

# The Book of Mormon teaches **Oneness**



Most Mormon denominations teach Christology doctrines which contradict the Book of Mormon. Therefore many people are not aware that the Book itself actually teaches a monotheistic doctrine known as **Oneness**. It demolishes the revered Trinity doctrine, and teaches that the one and only Eternal Father, manifested Himself in a human body as the New Testament Messiah. And after His resurrection, He ministered to His "other sheep" in America. See **John 10:16** and **3 Nephi 15:16-21 (7:16-20)**<sup>1</sup>

This is consistent with **Ezek 34:11**, which says: *For thus says the Sovereign Yahweh: Behold I myself, even I, will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. And John 10:11: I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.* (Bethel edition)

## **BOOK OF MORMON TEXTS**

**Title page** ....to the convincing of the Jew and Gentile that JESUS is the CHRIST, the ETERNAL GOD.

**1 Ne 13:40 (3:193)**<sup>1</sup> ....and shall make known to all kindreds, tongues, and people, that the Lamb of God is the Eternal Father, and the Saviour of the world ....<sup>2</sup>

**1 Ne 19:10 (5:240-241)** ...yea, the God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, yieldeth himself ... as a man, into the hands of wicked men ... to be crucified...

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<sup>1</sup> Verse numbers of RLDS editions are in parenthesis.

<sup>2</sup> All quotations are from the unaltered edition of 1830. Also see our tract, Altering the Text of the Book of Mormon.

**1 Ne 19:13 (5:251)** And as for they which are at Jerusalem .... they shall be scourged by all people .... because they crucify the God of Israel ....

**2 Ne 9:5 (6:10)** ....for it behooveth the Great Creator that he suffereth himself to become subject unto man, in the flesh, and die for all men....

**2 Ne 10:3-4 (7:7-8)** ....and there is none other nation on earth that would crucify their God. For should the mighty miracles be wrought among other nations, they would repent, and know that he be their God....

**2 Ne 11:7 (8:14)** .....But there is a God, and he is Christ.....

**2 Ne 26:12 (11:78)** And as I spake concerning the convincing of the Jews, that Jesus is the very Christ, it must needs be that the Gentiles be convinced also, that Jesus is the Christ, the Eternal God....

**Mosiah 15:1-2 (8:28-30)** .....I would that ye should understand that God himself shall come down among the children of men, and shall redeem his people; and because he dwelleth in flesh, he shall be called the Son of God; and having subjected the flesh to the will of the Father, being the Father and the Son....

**Mosiah 16:15 (8:91)** .....that redemption cometh through Christ the Lord, which is the very Eternal Father.

**Alma 11:38-39 (8:93-94)** Now Zeezrom saith again unto him: Is the Son of God the very Eternal Father? And Amulek saith unto him, Yea, he is the very Eternal Father of Heaven and of Earth....

**3 Ne 11:14 (5:14)** ....that ye may know that I am the God of Israel, and the God of the whole earth, and have been slain for the sins of the world.

**3 Ne 15:5 (7:6)** Behold, I am he that gave the law, and I am he which covenanted with my people Israel....

**Ether 3:14 (1:77)** Behold, I am he which was prepared from the foundation of the world, to redeem my people. Behold, I am Jesus Christ. I am the Father and the Son.

**Ether 4:12 (1:107-108)** ....he that will not believe my words, will not believe me, that I am; and he that will not believe me, will not believe the Father which sent me. For behold, I am the Father,...

### **ADDITIONAL PROOF**

The above texts are only a sample! A 112 page booklet, The Infinite God, written by Samuel Wood in 1934, gives comprehensive and irrefutable proof that the Oneness doctrine *is consistent throughout the Book of Mormon*. A free reprint of this booklet is available from the Truthseekers address on the back.

### **JOSEPH SMITH DID NOT SEE THE FATHER AND SON**

Most Mormon denominations insist that the Father and the Son, as two physical personages, visited Joseph Smith in the spring of 1820. But the Book of Mormon clearly informs us that there is only one Eternal Father, and that He manifested Himself in human form as the New Testament Messiah. It is therefore utterly impossible for Joseph to have ever seen the Father and Son as two separate personages!

The earliest Mormon Church members never heard of Joseph seeing two divine beings in the grove in 1820. This alleged event was first published twenty years later in Scotland, in a pamphlet by Orson Pratt in 1840. The falsity of Joseph Smith's so called "first vision" is well documented by Jerald and Sandra Tanner, in their books Mormonism, Shadow or Reality, chapter 8; and The Case Against Mormonism, Volume 1, chapter 5. These books are available from Utah Lighthouse Ministry; Box 1884; Salt Lake City, UT 84110.

Oneness and Trinity are not the same. Since 325 C.E., Catholicism has treated Oneness as heresy. And we should keep in mind, the probability that enemies of truth may have infiltrated the early Mormon Church, with a covert agenda to keep the people from understanding the Oneness doctrine in the Book of Mormon. There is evidence to indicate that somebody other than Joseph Smith concocted the story of two divine personages in the grove.<sup>3</sup>

### **CHURCH DOCTRINE VERSUS BOOK OF MORMON DOCTRINE**

We learn in 2 Ne 3:12 (2:20-21) that the Book of Mormon is to "grow together" with the Bible to confound false doctrine. But how could it accomplish its purpose unless people (including Joseph Smith) would study the Book and understand it? And it appears that Joseph was so busy with other Church affairs, that he did not take time enough to study the Book. It is a documented fact<sup>4</sup> that the early Mormon Church taught that the Father and Son are two separate entities. And so they unwittingly put their own human Church doctrine on a collision course with Book of Mormon doctrine! But what the Book says, of course, is the most important.

It certainly appears that Joseph did not understand all the doctrines which the Book of Mormon teaches, and this is just one more evidence that he could not have written the Book in the first place. And of course he did not, if the Book is true!

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<sup>3</sup> A Historical Examination of the Vision in the Grove by Troy Bert, P. O. Box 271, Odessa, MO 64076; and A side by side comparison of the Pratt Pamphlet and Wentworth Letter by Truthseekers.

<sup>4</sup> Fifth of the seven Lectures on Faith, published in 1835.