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# Through *the* Maze

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## February Update

### The Sugar City Curve



Those of you who have read my autobiography, *Beyond Mormonism: An elder's Story*, will remember my encounter with Christ on the Sugar City Curve. Recently I received this very upbeat letter from Jim Kiesow from Colfax, Wisconsin.

Dear Jim,

**T**his is Jim Kiesow from Colfax, Wisconsin. I have written you previously about how much your book "Beyond Mormonism" has had an impact on me. I'm not a Mormon or an exMormon but I think I've read the book eight times. Previously, I told you that I lent the book to my sister-in-law who had a friend that was going through the "lessons" with a couple of Mormon missionaries. The woman got half-way through your book and cancelled the lessons. Then within the last couple of months a coworker of my sister-in-law came to her with a concern that another coworker was being courted by the missionaries. My sister-in-law wanted the book again and it made its way to the man who was the....

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Please pray, asking God to guide you in giving financially to *Through the Maze*. I need your help now, more than ever.

### Pray For My Friend, Heber LeBaron

#### Who is doing four life sentences

Heber first wrote me from prison at least five years ago, maybe ten. Many of you are familiar with the notorious LeBaron sect, a polygamous clan led by a psychopathic "Prophet," Ervil, LeBaron. Ervil had 13 wives and 55 children. Heber is one of those children.

Heber was raised in circumstances unfathomable to any

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## Letters

#### Your Book Has Given Me Great Hope

Dear Jim,

I am just finishing reading your book "Have you Witnessed to a Mormon Lately?". I want to say thank you and God Bless you for writing such an important book. I have always felt the need to witness to Mormons when they come to my...

#### Reaction to Mormon Tabernacle Choir on TV

Dear Jim,

Just another of the Mormon's relentless attempts to lure the innocent into their web of deceit while posturing as "Christian." While they exuberantly sang Handel's "Messiah" and other gloriously anointed Christmas music (and Christian hymns in their meetings)...

## ...The Sugar City Curve

Mormons' prospect. The prospect has English as a second language so I don't know the full impact of the book as it took some time for him to read it. But as a result, the coworker who had the original concern went out and bought five copies of "Beyond Mormonism".

I've always been intrigued by your account of the "Sugar City Curve" and how God spoke to you as you drove through (the curve). For some reason I made it a personal goal of mine that if I was ever in that area I was going to find the Sugar City Curve. Now the chances of me being in that area were more than a little slim but wouldn't you know it, by a "coincidence" I found myself having to travel to Idaho Falls. It's an interesting story how this happened, but I want to get to the point.

I drove up the new four lane road that replaced the old "trail". I exited at Sugar City and drove to the far end of the town where there is a significant left curve. It wasn't an "S" so I drove on for a few miles but no "S" curve. So I called my buddy Andy Watson who lives down in Vegas and explained my problem. He said, "Well, just go into town and ask someone if they know where it is." So I drove back into town, went into the local Foodliner grocery store and asked the high school kid who was working the check-out counter if he knew of a big "S" curve. Of course he didn't, but the woman being checked-out thought it was the curve on the east end of town. I didn't think so. Well, I noticed the post office across the street and thought if anyone would know, it'd be someone working at the post office. I walked in and approached the middle aged man behind the counter and said, "Now you look like a man who knows something." A woman who was there buying a shipping container laughed and made a humorous remark. She was obviously a friend of this guy, but not his wife!

I said to him, "I'm trying to find a big "S" curve on the old road that ran up to St. Anthony. Would you happen to know of such a curve on what used to be known as the Sugar City road?" He thought for a second and then said, "The only big "S" curve on that road is just up the street here (he motions west) about three blocks. You'll know where to turn because it's the only place where there's a left hand turn lane." As he is telling me this he has a very quizzical and slightly suspicious look on his face. I thanked him, drove up the street, found the left hand turn lane, drove a very short distance and there it was! The curve where the Lord God spoke to Jim Spencer, and as a result, led him out of Mormonism! I pulled on to a connecting street facing the middle of that curve and I prayed and gave thanks to God. I called Andy and told him I had found it and he said, "You've got to take a picture of it and send it to me." I told him I didn't have a camera, but I did have my cell phone of course and I'd try to figure out how to take a picture with it. Mr. High Tech, huh! Well I did, and I did! In fact I probably took nine pictures from different directions. The locals who drove by smiled at me, sort of! I even reenacted your drive through the curve so I could get a picture from the other side.

I was thinking there should be a little monument erected there to memorialize the event that led you to the Lord. Man, do I sound like a "fan boy" or what? Don't worry, this won't reach stalker status! I drove on down to Rexburg, which is a whole other story.

It's my hope that perhaps someday our paths will cross and we can meet. But in the mean time, I'm content to know that I found the Sugar City Curve where your life was changed and as a result the lives of many others who have been impacted by your work.

I'm writing to you Jim because I know that in the ministry to which God has called you, things can get very tedious. My purpose here is to encourage you in the Lord. During this Christmas season may God continue to bless you and your family as you continue to labor in His vineyard.

Jim Kiesow—Colfax, Wisconsin

### ...Your Book Has Given Me Great Hope

door. I have faced some discouragement and scorn from others in the Christian community for doing this, but to me, I have always seen Latter-day Saints as confused people who need our love and guidance.

Your books have given me great hope that I should continue my work with renewed vigor. I am also planning on speaking to my pastor this weekend on starting anti-cult teachings in our church.

May God continue to bring blessings on to you and your family.

Your Brother in Christ,  
Chris Marshall  
Stony Plain  
Alberta

### ...Reaction to Mormon Tabernacle Choir

they remain pitifully clueless as to who Jesus is, and to the amazing, awesome, incredible thing He came to the earth to accomplish for all of us.

The beautifully composed lyrics and pure, untainted Scripture in the music so very clearly, simply, and joyfully tell it all! Certainly the Mormons and their excellent, professional choir must thrill to the beautiful sound of the music itself, while mentally pondering just what the big, huge fuss is all about (?!?!?).

How dead can dead be? Religion. Arggghhh!

Thank you for your dedication to minister truth, while shattering one of the biggest lies there is. God's grace and peace to you in the fullest measure.

Affectionately in Him,  
Suzanne Rankin  
Sedalia, Colorado

## ...Heber LeBaron

outsider. His brother told me the kids in the group were more like animals, sort of raising themselves. When they got a little older, they were virtual work-slaves of the sect leadership.

When warfare broke out within the Church of the Firstborn of the Lamb of God (as it was known), Heber was a young man. During the few years of infighting more than thirty members were assassinated. Heber eventually rose to the helm of one of the groups. He is responsible for a dozen murders. He is in prison for four lifetimes and he understands that is just. He would have preferred to have been sentenced to death, but he did not have that option.

At any rate during the past fifteen or so years that he has been in maximum security prisons, he not only has come to the Lord, but he has devoted himself to intense Bible study. One of the mission outreaches of *Through the Maze* has been to provide Heber with dozens of research volumes. In fact, we recently ordered the 38 volume encyclopedia, *The Early Church Fathers*, for him.

Prison has been especially hard for Heber. No surprise, he suffers from psychological disorders, some genetic, some induced by the crazy lifestyle he was born into. Recently he called me and asked for prayer. Specifically that prison officials would get him the medical treatment he needs.

Please join me in praying for Heber. ■

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