

“Just One More Page” By Gileriodekel

My contemporary problems with the LDS church summed up in one page.
To read my historical and doctrinal problems with the LDS church, [click here](#).

Sexism

Women are not allowed to hold the priesthood. If there are no men present at church, boys as young as 11 could take leadership and have spiritual authority over any woman. Kate Kelly and Ordain Women fought to give women equal ecclesiastical rights, but Kate Kelly was excommunicated. Up until January 2019 Women covenanted to obey their husbands, while the men covenanted to obey God. Why aren't women viewed as equals?

Racism

Brigham Young implemented a policy of banning black folks from the temple and the priesthood because they were descendants of the cursed [Cain](#) and [Ham](#), and said [the ban was a divine law](#). [He also said that race mixing was wrong](#). These facts were later [reaffirmed](#) many times over the years, and was added to by saying [blacks were less valiant in the pre-existence](#). [Today the LDS church says they don't know why the ban existed](#). Is it honest to say we don't know why the ban existed? Would it be more ethical to say that the prophets were wrong instead?

Kangaroo Court

Jeremy Runnells created the [CES Letter](#), a document that details a lot of historical and doctrinal questions he had with the LDS church and sent it to a CES director and eventually his stake president. He never received an answer, and so he published it online. Having all of these problems in one document caused a lot of people to believe that the church isn't true. He was brought into a [disciplinary council](#) and was going to be excommunicated for apostasy (but resigned before they ex'd him), despite needing to be corrected by an LDS church leader being a requirement for apostasy. Why didn't Runnells get the answers he was looking for? Why was he going to be excommunicated for them? Why did the church break their own rules?

November Policy

[A policy was leaked](#) on 11/05/15 that excluded children of same-sex couples from getting blessed and baptized until they are 18, simply because of who their parents are. Doesn't this violate [Article of Faith 2](#)? Doesn't this violate [Matthew 19:14](#)?

More mall, less charity.

The church gives an average of about \$1.89 billion to charity from 1985-2016, or \$14.69 per active member per year. Between 2006-2012 the church built in mall that cost \$1.5 billion, or \$63 per member per year. 2.28x more was spent overall on mall during overlapping years. [Citations here](#). Why would the church spend more on a mall than on charity?

Paid ministry

Despite the LDS church [claiming there's no paid ministry for decades](#), [a leak from MormonLeaks](#) claimed that all G.A.'s get paid up to \$120K was proven truthful by Deseret News. Does the LDS church practice priestcraft?

Aversion “Therapy”

[As early as 1959 BYU would hook up electrodes to gay mens' genitals](#), and have them watch porn, and when they became aroused they would shock them with 1,600 volts for 8 seconds in an effort to condition them to become straight. This was akin to torture, and [several of these men went on to commit suicide](#) because of the physical and psychological damage that all of them experienced. BYU's president and current 1st Counselor in the 1st Presidency [Dallin H. Oaks](#) knew of this program. In 2018 [the LDS church opposed a rule that would outlaw trying to make queer kids straight](#). [This conversion “therapy” has been found to be psychologically damaging](#). Why did the LDS church fund “therapy” that lead to men killing themselves? Why does the LDS church oppose a rule outlawing psychological damaging therapies?

Protect LDS children

Sam Young, a former bishop, thought it was wrong that children as young as 7 are subjected to being sexually explicit questions alone behind closed doors with adult male LDS church leaders. He thought that was an environment that enabled sexual abuse. He asked people online if they had ever been affected by this practice, and he found that [hundreds of people were sexually abused by church leaders](#). He tried to get this policy changed to make it to where there are never 1-on-1 interviews with minors and adults and no sexually explicit questions, ever. [The LDS church instead excommunicated Sam Young](#). Do you think Sam Young should have been excommunicated for trying to protect children?

Keeping cannabis illegal

Cannabis is a plant that can effectively be utilized for [seizures](#), [depression](#), [nausea](#), [PTSD](#), and [chronic pain](#). The Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) even admits that [no one has ever overdosed from consuming this plant](#). Despite this, [the church has continued to stonewall bills with popular support in Utah](#). Of course, [Utah the state that has such an epidemic-level opioid problem, which kills hundreds every year](#). Why would the LDS church discourage a safer medical alternatives?

Mormonism's Secret Police

[Strengthening Church Membership Committee](#) (SCMC)'s goal is to monitor publications of LDS members for criticism of leaders of the church, and forward the criticisms to local church authorities, who may bring charges of apostasy which can result in excommunication. Why is there a secret police force in Mormonism?