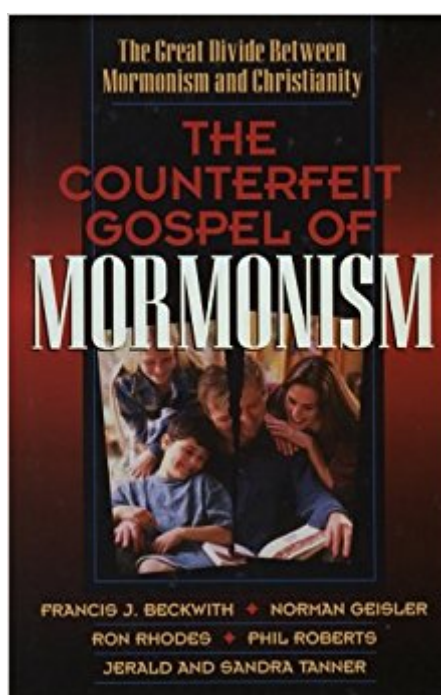


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# The Counterfeit Gospel Of Mormonism: The Great Divide Between Mormonism And Christianity



## Synopsis

Several experts on Mormonism compare biblical Christianity with Mormon teachings in: Scripture, God, Christ, salvation, and terminology. A definitive resource on the differences between Mormonism and Christianity.

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## Customer Reviews

This book provides substantive and accurate scholarship. It helps to dispel the misleading image of Mormonism created by the LDS Church's professional public relations firm. The latter is a rosily inaccurate portrayal that all too easily seduces the subjective, feelings-oriented mentality that is so prevalent today. The book is historically, theologically and philosophically excellent. It will be recognized as such by those having more than a superficial knowledge of Mormon doctrine and history. For example, it is abundantly clear from Joseph Smith's "Inspired Version" of the Bible that he did, indeed, intend to write himself into Old Testament prophecy. Those who take the trouble to read the early diaries and historical documents of the Church do not doubt this. This book is an absolute must read. I would give it more than five stars if I could.

Great book for learning about the Mormon cult.

This 1998 book contains chapters by noted apologists and anti-Mormon authors: Norman Geisler, Francis Beckwith, Ron Rhodes, Phil Roberts, and Jerald and Sandra Tanner. The Foreword states,

"While this book is partly a response to *How Wide the Divide?: A Mormon & an Evangelical in Conversation*, its purpose is much broader than that. With Mormonism claiming more fervently than ever that it alone represents the fullness of true Christianity, it is more urgent than ever before for biblical Christians to speak up for truth..."Here are some quotations from the book:"Actually, this so-called 'Inspired Version' of the Bible has been an embarrassment to the Mormon Church. It was never published during (Joseph) Smith's lifetime, nor has the Mormon Church ever made an official publication of it. It was given in 1886 by Smith's wife Emma to the Reorganized Church... Their edition of 1887 is even sold in the Mormon Deseret Book Store and is cited by Mormon scholars." (Pg. 28-29)"Most orthodox Christians admit (1 John 5:7-8) is an interpolation. Why an inspired Mormon Prophet who rejected the doctrine of the trinity would miss correcting this verse is not easy to explain." (Pg. 30-31)"Finally, the Inspired Version corrects verses in the Bible which are cited by the inspired Book of Mormon as true. It would follow logically that at least one, if not both, of these books is not inspired." (Pg. 32)"(T)here are no biblical passages that either explicitly or implicitly teach that God is by nature a physical being... although there are passages ... that explicitly teach that God is by nature a spirit." (Pg. 81)"For some unexplained reason the Holy Ghost became a God without going through an earth existence and receiving a physical body." (Pg. 194)

The best book I've found for arming yourself against the "wiles" of deception, through the Mormon church. I knew what they believed was wrong scripturally, but could not put a definitive answer in place to defend God's word. This book helps you do just that!

This book was written in response to the alarming acceptance of Mormonism as a Christian denomination and, in particular, to Stephen E. Robinson's book "How wide the divide"? I have read countless books on the Mormon cult, so I did not expect to find anything new on this one, but I was surprised to find out that I was wrong. "The Counterfeit Gospel of Mormonism" is divided in five main chapters, each one written by a well known counter-cult Christian author. The first chapter was written by Norman Geisler and deals with the LDS view of Scripture; Dr. Geisler briefly explains the evangelical view of the Bible, followed by the LDS position on the Bible and the other Mormon "standard works". This chapter is very interesting and contains some information I had never read before; on the other hand, Dr. Geisler is clearly preaching to the choir and some of his reasonings have not entirely convinced me. The second chapter is a philosophical analysis of the Mormon concept of God, authored by Francis J. Beckwith. This brief essay proves Mormon concepts such as eternal progression to be logically inconsistent, and shows without a doubt that the Mormon god

Elohim is definitely not the living God of the Bible. This chapter is truly inspiring, but it should be noted that Professor Beckwith says that he can't thoroughly analyze all possible Mormon comebacks because of space constraints, yet he finds enough space to advertise three of his books and, in one instance, goes out of context in order to do that. The third chapter is an analysis of the many differences between the Mormon Jesus and the biblical Jesus, written by Ron Rhodes. Dr. Rhodes is a very talented writer with a special gift for explaining even the most complicated concepts with clear, easy to understand language. Much of the material presented in this chapter is basically the same as in the fifteenth chapter of Rhodes' "Reasoning from the Scriptures with Mormons", but it is still worth reading. The fourth chapter deals with the differences between the Christian and the Mormon plan of salvation. Here Phil Roberts carefully analyzes the Mormon struggle to obtain salvation by doing good deeds in contrast to the wonderful Gospel of grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. This is my favorite chapter of the book. The fifth chapter, written by the Jerald and Sandra Tanner, is a classification of the main differences of terminology used by LDS and Christians, how the Mormon Church have distorted the meaning of some biblical terms, and the fact that most Mormons do not clearly understand these definitions. The book closes with an invitation to our Mormon friends to trust in Jesus Christ, rather than a human organization, for salvation. Overall, this is an excellent reference for people interested in Mormonism, or for those Mormons who started to question their organization. So, to conclude, I think that this book decisively answers Dr. Robinson's question: "how wide is the divide between Evangelicalism and Mormonism?". The divide is wide indeed!

talk about an all-star crew of authors!! I'm in Phil Robert's chapter in the book right now. The book was written from an evangelical standpoint for a reason- Mormonism is a divergent, created belief system which has absolutely NO basis in Historic and Biblical Christianity aside from Smith's plagiarism of a KJV Bible and his 'modifications' in the so-called 'inspired version'. Not too much new info is presented to those who are already familiar with the LDS (and with older titles on the subject) and their divergencies from Historic Christianity, but for those unfamiliar, this book makes it easy to learn.

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