Why Mormons Say They're Christians

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An author who grew up in the Mormon Church says she isn't surprised that a recent survey of Latter-day Saints (LDS) shows that they overwhelmingly consider themselves to be Christians.

The survey, "Mormons in America: Certain in Their Beliefs, Uncertain of Their Place in Society," was conducted by The Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life. It shows that 97 percent of Mormons consider themselves Christians. But an earlier Pew survey of the general public found that only 51 percent of Americans agree.

Tricia Erickson is the author of *Can Mitt Romney Serve Two Masters? The Mormon Church versus the Office of the Presidency of the United States of America*. While the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, as it is officially called, comprises less than two percent of the U.S. population, it has been in the spotlight because it is the religion of GOP frontrunner Mitt Romney. Erickson says she knows why most Mormons believe they are Christian.

"I grew up as a Mormon bishop's daughter, so I know how they think...

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Note from Pastor Kevin Lea: Mormon men believe that if they jump through all the right hoops, according to the teachings of Joseph Smith (founder of Mormonism), then they will become a god someday over another planet — since this one is already taken. I hope that Americans realize the downside of voting for someone who thinks they are on their way to become a god.

In addition, all faithful Mormon men know that one of the hoops they must jump through is to have complete faith and trust in the current President of the Mormon Church, who is considered the ordained prophet of god for this planet. As such they are required to unquestioningly obey what the Mormon Church President says pertaining to what he has heard from god. Therefore, if a "good Mormon" (like Mitt Romney is advertised to be) were to become President of the United States, then he would likely keep an open line into the White House from Mormon headquarters in case "god" calls to give him direction about national issues. Is America really ready to elect an aspiring god who must take orders from a the president of a cult in order to keep his god aspirations alive? I hope not. Mitt Romney should either disavow cult Mormon theology or come clean with Americans about what Mormon doctrine really teaches. Then let the voters decide.