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Observations

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#40 Book of Mormon Basic's

- Is there a God?
- Do you believe all of the Book of Mormon to be true and the holy word of God?
- Then if so, without picking and choosing what you want to believe, you must believe Moroni's words as they were given us by God:
 - a. Moroni alludes to the Book of Mormon as we know it as "The Holy Word of God", it is never referred to as "The Book of Mormon as there already was a book of Mormon. (*Mormon 8*)
 - b. In addition Moroni refers to the church which comes about as a result of the bringing forth of the Holy Word of God, the "Holy Church of God". This can be a little confusing as Christ's church is also referred to as "The Church of the Lamb of God" in 1st Nephi 14:10 where an angel teaches Nephi that there are only two churches, one the Church of the Lamb of God, the other the Church of the devil. In the index of the modern Book of Mormon this is listed under "Church of God".
 - c. Moroni who was instrumental in getting the Book of Mormon to us and who indicates that he will be there at judgment day to make sure we have taken advantage of what he has provided for us, and after being shown our day, the days of the Gentiles; he says the following:

Mormon 8:33 O ye wicked and perversed and stiffnecked people, why have ye built up churches unto yourselves to get gain? Why have ye transfigured the holy word of God, that ye might bring damnation upon your souls? Behold, look ye unto the revelations of God; for behold, the time cometh at that day when all these things must be fulfilled.

Let's study this for a minute. If we trust that there is a God, that the Book of Mormon is true and of God and Moroni, whom we equally have trust in has provided the records of which contains the revelations of God, as mentioned, then we better take heed.

Now God might be addressing the world at large here, but more specifically those who have been given this Holy Word of God, by Moroni. Even those whom are reading these very words, as those who are not reading these words cannot be judged by these words until they receive them.

To be more specific it appears Moroni is speaking to you and I, the Book of Mormon readers. And he identifies us as a people who are "Wicked, Perversed and Stiffnecked".

We, those entrusted with the restored Holy Word of God then are accused of “Transfiguring” or altering these words, I would think either in written form and/or in precepts.

Moroni, having seen our day also chastises us in relation to the churches we have built up unto ourselves.

(A note here: While I was involved years ago in the building of LDS churches, the LDS Church was the second largest builder, not church builder, but builder in the entire world. At that time they were second to the United States Government. Is this what Moroni has reference too? By the way, in all this time I never saw a Catholic church being built, and have never seen one built even up to today.)

Moroni further indicates that as a result, of course if he is addressing us, indicates that what we have been involving ourselves in will bring upon us damnation to our souls. Now does this sound like Salvation, only spelled wrong? I know this possibility was never offered in Sunday School.

Now this is not all Moroni accuses us of, if, again he might be addressing us.

Read Mormon 8:38 *O ye pollutions, ye hypocrites, ye teachers, who sell yourselves for that which will canker, why have ye polluted the holy church of God? Why are ye ashamed to take upon you the name of Christ? Why do ye not think that greater is the value of an endless happiness than that misery which never dies—because of the praise of the world?* (Those who practice Priestcrafts, who allow themselves to be set up as a light unto the world are they who are practicing Priestcrafts-see 2nd Nephi 26:29)

Well if he is addressing the Catholic Church, they better read this, but if he is addressing us, we have read it. And worse we must be those also referred to in the Book of Mormon as treating his Holy Word given us, as a thing of naught! Could it actually be possibly, maybe a long shot, that it is actually us he is making these accusations too?

Now most of my life, the feeling has been instilled in me that this is not referring to us, but those others out there, but that is far from the truth. If true, and the shoe fits, we better wear it. We might be like those Jews who attempted to kill Lehi when he attempted to warn them. They made fun of him, that Great City, Jerusalem, destroyed. You know what happened, hope I am wrong thinking of this possibility.

Now if his is true there must be other identifying characteristics to back Moroni’s accusations up in the Book of Mormon, lets see if we can find them:

Well lets start with Nephi, as he also sees our day:

2nd Nephi 25:25-30 Now remember here, we are the Gentiles of the Latter-days, we are either among those here referred to, or we are those specifically that Nephi is referring too. Be careful, you wont like to read this in the light that God, who had given these holy words to you may be speaking directly to you. I will only list a few of the highlights, you read the rest with the spirit.

- The Gentiles shall build up false churches and secret combinations-
- Forbidden practice of Priestcrafts: Making of men a light unto the world-
- False churches teach false and vain and foolish doctrines-

- Apostasy shall abound because of false teachers-
- Devil shall rage in the hearts of men-
- Many gentiles shall reject the Book of Mormon-Possibly not live what it teaches-
- Lord will speak to many nations-Possibly through his Holy Word-
- Out of his books the world will be judged-What's in the books?-

Again, if the shoe begins to fit, we should wear it. If not us who are reading his holy words, then to whom is he addressing?

Let's check another, how about Jacob. Unlike modern day leaders, Jacob walked and talked with God. I think we can trust him and his words given us by God. Let's start with the Book of Jacob, and let me set the stage here. Every since Nephi and Jacob set up house keeping in the new land called Nephi, evidently they have lived a lifestyle where all was held in common, no rich and no poor, no classes among men and no pride. But now things are beginning to change and Jacob addresses them. This gives us a good understanding of a Christ like lifestyle, and what happens as the people drift from that lifestyle into Satan's lifestyle. After all it is impossible to serve two masters at the same time:

Jacob 2:12-29 Again I will just give a few highlights, but you should read everything.

- Jacob denounces the love of riches
- Men should seek riches to help their fellow men
- Condemnation of more than one woman in a man's life
- Living this lifestyle brings cursing

Let's just try one more of the many, lets see what Christ has to say to us, the Gentiles:

3rd Nephi 30:2 A little foreground, Christ has met with those who survived the cleansing, those who were more righteous than those who had perished. They accept him and the teachings of his lifestyle in which all is held in common, no rich, no poor, and no classes among men. They live this lifestyle of happiness for most of two hundred years. A good example of what can be done if we follow God's teachings to us. But Christ adds this little note to us, the Gentiles in his last words in 3rd Nephi 30:2

- *2. Turn, all ye Gentiles, from you wicked ways; (If he is not specifically speaking to us Book of Mormon readers, we must be in the group he is speaking too.) and repent of your evil doings, of your lyings and deceivings, and of your whoredoms, and of your secret abominations, and your idolatrics, and of your murders, and your priestcrafts, and your envyings, and your strifes, and from all your wickedness and abominations, and come unto me, and be baptized in my name, that ye may receive a remission of your sins, and be filled with the Holy Ghost, that ye may be numbered with my people who are of the house of Israel.*

Now to better understand what Christ is accusing us of, take each item, such as “Lyings”, “Priestcrafts”, etc. and look them up in the index of your Book of Mormon and read all the references under those listings. See if the lifestyle we are participating in resembles what Christ is warning us to repent of. Notice “Fast Offerings” are not listed, “Tithing” is not listed, “Church Attendance” is not listed, a “White shirt and tie” is not listed, “Keeping your yard clean” is not listed, “Temple participation” is not listed.

Baptism was mentioned, however remember when you were baptized, you were not baptized into any particular religion or church, you were only baptized in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.

Now you were baptized because of the conformation of the Spirit that the Book of Mormon was true. This was done by direct revelation as an answer to your prayer to God your Father, no one is in between you and him. This happens without belonging to any organized religion.

According to God in the Book of Mormon, it will be by the books there in approved and contained that not only you, but the entire world will be judged by at judgment day. With Moroni standing there to welcome you.

And Christ says, *and whoso shall declare more or less than this, and establish it for my doctrine, the same cometh of evil, and is not built upon my rock; 3rd Nephi 11:40.* So where do you place your trust, because if your trust is placed in men of flesh, you are cursed. According to what God has given us.

The main purpose of the Book of Mormon is to teaches us by example, teaching of those who actually lived a Christ like lifestyle, how they lived and what they enjoyed, and then those who failed to live Christ’s lifestyle and lived Satan’s lifestyle, together with the hurt and sorrow and destruction that fell upon them.

So it is full of patterns of which you can compare your present lifestyle to theirs to determine just which lifestyle you are presently living, and what you can expect from living the lifestyle you have chosen.

Duane. Have a God day.