

<p>LIVE! From the Mecca of Mormonism - Salt Lake City, Utah . . . This is Heart of the Matter.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Show 45 Nauvoo November 6th 2007</p> <p>And I'm Shawn McCraney, your host.</p>
<p>STREAMING VIDEO ANNOUNCEMENT</p>	
<p>IN-THE-HOUSE</p>	
<p>SHOUT-OUTS</p> <p>Sam - who I'm sure is watching the show down in the basement, I've got a message for you. The Lord loves you and your Dad loves you so very much. And he is proud of you and the young man you are.</p> <p>Joyce B - the book is on the way. Thank you, my sister!</p> <p>Wayne R. - Thank You!</p> <p>Sharon A. - great letter.</p> <p>Ron and Marie T. - Thank you so much.</p>	
<p>LAST NIGHT was simply an outstanding event out in Odgen.</p> <p>We filled the entire restaurant - every single table in the entire restaurant was filled with people and I want to tell you how grateful I am to be apart of such a great group of believers.</p> <p>We ate, and talked, and prayed, and</p>	<p>(SHOW VIDEO CLIP HERE)</p>

shared stories with each other. And then some of us retired to The Hampton Inn there in Logan where I had the privilege to baptize four people who longed to publicly profess their faith in Jesus Christ.

COMMENT ON HOW WONDERFUL IT IS TO BAPTIZE SOMEONE WITHOUT HAVING TO HAVE SOLD THEM ON A BUNCH OF RELIGIOUS CONCEPTS, RULES, AND MEMBERSHIPS.

Our tech genius Micah came along and shot some video - here it is:

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Next month - on the first Monday night in December (December 3rd 2007) we will be in Logan Utah at the Denny's at

Go to www.bornagainmormon.com for details.

And of course, we'll be at Denny's at 5th South in downtown SLC at 150 West.

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<p>Hey, we want you to invite you to join us for our first annual Christmas open house!</p> <p>Watch this: (PLAY SPOT)</p> <p>When: Where: Why:</p>	<p>(PLAY CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE SPOT HERE)</p>
<p>TWO Mormanipulation Moments TOnight:</p> <p>First from my good friend Andy out Northern California.</p> <p>The second comes by way of Celeste who brought to my attention that the LDS Church is putting the Book of Mormon in bookstores throughout the world.</p> <p>That it will not have all the cross referenced footnotes but will just contain the text.</p> <p>What is so Mormonishious about this new user friendly Book of Mormon coming to bookstores everywhere is just some subtle twists to the introduction.</p> <p>(READ and EXPLAIN)</p>	
<p>PRAYER PRAYER PRAYER</p>	

<p>Last week I stole a whole half an hour of call-in time from you folks due to some family things I had to attend to.</p> <p>So tonight we are going to open up the lines early and take calls throughout the hour.</p> <p>(801) 973-TV20 (801)973-8820</p> <p>We invite first time callers. The more LDS the better. Please turn down your television sets!</p>	
<p>Let me sort of summarize a LOT of information, here, and catch us up to where we need to be in terms of the unspoken LDS Church History and the remaining time we have in the year.</p> <p>We've discussed the "translation" of the Pearl of Great Price in Kirtland in July of 1835.</p> <p>We've talked about temples, again beginning in Kirtland and Mormonistically changing ever since.</p> <p>In 1838, due to persecution, the Saints moved to a place called Far West where Joseph falsely received prophecies about it being "the" place of security . . . but it wasn't.</p> <p>I won't take the time to cover the Mormon War which occurred in 1838, nor will I detail the jail time Joseph spent - warranted and unwarranted - in 1839.</p> <p>We've also examined Joseph's secret marital additions beginning back in</p>	

1833, decelerating over a time, then manically booming in the Nauvoo years.

Suffice it to day, there had been a tremendous amount of “prophecing” and “official proclamations and promises of the Lord” from the mouth of Joseph in these many transitory years, many of which fell flat and left the Saints without a lot of faith in the man or His office of prophet, seer and revelator.

LDS Author Bushman rhetorically asks in his book Joseph Smith: Rough Stone Rolling:

Why had “God allowed the Missiourians to abuse the Saints? If this was His work, where was He?”

Bushman then shares a story of a once stalwart LDS leader, saying:

“The succession of failures, beginning with Jackson County and continuing through the Far West surrender, was too much for John Corrill, the steady clear-headed Missouri leader. At the end of his 1839 account of early Mormonism, Corrill explained why he abandoned the movement:

“When I retrace our track, and view the doings of the church for six years past, I can see nothing than convinces me that God has been our leader; calculation after calculation has failed, and plan after plan has been overthrown, and our prophet had not seemed to know the event until too late. If he said go up and prosper, still we did not prosper; but have labored and toiled, and waded through trials, difficulties, and temptations, of

various kinds, in hope of deliverance. But no deliverance came."

In a moment of some appreciated intellectual honesty, Bushman comments "Everything Corril said was true."

The LDS will say this was all a test for the Saints, like God tested the Children of Israel in the great exodus.

I would suggest it is the typical transitory nature of all mass movement upstarts which have been repeated time and time again, from earliest history until this very day.

The persistent struggle for individualistic autonomy, trials, defection, offshoots, misunderstandings, persecutions, growth, adjustments, revisions, new revelations, corruption, deceit and descent – thesis, antithesis, synthesis.

God was not the author of this. Men were. Always have been and always will.

God authored another Gospel, pure, simple, delineated by His Word, available to all, where even the gates of hell could not prevent it.

Joseph's Mormon movement was not dissimilar to anything we do.

The first attempt can usually be considered a failure – especially in retrospect – but something about it invigorates us, teaches us, and prompts us to try again.

I remember first attempting to throw a pot on a ceramic wheel. It was difficult, but I finally created something I thought was pretty good. I put it on the mantle above my parents fireplace for all to see.

The experience furnished me with the desire to try again. And that experience taught me to try again - with each experience producing something new - both in products, but also in my experience and ability to learn.

It is evident to me that this is exactly what Joseph - and Brigham - and Mormonism today does.

I suppose this is perfectly acceptable for a corporation, for an artist, even for a family, or in a marriage.

But it just not acceptable when it comes to God. Mormonism refuses to see any difference.

And so it spins a doctrine called polygamy, sets it out before the world and says its beautiful, necessary, and of God.

Only to later take the doctrine and put it on a dark shelf - never destroying it - but hiding and renouncing it - all the while forgetting that people once embraced it as beautiful, from God, and required.

Mormonism tenaciously and continuously throws another lump of clay on the wheel, spins it up right before our eyes, and says "God" created it.

God does NOT work this way. His word is sure, and true, and reliable, and unchanging.

Well, after many attempts at creating a social and spiritual utopia, Joseph was finally able to establish the Saints in a place of temporary peace – he called it Nauvoo.

In a letter to the Saints abroad, Joseph, Sydney Rigdon and Hyrum Smith sent out a communication that explained that Nauvoo was of Hebrew origin, signifying beauty and a place of rest.

It is also significant to see what direction the man they called the Prophet went when he was allowed to “run free” for a season with his body, leadership and thoughts.

Nauvoo was a city based on MAN – with a capital M.

Even the main street names of Nauvoo were granted according to the valiancy of faithful LDS men:

Hyde
Partridge
Wells
Page
Taylor
Carlos Street
Joseph Street
Kimball Street
Young Street
Parley Street

We will spend the next few weeks speaking about who I call “the unrestrained Joseph” as he certainly

<p>lived as mayor of Nauvoo the beautiful.</p> <p>For it was here, in Nauvoo that Mormonism, Mormonistiousness, and Mormanipulation truly take form, acting as a template for all that continues to be said and done Mormonism today.</p> <p>Alright, let's take our first call.</p>	
<p>Open the Phone Lines: (801) 973-8820 (801) 973-TV20</p> <p>Please turn your televisions down and listen into the receiver.</p> <p>And please have a succinct question or comment.</p>	
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