

Hello everybody,

I hope all of you are well and enjoying the beauty that God has created for this season of fall! I want to let you know that I have created a few new [YouTube videos](#). I am still new to this and would love any tips on how to create great videos! Any feedback is appreciated. I cannot do this ministry without your continued prayers and/or financial support and I so appreciate each of you!

Mormons

[General Conference](#) occurs the first Saturday and Sunday of every October and April. This is when the LDS leaders supposedly speak on the behalf of God to the Mormon people. The transcripts of two of the speeches stuck out to me. The first one was by LDS Apostle, Jeffrey R. Holland in his speech called "[Lifted Up upon the Cross](#)." When you talk with Mormons or look at their buildings you will not see them wearing crosses or displaying it on their buildings. Jeffrey R. Holland said in his speech:

"One reason we do not emphasize the cross as a symbol stems from our biblical roots. Because crucifixion was one of the Roman Empire's most agonizing forms of execution, many early followers of Jesus chose not to highlight that brutal instrument of suffering. The meaning of Christ's death was certainly central to their faith, but for some 300 years they typically sought to convey their gospel identity through other means."

Tertullian, an early Christian author, wrote in 204 A.D., which is not 300 years after the Resurrection of Jesus as Holland states:

"At every forward step and movement, at every going in and out, when we put on our clothes and shoes, when we bathe, when we sit at table, when we light the lamps, on couch, on seat, in all the ordinary actions of daily life, **we trace upon the forehead the sign**. For these and such like rules, if thou requires a law in the Scriptures, thou shalt find none: tradition will be pleaded to thee as originating, custom as confirming, and faith as observing them" (The Chaplet 3).

If Holland was speaking on the behalf of God; why did he not know this important information?

The second speech of note is by Apostle David Bednar, a former president of BYU, who has recently been accused of plagiarizing a story about the parable in the New Testament about a king that gives a wedding for his son and nobody shows up. The [article](#) reports this:

"What the former university president did not tell those listening is that the interpretation of the parable was not entirely his own. Instead, his analysis was taken, often word for word, from a 2016 article about the parable **written** by John O. Reid, a leader in a little-known sect **referred to as** the Church of the Great God."

Bednar also read several quotes from Reid and from Elder James E. Talmage, an LDS leader who died in 1933, crediting some, but giving the impression that the ideas were his own. Footnotes to Reid's article and Talmage's work, as well as other sources, do appear in the **published version** of Bednar's talk — but material from both appears **without** quotation marks."

The article goes on to say:

“Within hours, the transcript was updated with four additional footnotes linked to Reid’s article as well as quotation marks around one phrase from his work. The other material taken from Reid’s writing remains in the transcript without any quotation marks.”

Does this mean Bednar should get an F for being an apostle and an A for [Lying for the Lord](#)

Mormon Book

In the middle of the month of October I got the chance to examine an original 1830 edition of *The Book of Mormon* with a librarian. I was allowed to look at any page that I wanted to for research. It was a great opportunity to confirm that the Mormon Church has indeed changed many important things since the original publishing of the 1830 edition. There have been many changes to the original which you can view [here](#).



Baha'is

When talking to members of the Baha'i Faith you will often hear the phrases “unity” and “religion is one” because any faithful Baha'i will usually say something to the effect of “that there is one changeless faith” because their beliefs are that we are all part of the same religion with different chapters. I brought up this passage with some members of the Baha'i Faith noting that Jesus divides and does not necessarily unite people:

“Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three. They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.” -Luke 12:51-53 ESV

I kept getting responses that “Yes, Jesus does divide people, but it is Baha'u'llah who brings everybody together.” I then pointed out to the Baha'is that Baha'u'llah divides families and does not unite them because if Bahá'u'lláh truly united everybody there would be peace by now as there is supposed to be peace when Christ returned, which Bahai's believe occurred in the 1800's in the form of Bahá'u'lláh. Since Christ has not returned in the form of Bahá'u'lláh he has divided people even more because the major world religions see the Baha'i Faith as a heretical religion that they want nothing to do with. Since the Baha'i Faith is so much into unity and oneness they are looking through rose-colored glasses not seeing that Bahá'u'lláh is doing the opposite of the Baha'i vision of oneness and unity of all religions.

I have a few wonderful Baha'i friends who have experienced division in their own families when they left either their Christian or Jewish beliefs to follow Bahá'u'lláh. Even though Baha'is teach that all religions are worshipping the same God, there is a hesitancy of most Baha'is to fully embrace the beliefs of all religions, which I would note is impossible to do.

Please pray that the Baha'is will see that Bahá'u'lláh truly did not do what he said he was going to do, instead he is an anti-Christ leading people away from the one true God.

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