

Davis County Ex-Mormon meetup Sunday July 13, 2025, 2:30 PM

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How to Find us: Sunday July 13, 2025 meetup is 2:30 PM at Smiths Marketplace, 1370 W 200 N, Kaysville, UT 84037. Entering Smith's turn right, take the up staircase on the right side of Starbucks, turn right on the 2nd floor at the top of the stairs, take 10 strides passing the lockers to the conference room entrance on the right. **Contact:** Francis 'Nelson' Henderson, 858-668-6943, francisnh12@gmail.com

Our purposes: First, when leaving Mormonism, people often find that they no longer have community or support. Our goal is to provide support for each other and to build community. So, whether you are a member, or left the church recently, or have been out for years, or were never Mormon but are looking for community, come and socialize with us and share your story.

Secondly, we uncover the fallacies, deception, and misinformation employed by the LDS Church to gain control over our lives.

Subject of Discussion: The Nature of God, the Nature of Humankind

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[President Nelson portrays BofM translation using the hat and seer stone¹.](#)

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When using the word "God," one may not mean the authoritarian *Being* described by Mormonism or traditional Christianity. Not a cosmic judge, a heavenly monarch, or an omnipotent record-keeper watching one's every move.

Instead, one could mean the divine spark within human beings—the capacity for love, truth, integrity, compassion, and the ability to seek what is life-giving, wholesome, and good. This "God" spoken of is not a person in the sky, but the deeper moral sense inside us all. To search for God, in my view, is to search for that which is real, noble, and beneficial to life itself.

This view contrasts starkly with Mormon doctrine, which teaches that "the natural man is an enemy to God"—that humans are carnal, sensual, and devilish by nature. Likewise, Christianity teaches that mankind is "fallen," inherently sinful, and in need of divine rescue. These doctrines undermine confidence in our inner moral compass and invites control by those who claim to represent God.³

This contrast exposes a strategy used by both Mormonism and Christianity—one I have come to reject. It works like this: the institution separates you from your sense of inner divinity, then offers to solve the very problem it has created.

¹ <https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/media/video/2020-05-0290-the-book-of-mormon-is-tangible-evidence-of-the-restoration?lang=eng> From LDS Church Web Site: Description President Russell M. Nelson and Jean B. Bingham, Relief Society General President, discuss the translation of the Book of Mormon at the site in Pennsylvania where Joseph Smith translated it.

² Mormon Stories Episode [1247](#) and [1248](#)

³ The Book of Mormon, Mosiah 16:3, states that the "natural man" is "carnal, sensual, and devilish".

Mosiah 3:19: "For the natural man is an enemy to God, and has been from the fall of Adam, and will be, forever and ever, unless ..."



If a person can be persuaded that they are inherently evil, or that their mistakes make them unworthy, or that they are never alone because God is always watching and judging, then their sovereignty can be undermined. Their inner dignity, moral self-trust, and sense of personal power can be quietly dismantled.

Joseph Smith, the founder of Mormonism, mastered this religious formula. He exploited human vulnerability by:

1. Asserting that people are “fallen” by nature, an enemy to God, carnal, sensual, and devilish.
2. Offering forgiveness to conscientious people burdened by their mistakes.
3. Promising eternal life to those who fear death.

In exchange, followers submit to Church authority, pay tithing, serve endlessly, and relinquish autonomy. The Church positioned itself as the exclusive provider of salvation, solutions, and access to the divine.

Book of Mormon Mosiah 3:19 encourages becoming "as a child, submissive, meek, humble, patient, full of love", in other words — powerless. These are the character traits authoritarian religious rulers consider virtuous. The individual's inner dignity, moral self-trust, and sense of personal power are dismantled.

Friedrich Nietzsche is the philosopher who famously characterized Christianity as a "slave morality". He argued that Christianity, in its emphasis on humility, meekness, and self-sacrifice—represents a system of values which undermine human flourishing and the development of great individuals.

Nietzsche's concept of slave morality is not about literal slavery, but rather a psychological and moral disposition that develops in response to powerlessness. Mormonism enforces its control, its demand for submission through the threat of excommunication, using spiritual exile to silence those who speak out publicly advocating for a different viewpoint. This is not a religion of love. It is a system of dominance masked in sanctity.

The Temple's “Law of Obedience” becomes the backbone of this system—weaponized to demand conformity and institutionalize submission. Such covenants are morally invalid, not just because they are made without full knowledge and under emotional conditioning, but because they undercut the virtue in one's motives, thus corrupting the authenticity of the sovereign soul. They are not divine mandates—they are human constructions pretending to be sacred.

To reclaim ownership of the word “God” is to reclaim one's own personal right to seek and to search for goodness without judgement, without shame, and without asking permission.

When doing so, we do not walk away from the quest for good for which the word God is a symbol. We walk toward a truer, more authentic search for understanding of all that is good, truthful, and life-affirming.



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