

obvious wickedness. At other times he comes as an angel of light, giving very plausible reasons for adopting teachings that are not found in God's Word.

I can readily understand your pleasure at meeting the two young Mormon missionaries. Many of the Mormons are very pleasant people and are devoted to what they believe. A considerable number of their young men are asked to spend two years in an assigned area trying to lead new people to accept their beliefs. The emphasis on the family and on the care of the body that you mentioned are very good. These emphases are already in the Bible and one does not need to learn them from the Book of Mormon.

I am glad that you plan to be cautious about accepting their teaching. Although many of them seem to be very fine people, I believe they have been sadly misled. In the 66 books of the Bible God has given us His complete revelation. All other books are merely human ideas or human interpretations. While I do not know a great deal about the Book of Mormon, I know that it has no such evidences of truth and dependability as the Bible possesses. The study of its origin is highly imaginative and very questionable. I would advise that you be very slow about giving it a place in your thought at all comparable to that of the Bible.

It is also my impression that the Church of the Latter Day Saints holds to many ideas that are very different from the teachings of the Bible. In the Scripture the Apostle Paul wrote: "though we or an angel from heaven preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed." (Galatians 1:8)

I have spent a great deal of time studying the Bible but have not investigated this particular movement to any great extent. However, I have good access to means of checking on specific facts about it and about the truth or error of any of its specific teachings and would be glad to discuss with you any particular question that you might care to write me about.