

Hermeneutical Essay #1 Lesson 2 Mormons Say They Are Gods?

The Mormon Cult has some very strange beliefs and practices. It was started by Joseph Smith in Palmyra New York in 1830. He was considered the first Mormon prophet. He married 40 women in his lifetime. One of the most bizarre beliefs is that when they die they become male and female gods having baby gods that inhabit their own planets? Can you say: Blasphemy!

When I was a young boy I lived on a farm in Corfu, New York a few miles down the road from Palmyra New York. Joseph Smith lived on a farm in Palmyra and had his supposed encounter with the angel Moroni and received the Mormon religion. I was taught that it was cult and that Joseph Smith was a Necromancer who spoke with the dead. I found out later that he was actually getting his information directly from Satan. When I was in my 30's I worked for a company that maintained the Air Conditioning systems for the Reception Center for the Mormon church at Joseph Smith's farm in Palmyra which they now call the Sacred Grove. It always seemed so strange that people could be so easily duped into such a lie.

I will now use the Context Principle to refute the Mormons claim to deity. They were in error to using John 10:34 as their proof text. It is now necessary to put the word gods as used by our Lord in this verse into the correct context. In order to gain insight we must use further scriptural support as given in Psalms 82:6 which Jesus was quoting. In this verse the statement "you are gods" is stating that "you are Elohim". The word Elohim can be used for God Himself or a Judge that was commissioned by God to be a Judge over His people! Jesus's use of Elohim was an ingenious way to tell his accusers they were gods also small g.

Using the Selective use of Evidence Principle we can plainly see that the Mormons are misinterpreting the meaning of the word god used here by Jesus in John 10:34. By using the teachings from their lying leadership they try to prove to the world that being a Mormon gives them the hope of becoming gods when they die. In a commentary by David Guzik he uses John 10:30 where Jesus said: I and My Father are One, making Himself equal to God the Father. After hearing this they picked up stones to stone him. Jesus told them they were also called gods (judges), But that He was Equal to God. They knew that He was saying that Elohim can mean Judges as well as God. Then Jesus said: The Messiah is at least a judge, do you say to him Who the Father consecrated and sent into the world "You are blaspheming; because I said, I Am the Son of God?" Then He quoted John 10:36 The Father is in Me and I Am in The Father! He had won the discussion.

In using the Complete Mention Principle: Jesus authenticated the old Testament scripture with the statement from: John 10:35 "and the scriptures cannot be broken". And He claimed to be the Messiah, God! There is only One! Chuck Missler, Koinonia House 1990: Jesus is God: Matthew 16:16 Peter said "You are the Son of the Living God". John 3:16 : "For God so loved the world that He gave His Only Begotten Son! ". In John 8:58 Jesus said: Before Abraham was born ;I Am! Hebrews 1:8-9 but about the Son He say, "Your throne O God, will last for ever and ever; a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom, You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions by anointing you with the oil of gladness." Jesus is God the Creator: John 1:1-3: In the beginning the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through Him all things were made, without Him nothing was made that has been made. It always amazes me how someone can come up with a cult by taking one scripture verse out of context. Mormons will never be gods! I pray they all get saved.