

THE REAL ORIGIN OF JOSEPH SMITH'S TEACHINGS ON ETERNAL MARRIAGE MORE PLAGIARIZATION

In our last issue, we clearly showed--for the umpteenth time--that the renowned charlatan, Joseph Smith, plagiarized his Book of Mormon from various pieces of literature and magazines found in our homeopath's waiting room--and notably from Shakespeare. As expected, Mormons have remained silent on this issue during the past month. Since then, we have discovered shocking news that will finally bring the Mormon Church to its knees. We have positive proof that Joseph Smith borrowed one of Mormonism's most well-known doctrines, the belief in eternal marriage, from both Shakespeare and Tennyson. The following examples will illustrate what we mean:

"Take time to pause; and, by the next new moon, -

**The SEALING-DAY betwixt my love and me,
For EVERLASTING bond of fellowship, -"**
(William Shakespeare, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, Act I, Scene I, lines 83-86)

Some of this terminology was also borrowed by Joseph Smith in D&C 88:133, where he writes of "the **EVERLASTING** covenant, in which covenant I receive you to **FELLOWSHIP**, in a determination that is fixed, immovable, and unchangeable, to be your friend and brother through the grace of God in the **BONDS OF love, to walk in all the commandments of God blameless**, in thanksgiving, forever and ever. Amen."

Another passage from Shakespeare also influenced Joseph Smith:

"For **IN THE TEMPLE**, by and by, with us
These couples shall ETERNALLY be knit:"
(William Shakespeare, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, Act IV, Scene I, lines 177-178)

The Apostle Paul borrowed from this passage for his epistle to the Colossians (2:2), when he

wrote, "That their hearts might be comforted, being **KNIT together in love**." Joseph Smith borrowed from Paul when he wrote in Mosiah 18:21, "having their hearts **KNIT together in unity and in love** one towards another." It is well known that Joseph Smith relied heavily on Paul, whom he cites in the Mormon 13th Article of Faith. There is even evidence that they were on good terms. At the organization of a school for instruction. January 5, 1841, Joseph Smith described Paul in terms that clearly demonstrate that the two were collaborators.

"Description of Paul:--He is about five feet high; very dark hair; dark complexion; dark skin; large Roman nose; sharp face; small black eyes, penetrating as eternity; round shoulders; a whining voice, except when elevated, and then it almost resembled the roaring of a lion. He was a good orator, active and diligent, always employing himself in doing good to his fellowman" (B. H. Roberts, *Outlines of Ecclesiastical History*, p.86).

Coming from the well-known Mormon scholar and Apostle, B. H. Roberts, there is little reason to doubt the authenticity of this statement.

Another writer from whom Joseph Smith plagiarized material for his doctrine on the eternity of marriage was Alfred, Lord Tennyson. In his *Idylls of the King*, in the section entitled "Guinevere", the now-famous queen has entered a monastery, following her sin and, through the bars of a window, her husband, King Arthur, speaks these words to her:

"Let no man dream but that I love thee still.
Perchance, and **so thou purify thy soul**,
And so thou lean on our fair father Christ,
Hereafter **in that world where all are pure**
We two may meet before high God, and thou

**Wilt spring to me, and claim me thine,
and know am thine husband.”**

(Alfred, Lord Tennyson, *Idylls of the King*, New York City: Heritage Press, 1939, p. 270)

Note that Tennyson also has Arthur telling Guinevere “**so thou purify thy soul.**” Joseph Smith borrowed this idea when he taught that Mormons must “**work out their OWN SALVATION** with fear and trembling” (*Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith*, p.76). Using the Mormon Church’s own computer program, we discovered that not only did Joseph Smith use these same words in Mormon 9:27, but, again, he took them from Paul, who used them in Philippians 2:12. These two co-conspirators stole the idea from Tennyson. The so-called Mormon “scholars” at FARMS will probably respond by saying that Tennyson lived long after Paul and that Paul wrote his epistles long before Shakespeare. But Tennyson was a **contemporary** of Joseph Smith, making it easy for Smith to borrow from his writings. The Bible used by Joseph Smith was published in 1829, long after Shakespeare, giving plenty of time for the playwright to be quoted in that Bible. This time, there’s no getting around it! The evidence for Joseph Smith’s fraud is clear, as is his complicity (whatever that means) with Paul.

But the story doesn’t end there! Our research has uncovered evidence that Joseph Smith also quoted from the Koran, which is a non-Christian book written by another false prophet, Mohammed. The Koran speaks of the celestial garden or paradise that the righteous will inherit. As in Mormonism, they don’t inherit it alone, but with their spouses. Here are some extracts from the Koran that clearly demonstrate that Joseph Smith plagiarized that pagan book for his ideas on eternal marriage:

“Enter the Garden, **YE AND YOUR WIVES**, to be made glad” (Surah 43:70).

“Lo! those who **kept their duty** will be in a place secure amid gardens and water-springs, attired in silk and silk embroidery, facing one another. Even so [it will be]. And **WE SHALL WED THEM TO FAIR ONES** with wide, lovely eyes. They call therein for every fruit in safety. They taste not death therein, save the first death. And He hath saved them from the doom of hell” (Surah 44:51-57).

There is even mention, in the Koran, of children joining their parents in the heavenly world:

“Lo! those who **kept their duty** dwell in gardens and delight, happy because of what their Lord hath given them, and [because] their Lord hath warded off from them the torment of hell-fire. [And it is said unto them]: Eat and drink in health [**as reward**] for **what ye used to do**, Reclining on ranged couches. And **WE WED THEM UNTO FAIR ONES** with wide, lovely eyes. And they who believe and whose seed follow them in Faith, **We cause their seed to join them [there]**, and We deprive them of naught of their [life’s] work” (Surah 52:17-21).

Notice that the Koran also says that those “who **KEPT THEIR DUTY**” inherit paradise. This is another example of the false Mormon teaching that one can be saved by his **own efforts**. And it came from a **pagan source**! One especially interesting passage is from the Koran, Surah 36:54-55:

“Lo! **THOSE WHO MERIT PARADISE** this day are happily employed, **they and their wives**, in pleasant shade, **ON THRONES** reclining.”

Joseph Smith borrowed directly from this Surah when he wrote the revelation on eternal marriage, D&C 132. In D&C: 132:37, we read:

“Abraham **received concubines, and they bore him children**; and it was accounted unto him for righteousness, because they were given unto him, and **he abode in my law**; as Isaac also and Jacob did none other things than that which they were commanded; and because **they did none other things than that which they were commanded**, they have entered into their exaltation, according to the promises, and **SIT UPON THRONES**, and are not angels but **are gods**.”

The idea of polygamists married to their wives for eternity and sitting upon thrones came from the Koran.

For more information about the pagan origins of Mormon polygamy, see our book *The Pagan Origins of Mormon Polygamy*.

The **pagan** origin of the idea of eternal

marriage is further proven by the fact that various pagan religions share this belief with the Mormons. For example, until the practice was banned by the British in 1829, the Bengali Hindus of India (now rumored to be Bangladesh) used to burn a widow with her husband's corpse, in order that she might continue to live with him after death. During archaeological excavations conducted at ancient Mesopotamian Ur (in Iraq), Leonard Woolley discovered that the Sumerian kings were formerly accompanied to the grave by their wives. As late as the 19th century, when a Comanche man died, his wife **or wives** were sometimes killed in order that they might be with him in the afterlife.

In China, the parents of children who die before marriage seek an alliance with one another. The parents of the deceased boy and those of a deceased girl perform a marriage for the two unmarried children, burning together paper images of the children. Among the Naywar people of Nepal, girls before the age of 12 are symbolically married to a Hindu god, Subarna-Kumar, in order that they can never become widows. While any subsequent marriages to mortal husbands are considered temporary, this earlier union is eternal.

Finally, we come to the **most pagan of all institutions**, American television. In one episode of the late 1970s TV series "Battlestar Galactica," a member of the "quorum of the twelve," in a wedding ceremony, declares that his son and bride are "sealed together not only for time, but for all eternity." From this and other evidences we have presented here, it is clear that the Mormon practice of eternal marriage has its roots in pagan beliefs and practices.

MORMON PROPHET NOT GAY

Again, Mormons have been duped into **believing a falsehood**. Several years ago, we pointed out that the so-called Salamander Letter was a forgery. We published this information at a time when Mormon scholars believed that it was authentic. It was not until after Mark Hoffman's confession of forgery that

they admitted they were wrong in accepting the document. ***It had everyone fooled but us.*** Still, Mormon scholars ***continue to ignore*** the important role we played in uncovering this hoax and in bringing Mark Hoffman to justice.

Now we have another bombshell discovery. We now have conclusive evidence that Mormon prophet Gordon B. Hinckley is not gay. The accusation of homosexuality was made by Ed Ducker and the Former Saints Alive Against Mormonism organization in their film "The Mormon Godfather II," in which a deranged young man claims to have contracted AIDS from Hinckley. The Mormon church, of course, has denied the allegations, but, as usual, ***without any supporting evidence.*** We now have that evidence and present it to you here for the first time. It seems that, according to our physician, ***a man who has been practicing medicine for more than thirty years,*** it is impossible for Hinckley to have given the AIDS virus to someone else since Hinckley doesn't have AIDS. The physician, Dr. Ben Dover, is an expert on such matters. Unscrupulous and inexperienced researchers will undoubtedly continue to spread rumors like the one portrayed in the film, but we at the Utah Lighthouse Misanthropes pledge will remain vigilant and pledge to separate out the chaff from the wheat when it comes to the Mormon Church.

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