

Christology (Mormonism)

1. "Pre-existence - Jesus pre-existed, but this is true of all human beings, They pre-existed as the spirit children of the gods, waiting for incarnate men to provide them bodies by precreation. Jesus was, in his preincarnate state, Jehovah, the agent of the Father God, Elohim (The Theology of the Major Sects, John H. Gerstetner)."
2. "Jesus, our elder brother, was begotten in the flesh by the same character that was in the Garden of Eden, and who is our Father in heaven (The Four Major Cults, Anthony A. Hoekema, p.56)."
3. "Marriage - When Mary came to the sepulchre, she saw two angels and said unto them 'they have taken away my Lord or husband' (Ibid, p.56)."
4. "Jesus was a polygamist. Mary and Martha, sisters of Lazarus, and Mary Magdalene were among his wives. The bridal feast of Cana of Galilee was on the occasion of one of His own Marriages. (Chaos of the Cults, Van Baalen, p. 226)."
5. "Atonement--death of Jesus redeemed all men from death and from the consequences of personal sin. The penalty for Adams disobedience was death, not original sin. Jesus assumed the responsibility for Adam's sin and thus served as the vicarious sacrifice for all men (The Latter-Day Saints in the Modern Day World, William J. Wholen, p.96)."
6. "Individual salvation will be given only to those who believe and obey. Certain classes are excused from these requirements: children who die before the age of eight, those who have died not knowing the will of God concerning them, or who have ignorantly sinned. It is possible for every soul to obtain absolution from the dread effects of personal sins through the mediation of Christ; but such saving intercession is to be obtained by individual effort as manifested through faith, repentance, and continued works of righteousness (Book of Mormon, Mosiah 3:11)."
7. "General salvation is for everyone, animals included. The salvation provided at the cost of Christs suffering and bodily death is offered upon certain clearly defined conditions only; and these are summarized under obedience to the laws and ordinances of the gospel (Articles of Faith, Tolmudge, p.91)."
8. "The body of Jesus Christ was the product of the physical union of God the Father and the Virgin Mary. It brings into 'Christian' theology one of the most unsavory features of ancient pagan mythology (The Four Major Cults, Anthony Hoekema, p.55)."
9. "Trinity - Mormons deny the Trinity. They teach not one God but three gods. Christ is not considered equal to the Father. Jesus is greater than the Holy Spirit, which is subject unto him, but his Father is greater than he."
10. "The divinity of Jesus is the truth which now requires to be reperceived the divinity of Jesus and of all other noble and saintly souls, unsefar as they, too, have been inflamed by a spark of Deity - insofar as they, too, can be recognized as manifestations of the Divine (Ibid,p.54).