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THE GATES OF THE MORMON HELL OPENED!
OR THE LICENTIOUS REVELLINGS OF THE REV. BRIGHAM YOUNG, AND THE ELDERS, APOSTLES, & PRIESTS, OF THE CHURCH OF Latter-Day-Saint's, WITH THEIR MANY SPIRITUAL WIVES AND CONCUBINES; AND ALL THE OTHER ABOMINATIONS OF MORMONISM DENOUNCED.

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"The 'Spiritual Wife Doctrine' appears to have been taught and practiced first, while the Mormons were in Missouri; and the licentiousness of the 'Saints' in general, and of Smith and his Elders in particular, together with their avowed determination to possess the whole state, and to suffer no one to reside in it who would not conform to their faith, was the means of raising such a strong opposition against them, which ended in their expulsion. Having taken refuge in Illinois, and built a city which they very inappropriately called 'The Holy City,' Smith was appointed mayor, and was now regarded as the temporal, as well as the spiritual head of his followers. 'Joseph' must have a mansion to reside in becoming his dignity; and in order that he might obtain it in the easiest possible way, he had recourse to a revelation, which was published in the month of January, 1841, in which the 'Saints' were directed to build a magnificent Temple, to which there were to contribute a tithe of their possessions—of their time, and labour. (Doc. and Conv., p. 302.)

It was in this temple, that the abominations of Mormonism were practiced,—the spiritual unions contracted—and the spiritual marriages celebrated. Smith now pursued a course of the grossest licentiousness; and being fearful, that even his infatuated followers would be unable to reconcile such iniquitous proceedings with the purity which ought to be the distinguishing feature in the character of one professing to be a 'Prophet' of the Lord, he resorted again to a revelation, in which he wickedly represents the Almighty, not only as justifying his sins, but blessing him because he committed them. J. A. Bennett, who occupied a high official position in the city of Nauvoo, but who left the Mormons in consequence of the licentious and disgusting conduct of Joe Smith, states—that the 'Prophet' taught that the blessings of Jacob were granted to him; and therefore he had Divine authority to have as many wives as he pleased; and that under this pretext he induced several women to become his spiritual wives; but having in vain made the attempt to induce Mrs. Rigdon, the daughter of Sidney Rigdon, Rigdon at once broke off his connection with him,—exposed his infamous conduct, and spoke of him as one polished over much corruption and fraud,—a beast and a false prophet.

He proved that Smith likewise acted the part of a go-between for his friends and certain females to whom they might take a fancy. In this capacity, he endeavored to secure Martha Brotherton, one of Manchester, for his then friend, and now successor, Brigham Young—convincing her that he had received a revelation from God, justifying the sin he was trying to induce her to commit. The deposition which she made upon oath before the American magistracy, and which fully proves the charge, is far too indelicate to appear in these pages. It may be found however in "Brotherton's Mormonism Exposed." Melissa Schindel also proves a similar charge in her deposition; see "Bennet's History," p. 40.

The following is the substance of the teaching of the Mormons relative to the doctrine of "Marriage for Eternity":

I. That the spirits of men originally proceeded from God by ordinary generation; and that they are perpetuated, and their numbers increased, by the same means.—Oxon, Spencer's "Letters on plurality of Wives," p. 15, and Supplement to Millennial Star for 1853, p. 20—21.

II. That the Lord ordained marriage between male and female as the law through which spirits should come here and take tabernacles, and enter into the second state of existence.—Oxon's "Prudent's Address in the Supplement to the Millennial Star," p. 21.

III. That every human body is the tabernacle of a pre-existent spirit.—Oxon's "Prudent's Address," p. 25.

This is a doctrine so abhorrent to the command of God, and take a plurality of wives in this world, will be raised to the dignity of Gods in the next; and as Kings, will reign over worlds peopled by their own posterity.—Oxon's "Prudent's Address," p. 27. Joe Smith's Revelations, p. 35.
V. — All the wives a man marries by proper authority, i.e. with the sanction of the Prophet, will be restored to him at the resurrection; and the increase of a generation is to continue throughout eternity. — Smith's Revelation, p. 33. — Orson Pratt's Address, p. 27.

VI. — The Monogamist who has married without the sanction of the Prophet will not enjoy regal dignity in the next world; neither will he be a God, i.e. as a priest, an angel, will be degraded to the condition of an angel, or ministering spirit unto the heirs of salvation. — Orson Pratt's Address, p. 27.

VII. — A man cannot be saved, unless he is united to a woman. All therefore who do not marry, or who do marry, do not marry in the right or proper manner, will be punished with the same kind of punishment as the devil and the angels, which consist in their not being permitted to take bodies, and marry for a thousand years. — Orson Spencer's Letter, p. 18-19.

M. O. G. Van Deusen, and Maria Van Deusen his wife, in deposition made on oath, abundantly prove the abominable nature of the practice of the Mormons in the Temple at Nauvoo. The abominations and indecencies made known by these persons are so great, that only a very short extract from their statements can be given. There were seven mothers through which the initiated passed; — the seventh relates to the "spiritual wife doctrine." — "Those who have attained to this," says these witnesses, "are taught that they are no more under obligation to their husband, if they have one; and it is their privilege to leave their lawful husbands, and take another." Van Deusen also states: "that there is an institution of cloistered saints, which form the highest order of the MORMON HAREM, and is composed of women, whether married or unmarried, as secret spiritual wives!" He further deposes: "When an apostle, high priest, elder, or scribe, conceives an affection for a female, and has ascertained her views upon the subject, he communicates to the Prophet his love affair, and requests him to inquire of the Lord, whether or not it is the right and proper for him to take unto himself this woman for his spiritual wife. It is no obstacle whatever to this spiritual marriage, if one or both of the parties should happen to have a husband or wife already united to them according to the laws of the land.

For these indignities the Mormons were driven forth from Nauvoo by the indignant Americans. Since then, and after the shooting of their founder, Joseph Smith, caused by their continued resistance to an outraged and disgruntled community, they have established their Temple and Harem in a district of California, amid the Salt Lake Valley, (stayed by them as Deseret), and which is now presided over by Brigham Young, who has taken upon himself the mantle of their martyr. As a priest of the highest order, and as supreme governor, whose sway is more absolute than the Autocrat of Russia, here he revels in whose, with no less than ninety wives, or spiritual wives, the partners and daughters of other men, who are compelled, willing or unwilling, to administer to his licentiousness. By many of these "cloistered saints" he is the father of a numerous progeny, who pretend under such tuition, to become in their turn, the ministers of disease, ruin, and death.

Subjoined is an abstract from a letter which was sent by a resident among the Mormons to his father, who resided at the time in Liverpool: it is quoted by Mr. Blackie, in his exposition of the evils of that sect. "If a man take a fancy to a woman, not matter whether she be married or single, providing he has got money, he goes to Brigham Young, and agrees for the price of the woman. As soon as the bargain is settled, Brigham sends out a sum of money to invite the woman to take the woman to the rest, Brigham calls in as if in accord: he tells her he has a revelation from the Lord — that her husband cannot save her, for it is the will of God that she is to have such a man, naming at the same time the wretch who has bargained for her. This, with a very little more of 'thus saith the Lord' very often acts; but if the woman loves her husband, and is not willing to do this, will of the Lord, he then pronounces the most awful and blasphemous curses upon the poor creature, until she is frightened into a compliance with his will.

A Mormon, named Higbee, stated upon oath, that some of the elders have ten or twelve spiritual wives a-piece. That they entered the names of the women in a large book, which was kept sealed at Hyrum Smith's; and that when an abomination or other Mormon wished to take a certain female for his spiritual wife, he led her to see the Book opened; where, if her name was found entered, she was told it was the will of heaven that the spiritual marriage should take place, and it was celebrated accordingly.

And how does the Christian reader suppose the spiritual marriage is performed in the so-called "Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints," we answer, on the authority of Mr. Hepburn, a reformed Mormon, who has lately been lecturing most energetically against their abominations, in all parts of the kingdom; "that they imitate in the most disgusting form the Old Testament history of the temptation and fall of man. Out of the incidents recorded in this history, they have manufactured the parts and characters of a species of pagan or moriskh dramas, which is regularly performed as one of their most sacred religious ceremonies at the initiation of a new spiritual wife. Attached to the great Temple are a suite of private chambers, into the innermost recesses of which, hidden from the gaze of the initiates, after being duly "out-squared," the candidate for spiritual uncedence is conducted by the attendant elders appointed to that office. The ceremonies for the married and single differ only in this respect, that the female desirous of this honour, and of tasting the "sweets" (rather bitters) of these "spiritual mysteries," who already possesses a 'carinal husband,' "in the outer world," must undergo a thorough washing in a tub, divested of all her garments, which term the "new spiritual baptism."

The tub used as a receptacle for the diseased "Novice," (who are probably "purified with honey and alms, would willingly come, is usually a cask with one end knocked off, standing upright in which she is immersed by her arm-pits, and so placed as to allow of a copious supply of water from a powerful tap above to flow over her whole person; from whence she is at last taken, after a good scrubbing by the attendant Elder, and the usual "benediction." — Be thou purified from all thy carnal sins, the flesh, and the devil; and released from thy former marriage vows, and obedience to thy worldly husband; that thou mayest put on the new faith of a heavenly yoke, and becoimed the mother of prophets raised up to the service of the Temple of the Lord. — In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Amen.

After this vile and blasphemous scene is enacted, the spiritual "Novice" is taken, and is thus purified, in her degraded state, to the next apartments, to undergo the "trial of temptation." An Apostle, sitting as a Judge, and Brigham Young personating the Creator, are here assembled with their victims, and the man destined to be her spiritual husband. The hellish drama now proceeds to fulfillment after this fashion: — the Elder who personates Satan (supposed to be in the Garden of Eden) approaches the woman, whom he is entertaining and amusing, and laughing horribly, as a fiend is imagined to grin and smile, and offers her a newly-plucked apple, and tempts her to partake of it. She, as instructed previously, pretends great fear and coyness for a time; when just as her reluctance to taste the "forbidden fruit" appears to be overcome, and she gives a portion of her spiritual husband to eat, Brigham Young (all this while sequestered,) gives vent to sundry loud roars, to represent the voice of God in the garden, and rushes in just as the devil boils out of the window! This incoherent "High Priest," having fearfully his eyes as he heaved a deep sigh, and do whatever pleased with the "sheep led to the slaughter," according to the privilege and power appertaining to his office, now goes through the remainder of the obscene farce, by re-dressing the spiritual bride for the inner
chamber, or "Paradise," gorgeously bedecked for the occasion; also kissing her, blessing her, feasting her on the bridal supper, and rejoicing with her in the name of the Lord! And while invoking the holy name of Jesus, they offered a sacrifice in the holy house, composed of a great number of these spiritual wines (mothers and daughters) and their spirit innumerable, as a fitting finale to the disgusting ceremony before celebrated.

The following is related by Captain Starbuck, who was a resident in the Salt Lake Valley for twelve months:

"A young man, and a very beautiful woman, on one occasion, presented themselves before the Prophet, for his sanction to their union. The Prophet at first refused it, reasoning as the reason, that he had received a command from the Lord, in which he was commanded to marry the female himself. The young man, like an obedient son of the church, without any complaining, at once resigned the fair one to the swarthy Seer. As Brigham has the power to do as well as to "bind" he discovered the weakness of the man, and ended in their exposure of their own strength, of himself and the woman on the following day, and restored her to her first lover.

Polygamy is not only contrary to the Scriptures, but to the law of nature. From accredited statistical statements, it appears, that in both, there is a small majority of males over females; which, after being reduced by the more precarious lives of males, owing to war, and the accidents to which they are exposed from dangerous employments, brings the number of males and females about to an equality; and proves to a demonstration, that in the order of Providence, a man ought to have but one wife; and that polygamy is not practised, every woman may have an husband.

The next evidence we shall produce in proof that polygamy is practised by the Mormons, is an extract from the published account of "A Journey through the Salt Lake Valley," by Mr. W. Kelly, author of "Excursions in California."

"I was not aware before that polygamy was sanctioned by the church beyond a species of othereth Platonics, which appear to be the special secrets, chosen secrets, called 'spiritual wives.' When our party arrived, we were introduced to a sad matronly looking lady, as Mrs. -; and we proceeded up the room, to a blooming young creature—a fitting mother for a celestial progeny, as the other Mrs. —, without any worldly or spiritual distinction whatsoever. At first, I thought it was a misconception; but inquiry confirmed the fact of there being two mistresses in the same establishment, both with terrestrial habits and duties to perform, which I found afterwards to be the case in other instances, where the parties could lay no claim to any peculiar sanctity.

The Mormones' Presidents, Apostles, Elders, and Priests, that have visited England, have stoutly denied the truth of all these statements; and have described Smith and his successor, Brigham Young, as the very incarnations of pesty and purity; whose chastity and amiableness have endeared them to their followers; when in reality Smith and Young is—As Brigham Young, as the only city on the face of the earth, where high moral female character is protected, and female virtue protected. Whereas the city is a hot-bed, where every abomination luxuriates, and a system of almost general prostitution prevails.

But since the facts have been so palpably before the world, and are no longer of any avail, they have come out boldly with a revelation; in which they profess to be justified by God in their adulterous connexions; and they now teach in this country, as a part of their system, the law of plural marriage, or polygamy.

In the revelation Joe Smith professed to have received from the Lord, the following promise is made to him:—"And I will bless him (Joseph Smith) and multiply him, and give unto him a hundred fold in this world, of fathers and mothers, brothers and sisters, houses and lands, wives and children; and crowns of eternal lives in the eternal worlds."—Supplement v., vol. Millennial Star, p. 55. How one person can have a hundred fold of fathers and mothers we must leave for Mormon divines to explain.

The same page of the Supplement quoted, he says:—"If any man espouse a virgin, and desire to espouse another, and the first give her consent; and if he espouse the second and they are virgins, and have vowed to no other man, he cannot commit adultery, for they are given unto him; for he cannot commit sin against that which he at first took, and committed to another one. But if he have ten virgins given unto him, by this law he cannot commit adultery, for they belong to him, and are given unto him, therefore he is justified."

The same system is sanctioned as the reason that the Latter-day Saints have practised, first at Missouri, and afterwards in that receptacle of all that was vile and filthy—the City of Nauvoo. It was their open obscenity and adultery, as well as their plundering and murder, that raised the Missourians as one mighty nation against them. We were pursued from state to state, from town to town, from the slaughter of the Mormons at Nauvoo, and the destruction of the city, arose from the same causes; and having thus experienced that they cannot practice their abominations undisturbed, within the pale of civilization, they have now retired to the Salt Lake Valley, where they can pursue their licentious course without fear of being molested.

We will now briefly examine their miracle—conjuring. The power of working miracles is one of the many arrogant pretensions of the Mormons. Without depending alone upon the evidence of their opponents, we will settle their pretensions with our rational readers, by selecting the most notable and extraordinary case related by themselves in their own monthly publication, the "Millennial Star." In vol. 5, p. 231, in a letter addressed to Mr. Orson Pratt, one of the twelve apostles of their church, the statement occurs:—"At a conference held at Salt Lake City, June 20th, Brother Smith, after a long rambling account of battles with devils on the road, on and off, and from this o'clock, and commenced the business of the conference. Among others, it was voted, 'That brother R. Currall be ordained to the office of a Priest.' When we laid our hands upon him, the devil entered him, and tried to prevent us from ordaining him, but the power of Jesus Christ in the Holy Priesthood was stronger than the devil, and after all the endeavours of the powers of darkness to prevent us, in the name of Jesus Christ, we ordained brother Richard Currall to the office of Priest in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

"I should inform you, that when the devil found the deaconate in brother Currall, he entered a sister, and kept coming in for several hours. As fast as one lot were expelled, another lot entered: at one time we counted twenty-seven coming out of her. When we rebuked them, they would come out, but as soon returned again. How was it they could acknowledge the power, and would denounce our power, damn our gospel, and tear and bite? The sights were awful; but it has done us all good. I may as well say, that some of the devils told us they were sent, some by Kita, Judas, Kilo, Kelo, Kulumia, and Lucifer. Some of these they informed us, were presidents over seventies in hell. The last that came previous to our going to prison, told us he was Kilo, one of the Presidents, and his six counsellors. We cast them out thirty times, and had five hundred and ninety devils; from three to twenty-seven coming out at a time.

"I shall feel obliged for any instruction you can give me on this subject.

"Yours, Thomas Smith.

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From the above it appears, that the persons out of whom devils were cast were believers. Can a single instance be furnished in which either O"rist or his Apostles cast devils out of believers, much less out of church officers? But the Mormons first beguile the "Remission of Sin," then lay on the