

Carson, I am not raised in the Church but rather I am a “convert”. In deciding, through much prayer and reading, I decided to be Baptized fully aware that I might not have all of my questions answered and not expecting the fullness of the gospel until sometime in the afterlife... I, vicariously, know you as your brother had dated my daughter, Lindsay Baugh, many years ago. I would hate for her to be led astray when she is so bright (IQ of 145) and can study and handle conflicting information just fine. I have three children and by the grace of Jesus Christ, all three of them have strong testimonies. Two of them have convert spouses. I believe they have made the decision, with an adult mind, to be baptized. I accepted the LDS teachings knowing that much was yet to be revealed. I have admitted to my Bishop(s) that I do not usually wear my garments without fear. It has never been a problem except that it is something that I need to work on. I’ve been to MANY Churches seeking the right one for me. Many were hypocritical, or (as the Catholic religion), too symbolic on an every week basis. Many Churches had Sunday members whose congregations did not practice what is taught any day but Sunday.

Part of my acceptance of the LDS Church was the realization that I can’t know everything in this life and I don’t expect to. The church has evolved and expect that it will continue to do so. This will not turn me away. I believe in the core principles and don’t allow the “little stuff” to bother me. Being quite bright myself, I would be very irritated if someone tried to hand feed me discrepancies and contradiction. I don’t have a hang-up with them myself. I feel very sad for you, Marisa, and your families because you could have just quit going rather than becoming an apostate and trying to take other people with you.

God Bless you, Marisa, and your family. God loves you all very much. I hope that I haven’t offended you.