God.”<sup>90</sup>

In the story, where the *BOM* prophet, Moroni, sees the modern-day Mormon people and says, “I know your doing,” this deceptive General Authority fails to include what Moroni **actually** saw the LDS/Mormon people doing. Incredibly profound, here is what the *BOM* prophet Moroni saw the “Gentiles” doing in the latter-days:

O ye wicked and perverse and stiffnecked people, why have ye built up churches unto yourselves to get gain? Why have ye transfigured the holy word of God, that ye might bring damnation upon your souls? Behold, look ye unto the revelations of

God; for behold, the time cometh at that day when all these things must be fulfilled. ...And I know that ye do walk in the pride of your hearts; and there are none save a few only who do not lift themselves up in the pride of their hearts, unto the wearing of very fine apparel, unto envying, and strifes, and malice, and persecutions, and all manner of iniquities; and your churches, yea, even every one, have become polluted because of the pride of your hearts. For behold, ye do love money, and your substance, and your fine apparel, and the adorning of your churches, more than ye love the poor and the needy, the sick and the afflicted. O ye pollutions, ye hypocrites, ye teachers, who sell yourselves for that which will canker, why have ye polluted the holy church of God? Why are ye ashamed to take upon you the name of Christ? Why do ye not think that greater is the value of an endless happiness than that misery which never dies—because of the praise of the world? Why do ye adorn yourselves with that which hath no life, and yet suffer the hungry, and the needy, and the naked, and the sick and the afflicted to pass by you, and notice them not? Yea, why do ye build up your secret abominations to get gain, and cause that widows should mourn before the Lord, and also orphans to mourn before the Lord, and also the blood of their fathers and their husbands to cry unto the Lord from the ground, for vengeance upon your heads?<sup>91</sup>

The above description of the modern LDS people appropriately and overwhelmingly depicts them and their “gospel culture” to a tee!

In summary,

The LDS/Mormons have perverted the original message of the *Book of Mormon*. Their hypocrisy is unprecedented when so much was given to them as another source of “God’s word” to inspire them to do good. They believe that their missionary and humanitarian efforts are good and mandates from God, when actually nothing could be more evil and counterproductive to bringing peace and economic balance to the world. LDS influence in political matters causes undue stress, strife, and persecution on immigrants, gays, and everyone who doesn’t accept their Mormon “gospel culture.” They do not “live peaceably”<sup>92</sup> with those who disagree with them.

The LDS Church and people have turned the “Spirit of Christ,”<sup>93</sup>—which was created and envisioned to become a spirit of hope, unity, love, acceptance, and economic equality for all—into a religion of vain ordinances, temple building, priesthood authority, and volunteer service that destroys other people<sup>94</sup> and perpetuates poverty and inequality throughout the world. The *Book of Mormon* authors warned those who would read their book of this “evil” and counseled them appropriately: “Wherefore, take heed, my beloved brethren, that ye do not judge that which is evil to be of God, or that which is good and of God to be of the devil.”<sup>95</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> The Title Page of the *BOM* reads in relevant part: “Wherefore, it is an abridgment of the record of the people of...the Lamanites—Written to the Lamanites, who are a remnant of the house of Israel;...Which is to show unto the remnant of the house of Israel [the Native Americans] what great things the Lord hath done for their fathers; and that they may know the covenants of the Lord, that they are not cast off forever.”

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<sup>9</sup> Connor, Tracy, “What Does Haiti Have to Show for \$13 Billion in Earthquake Aid?” *NBCNews.com*, 11 Jan 2015, NBC Universal, 15 May 2018 <<https://www.nbcnews.com/news/investigations/what-does-haiti-have-show-13-billion-earthquake-aid-n281661>>.

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<sup>59</sup> “View of the Hebrews,” *Wikipedia*, 26 Mar 2018, Wikimedia Foundation, Inc., 14 May 2018 <[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/View\\_of\\_the\\_Hebrews](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/View_of_the_Hebrews)>.

<sup>60</sup> “Thomas Paine,” *History.com*, 2009, A&E Television Networks, LLC, 17 May 2018 <<https://www.history.com/topics/american-revolution/thomas-paine>>.

<sup>61</sup> “165 – The Original Book of Mormon Title Page,” *byustudies.byu.edu*, 2018, BYU Studies, 14 May 2018 <<https://byustudies.byu.edu/charts/165-original-book-mormon-title-page>>.

<sup>62</sup> *BOM*, 2 Nephi 26:33 “[T]he Lord...inviteth them all to come unto him and partake of his goodness; and he denieth none that come unto him, black and white, bond and free, male and female; and he remembereth the heathen; and all are alike unto God, both Jew and Gentile.”

<sup>63</sup> *BOM*, 1 Nephi 17:14 “Yea, and the Lord said also that: After ye have arrived in the promised land, ye shall know that I, the Lord, am God; and that I, the Lord, did deliver you from destruction; yeah, that I did bring you out of the land of Jerusalem.”

<sup>64</sup> *See generally BOM*, 1 Nephi 13.

<sup>65</sup> *BOM*, 1 Nephi 13:16–19.

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- <sup>67</sup> “Looking Up to Moroni,” *LDS.org*, Nov 2009, Intellectual Reserve, Inc., 17 May 2018 <<https://www.lds.org/new-era/2009/11/looking-up-to-moroni>>.
- <sup>68</sup> *BOM*, Ether 4:16–17.
- <sup>69</sup> *See* 3 Nephi 26:6–11.
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- <sup>72</sup> Revelation 18:3, 11, 15, 23.
- <sup>73</sup> Compare Revelation 6:15–16.
- <sup>74</sup> Compare Matthew 5:43–4.
- <sup>75</sup> John 3:16; 1 John 4:9.
- <sup>76</sup> John, chapter 19.
- <sup>77</sup> Luke 23:34.
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- <sup>80</sup> Revelation 13:17.
- <sup>81</sup> *See generally BOM*, 3 Nephi, chapters 12–14.
- <sup>82</sup> *BOM*, 2 Nephi 26:33.
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- <sup>84</sup> *BOM*, 3 Nephi 22:3.
- <sup>85</sup> *BOM*, 3 Nephi 20:22; *see also* verses 23–4; Ether 13:3–6, 10.
- <sup>86</sup> *BOM*, 3 Nephi 20:22.
- <sup>87</sup> *D&C*, 84:53–7.
- <sup>88</sup> *BOM*, 3 Nephi 20:29.
- <sup>89</sup> Stevenson, Elder Gary E., “Look to the Book, Look to the Lord,” *LDS.org*, Oct 2016, Intellectual Reserve, Inc., 14 May 2018 <<https://www.lds.org/general-conference/2016/10/look-to-the-book-look-to-the-lord>>. (Scripture from *BOM*, Mormon 8:34–5.)
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- <sup>91</sup> *BOM*, Mormon 8:33, 36–40.
- <sup>92</sup> *BOM*, Mosiah 4:13.
- <sup>93</sup> *BOM*, Moroni 7:16.
- <sup>94</sup> “*Provision of in-kind assistance can negatively affect local markets.*” *See* Idris, I., “Economic impacts of humanitarian aid (GSDRC Helpdesk Research Report 1327),” *GSDRC.org*, Jan 2016, DFID, 18 May 2018 <<http://gsdrc.org/publications/economic-impacts-of-humanitarian-aid/>>.
- <sup>95</sup> *BOM*, Moroni 7:14.