

Dear Bishop Dean Kennington,

May 20, 1995

This is to inform you that I am hereby requesting that my name be removed from the records of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter- day Saints. I insist that the record, and the letter notifying me that my name has been removed from the records of the church, show that the only reason that my name has been removed is because I have requested it to be so. I also insist that the word excommunication not be used in the letter notifying me of this action or in the records.

Over 14 years ago I began to research what the LDS church teaches versus what the Bible teaches. I also began to look into LDS church history and original documents and was amazed by how many times the LDS scripture has been revised, not just once or twice, but thousands of times which dramatically changed doctrines. There are many major areas of conflict between LDS doctrine, LDS scripture, and the Bible. Just the Book of Mormon alone contradicts itself.

I began to see that the Bible clearly teaches that Jesus Christ is God in the flesh and that there is only one God. Mormonism believes that there are many gods of many worlds and that good Mormons will become gods. That belief is polytheistic and not what the Bible teaches.

The Bible clearly teaches that God came in the flesh and humbled Himself even to die on the cross for our sins so that we can live forever with Him. There is no work that we could possibly do to earn or repay what He did for us. It is a free gift that He is handing us if only we will take it.

I accepted Jesus' free gift of salvation over 14 years ago. I know that the Bible is God's word to us, complete and infallible. Over the past 14 years my walk with my Lord has become closer and closer. I love Him more than words can express.

My reasons for waiting so long to write this letter is simple procrastination. But, as I am planning to move out of Utah, I feel the Lord telling me to remove my name from the LDS records before I go. We are moving by June 30th and I need your response before then.

I would also like to never have my name used for a baptism for the dead. I have read where the Jews have asked for this. Therefore, I assume you have a way of marking names of those who choose not to have their name used in this unscriptural ritual.

Please understand that I am not against the Mormon people and have no hard feelings against anyone in the church. I have many good Mormon friends. It is the doctrine and scriptures that are incompatible with the Bible that make me know that the Mormon teachings are not true.

Enclosed are copies of scriptures and doctrine that clearly show the inconsistencies between the Bible, LDS doctrine, and LDS scripture.

One should ask why there are inconsistencies between even LDS scripture and LDS doctrine. I encourage anyone to look to the Bible as the true scripture from God. It has been proven historically and prophetically. For example, there are over 2000 prophecies of Jesus in the Old Testament. Look outside the Mormon church to research the accuracy of Mormonism. Write to the National Geographic Society or the Smithsonian Institution to see if the Book of Mormon can be backed by archeology.

Seriously search these things out on your own. I and my husband will be praying that God's truth will pour out on you.

Sincerely,

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