

There are hundreds of reasons to believe or not believe that the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is true.

For me I no longer believe it is true in the way it teaches it is true.

How did I come to this conclusion?

I could give a list of issues and concerns just like the cesletter.com.

But ultimately it all comes down to trust.

The mormon leaders have lost my trust.

And in losing my trust, I don't automatically assume that what they say is true and everyone else is lying.

Conversely I also don't automatically assume that they are lying in everything that they say.

But it breaks my heart. When my son left the church and I was trying to get the real answers to save his soul, I did assume my church leaders were telling me the truth and others were lying. I did assume I would be able to find the real answers that would strengthen my son's testimony in the restored gospel.

And so when I found a repeated pattern of misinformation, half-truths, and sometimes outright lies, not from anti-mormons, but from my beloved prophets and apostles, it broke my worldview.

But prophets would never lie or intentionally deceive you say.

Here are four simple examples that have reframed how I view my prophets and church, which has ultimately led to them losing my trust.

Would a prophet ever use scriptures to hide the truth?

Today the church readily admits that Joseph Smith practiced polygyny and polyandry. They readily admit that some of these relationships were sexual. They readily admit that these practices were difficult and sometimes hidden through "carefully worded denials". (lds.org polygamy essays).

During my search for good answers about polygamy, these essays didn't exist.

During my search for good answers I stumbled upon this quote from the 1835 D&C.

"asmuch as this church of Christ has been reproached with the crime of fornication, and polygamy: we declare that we believe, that one man should have one wife; and one woman, but one husband, except in case of death, when either is at liberty to marry again."

The rumors were already spreading about the practice of polygamy. What was the church's response? Admit to it? Remain silent?

No.

They chose to outright deny its practice. Hold it secret and sacred. Boldly lie that they were not practicing it.

And for everyone who wants to throw this into the category of carefully worded denials, I say, **shame on you.**

The people asking the question knew what they were asking. The answer outright denies the practice and gives a very false impression.

Learning that the prophet could and would use scriptures to hide the truth was the beginning of the church losing my trust.

But if this was the only point of concern, I could potentially move on.

When confronted with “anti-mormon lies” are prophets the most reliable source of information?

While serving as a missionary for the mormon church, I was confronted with many evangelicals telling me “lies” about my church.

One “lie” in particular disturbed me.

They told me that Brigham Young had taught this doctrine that Adam was our God and the father of Jesus Christ.

If this were true, it would be very disturbing to me that a prophet could teach such a gross heresy.

I quickly searched for support from the prophets and apostles. Could they help me understand how this was a lie and how I could refute these enemies of the church. This is what I found: