

Patterns of Intelligence

CHAPTER 2

THE BOOK OF MORMON AND MODERN EVOLUTION SIDE-BY-SIDE

From an LDS perspective, the key thing to understand about Korihor's teachings is that they are a mirror-image of the doctrines of the prophets of old.

They are not just modifications, they are *precisely the opposite*.

This mirrors the fact that Christ and satan are exact opposites.

As mentioned above, Korihor's version of the theory of evolution is *not* identical to the theory of evolution today because Korihor did not have the scientific knowledge of the scientists of today.

So the key question today is this: is the theory of evolution as taught *by today's scientists* exactly the opposite of the doctrines of the living prophets in our day? In other words, is the theory of evolution still the antithesis of the doctrines of the living prophets?

The answer is 'yes'. Here are some comparisons of LDS doctrine and *today's evolution doctrine*. You will note that the evolution doctrines are always exactly the opposite (i.e. a mirror image) of LDS doctrines.

(**Note:** Many scientists believe in a hybrid of religion and evolution. The list of evolution doctrines below is a list which would be created by a true evolutionist, not a person who believed in a hybrid of religion and evolution.)

LDS DOCTRINES VERSUS TODAY'S EVOLUTION DOCTRINES

LDS Doctrine: Heavenly Father, Jesus Christ and the Holy Ghost are Gods, they are separate and distinct individuals and all of them live.

Evolution Doctrine: There is no God and never has been. Their existence is only a superstition handed down from one generation to another.

LDS Doctrine: Our spirits are literally the children of Heavenly Father and by His nature He loves us because our spirits are His literal children.

Evolution Doctrine: Humans have no spirits and God does not exist. We are the product of random accidents which we call "evolution."

LDS Doctrine: God is infinitely more intelligent than we are and God cannot be deceived.

Evolution Doctrine: Humans have the highest intelligence in the Universe and our intelligence came to exist by evolution.

LDS Doctrine: If we, as a people, keep the commandments we will prosper in the land because God will protect us.

Evolution Doctrine: "Every man fared in this life according to the management of the creature; therefore every man prospered according to his genius, and that every man conquered according to his strength; and whatsoever a man did was no crime." (see Alma 30:17 which describes natural selection)

LDS Doctrine: Every person on earth existed as a spirit in the "pre-existent world" before we were born on this earth. In this pre-existent world of spirits we were tested and had to make very critical decisions as to whether to follow Jehovah (i.e. now called Christ) or Lucifer (i.e. now called Satan).

Evolution Doctrine: We do not have spirits so we did not exist before we were born so we could not have made any decisions before we were born.

LDS Doctrine: All things were created using a plan designed by Heavenly Father.

Evolution Doctrine: All things were created by accidents, such as the "Big Bang" and then by evolution, using natural selection, because there is no God and there was no plan.

Note: The theory of the Big Bang was developed long after Darwin. Today scientists would claim that all things were created by the Big Bang, followed by evolution. The Big Bang was claimed to be a gigantic, accidental explosion long ago. The Big Bang is mathematically absurd, but I won't talk about it here because Dr. Eyring has long-ago disproven it better than I could.

LDS Doctrine: Human intelligence in great measure comes from our spirit intelligence.

Note: We had to have a great deal of intelligence in the pre-existence (before we had a physical body and a physical brain) because we had to make very, very, very complex and important decisions to even be born on this earth with a physical body, thus our current intelligence must be greatly inclusive of our spirit intelligence. Those who followed Lucifer in the pre-existence were cursed and will never receive a physical body.

Evolution Doctrine: Human intelligence comes exclusively from the brain, because we have no spirits, and our brain came from a series of accidents, which are called "evolution."

LDS Doctrine: After death our spirits will live in the "spirit world" awaiting the resurrection (we will have our intelligence with us there).

Evolution Doctrine: There are no spirits and there is no spirit world and we cease to exist at death.

LDS Doctrine: The Holy Ghost teaches, protects and leads us.

Evolution Doctrine: There are no spirits and there is no Holy Ghost. We protect ourselves based on our intelligence, strength and cunning.

LDS Doctrine: Christ is our Savior and came to this earth to suffer the atonement for our sins and He voluntarily gave himself up to be crucified because His crucifixion was a key part of the plan of Heavenly Father even before the earth was created.

Evolution Doctrine: Christ existed (*), but he was not a Savior. The Jews crucified him because he was weak and they were smarter and more powerful than he was. There is no such thing as "sin" so there was no need for an atonement.

(* **Note:** Korihor actually lived prior to the birth of Christ (74 B.C.) and Korihor predicted that Christ would never be born. Modern day evolutionists cannot deny that Christ existed because he is a well-known historical figure, so they can only deny that He was the Savior and that He was resurrected and that He lives today.

LDS Doctrine: Christ died for our sins and He was the first to be resurrected and He was resurrected in great glory!!

Evolution Doctrine: Christ had no spirit and ceased to exist at death, see above (*), and other humans have no spirit; so Christ was not resurrected and no one else has been or ever will be resurrected because we cease to exist at death.

LDS Doctrine: Christ has appeared to many righteous people (in person or in vision) in the latter-days, including the prophet Joseph Smith. Christ appeared to Joseph standing next to God the Father (which was probably Joseph Smith's first realization that Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ were two separate individuals).

Evolution Doctrine: Christ ceased to exist at death so how could he appear to anyone in the latter days? These are imaginary stories to get people to join a church.

LDS Doctrine: Christ and His prophets teach people to keep the commandments, to love one another and to help others (e.g. the Golden Rule).

Evolution Doctrine: The Golden Rule is childish. The true law is "survival of the fittest." The commandments can be ignored because there is no life after death, thus there is no Judgment Day. Only the laws of society are important for civilization.

LDS Doctrine: Adam and Eve were the first humans on this earth and their physical bodies were created by God before 4,000 B.C.

Evolution Doctrine: Humans evolved from a "first living cell" (**) and humans have existed for about a hundred thousand years.

(**) According to the "theory of evolution," life had to begin with a "first living cell" from which all other life "evolved." According to some evolution books, humans first appeared on this earth about 100,000 years ago, though I am sure there are different estimates as to when this imaginary "first living cell" existed and this number will likely change from time to time.

LDS Doctrine: Adam was a great prophet and the first dispensation head and the head of all other dispensation heads. All humans are descended from Adam and Eve.

Evolution Doctrine: Adam never existed and there is no such thing as prophets because there is no God. We are all descended from the "first living cell."

LDS Doctrine: Adam and Eve disobeyed Heavenly Father by partaking of the forbidden fruit (which was not suitable for their bodies) and were driven out of the Garden of Eden about 4,000 B.C.

Evolution Doctrine: There is no such thing as commandments or sin or Heavenly Father. The story of the Garden of Eden is a fairy tale.

LDS Doctrine: Noah was a great prophet, and a dispensation head, and is next to Adam in priesthood authority. Noah is now called Gabriel.

Evolution Doctrine: Noah never existed.

LDS Doctrine: Noah and his wife saved the human race, and all people are descended from them.

Evolution Doctrine: The story of Noah and Noah's ark is a fairy tale.

LDS Doctrine: God created the DNA of all living things by design.

Evolution Doctrine: Random and accidental mutations to DNA (actually some newer books talk about the "first self-replicating molecule") led to millions of new species, including humans. Humans are nothing but smart animals. Human DNA developed by evolution from the DNA or RNA of the "first living cell" through many, many increasingly complex "child species" (this term will be defined below).

LDS Doctrine: We need to keep the commandments.

Evolution Doctrine: The commandments are silly traditions to control the minds of the people and to keep them in ignorance of truth (see Alma 30:31). People can do whatever they want to do as long as it is legal. It is society that determines what is legal, right and wrong.

LDS Doctrine: There will be a Judgment Day so we must try to keep the commandments of God.

Evolution Doctrine: We cease to exist at death because we have no spirit, thus there will be no Judgment Day. Attempting to be moral, honest, etc. is nice to create a stable society and stable families, but it is not important because we cease to exist at death.

LDS Doctrine: We believe that God is a merciful God and that we can be forgiven of our sins.

Evolution Doctrine: A belief in sin "is the effect of a frenzied mind; and this derangement of your minds comes because of the traditions of your fathers." (see Alma 30:16) In short, forgiveness is not needed.

LDS Doctrine: There is an eternal purpose to life and if we want, God will help us step-by-step to achieve Exaltation.

Evolution Doctrine: Life is an accident and our purpose is to survive and kill our enemies, if necessary, before they kill us. We cease to exist at death.

LDS Doctrine: Satan and his minions are trying to deceive and destroy (both spiritually and physically) as many of God's children as they can.

Evolution Doctrine: "*I am no devil*, for there is none ..." (see: 2 Nephi 28:22)

LDS Doctrine: Those who die before the age of 8 were great spirits in the pre-existence and will automatically be saved in the Kingdom of God.

Evolution Doctrine: While it is always very sad that young children die, those who die before the age of 8 were too weak to survive or they died by accident. Their death, in many cases, is an application of "survival of the fittest" because they were too weak to survive. Evolution improves all species by weeding out the weak and the frail.

LDS Doctrine: Living prophets receive revelation from God and lead His children.

Evolution Doctrine: There is no God so there are no living prophets and there is no revelation.

LDS Doctrine: Prophecies have and will come true.

Evolution Doctrine: Prophecies are nothing but calculated guesses.

LDS Doctrine: The scriptures were written and/or translated by prophets of God for the benefit of God's children.

Evolution Doctrine: The scriptures are fairy tales designed so the leaders can usurp authority over the people and keep them in ignorance.

LDS Doctrine: The commandments are to bless us, teach us and protect us.

Evolution Doctrine: The commandments are a trick to get the people to come to church, pay money to the church and get people to worship a God that doesn't

exist. We are free to do whatever we want to do. (Note: Part-time local leaders in the LDS church, such as bishops, are not paid.)

LDS Doctrine: Angels (who can be resurrected beings or can come from the spirit world or even from the pre-existence) appear to righteous men and women.

Evolution Doctrine: There are no angels with or without bodies.

LDS Doctrine: Religious ordinances represent our covenants with God and they are critical to our salvation.

Evolution Doctrine: Ordinances are foolish gestures, a waste of time, and have no significance because there is no God and there is no life after death.

LDS Doctrine: Individual inspiration and revelation build testimony and guide faithful members of the church.

Evolution Doctrine: There is no Holy Ghost so there cannot be individual revelation, nor do we have a spirit, nor do we need to be guided by someone else.

LDS Doctrine: Our spiritual leaders, such as the church president, apostles, stake presidents, bishops, etc. do what is best for us and lead us by revelation.

Evolution Doctrine: Church leaders get power and authority by befriending other church leaders and they all combine together to pretend to be inspired by an imaginary Holy Ghost.

LDS Doctrine: Church leaders teach us the truth about God and His commandments.

Evolution Doctrine: Leaders teach superstitions and keep people in ignorance of truth.

End of List

By looking at the above list, it is clear that the teachings of the living prophets today are literally the antithesis of the doctrines of the modern day theory of evolution!!

Just like the doctrines of Christ are the opposite of the doctrines of satan, today's evolution doctrines are consistent with the doctrines of satan because they are the exact opposite of the doctrines of Christ.

I marvel when I see this quote, made by satan, in the Book of Mormon:

22 And behold, others he [satan] flattereth away, and telleth them there is no hell; and he saith unto them: *I am no devil*, for there is none ...
2 Nephi 28:22

Satan even lies about himself. In this short quote he tells 3 lies (first, "there is no hell," second "I am no devil" and third, "there is [no devil]"!!

But the theory of evolution today is far more than just the opposite of LDS doctrines. The theory of evolution today has some very specific targets in mind, as will be discussed in the next chapter.

WHY THE STORY OF KORIHOR IS IN THE BOOK OF MORMON

Let us put ourselves in the position of Heavenly Father prior to putting Adam and Eve on this planet.

Heavenly Father knew that in the last days, which we are now in, a set of false doctrines (i.e. the theory of evolution) would sweep the world like the plague. These false doctrines would challenge the existence of God, the importance of the commandments and everything else God teaches through His prophets.

False doctrine is nothing new and has existed in all dispensations.

However, Heavenly Father also knew that many scientists in the last days would strongly support the false doctrines of evolution! And He knew the media and almost all schools would support the theory of evolution (though many individual science teachers do not support the theory of evolution).

How would you, as Heavenly Father, choose to warn your followers about false doctrines in the latter-days? Would you warn them through the scriptures and/or the teachings of the living prophets in General Conference? Think about that question before reading on.

The answer is "both," but the first way that God warned the members of the church about the false doctrines of the theory of evolution was by describing the teachings of the anti-Christ Korihor in the Book of Mormon.

The Book of Mormon is the flagship book which is unique to the LDS church (i.e. the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints church) and as such carries the weight of "scripture."

In other words, if a "general authority" (i.e. one of the top leaders of the LDS church) spoke negatively about the theory of evolution, such as in general conference (as Elder Russell M. Nelson has done), this would *not* carry the weight of scripture!! And more importantly the talk would eventually be forgotten over time (i.e. can you remember a general conference talk from 1927?).

But by putting the story of Korihor in a canonized book, its doctrines are repeated over and over **in every generation** of the church!! There can be absolutely zero

doubt in the minds of the members of the church as to intent of the story of Korihor in the Book of Mormon. It is there to clearly demonstrate the falsity of the theory of evolution, in spite of the claims of many scientists!!! The scriptures are not forgotten over time and generation after generation of members of the church will remember the account of Korihor.