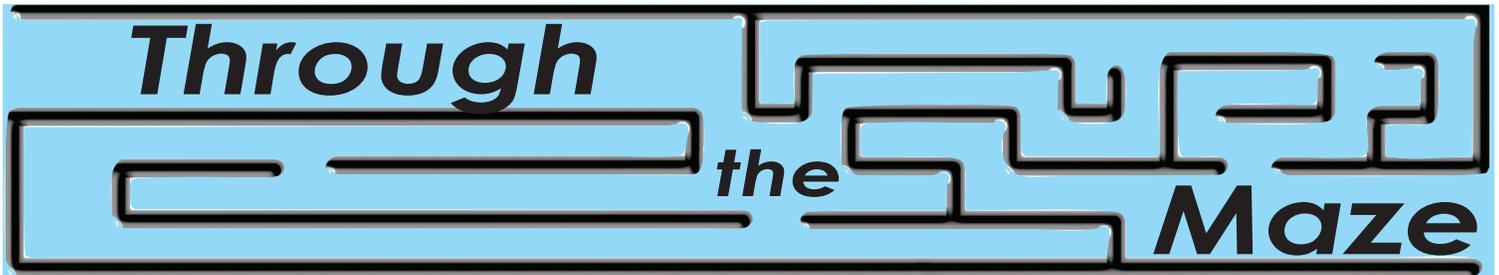


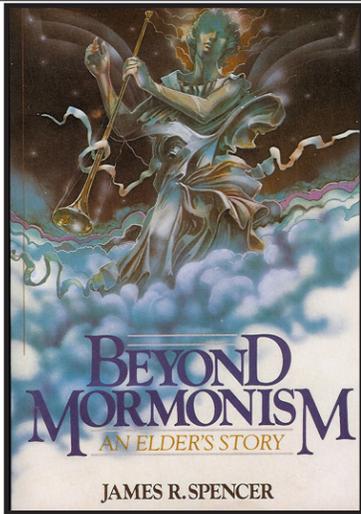
“Truth without Love is too hard; Love without Truth is too soft”

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Special Note: Those who receive this “Update” are folks who have given to *Through the Maze* in the past. However, I notice a number of those on this list are about to be discontinued. We really do need to hear from you at least once a year—certainly once in two years.



Bud (Roscoe) was 85 when he wrote this letter. He was a life-long Mormon, sealed in the temple, the descendent of prominent Mormons.

**Coming to Christ at age eighty-five Via
Beyond Mormonism, he now wants to lead others to the truth!**

My name is Roscoe McMullen, born in Lincoln, Idaho, August 6, 1923. My mother died in childbirth at the age of 36 years. I was her tenth child. I was raised by a Mormon family; my father's sister and her husband, who had five children. I officially became a member of the LDS Church when I was baptized at the age of eight.

The first inkling I had of the not being the True Christian Church was when I went into the service. They asked me what religion I was. I told them I was Mormon and they said they had never heard of it; you were either a Catholic or a Protestant and I told them I was not a Catholic.

All the years I went to church I never felt the presence of our Lord nor did I ever feel the church buildings were sacred places. My wife and I were sealed in the temple and I never had the feeling that the temple was the House of God. I felt it was just a big, cold marble building. When my wife was diagnosed as having Alzheimer's, the so-called friends that we made in the church never called to see how she was doing. We felt like we were deserted.

I received a book entitled *Beyond Mormonism* from a dear friend and as I started reading I couldn't lay it down until every page was read. That's when I realized all these years I had been living under a lie and misrepresentation. Now I am in the process of becoming a Christian to be with the true God.

It has taken a lot of deep thought and attending the chapel at the retirement center, and the people that I can call true friends have helped me to make my mind to join a church that is true to the Bible. *My goal now in life is to help others to find and know the truth.* ■

When Pastor Elbert Sorrell read Roscoe's story (on the Internet) he was reminded of how *Beyond Mormonism* and *Through the Maze* had helped him with his own struggle to find Christ

Jim,

I too came to know the Lord in 1985 after reading *Beyond Mormonism*. I was a convert to the church like yourself. I remember my early days of salvation and the resulting confusion and loneliness I felt. Not long after beginning to attend a local Baptist church in my area, I called and spoke with you and Margaretta over the phone and I could just sense a difference in you that I knew was not evident in my Mormon friends.

As you and I spoke over the phone, I remember giving you my name and you remembered me because I had previously mailed you a letter thanking you for writing what you wrote. You were pastoring at that time and were excited because you had received the letter and had put it on the bulletin board of your church because you said that I had articulated so clearly what the Lord had done in my life as I read the book.

Today *Beyond Mormonism* is STILL the first book that I recommend to anyone that is studying the history and affects of Mormonism. I tell everyone that *Beyond Mormonism* is the place to start in their research. Today...I am a pastor of a local Grace Brethren church in S.W. Ohio and am married to a lovely Christian lady named Marti...

I am grateful for your faithfulness and your stand for the truth over the years and your exposure of false doctrine to the body of Christ in areas beyond the realm of Mormonism. I know that many times we wonder what happens to those we minister to that the Lord touches, after many years and just wanted to write and let you know that in my case, the seed fell on good ground.

I continue to pray for you and your ministry as you labor for the Savior in these dark days. I will pray for this gentleman as he grows in his understanding of truth. Please give your wife my best and a THANK YOU from me for her faithfulness and support and all that she does. I know the value of a faithful, godly wife!

Because HE lives,
Elbert Sorrell

**A blast from the past...
a cogent documentation of what many,
many Mormons have to go through in
disengaging the cult**

I left the Mormon organization a bit over seven years ago after a very traumatizing experience with several active members. Up until a couple of weeks before Thanksgiving this year I hadn't even opened a Book of Mormon and every time I was even near a book with "Mormon" in the title—whether in a bookstore or a library—I quickly moved past it. For some reason, one evening last November while I was at the Ada Community Library and absentmindedly looking around the isles of books, I saw the title *Beyond Mormonism*. Something triggered the idea that it was just simply time to try to deal with it. In looking through the other publications that they had on the shelf, I was amazed at how much there was dealing with my own personal problems and concerns with them.

That night I checked out *Beyond Mormonism*, *Whited Sepulchres*, and your reprint of Rev. Lamb's *Golden Bible*. I read the entire book of *Beyond Mormonism* the next day and I could hardly believe all the old stuff that kept coming up inside me remembering my own personal experience with that organization. *Whited Sepulchres* was painful to go through because it further confirmed my experience that I had seven years ago. Finally, when I began to read and study *The Golden Bible*, I just broke down many times, realizing that The book of Mormon really is spurious.

Upon returning some of the first titles that I had checked out back to the library, I then checked out *Temple of Doom* and the Tanner's big book *Mormonism: Shadow or Reality*. Upon reading *Temple of Doom*, I was so shook up knowing that I had taken satanic oaths and covenants and I'm still beside myself wondering if we've invoked some kind of generational curse on our children. Our names are still on their records and we just simply want OUT, lock stock and barrel! Needless to say, after studying *Mormonism: Shadow or Reality*, I'm totally blown away at the complete subversive, dysfunctional mess that Mormonism really is.

I still have a lot of questions and I am really hoping that there is a resource for help here in the Boise area... Thank you for your fortitude in speaking out.

Barbara

Whoa Anna!

message: To "Mr. James"

Just to inform you the reason that "blacks" couldn't hold the priesthood or be part of the Mormon church was because back then they were slaves and had no say. Giving them the right to choose back then was out of the question. Mormons had to follow the law. You should do more research!!

Anna

Whoa, Anna!

That is the lamest explanation I have ever heard! So you think it was against the law for Blacks to hold the Priesthood and that's why Mormon leaders withheld it? Wow! Ever hear of the curse of Cain as taught by Smith, Young, and others.

I'm really only answering you so I can post your letter on my web site. I have no hope of getting through to you.

Jim Spencer

What happened to my Common Sense?

Jim,

During my 55-year lifetime as a staunch, even fanatic, Mormon, I never once questioned man becoming a God. Why not? Duh! AS a teacher with an M.Ed. degree, *how come I had no common sense to dispel the brainwashing?...*

I lead the congregational music on and off for four decades starting at age 17 and am filled with all the doctrine of those songs, to say nothing of all the years I taught LDS classes. It makes me sick and also sad that I now have to now deprogram myself from lyrics that say things like: "only he who does something is worthy to live"; "the wicked who fight against Zion will surely be smitten at last" (Mountain Meadows Massacre comes to mind as I shudder); and "hail to the prophet" (Hitler comes to mind. There he mingles with "gods" and is called a hero. We do not talk or sing of our savior in this fashion.

Launa

Don't forget to pray for us here at *Through the Maze* during this economic crisis. Like you and everybody else, finances are crippling. God will take us through. All I ask is that you actually pray and ask God if there is something special you can do in partnering with us

Thanks so much,

—Jim Spencer

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