

CH 1—S3 ATTITUDE & APPROACH, 2 Tim. 2:23-26; Gal. 5:22-23

S4, Contention, 3 Nephi 11:29 – Mockery, Alma 5:30-31

Earnestly contend, Jude 1:3 (*Why we Care? TriGrace.org 'Suicide Visual'*)

CH 2—S6 BoM ANACHRONISMS

- 'glass windows', Ether 2:23 & 3:1 (2,500 BC)
- 'horses & chariots' Alma 18:9-12 & 3 Nephi 3:22 (600 BC–AD 400)
- 'steel swords' Ether 7:9; 2 Nephi 5:14-15; Jarom 1:8 (2,500 BC–AD400)
- 'wild elephants', Ether 9:19 (2,500 BC)
- 'Nephite coinage', Alma 11: Intro—vs 3-19 (82 BC)
- 'adieu' (French), Jacob 7:27 (421 BC)

Greek Language in BoM

- 'Alpha & Omega', 3 Nephi 9:18 (34 AD)
- 'Christ', 2 Nephi 25:14-29 (550 BC)
- 'Christians', Alma 46:13-16 (73 BC) – (1st in Antioch, Acts 11:26)

S7, Other Historical Problems

- '200 years of Christianity vanished?' 4 Nephi 1 Intro. & v. 24
- 'Hill Cumorah battles?' Mormon 6:11-16; Ether 15:1-11
- 'Temple like Solomon's?' 2 Nephi 5:15-16 (2 Chronicles 2:1-2)

S8 Book of Mormon 'INTRODUCTION'

Paragraph #1 (statement based on D&C 42:12) & Paragraph #6
(**LDS Quote**, "By fulness of the gospel is meant all the ordinances and principles that pertain to the exaltation in the celestial kingdom."
(Doctrines of Salvation, vol. 1, p. 160, Joseph Fielding Smith.)

CH 3—S12, MORONI 10:3-5

Questions: Has the LDS person done this? Do they believe the BoM?
(TriGrace.org 'Truth About God' visuals)

CH 4—S13, LDS TESTIMONY—based upon D&C 9:8-9

S14, Responses: 1st Share Your Testimony; 2nd Canadian Copyright Episode—(TriGrace.org '2 Step LDS Testimony' visual)

S15, "Believe Not Every Spirit"—1 John 4:1, 6

- Satan an angel of light, 2 Corinthians 11:13-15
- Not all prophets are true, Matthew 24:4-5, 11, 24
- God is not the author of confusion, 1 Corinthians 14:32-33

S16, Trusting Your Heart?—Jeremiah 17:9; Prov. 28:26; Mark 7:20-23

- Trust the Bible!—John 17:17; 2 Timothy 3:16-17
- Study & Pray—2 Timothy 2:15 & James 1:5 (BoM, Moroni 10:3-5)

CH 5—DOCTRINE OF GOD

S17, One God—Isaiah 43:10; 44:6, 8; Deut. 4:35-39; (BoM, Alma 11:26-29)

S18, Trinity—Matthew 28:19; John 10:30; Deut. 6:4/Mark 12:29-30
(BoM, Alma 11:44; 2 Nephi 31:21; (see: *Testimony of Three Witnesses*)

S19, One Substance, John 1:1-3, 14; 14:7-11; 10:30
(BoM, Mosiah 15:1-4; Alma 11:38-40)

S20, Virgin Birth, Matthew 1:18-20; (BoM, Alma 7:10)

(LDS Quote: “Christ was begotten by an Immortal Father in the same way that mortal men are begotten by mortal fathers.” MD, McConkie, p. 547)

CH 6—S21 EXPLAINING THE TRINITY

1. Was Jesus praying to himself? Matt. 26:39 (use ‘*The Trinity Diagram*’)

2. The Father is greater than Jesus! John 14:28 (the ‘*Ocean Illustration*’)

- Jesus was God in a human bottle—1 Timothy 3:16; Philippians 2:5-8
- God cannot be fully contained—1 Kings 8:27; Jeremiah 23:23-24

3. Two separate persons = Two Gods? Matt. 3:16-17; Acts 7:55-56

- There is Only One God—Isaiah 43:10, 44:6-8, 45:5-6, 18, 21
- Nothing is impossible with God—Matt. 19:26
- God is Omnipresent—Psalm 139:7-10; (also Jer. 23:23-24)
- Jesus is Omnipresent—John 3:13; Matt. 18:20
- Can you understand how man was made from dust? Genesis 2:7
- How did God make the universe? Gen. 1:16; Psalm 33:8-9 & 147:4-5
- Comprehend God? Isaiah 55:8-9; Do you have faith? Heb. 11:3, 6

S22, The Back Door to the Trinity

- 1. Whose Spirit Indwells Believers?** Romans 8:9-11; 1 Cor 6:19; Only One Spirit—1 Corinthians 12:13
- 2. Who Raised Jesus from the Dead?** Galatians 1:1; John 2:19-21; 1 Pet. 3:18; The Triune God raised Jesus from the Dead—Acts 2:32
- 3. Who Created Our World?** Genesis 1:1; Gen. 1:2; & Gen. 1:26-27; John 1:1-3, 14; Malachi 2:10; Isaiah 44:24
- 4. Who is the Father of Jesus?** John 3:16; Matthew 1:18, 20; Psalm 2:7
- 5. Is there more than one True God?** Isaiah 43:10; 44:6, 8

S23, Is God An Exalted Man?

God is NOT a Man—Hosea 11:9; Num. 23:19; 1 Sam. 15:29.

Question:—Man was made in God’s image—Gen. 1:26? Image is not always physical—Rom. 8:29 (BoM, Alma 5:14, 19; Ether 3:12-16)

- Anthropomorphic—God’s hands? Is. 40:12; God’s wings? Ps. 91:4

S24, God Does Not Change

- Eternal God—Psalm 90:1-2; Deut. 33:27; (BoM, 2 Nephi 26:12)
- God NEVER changes—Malachi 3:6/3 Nephi 24:6; Moroni 8:18)

CH 7—THE LORD GOD—S25, JEHOVAH (name) ELOHIM (title)

Name vs Title—Exodus 3:13-15; 6:2-3; Isaiah 42:8

S26, Jehovah is Elohim—1 Kings 8:60; Deut. 4:35, 39; Isaiah 44:6; 45:5

Elohim can be false Gods—1 Kings 18:26-27; Ex. 12:12; Psalm 96:4-5

S27, Elohim is Plural = Gods? Singular pro-nouns, Gen. 2:2; 6:13; 22:8
(*Question: Pearl of Great Price, Abraham 4:1-31 “the Gods...”*)

S28, Jesus is God—Isaiah 9:6/2 Nephi 19:6; Matt. 1:22-23; Jude 1:24-25; 1 Timothy 3:16 (BoM, Mosiah 5:15; 2 Nephi 11:7; 2 Nephi 26:12)

CH 8—LDS ‘PROOF TEXTS’ FOR PLURAL GODS?

S29, “Ye Are Gods”—John 10:33-36—Psalm 82; Exodus 21:6; 22:8, 9, 28
Why ‘judges/elohim’? Deut. 1:15-17; ‘elohim’ false gods—Psalm 96:4-5

S30, One God in Purpose—John 17:11, 20-23

- The Spirit of God in Jesus—John 14:7-11; 2 Corinthians 5:19
- The Spirit of God in Us—Romans 8:11-16; 1 Corinthians 3:16

S31, The Council of Nicea: Right or Wrong? The Arian Controversy—

Arius taught, Jesus was begotten and was, therefore, of creation, not co-eternal, and not ‘homoousios’ (*Latin of the same substance*) with the Father—Jesus existed by the will of the *Father*. Athanasius argued that Jesus was ‘Homoousios’ and was co-eternal with the Father. Arianism was condemned by a vote of 316 to 2 and a definition of the Trinity was drafted and adopted by the 316 Bishops at this council.

- Jesus is God—Matt. 1:22-23; 1 Timothy 3:16; (BoM, 2 Nephi 26:12)
- Jesus & Father are ‘Homoousios’—John 14:7-11; Mosiah 15:1-4
- Trinity—Matt. 28:19; John 10:30; (BoM, 2 Nephi 31:21; Alma 11:44)

S32, The ‘Most High’ & the ‘LORD’—Deut. 32:8-9

Jehovah is the Most High God—Psalm 91:1-2, 9; 92:1

LDS Quotes: “I am going to tell you how God came to be God. We have imagined and supposed that God was God from all eternity. I will refute that idea, and take away the veil, so that you can see... he was once a man like us.” (Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith, Joseph Fielding Smith, p. 345-346.)

“As man is, God once was; as God is, man may be.” (Articles of Faith, Talmage, p. 430.)