

THE BLACK EYE ON MORMON DOCTRINE

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Satan knows that hate is a powerful tool that will land many in hell (**Galatians 5:19-21**). Likewise, Satan realizes that ignorance is another mighty weapon that may be used to murder man's soul (**1 Peter 1:13-14; Isaiah 5:13; Ephesians 4:17-18; et al**).

The reason I say this is because these two forces – hatred and ignorance – combine to produce one of man's biggest and most debilitating setbacks. What I am referring to, of course, is racism; the sin one preacher labeled "self-inflicted blindness."

America has had in the past, and continues to have today, her share of racial tension. Yes, sadly, racial bigotry and prejudice based on the color of a person's skin are alive and active in too many sectors of this great land of ours.

Indeed, it is easy to garner evidence to corroborate this fact as racism exists on many levels. For instance there are: white folks who hate black folks; black folks who hate white folks; Chinese folks who hate Japanese folks; white folks who hate Mexican folks; Mexican folks who hate black folks; Jewish folks who hate Gentile folks... on and on the list could go, ad infinitum. Sad but true!

So goes the world. However, within the rubric of Christianity things ought to be different; yea they must be different. Christians are commanded to conform their thoughts to the will of God as expressed in His Word (**2 Corinthians 10:5**), and His Word is very clear about the fact that racial profiling is wrong. Many examples could be given, but perhaps none is as clear as the words found in **Galatians 6:10**. Take a moment to ponder that passage: "**As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.**" It does not seem like that passage allows time for racism.

The reason that I say all this is because the Mormon Church claims to be the one and only true and living church that Jesus Christ died to build (**Matthew 16:18; Acts 20:28; Ephesians 5:25, et al**). Of course, as we have seen in other articles, such a claim is wholly erroneous and riddled with many theological holes.

However, let us **just for the sake of argument** assume that their claim is true. If such is the case then it is very interesting indeed concerning the stance that the Mormon Church has taken about black people down through the years. To illustrate this fact, the second half of this article will demonstrate how hateful and prejudicial the Mormon Church truly is.

In order to accomplish this task, I will be listing several quotes taken directly from Mormon literature. Please note that these are only the thoughts and beliefs held by the Mormons, **not by this author**.

Remember this: many of those, "missionaries" who come to your house to solicit your conversion to the Mormon Church are unfamiliar with these statements. Demand that they explain how the Mormon view can be so against the will of God and yet at the same time be correct and pleasing to the Father. In so doing perhaps you will be able to help those young boys see that they are buying into a false gospel that can only destroy them (**Galatians 1:6-9**).

Having said all of that, now allow me to share with you some of their devilish views (**James 3:14-16**).

1. "From the days of the prophet Joseph Smith even until now, it has been the doctrine of the Church, never questioned by any of the Church leaders that the blacks are not entitled to the full blessings of the gospel."
2. "Black skin is a mark of the curse of heaven placed upon some portion of mankind."
3. "We understand that when God made man in his own image and pronounced him very good, that he made him white. We have no record of any of God's favored servants being of the black race."
4. "Blacks are not equal with other races where the receipt of certain spiritual blessings are concerned."
5. "Dark skin has been brought upon them by transgression."
6. "Their skin is quite black... their intelligence stunted..."
7. "From this it is very clear that the mark which was set upon the descendants of Cain was a skin of blackness."
8. "Not only was Cain called upon to suffer, but because of his wickedness he became the father of an inferior race."
9. "Why is it, in fact, that we should have a devil? Why did the Lord not kill him long ago? Because he could not do without him. He needed the devil and a great many of those who do his bidding just to keep men straight, that we may learn to place our dependence upon God, and trust in him, and to observe his laws and keep his commandments. When he destroyed the inhabitants of the antediluvian world, he suffered a descendant of Cain to come through the flood in order that the devil might be properly represented upon the earth."
10. "The gospel message of salvation is not carried affirmatively to them."
11. "No direct efforts have been made to proselyte among them."
12. "The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, has no call to carry the gospel to the blacks and it does not do so."
13. "When he told Enoch not to preach the gospel to the descendants of Cain who were black, the Lord engaged in segregation."

14. Written during the civil rights movement: "We affirm that the south is entirely right in thus keeping open at all times, at all hazards, and at all sacrifices, an impassable social chasm between black and white."
15. Also, written during the civil rights movement: "What God hath separated, let not man bring together again."
16. Finally, although the Book of Mormon says that black people can go to heaven (**2 Nephi 26:33**), Mormon theology is very specific about the privileges that blacks will be afforded there. Notice: "If a black man is faithful in all his days, he can, and will enter, the celestial kingdom. He will go there as a servant" (as opposed to the Mormon view that faithful whites become gods themselves).

Countless more quotes could be cited. However, I think these are more than sufficient to show that the Mormon Church is prejudicial and discriminatory when it comes to some of God's creation; and this is direct opposition to the Bible.

Again, please ask your local Mormon missionary about these statements.

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