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Observations

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#55 God or Not

Isn't it interesting, today those in the world have to rely on faith in order to believe in a Heavenly Father concept, when according to the historical information passed on to us by our earlier parents, it appears that they did not have to rely on faith as they knew there was a God without question.

Today, for some reason, we seem to be driven to attend various organized religions, as we attempt to choose the most correct one. We seem to be happy and content today in the religion we have settled in, but don't pull up the carpet of their history, because if you do, most likely we will find all kinds of nasty secrets like lies, bloodshed, carnage, and many ungodly practices of the past.

But, leaders of all religions today seem to put on a more holier than thou aura to maintain their following. We are taught not to delve into the past but, focus on the wonderful present, the righteous clothing, the glorious holy buildings and godly benefits offered from birth to burial and beyond, some what like a bee is attracted to a rose, and bask in the present form of holiness presented without question. Of course all of these wonderful benefits must be supported financially by those who attend as followers. Some what like, my attorney, my CPA, my government, my doctor, my dentist, my school, my religion. Without your money, all including your religious organizations would cease to exist.

Yet on the other hand, many evidences exist of earlier people having had a greater contact personally with deity than us today. Today people rely on segments of this recorded historical information of the past like the Torah, Kabala, Bible, Book of Mormon, the list goes on and on to include what might be called religious symbols such as pyramids, alters, temples, rock art, even written artifacts, some still unreadable.

It does appear, however that those of the past, according to that information left us, were closer to a God, and to more righteous leaders such as Christ, Buda, etc.

In addition, keeping things hid under the carpet appears not to be new, as it has been going on since the beginning of recorded history. As an example, as God's Holy Church, even called The Church of Christ originally, the Catholic Church representatives moved in to this part of the world as they did in other parts of the world, and they quickly attempted to destroy any and all religious historical findings of the people on the land in order to install their own religious beliefs.

This same thing seems to be ongoing even today, as man interjects what he believes to be truth into what has remained from that preserved from the earlier people.

Being like most, having been raised by my parents in a particular organized religion which fits into the above mentioned scenario, I was brought up to believe that the Book of Mormon, another testament of Christ, was the foundation of our religion and given this dispensation literally by God.

As I grew, questions did arise, but quickly I was instructed that I should never question, because our prophets were guided by God. To me this meant that as I read the Book of Mormon, and things seem to differ from what was being taught, that the prophets, because they communicated directly with God and as we were taught, they were God's mouth piece, he had the right to alter that which was taught in the Book of Mormon anyway, so just place your trust in the prophet, as he will never lead you astray.

So I grew up with this prevailing attitude, as did all those around me. When I should ever come up with a question in my youth, I was gently frowned upon, and assured not to question the prophet. Thus, now as I look back, as a child in Junior Sunday School, classes from toddlers to twelve years old, to me, this was the overriding message, Trust in God and his Prophet, using the overriding power of fear passed down through our leaders to keep us in line.

Thus as I grew up, I found myself only reading and studying those things of which the prophet had approved. I even from time to time, as a new version of the Book of Mormon came out, found myself throwing away the older version, replacing it with the new, otherwise, those in my class would look down on me because I was still using the older version, and now an unauthorized version by the prophet, as if there was new and improved wisdom there in contained. As a matter of fact, the only copies of the original Book of Mormon were in glass cases, and could never be used by the members.

Today this seems strange for me. We are taught that God is an unchangeable God, but at the same time he gave us his Holy Word in 1830 by which, according to what it teaches will be the books by which the world will be judged at judgment day, and yet today, we are forbidden to even read this book. Instead, we are to read the version which has been altered and approved by men of flesh, and furthermore live precepts which are not even included in the altered Book of Mormon.

God or Not seems to be on my mind most of my day. I have come to believe with the help of the Book of Mormon that there is a God. That the precepts expressed within its history, to me could have no other origin than from a superior being more intelligent than a mortal man. Like most who do not accept the Book of Mormon, thus having to say Joseph Smith made it up, I am completely unable to give him this much credit. It even goes far beyond that.

Now having reverted back to the original 1830 version in search for more pure truth, unaltered by men of flesh, I now place my trust and faith completely in the God of that offering in an attempt to remove any and all offerings by men of flesh. It appears as I look down through time, while I do feel much has been given over the

years by God, men and the weaknesses of the flesh seem to have been altered from what God has given us to suit their own desires.

As this has taken place in my life, a more complete understanding of life under a supreme being or God begins to really formulate in my mind and understanding.

To me it appears that I have wasted the majority of my life conforming to precepts created by man, and worse, I have accepted them as real and become comfortable in participating in those practices or rituals thinking that I was actually doing as God wanted me to do. My feelings today, are while I was doing everything for the right reasons, and thus God blessed me for my desires to do good, I was really wasting my probationary time in ungodly practices having a form of Godliness but denying the truth and real power thereof.

I now use the original 1830 edition in as the basis of my study while opening my eyes around me to absorb the geological evidences on the face of the earth in an attempt to assist in the verification of its truthfulness. Plus with a slightly skeptical eye, view any and all artifacts or remains of the earlier people to again tie with the histories included in the Book of Mormon histories.

Along my travels in life, an elderly man, finding out that our lineage may tie together gave me copies of his genealogy. It appears that at least two lines of my relatives go back to Adam. While some might question this, for the more part it does really appear that man did in fact spring from two parents, Adam and Eve. Thus I do not trouble myself with the Darwin and Big Bang theories, as others stumble in the dark, to concentrate on the more pure evidences of our purpose here on earth.

Now having spent most of my life studying the Book of Mormon, with the early part being dominated by those above me as to how I should accept what it teaches, and now with the latter part of my life being freed to read it as it is, a new understanding comes about.

First of all I now understand and appreciate that it has been provided to us by a loving parent as a training aid for life. Because, we as a product of nature, and being taught to trust in our parents, and whom they trusted, our father in heaven, realizing this has offered this historical and instructional information to us in two simple and understandable ways. First and most important is by example. In addition to the examples are entwined the teachings of his word, in most cases offered by his prophets. From its teachings we also learn that prophets while having been given many great gifts by God, they do not and have never been given the power of God, to alter God's word in any way, but only to offer to us what God has given us. Should men of flesh take upon themselves the power of God to alter God's word, then they would be taking upon themselves the power of God, which no man can, and thus making of themselves a God. In this case, what need would there be of God's word, as man can create his own word of god.

Now to me today, the over riding message given us by God in the Book of Mormon is simplify two different ways of life, one is Christ's way of life referred to as his church, the second, in opposition or opposite of Christ's church is that of Satan's church or way of life.

Over the histories contained in the Book of Mormon depicts varying degrees of living these two lifestyles. The closer one lives the attributes of Satan's church, the more resistances occurs in their lives, and if not changed or repented of, in time they are cleansed away as pointed out in the histories.

On the other hand there are required precepts, as eluded to in the histories which must be lived in order to enjoy the blessings of Christ's church or the Holy Church of God.

The reader then must avoid placing trust in anything but their God and what he has given them, studying the histories to determine most importantly, those attributes necessary to enjoy peace and happiness offered in Christ's Church or way of life and then live them –completely.

It might surprise you, thinking that you are religious and that all is right in Zion, that the way of life you presently live really does not match up to those attributes alluded too in the Book of Mormon. However, repentance is when a person separates themselves from those precepts which are not permitted in Christ's way of life, or church.

You might find out that, as indicated, Christ's way of life or church is not complicated, but extremely simple and easily understood. That it does not take religious giants to set above you and guide you in his way of life, but that any human being has the ability to recognize and understand and live his precepts, as pointed out hereafter:

Christ's Lifestyle:

1. All is held in common
2. No one is place above another, as all are equal in God's eyes
3. No classes among men
4. No rich and no poor
5. One woman in a man's life
6. No pride
7. No evil economic system which provides the above

Satan's Lifestyle (opposite to Christ's):

1. Nothing is held in common
2. Leaders placed above others
3. Classes among men
4. Rich and poor
5. More than one woman in a man's life (polygamy)
6. Pride
7. An evil economic system which creates the above (Mammon)

Now here are some of the simple differences as pointed out in the Holy Word of God, as in the Book of Mormon, and most likely all other forms of the Holy Word of God prior to the alterations of men of flesh.

Study your personal lives to determine if you are living the precepts of Christ.

Study your religion to determine if they are teaching and living the correct precepts of Christ.

If you should find that you are not living those precepts as pointed out as necessary to preserve your life and the lives of your loved ones, and you really believe the Book of Mormon to be the word of God, then you now know the sins of destruction, as verified in its history, which must be eliminated from your life in order to enjoy peace and happiness and to avoid the coming cleansing.

It is one thing to know and believe the Book of Mormon to be the word of God unto this dispensation and the foundation of your religious beliefs. But another thing to actually live as it teaches. If not, you have treated the Holy Words of God as a thing of naught, as mentioned in Ether, and will be swept clean at the cleansing, according to its teachings.

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