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Do you know what was changed in the 1981 edition

of the Book of Mormon?

If what God said in the past is no longer true, how

can we be sure that today's scripture is true?

If these statements (left) are true, why have so many

doctrinal changes been made in Mormon scripture?

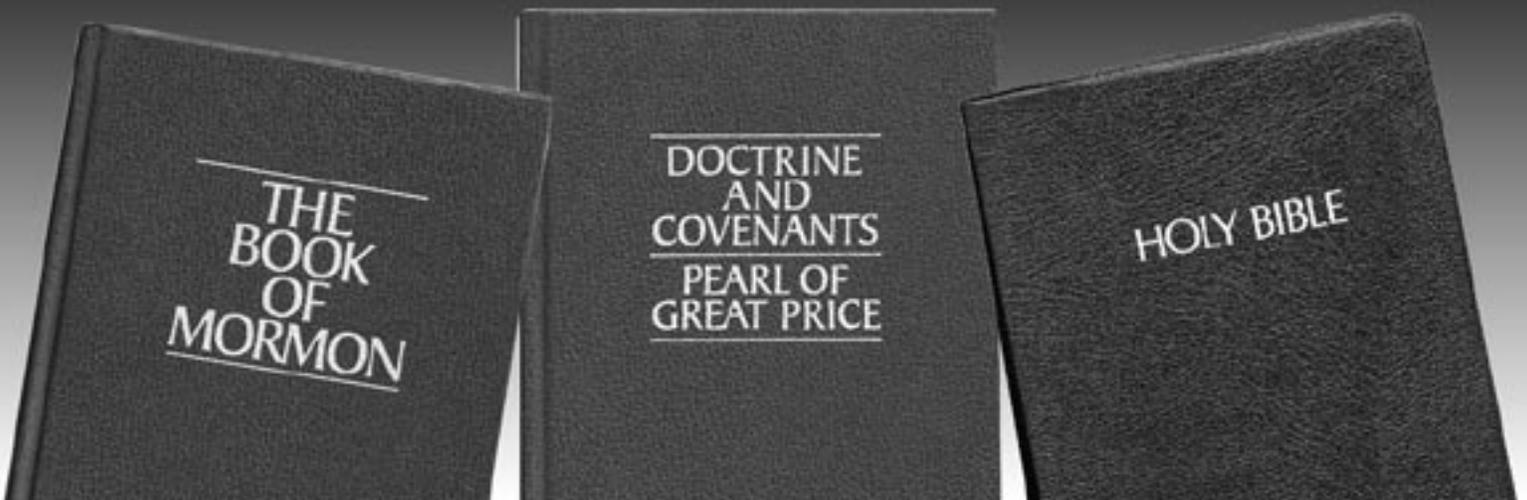
# True or false?

"For God doth not walk in crooked paths, neither doth he turn to the right hand nor to the left, neither doth he vary from that which he hath said,..."  
 ( Doctrine & Covenants 3:2, July, 1828 )

"Search these commandments, for they are true and faithful, and the prophecies and promises which are in them shall all be fulfilled. What I the Lord have spoken, I have spoken, and I excuse not myself... my word shall not pass away, but shall all be fulfilled, whether by mine own voice or by the voice of my servants, it is the same."  
 ( Doctrine & Covenants 1:37-38, November, 1831 )

"...the decrees of God are unalterable..."  
 ( Alma 41:8, Book of Mormon )

# Which Scripture Has Been Tampered With?



## THE BIBLE

declare this and cause us to hear former things? Let them give their witnesses, that they may be justified. Or let them hear and say, *It is true.* <sup>10</sup>You are My witnesses, says Jehovah; and My servant whom I have chosen; that you may know and believe Me, and understand that I *am* He. Before Me there was no god formed; nor shall any be after Me. <sup>11</sup>I, I *am* Jehovah; and there is no Savior besides Me. <sup>12</sup>I declared, and I saved, and I proclaimed; and there is no

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# Then

Some cast doubt on the faithfulness of the Bible by speculating, "Since the Bible has been translated and retranslated so many times, how do we know it's not full of accumulative error?"

The answer is, simply, that most modern versions of the Bible are translated directly from the most reliable ancient manuscripts, not from older translations.

Isaiah 43:10, *The Interlinear Bible, Hebrew-Greek-English*, J. P. Green, Sr.

<sup>9</sup>Let all the nations be gathered together, and let the people be assembled: who among them can declare this, and show us former things? let them bring forth their witnesses, that they may be justified: or let them hear, and say, *It is truth.*

<sup>10</sup>Ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I *am* he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me.

<sup>11</sup>I, even I, *am* the LORD; and beside me there is no saviour. <sup>12</sup>I have declared, and have saved, and I have shown, when there was no strange god among you: therefore ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, that I *am* God.

<sup>13</sup>Yea, before the day was I *am* he; and there is none that can deliver out of my hand: I will work, and who shall let it?

<sup>14</sup>Thus saith the LORD, your redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; For your sake I have sent to Babylon, and have brought down all their nobles, and the Chaldeans, whose cry is in the ships.

<sup>15</sup>I *am* the LORD, your Holy One, the creator of Israel, your King.

<sup>16</sup>Thus saith the LORD, which maketh a way in the sea, and a path in the mighty waters;

<sup>17</sup>Which bringeth forth the chariot and horse, the army and the power: they shall lie down together, they shall not rise: they are

Isaiah 43:10, *King James Version of the Bible*, Zondervan, 1990

# Now

While different words are used to express the same thoughts in various Christian

translations of the Bible, critics try to make it sound as if there were important differences. But they have yet to produce any tangible evidence that the doctrines of the Bible have been tampered with.

There are heretical Bibles, of course, in which important doctrinal changes have been made to bring the text in line with the unique teachings of particular groups. Two of the most prominent of these, today, are the *New World Translation* (Jehovah's Witnesses), and the *Joseph Smith Translation* (Mormonism). The changes in the NWT and the JST are said to be inspired by God but neither version is supported by the manuscript evidence.

unto me, Knowest thou the condescension of God? And I said unto him, I know that he loveth his children; nevertheless, I do not know the meaning of all things. And he said unto me, Behold, the virgin which thou seest, is the mother of God, after the manner of the flesh.

And it came to pass that I beheld that she was carried away in the spirit; and after that she had been carried away in the spirit for the space of a time, the angel spake unto me, saying, look! And I looked and beheld the virgin again, bearing a child in her arms. And the angel said unto me, behold the Lamb of God, yea, even the Eternal Father! Knowest thou the meaning of the tree which thy father saw? And I answered him, saying: Yea, it is the love of God, which sheddeth itself abroad in the hearts of the children of men; wherefore, it is the most desirable above all things. And he spake unto me, saying, Yea, and the most joyous to the soul. And after that he had

First Book of Nephi, chapter 3, page 25, Book of Mormon, 1830 (First edition)

1 NEPHI 11:9-25

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looked and beheld a tree; and it was like unto the tree which my father had seen; and the beauty thereof was far beyond, yea, exceeding of all beauty; and the whiteness thereof did exceed the whiteness of the driven snow.

9 And it came to pass after I had seen the tree, I said unto the Spirit: I beheld thou hast shown unto me the tree which is precious above all.

10 And he said unto me: What desirest thou?

11 And I said unto him: To know the interpretation thereof—for I spake unto him as a man speaketh; for I beheld that he was in the form of a man; yet nevertheless, I knew that it was the Spirit of the Lord; and he spake unto me as a man speaketh with another.

12 And it came to pass that he said

17 And I said unto him: I know that he loveth his children; nevertheless, I do not know the meaning of all things.

18 And he said unto me: Behold, the virgin whom thou seest is the mother of the Son of God, after the manner of the flesh.

19 And it came to pass that I beheld that she was carried away in the Spirit; and after she had been carried away in the Spirit for the space of a time the angel spake unto me, saying: Look!

20 And I looked and beheld the virgin again, bearing a child in her arms.

21 And the angel said unto me: Behold the Lamb of God, yea, even the Son of the Eternal Father! Knowest thou the meaning of the tree which thy father saw?

1 Nephi 11:18-21, Book of Mormon, 1981

Then

In 1830, these passages of the Book of Mormon taught that Jesus is "God, after the manner of the flesh... yea, even the Eternal Father."

In June, 1829 Joseph Smith said, about the hand written manuscript of the Book of Mormon, "We heard a voice from out of the bright light above us, saying, 'These plates... have been translated by the power of God. The translation of them which you have seen is correct...'" (History of the Church, Vol. 1, pp. 54-55)

And B. H. Roberts, famous Mormon church historian, verified, from the original manuscript, that the first edition of the Book of Mormon was "singularly free from typographical errors..." (Defense of the Faith, p. 279).

Now

Several serious changes have been made, in spite of the above testimonies. In 1830

the Lamb of God was "the Eternal Father". In this example the words, "the Son of," have been added so that now he is "the Son of the Eternal Father."

Which God is the Eternal Father?

The LDS Church claims that the changes are only clarifications but several other passages were overlooked (?) and still present the Father and the Son as being the same God (Mosiah 15:1-5; Alma 11:38-39; 2 Nephi 10:7; Title page of the Book of Mormon).

Until at least 1837, there was only one God in Mormon scripture. But now, the Mormon church teaches that Elohim (God, the Eternal Father) and Jesus Christ (Jehovah of the Old Testament) are two separate and distinct Gods, each having a body of flesh and bone (D&C 130:22).

Further evidence that Mormonism was in the process of changing its teaching on the very nature of God is the deletion, since 1921, of the following passage:

"They are the Father and the Son: the Father being a personage of spirit...the Son...a personage of tabernacle (or body)" (Lecture Fifth of Faith, p. 53, D&C, 1835).

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2 And now, behold, this shall you say unto him:—I the Lord am God, and I have given these things unto my servant Joseph, and I have commanded him that he should stand as a witness of these things, nevertheless I have caused him that he should enter into a covenant with me, that he should not show them except I command him, and he has no power over them except I grant it unto him; and he has a gift to translate the book, and I have commanded him that he shall pretend to no other gift, for I will grant him no other gift.

3 And verily I say unto you, that wo shall come unto the inhabitants of the earth, if they will not hearken unto my words, for, behold, if they will not believe my words, they would not believe my servant Joseph, if it were possible that he could show

Book of Commandments 4:2, printed in 1833, Independence, Missouri

2 And now, behold, this shall you say unto him—he who spake unto you, said unto you: I, the Lord, am God, and have given these things unto you, my servant Joseph Smith, Jun., and have commanded you that you should stand as a witness of these things;

3 And I have caused you that you should enter into a covenant with me, that you should not show them except to those persons to whom I commanded you; and you have no power over them except I grant it unto you.

4 And you have a gift to translate the plates; and this is the first gift that I bestowed upon you; and I have commanded that you should pretend to no other gift until my purpose is fulfilled in this; for I will

grant unto you no other gift until it is finished.

5 Verily, I say unto you, that wo shall come unto the inhabitants of the earth if they will not hearken unto my words;

6 For hereafter you shall be ordained and go forth and deliver my words unto the children of men.

7 Behold, if they will not believe my words, they would not believe you, my servant Joseph, if it were possible that you should show them all these things which I have committed unto you.

8 Oh, this unbelieving and stiff-necked generation—mine anger is kindled against them.

9 Behold, verily I say unto you, I have reserved those things which I have entrusted unto you, my

5 1a D&C 5: 23 (23-24); JS-H 1: 61.

4a D&C 3: 12; 6: 25 (25, 28).

b Morm. 8: 33. TG Haughtiness; Gift of Translation.

Doctrine & Covenants 5:4, 1989 (Columns shifted to save space)

Then

In the Book of Commandments, the first book of Joseph Smith's revelations, the

Lord is quoted as commanding that Joseph "shall pretend to no other gift" than the translation of the Book of Mormon, "for I will grant him no other gift."

According to D&C 1:37, Jesus said, of the Book of Commandments, "Search these commandments for, they are true and faithful, and the prophecies and promises which are in them shall all be fulfilled."

And, about these same revelations, Apostle Joseph Fielding Smith, who later became the 10th Mormon prophet confidently asserted, "There was no need for eliminating, changing, or adjusting any part to make it fit; but each new revelation on doctrine and priesthood fitted in its place perfectly..." (Doctrines of Salvation, Vol. 1 p.170)

Now

In that same revelation, on the same date in Doctrine & Covenants, many words have

been added to change the meaning, allowing for additional gifts after the translation is finished. Notice, too, that a prophesy foretelling an additional gift is added... Joseph's ordination as a preacher (D&C 5:6).

There are many other serious changes, such as these, in the current Doctrine & Covenants, the most radically changed of the Mormon scriptures. For details and documentation, contact the address on the back of this brochure.

If the rest of the evidence stacks up like the examples you've seen here, which scripture would you trust as the unchangeable standard of your faith and guide to your eternal destiny?