

Official Doctrine or Folk Mormonism? Please indicate O or F for each statement

- _____ 1. Jesus Christ is our elder brother, the first spirit born to a heavenly father and heavenly mother.
- _____ 2. God the father was once a man like us and dwelt on his own earth.
- _____ 3. After the resurrection people will be able to progress from one kingdom of glory to another.
- _____ 4. Couples who reach exaltation will create their own worlds and populate them with their own spirit children.
- _____ 5. There are three Nephites who would never taste death who are still alive on the earth today.
- _____ 6. Joseph Smith secretly took 12 women as wives who were already married to other men.
- _____ 7. The text of the book of Mormon that we have today was dictated by Joseph Smith while looking at a peep stone he had placed in his hat.
- _____ 8. The wedding where Jesus performed his first miracle was his own wedding. By the time of his death he was married to Martha and Mary, the sisters of Lazarus, as well as Mary Magdalene.
- _____ 9. Every time you repeat a sin, all your former sins return to you and are held against you.

Key to Citations

1. Official: <https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/bd/firstborn?lang=eng> https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/manual/gospel-topics-essays/mother-in-heaven?lang=eng&_r=1

2. Official:
<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/manual/gospel-topics/becoming-like-god?lang=eng>

3. Folk: See section 8 – Withhold Judgment in article linked below.
<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/manual/teaching-seminary-preservice-readings-religion-370-471-and-475/finding-answers-to-gospel-questions?lang=eng>

4. Official:
<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/manual/gospel-principles/chapter-47-exaltation?lang=eng>

<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/manual/presidents-of-the-church-teacher-manual-religion-345/lorenzo-snow-fifth-president-of-the-church?lang=eng>

<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/manual/presidents-of-the-church-student-manual/chapter-5?lang=eng>

5. Official: While Wikipedia assigns this to the category of "folk" Mormonism, the official church website says they are alive and are still "bringing souls unto the Lord."

<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/new-era/2017/11/to-the-point/are-john-the-beloved-and-the-three-nephites-actually-still-on-the-earth-if-so-what-are-they-doing?lang=eng>

<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/gs/three-nephite-disciples?lang=eng>

6. Official:
<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/manual/gospel-topics-essays/plural-marriage-in-kirtland-and-nauvoo?lang=eng>

7. Official:
<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/manual/gospel-topics-essays/book-of-mormon-translation?lang=eng>

8. Folk: While this was taught by early LDS leaders like Apostle Orson Hyde and Joseph Fielding Smith, later LDS Church representatives have made clear statements that this is not official church doctrine.

9. Official: Doctrine and Covenants 82:7 teaches this clearly. "And now, verily I say unto you, I, the Lord, will not lay any sin to your charge; go your ways and sin no more; but unto that soul who sinneth shall the former sins return, saith the Lord your God." If you are repeating sins you've not forsaken them according to LDS doctrine and you have not truly repented. Covenant with the Lord that we will never repeat the sin we have committed and are repenting of. "By this ye may know if a man repenteth of his sins—behold, he will confess them and forsake them." (D&C 58:43.)