

Why I, as a former Mormon, would not vote for Mitt Romney for President of United States.

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I would not vote for Mitt Romney, not because I think he is a bad person, or that Mormons in general are evil people. Quite the opposite. I can say that I do not think we could find a much more morally decent person for president in this country than Mitt Romney.

So what is the problem? The problem is that Mitt Romney is a Mormon, and Mormonism is a very aggressive cult, a religion that leads people to eternal separation from Jesus Christ of the Bible.

A US president with no definite religious beliefs, or a membership in some mainstream Christian denomination, may not have influence that could effect the eternity of individuals, but a man with deep-rooted cultic beliefs could influence millions into joining Mormonism, especially when taking into consideration that the LDS Church has a nearly sixty-thousand-strong missionary force, that could and would use *President Romney* as "bait" for an introduction into Mormonism, not only in the United States, but around the world.

A majority of people in this country (as well as elsewhere) are not familiar enough with Mormonism to be able to separate it from traditional Christianity – after all, they sound the same – but are they?

Rev. Al Sharpton made a visit to Salt Lake City to apologize and clear up some derogatory statements he had made about Mitt Romney. According to the papers, the LDS leadership "cleared" them up all right. After this visit Al Sharpton said, "*It [his visit] was about our trying to learn about each other as believers in God and Christ, to find a common ground... [and] work together for the good of humanity.*" (SL Tribune, May 22, 2007 – Section B, p. 1.)

Al Sharpton obviously did not ask enough questions, or if he did, he was not told that the Mormon Church does not believe in the same God and Christ as biblical Christianity, even though President Gordon B. Hinckley has said publicly that he does not believe in *the traditional Christ of Christianity*.

Sharpton may not know that Mormonism uses Christian terms, but that it has given to all of them a totally different meaning. He also may have gotten some vague answers that seemed to speak of the same beliefs, but in reality they are not even close. Had he been told the truth, he would have learned that the God of the Mormon Church is not Eternal God of the Bible (Isa. 43:10; Ps. 90:2). He is a creation of Joseph Smith, made after his image.

Quoting Joseph Smith, "*God himself was once as we are now, and is an exalted man...I am going to tell you how God came to be God. We have imagined and supposed that God was God from all eternity. I will refute that idea...you have got to learn how to be Gods yourselves...the same as all Gods have done before you... until you attain to the resurrection of the dead and are able to dwell in everlasting burnings...*" (Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith, pp. 345-347.) [Everlasting burnings? That is hell, is it not?]

Mormon men, including Mitt Romney, are planning on becoming gods themselves, "*same as all Gods have done before [them]*"...

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