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Dear brethren:

Recently, I have been having weekly Bible studies with a Chinese Mormon who joined that church some fifteen years ago. He, like many Mormons, is uninformed regarding the contradictions of Mormon doctrine with the Bible and of the many bizarre doctrines of his church, doctrines that are not very well-known. I have often been asked, "What do you say when the Mormons approach you on the street or come knocking at your door? Should they even be let in the door?" In what follows, I will offer for your consideration a few perspectives from my experiences with Mormons.

At the onset, let me say that if you refuse to let them enter your house, you have done nothing wrong; you are not guilty of being inhospitable. The overriding principle taught in 2 John 9-11 condemns the rendering of support to any false teacher that would help him disseminate his error.

Anyone who goes too far and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God; the one who abides in the teaching, he has both the Father and the Son. If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not receive him into your house, and do not give him a greeting; for the one who gives him a greeting participates in his evil deeds. -2 John 9-11

Implied is prohibition of support such as food, lodging, financial aid, words of encouragement, or anything that would further their cause. I would not even want to greet such a one with the deference due teachers or preachers of the Word for fear of condemnation, "for the one who gives him a greeting participates in his evil deeds" (v.11), Furthermore, you would want to protect your family, friends, and yourself from false doctrine, if you feel that you are insufficiently prepared to challenge the error of Mormonism. In such a case as this, you would be receiving them into your house and giving them free reign to propagate their doctrine using your home as a platform for error. On the other hand, if you are inviting them into your house in order to teach them the truth and refute their false doctrine, this is a different matter. If Mormons ask to come into my house, I tell them that I have heard their canned presentation, examined their doctrine, and have found it wanting and in contradiction to the Bible. Then I say to them, "If you want to know why I reject Mormonism, you may enter, but understand this: I will be teaching you. You will be coming into my house for the purpose of hearing a biblical refutation of your doctrine, and learning how your doctrine

contradicts the Bible. I will grant you equal time for rebuttal. You, however, must address the arguments I have put forth. If your counterarguments ignore the points I have presented, or if you break into your canned speech, the session will be terminated." If they care for my soul, they might welcome the opportunity to know what I think and show me where they think I am wrong.

Mormon doctrine has a multitude of errors to choose from when challenging their doctrine. There are many tracts, books, web pages, YouTube videos, etc., from which you can ~in detailed knowledge of their erroneous teachings and increase your repertoire of refutations. I recall one day when approached on the street by a couple "elders." I stated that my faith rested on the authenticity and genuineness of the Bible and the evidences thereof. But three additional writings for which the Mormon church claims inspiration, and upon which the distinctiveness of that church rests, lack these same evidences, failing miserably in any and all credibility under unbiased critical analysis. Did God not know there were no horses in North America before the Europeans arrived? God used grammatically correct Hebrew and Greek, but incorrect English? (Smith claimed verbal plenary inspiration, not just inspiration of conceptual thought.) Even Smith himself felt the need to correct God's poor English in a reprinting of "inspired" works only seven years later. Search the Web for Joseph Smith's failed prophecies. That's plural—prophecies--though it takes only one failure to prove "the prophet has spoken it presumptuously" and worthy of death (Deuteronomy 18:20-22).

Your servant in Christ,

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