

# Glenn Beck and Mormonism

Glenn Beck is smart, clean-cut, and has a bright smile that presents him as a likeable person—as in one who would make a good neighbor. This article is not about Beck's demeanor, program, or his political viewpoints. It is about Mormonism and how Mr. Beck, who became a Latter-day Saint in 1999, is promoting it little by little.

Until recently, he kept it private. After all, too much, too fast, may turn off his large Christian following. But this is where the confusion begins. His Christian terminology prevents viewers from seeing the difference between Mormonism and Christianity. Beck, however, knows these differences well enough to disguise them semantically by equivocating the terms.<sup>1</sup>

Straight up, Mormonism is polytheistic with many gods<sup>2</sup> that are led by a triad of three gods. This is the Mormon redefinition of the Trinity in Christianity. A polytheistic triad of three gods is not the same as a monotheistic Trinity of three Persons within one eternal God.

On Jesus, the Latter-day Saints teach that He was born of God the Father and his goddess wife, Mother God, in heaven, among billions of other spirit-babies.<sup>3</sup> One of Christ's brothers in heaven was Lucifer, who was the second spirit-child born from these gods.<sup>4</sup> Everyone else was born later in the Mormon preexistence. When it came time for the gods to choose a savior for Earth, there was a contest in heaven between Lucifer and Jesus. Both offered a council of gods an earthly plan of salvation.<sup>5</sup>

The gods chose Jesus' plan, which caused Lucifer to rebel and take a third of the spirits into battle against



another third with Jesus leading them. The last third was lesser valiant in battle, so they were cursed by God to come to earth with black skin. This is the Mormon explanation for the Negro population on planet earth,<sup>6</sup> which is why blacks could not hold the priesthood for the first 147 years of the church's history.

The Mormon Jesus was born through God the Father, an exalted man in heaven, who came to earth and had sexual relations with Mary to "sire" Jesus.<sup>7</sup> As Jesus matured, he got married to at least two or possibly three women before he was crucified. Like Joseph Smith, their founder,

their writings cast Jesus as a polygamist. Christ also bore children through his earthly wives.<sup>8</sup> Then He paved the way for all worthy Mormons to become gods themselves.<sup>9</sup> Beck believes that he can become a god some day, and his wife a goddess, if they adhere faithfully to Mormonism.

These things Beck will not discuss, but this is raw Mormonism. The only part of Mormonism that sounds like the biblical Jesus is His miracles, death, and resurrection. Still, this is altered too, e.g., Christ's blood cannot wipe away all sins, but your own blood can atone for some.<sup>10</sup>

Biblically, Christians must reject these teachings and stick with what Scripture states. When God said that He is the only God existing, then that means there are no other "gods" in Heaven.<sup>11</sup> Scripture also tells us that there are Three distinct Persons as the one true God.<sup>12</sup> The Father is God,<sup>13</sup> the Son is God,<sup>14</sup> the Holy Spirit is God,<sup>15</sup> and yet there is One God.<sup>16</sup> Since there is only one true God, then men cannot become gods, as Mormons also teach.<sup>17</sup> The Bible says that God is eternal,<sup>18</sup> invisible,<sup>19</sup> and Spirit.<sup>20</sup> This is the God of the Bible, which stands in contrast to that of Mormonism.

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1 Beck does not claim to be an authority on Mormon doctrine, so the quotations below are from General Authorities in his church.

2 Doctrine and Covenants 121:32

3 James Talmage, *Articles of Faith*, 443; Parley Pratt, *The Seer*, 158.

4 *Articles of Faith*, p. 472; Milton Hunter, *Gospel Through the Ages*, 15; *Journal of Discourses*, 5:179.

5 The official Website of the Mormon Church (LDS.org), states: "President George Q. Cannon, commenting on Satan's title as a son of the morning, said: 'Some have called him the son of the morning, but here it is a son of the morning—one among many, doubtless. This angel was a mighty personage, without doubt. The record that is given to us concerning him clearly shows that he occupied a very high position; that he was thought a great deal of, and that he was mighty in his sphere, so much so that when the matter was debated concerning the earth and the plan of salvation, he was of sufficient importance to have a plan, which he proposed as the plan by which this earth should be peopled and the inhabitants thereof redeemed. His plan, however, was not accepted; but it was so plausible and so attractive that out of the whole hosts of heaven one-third accepted his plan and were willing to cast their lot with him. [Moses 4:1–4; D&C 29:36–37.] Now, the difference between Jesus and Lucifer was this: Jesus was willing to submit to the Father.' (In *Millennial Star*, 5 Sept. 1895, pp. 563–64)." *The Doctrine and Covenants Institute Student Manual, Section 76, The Vision of the Degrees of Glory*, <http://institute.lds.org/manuals/doctrine-and-covenants-institute-student-manual/dc-in-071-76.asp> [accessed 09/06/2010].

6 Bruce R. McConkie, wrote, "Those who were less valiant in the pre-existence and who thereby had certain spiritual restrictions imposed upon them during mortality are known to us as the Negroes." *Mormon Doctrine*, 527, (1966 edition).

7 Mormons do not use the term "sex," but they mean the same thing with "sired," (*Teachings of the Prophet Ezra Taft Benson*, 7); and James Talmage called it "celestial sireship," *Jesus the Christ*, 81. Bruce R. McConkie was much milder by emphasizing the word "literal" Son of God, but he meant the same act., "Christ was begotten by an immortal Father in the same way that mortal men are begotten by mortal fathers." *Mormon Doctrine*, 547.

8 Orson Hyde, *Journal of Discourses*, 2:81-82.

9 Doctrine and Covenants 132: 17-20, 37.

10 Joseph Fielding Smith, *Doctrines of Salvation*, 1:135; 3:94; *Mormon Doctrine*, 92. [This contradicts Col. 2:14; Heb. 10:12-18.]

11 Isaiah 43:10.

12 Matthew 28:19.

13 Romans 1:7.

14 John 20:28.

15 Acts 5:3,4.

16 Deuteronomy 6:4.

17 Isaiah 44:8.

18 Deuteronomy. 33:27.

19 Colossians 1:15; Hebrews 11:27.

20 John 4:24; 2 Corinthians 3:17.