

LUTHERANS and MORMONS: Annotated Bibliography of Resources

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Mormonism Apologetics Words from CPH

Kaiser, Edgar P. "How to Respond to the Mormons." St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 2011.

- Description from CPH: "Who are the Mormons? It is common to see Mormon missionaries-usually two young men, clean, shaven, dressed in white shirts and ties-knocking on doors in your neighborhood. What do these missionaries stand for? What do the Mormons believe? This book gives you the answers and necessary information to understand what Mormonism teaches. Topics include: founder Joseph Smith and the origins of the Book of Mormon; the Mormon view of salvation, eternal life, and more; differences between Mormonism and the Christian Church; how to confidentially share your faith with Mormons; Most important, you will be prepared to confidently and sincerely share the Gospel with Mormons." (80 Pages)

Jonathan. *A Biblical Response to Mormonism*. St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 2022.

- Description from CPH: "Though their language of God, grace, and faith might sound familiar at first, Mormons teach and believe things quite different from biblical Christianity. In the early 19th century in upstate New York, Joseph Smith said he received new revelation from God, so he founded The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, also known as Mormonism. This movement has been one of the fastest growing religious groups in the United States since its inception. It is a Christian duty to share the Gospel, but to best serve Mormon neighbors Christians first need to understand how Mormonism differs from Christianity. Let this Biblical Response be a go-to guide!" (32 Pages)

Schmidt, Alvin J. *The American Muhammad: Joseph Smith Founder of Mormonism*. St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 2013.

- Description from CPH: "Soon after Joseph Smith, Jr., founded the Mormon Church in 1830, newspaper editors called him "the American Mahomet," "Modern Mahomet," or "Yankee Mahomet." In *The American Muhammad*, Alvin Schmidt has undertaken the challenging but informative task of documenting, discussing, and analyzing over seventy parallels that exist between Smith and Muhammad. He cites valid arguments why parallels between noteworthy individuals in history need to be studied in order to understand why they engaged in similar acts that left major marks in history. This

fascinating book provides many facts not commonly known about Joseph Smith and Muhammad and will help readers see and understand how the teachings of these two men contradict biblical Christianity.” (296 Pages)

Baughman, C. L. *The Staircase to Heaven*. Saint Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 2011.

- Description from CPH: “Mormonism is one of the most misunderstood and misinterpreted religions on the planet. As Christians, we tend to pass harsher judgement on this group of people primarily because Mormons consider themselves to be Christian. Pastors, teachers, and even those who simply have Mormon friends will find this book helpful in their quest to witness to Mormons more effectively. By understanding the biblical distortions that Mormonism places in the minds of its followers, we can all be more effective soldiers of God.” (232 pages)

Comparative Religions Works from CPH

Francisco, Adam. *One God, Many Gods*. St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 2008.[5]

- This is a Bible Study geared towards young adults that addresses major world religions.
- Description from CPH: “Know what your religion means in today's world. Christianity and fourteen other religious faiths are examined and compared, with a goal of identifying the central teachings of each and providing some tools for Christians who encounter people of other faiths in their daily lives. This Bible study contains both leaders materials and reproducible student pages. Religions examined: Christianity; Judaism; Islam; Hinduism; Buddhism; Sikhism; Shinto; Confucianism and Daoism; **Mormonism**; Jehovah's Witnesses; Scientology; The New Age; Satanism; Rastafarianism; Atheism.”

Lane, Jason, *et al.*, *The Christian Difference: An Explanation and Comparison of World Religions*. St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 2019.

- Description from CPH: “*The Christian Difference* details the basic history, personalities, and beliefs of the world’s major religions: Judaism; Islam; **Mormonism**; Jehovah’s Witnesses; Scientology; Skepticism; Hinduism; Buddhism; Confucianism; Shintoism; Sikhism. Each of these religions is compared with Christianity, providing ideas for how to talk to neighbors, family members, fellow students, or co-workers who follow one or another of these beliefs. Each chapter was written by an expert author with a deep interest or experience with the specific religion, written with the intent to give you common ground for you to share your faith in Jesus Christ. The Gospel of Jesus Christ reaches out meaningfully to all who are hurting, suffering, and oppressed, giving them

endurance and confidence to live in the present and hope for the future. All because Jesus Christ is different. That is the Christian difference. (640 Pages)

Sutton, A. Trevor. *Why Should I Trust the Bible?* St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 2016.

- Description from CPH: “You’ve got tough questions about the Bible. Maybe you’ve even heard things like, “The Bible is racist.” Or, “The Bible has too many errors and edits.” Or, “The Bible is merely a mythological story like Homer’s *Odyssey*.” This book tackles accusations like those head-on. Pastor Sutton compares the Bible to writings that have been deemed more credible than the Bible, like the Book of Mormon, encyclopedias, and even Shakespeare’s works. He tests the Bible using the same rigorous standards that have been used to test those other writings. He examines historical evidence, witness accounts, and translation concerns. By the end, you’ll be able to better defend your faith when its very foundation is attacked. You’ll get many of your tough questions answered. And you’ll see that when all other texts fall, the Bible still stands—as completely, undeniably trustworthy.” (230 Pages)

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FAQs about Denominations – Topics – Lutheran Denominations, Other Denominations

Lutheran Church Statement on the LDS or Mormon Church

Witness & Outreach Ministry Archives

The Reformation of the Lutheran Church in America Today

OTHER RESOURCES

I Love Mormons: A New way to share Christ with Latter-Day Saints: by Rowe, David

Loving Mormons: a critique of Gospel Principles, the LDS “catechism” of sort

A Biblical response series (available from CPH)

Al Barry’s What about series.

World Religions in America. Fourth Edition, Jacob Neusner, 2009

Handbook of Today's Religions, McDowell Stewart, Nelson, 1983 by Campus Crusade for Christ, Inc.

WELS-WISCONSIN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD

Lutherans and Mormons – WELS <https://wels.net/faq/lutherans-and-mormons/>

Truth in Love Ministry

(Lutheran/WELS)

<https://tilm.org/start-here/>

Key Book!

Speaking the Truth in Love to Mormons

<https://tilm.org/store/Speaking-the-Truth-in-Love-to-Mormons-Book-p2267747>

Ministry Proclaiming Christ to Mormons- Empowering Christians to Witness

RESOURCES FROM NON-LUTHERAN SOURCES

Mormonism Research Ministry

<https://mrm.org/>

A website with a large array of resources, ranging from historical information to doctrinal information and critique to “practical” advice when engaging with Mormons. Information is presented at an easy-to-understand level, while still providing plenty of depth.

Unveiling Grace: The Story of How We Found Our Way out of the Mormon Church, by Lynn K. Wilder, Zondervan, 2013.

This book recounts the story of an entire family's departure from Mormonism to Christianity, started by a son who became a Christian while on his mission. While the family unfortunately doesn't become Lutheran, it still provides many helpful insights on how God can lead people out of this false religion.

THE CHURCH of JESUS CHRIST of the LATTER-DAY SAINTS (Mormonism)

History, Beliefs, and Practices

LDS "Scriptures"

<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures?lang=eng>

Changes <https://www.sltrib.com/religion/2025/10/30/lds-news-church-makes-dozens/>

2027 LDS Hymnal

<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/initiative/new-hymns?lang=eng>

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