The standard Mormon Testimony contains six main elements. “(1) I know that the (2) Book of Mormon is true, that (3) Joseph Smith is a true Prophet, that the (4) Mormon Church is the true church, and that (5) we are lead by a true prophet today, I say these things (6) in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.”

**Valid Testimony From Eye-Witness Only**

Notice the standard Mormon testimony starts with the words, “I know” not “I believe.” When a person is not an eye witness, “I know” is not appropriate because the person was not truly there. “I believe” is more honest. Believe is much like a verdict made in court. Belief may be based on a random decision or more credible based on the available information. All credible investigations into the truthfulness of any position are analyzed through scrutinizing all the available facts much like a court case. An intelligent verdict is based on investigating the available evidence.

**Only One Way To Really Determine The Truth**

Determining if “the Book of Mormon is true **or not**” can only be accomplished by actually reading, analyzing, and studying the Book of Mormon and then comparing it’s teachings to the Bible. The Mormon Church does not use “The Credible Evidence” method when teaching its converts and its members. The Mormon method requires assuming that the Book of Mormon is true and then praying for a feeling to verify that it is true. After they pray, they are told to wait for a feeling that it is true. This feeling is called a “burning in the bosom.” The Mormon method encourages the potential convert to come to the conclusion that the Mormon Church is true based on feelings and assumptions. The person is encouraged to think, “Because I had a feeling, the Mormon Church is true, no matter what the facts are. The Simple logic goes like this, if I pray and then I feel, then I know. If one gets a felling that the Book of Mormon is true then it must be true. There is little room for study here. The Mormon Church uses this position of predetermined truth instead of searching for evidence that would reveal the truth or falsity of Mormonism. Factual investigation to find verifiable archeological evidence that would substantiate sites in the Book of Mormon for instance, is discouraged. Thus a search for knowledge outside of feelings is discouraged.

**Determine The Truth About Joseph Smith?**

The same principle applies when one decides to find out if “Joseph Smith is a true prophet of God.” An eye-witness is the type of testimony that is accepted in court. Second hand testimonies (someone who wasn’t really there) are called hearsay and are not admissible in court. The people who personally knew Joseph Smith are long dead. Joseph Smith died in June of 1844, so no one today can have an eye-witness testimony of anything about Joseph Smith because they were not there when it happened. Here again, the information can only be gathered by reading firsthand accounts written by those who were actually there. Using their own personal feelings makes their testimony based on assumptions made over one hundred years after the facts. Mormonism teaches that if one gets a felling that Joseph Smith is a true prophet then he must be a true prophet. Therefore we know. Again, the logic goes like this, if I pray and then feel, then I know. There is no room for study here either.

**I Know?**

“I know that the Mormon Church is the true Church and we are lead by a true living prophet.” These two statements are largely based on the previous two statements. The logic goes like this, if the Book of Mormon is true and if Joseph Smith is really a true prophet then this church must be true and therefore, the current Mormon prophet must also be a true prophet.

**Wrong Focus**

“I say these things in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.” This ending makes the testimony sound Christian with a stamp of approval straight from Jesus. The problem is that there has been no discussion of the identity of the Mormon Jesus or anything about him. The standard Mormon testimony only mentions Jesus’ name in closing but does not introduce us to the Mormon Jesus. The standard Mormon testimony is of Joseph Smith and his book, his church and his successors. A true Christian testimony is of the biblical Jesus Christ and how he has saved his followers; those who believe and trust in him for their salvation. Mormons claim to be Christian but their testimony of Jesus reveals something very different. Because their definition of Jesus is so different than what biblical Christians believe, hearing a true Mormon testimony of Jesus is very rare. They seldom mention that their Jesus walked on the American continent and picked out 12 more apostles. They almost never admit that their God had sex with his daughter, Mary to form the body of their Jesus.

**The Mormon Testimony of Jesus!**

Mormon Apostle Bruce R. McConkie sum-marized the Mormon testimony of Jesus in his book *The Promised Messiah*. “What think ye of Christ? Whose son is he? (Matt. 22:42.) The true and revealed answer is: Christ is the Son of God and he has been so designated from the beginning to show the personal, intimate, family relationship that exists between him and his Father.” (p471) Their testimony is that Mary's son is God's Son; that he was **conceived and begotten in the normal way**; that he took upon himself mortality **by the natural birth processes**; that he inherited the power of mortality from his mother and the power of immortality from his Father … **This is their testimony as to his generation and mission.**” (p.472)

In his book Mormon Doctrine he states further, “God the Father is a perfected, glorified, holy Man, an immortal Personage. And Christ was born into the world as **the literal Son** of this Holy Being; he was born in the **same personal, real, and literal sense** that any mortal son is born to a mortal father. There is nothing figurative about his paternity; he was begotten, conceived and born in the **normal and natural** course of events, for he is the Son of God, and that designation **means what it says**.” (Mormon Doctrine, p.742, Also see Pages 155, 547)

Many other prophets and apostles have stated the same thing. Journal of Discourses V4 P218, Brigham Young; Journal of Discourses V19 p319 and The Seer p158 - Orson Pratt; Defense of the Faith of the Saints Vol. 2, p. 268 - B.H. Roberts; The Family Home Evening manual of 1972 P 124-127 - Joseph Fielding Smith, Joseph F. Smith, Herald B. Lee; Jesus The Christ p. 81 – James Talmage commissioned by the Twelve Apostles; The Teachings of Ezra Taft Benson Page 7, - Ezra Taft Benson says that she is still “called a virgin” after she had sex with God.

**Mormon Reaction – Deny And Lie**

Mormons accept this teaching that God the Father had sex with his daughter whenever taught by Mormon Church leaders and in official church publications. When nonmembers quote these same official references, Mormons deny the teachings and claim that “they have never heard of this teaching,” and “the Mormon Church has never taught that.”

There was a young convert named Clinton who called us all liars because we told him of this teaching and he asked his Mormon leadership and they denied it. This lasted four or five years until one evening I invited him to a photocopy session with me. I photocopied over twenty different pages from as many official Mormon Church books. That evening, he discovered that it was the Mormons who were lying to him and he got out of the Mormon Church. It wasn’t until someone actually showed him the official books that he finally realized who the liars really were.

**Using Deception to Gain Converts?**

Using deception to gain converts is **not** God’s way. **This is the Devil’s way**. The Book of Mormon occasionally agrees with the Bible, and this is one issue they agree on. 1 Nephi 14:10 states, “Behold there are save two churches only; the one is the **church of the Lamb of God**, and the other is the **church of the devil**.” God would never instruct members of his true church to use deception to gain converts.

**Leaving Out Key Gospel Teachings?**

Mormons claim to be Christian but they rarely give a testimony of their Mormon Jesus. The reason may be that their testimony of the Mormon Jesus reveals something very different. Over the years, I have found many Mormons deny the official teachings of Mormon prophets and apostles concerning the identity of their Mormon God and his Son. They deny their own teaching concerning Eternal Progression and God’s intercourse with his daughter. Do you think the Mormon leaders are now ashamed of how their Jesus was physically formed in the womb of Mary? Try asking a Mormon if the Mormon God is a resurrected man who had sex with his daughter, the Virgin(?) Mary, to form Jesus. “No” is a lie so don’t take no for an answer. The Mormon missionaries will never be totally honest when they leave out this testimony of their Jesus when they bear their testimony. **Promised Messiah Page 472**. If Mormons would just tell the truth the first time, non-members would not have to tell “the rest of the story.”

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