

SHOW NOTES for Polygamy: What Love Is This (Episode 718, May 8, 2014)

2 Timothy 4:3-4

3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. NKJV

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First Characteristic: An exalted, imperialistic-type leader or prophet.

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Jesus said: John 17:17 Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.

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Psalms 19:7-11

7 The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul. The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

8 The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes.

9 The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever. The ordinances of the Lord are sure and altogether righteous.

10 They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the comb.

11 By them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

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Psalms 12:6 And the words of the Lord are flawless, like silver refined in a furnace of clay, purified seven times.

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“...learn to do as you are told ... And when you are taking a position, if you do not know that you are right, do not take it-I mean independently. But if you are told by your leader to do a thing, do it. None of your business whether it is right or wrong”

Heber C. Kimball, November 8, 1857, Journal of Discourses 6:32

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“He [Lucifer] wins a great victory when he can get members of the Church to speak against the leaders and do ‘their own thinking.’ Ward Teachers’ Message, Improvement Era, June 1945, p. 354.

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Second Characteristic: They use Bible plus: New Revelations, New, Changing Doctrines or their own Religious writings they call 'scripture'.

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Malachi 3:6 "I the Lord do not change.."

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Psalms 119:151-152

"Yet you are near, O Lord, and all your commands are true.

152 Long ago I learned from your statutes that you established them to last forever."

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Matthew 5:18 I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished.

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John 10:35 "... the Scripture cannot be broken.."

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Psalms 102:27 But you remain the same, and your years will never end.

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Characteristic #3: Mind Control and Time Control in varying degrees:

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" When our leaders speak, the thinking has been done. When they propose a plan—it is God's plan. When they point the way, there is no other which is safe. When they give direction, it should mark the end of controversy..." June 1945 Improvement Era,

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Mark 12:28-30:

"Of all the commandments, which is the most important?"

29 "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one.

30 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.'

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1 Timothy 5:8 But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.

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Characteristic #4: Works Salvation, Grace is marginalized.

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John 6:28-29

28 Then they asked him, "What must we do to do the works God requires?"

29 Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent."

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John 17:2 For you granted him [JESUS] authority over all people that He might give eternal life to all those You have given Him.

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Galatians 1:6-10

6 I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you by the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel — which is really no gospel at all. Evidently some people are throwing you into confusion and are trying to pervert the gospel of Christ.

8 But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let him be eternally condemned!

9 As we have already said, so now I say again: If anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you accepted, let him be eternally condemned!

10 Am I now trying to win the approval of men, or of God? Or am I trying to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a servant of Christ.

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Characteristic #5: Groups' Exclusivity, Claims They Alone are God's Chosen

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From: <http://www.utlm.org/onlinebooks/changech14.htm#418> :

"In 1835 Joseph Smith prophesied that the coming of the Lord was near and that fifty-six years should wind up the scene.

In the History of the Church, volume 2, page 182, we read as follows:

"President Smith then stated ... it was the will of God that those who went to Zion, with a determination to lay down their lives, if necessary, should be ordained to the ministry, and go forth to prune the vineyard for the last time, or the coming of the Lord, which was nigh—even fifty-six years should wind up the scene." History of the Church, volume 2, page 182

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History of the Church, vol. 5, p. 336

Joseph Smith said:

"There are those of the rising generation who shall not taste death till Christ comes."

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"... I prophecy in the name of the Lord God—& let it be written: that the Son of Man will not come in the heavens till I am 85 years old 48 years hence or about 1890...."

[www.utlm.org](http://www.utlm.org), quoted from Joseph Smith's diary, March 10, 1843-July 14, 1843.

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Jeremiah 29:11-14

11 For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

12 Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.

13 You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

14 I will be found by you," declares the Lord,

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Jeremiah 24:7 I will give them a heart to know me, that I am the Lord. They will be my people, and I will be their God, for they will return to me with all their heart.

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Sixth Characteristic: Different Jesus, different God, different Gospel.

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1 Timothy 3:16 "...that "God was manifest in the flesh.."

Colossians 2:9 For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

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"In bearing testimony of Jesus Christ, President Hinckley spoke of those outside the Church who say Latter-day Saints 'do not believe in the traditional Christ.' 'No, I don't. The traditional Christ of whom they speak is not the Christ of whom I speak. For the Christ of whom I speak has been revealed in this the Dispensation of the Fullness of Times. He together with His Father, appeared to the boy Joseph Smith in the year 1820, and when Joseph left the grove that day, he knew more of the nature of God than all the learned ministers of the gospel of the ages.'" LDS Church News Week ending June 20, 1998, pg. 7

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King James Version: John 1:1-2

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was with God in the beginning.

Joseph Smith Version: John 1:1-2

In the beginning was the gospel preached through the Son. And the gospel was the word, and the word was with the Son, and the Son was with God, and the Son was of God.

New World Translation, John 1:1-2:

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,+ and the Word was a god. 2 This one was in the beginning with God.

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Isaiah 9:6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

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2 Corinthians 11:4 warns...

"...comes to you and preaches a Jesus other than the Jesus we preached, or if you receive a different spirit ..., or a different gospel ..."

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Matthew 24:24 "For false Christ's and false prophets will appear and perform great signs and miracles to deceive even the elect."

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Recommended Resources:

www.rickross.com  
www.cultwatch.com  
<http://www.prem-rawat-talk.org/forum/uploads/CultCharacteristics.htm>  
www.utlm.org  
www.mrm.org

Books:

Combatting Cult Mind Control; Steven Hassan  
Kingdom of the Cults, Walter Martin

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Viewer Response:

I have learned much from watching What Love Is This and X-Mormon files. I am not Mormon. My thoughts...the LDS church claims to be the only true church. Seems to me that the Jews for Jesus are the only people that can make that claim! I quit ignoring Christ about 11 years ago. Knowing who He is, is the best thing that has ever happened to me. Praise God for the courage He has given all of you to be able to stand up for Truth in this state. With much love and admiration, B.
P.S. It is so irksome when LDS people say, "I love my church."

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Matthew 5:20 "... except your righteousness .. exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven."