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My historical and doctrinal problems with the LDS church summed up in one page.

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First Vision

[Joseph Smith gave many different versions of the First Vision. The church has recognized this.](#) Some of them include Jesus and God; some don't. Some state that he was 15 or 16, not 14. Some give no reference to him asking which church to join. All of them were written down at least 12 years after it happened. Why are there such different versions of the First Vision?

Translations

Book of Mormon

The Book of Mormon was commonly taught to have been translated with a pair of glasses, the urim and thummim, or with no tools at all. The LDS church [recently admitted](#) that [the Book of Mormon was translated with a rock in a hat](#), despite [Bruce R. McConkie deploring peep stones as a tool for the devil](#). Why was this method hidden from us?

Book of Abraham

The Book of Abraham is claimed to have been ["written by \[Abraham's\] own hand, upon papyrus."](#) The Book of Abraham was found when we didn't understand ancient Egyptian, so no one could translate it. Since we have discovered the Rosetta Stone, we now can. [The church now admits](#) Abraham did not write it nor is the Book of Abraham an accurate translation of the papyrus. If both the church and experts say its not true, why is it scripture?

Kinderhook Plates

A small set of plates were created by 3 men wanting to test Joseph Smith's discernment. They said they found them while digging. Joseph Smith said that ["they contain the history of the person with whom they were found & he was a descendant of Ham through the loins of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and that he received his kingdom from the ruler of heaven & earth."](#) The plates were later [indisputably proven to be a fake](#). How did Joseph Smith translate something that was a hoax?

Nature of God

In today's Book of Mormon, [1 Nephi 11:18](#), [1 Nephi 11:21](#), [1 Nephi 11:32](#), [1 Nephi 13:40](#) all say Jesus is the son of God. However, in the original 1830 version all of them say that Jesus is God (in order, [1](#), [2](#), [3](#), [4](#)). This means that the very nature of God was changed. Interestingly, [Alma 11:38-39](#), [Mosiah 15:1-4](#), [Mosiah 16:15](#), and [Ether 3:14-15](#) all still say that Jesus is God in today's version. Why did the very nature of God change?

Bodies

[2,000,000 Jaredites fought and died on Hill Cumorah](#) when they wiped themselves out. [The 1879 version of the Book](#)

[of Mormon, page 606 footnote b](#) claims that up to 15,000,000 people died when you include women and children. Then [230,000 Nephites also died on that same hill](#). No bodies, hair, weapons, structures, or evidence of any kind has been found of these millions of people. Civilizations like these [would have rivaled the size of ancient Rome](#). We can actively find evidence of Roman occupation as far away from Rome as England. Why is there no evidence of these Jaredite/Nephite civilizations?

Polygamy

Joseph Smith married 14-year-old girls ([Helen Mar Kimball](#)), coerced women into marrying him by saying he'd be killed by an angel with a drawn sword otherwise ([Zina Diantha Huntington Jacobs, Eliza Snow, and confirmed by Orson F. Whitney](#)) or promising them and their family salvation ([Helen Mar Kimball](#)), sent husbands away on missions so he could marry their wives (like [Miranda Nancy Johnson Hyde in 1842](#) while [husband was in Palestine](#)), and married his foster daughters (Sarah Lawrence, [Maria Lawrence](#), [Emily Partridge](#), [Eliza Partridge](#), [Lucy Walker](#)), [likely didn't tell Emma Smith about this till 1843](#) (she was his 25th sealing), [married Fanny Alger before the sealing power was restored](#), never had polygamously conceived [children despite that being the purpose of polygamy, swore he wasn't a polygamist and had other polygamists \(including some of his wives\) affirm that](#), and [burned down a printing press that exposed his polygamy](#). Why was polygamy such a mess?

Freemasonry

Joseph Smith became a Freemason on [3/15/1842](#). Just 7 weeks later, the endowment ceremony was introduced on [5/4/1842-5/5/1842](#). [They have striking similarities to each other. Church leaders have claimed](#) that freemasonry is a corrupted version of the endowment ceremony which was handed down from Solomon's temple. Solomon's temple was used for animal sacrifices and [Freemasonry originates from medieval Europe](#). Did Joseph Smith plagiarize Mormonism's most holy ceremony from Freemasonry?

Mark Hofmann

Mark Hofmann was a historical document forger. He forged the [Anthon Transcript](#), ["Joseph Smith III as successor" blessing](#), and the [Salamander Letter](#). [The church and Gordon B. Hinckley bought them all](#) because they thought they were real. Why didn't the prophets and apostles discern that they were fakes?

God will not be mocked (or tested)

The stories found in [1 Kings 18](#) (Priests of Baal), [Mosiah 27](#) (Alma the Younger), and [Alma 30](#) (Korihor) all show or tell that when God's power and authority are put to the test, he follows through. Mike Norton has openly challenged God and brought himself Alma the Younger and Korihor level status by [recording all the temple ceremonies](#). If God will not be mocked and he has power and authority, why has Mike Norton not been stopped?