Mormonism and the “Inferior Dark Races”

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Blacks and other non-Caucasians still possess "dark skins" which Mormonism alleges to be an indication of inferiority, a mark of unworthiness in the pre-existence. Does this mean that the Mormon priesthood is now available to the "unworthy and inferior," as well as to those self-proclaimed "worthy and superior" individuals whom God has allegedly rewarded with "white and delightful" skins?

THE "EVIL," THE "VILE," THE "IGNORANT," & THE "WICKED"

LDS - "... [T]he land was left to the possession of the red men [Native Americans], who were without intelligence. [T]he land was again peopled, in a measure, by a rude, wild, revengeful, warlike and barbarous race. – Such are our Indians." LDS "Historian" Oliver Cowdery, LDS Messenger and Advocate, Vol. 1, July, 1835, p. 158.

LDS - "And the skins of the Lamanites [Native Americans] were dark ... which was a curse upon them..... And this was done that their seed might be distinguished from the seed of their brethren, that thereby the Lord God might preserve his people, that they might not mix and believe in incorrect traditions which would prove their destruction." Book of Mormon, Alma 3:6-8.

LDS - "Thus the word of God is fulfilled...: Behold, the Lamanites [native Americans] have I cursed, and I will set a mark on them that they and their seed may be separated from thee and thy seed, from this time henceforth and forever, except they repent of their wickedness and turn to me that..."

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I may have mercy upon them." Book of Mormon, Alma 3:14.

LDS - "Here are the Lamanites [native Americans]... Their wickedness was not so great as those [Jews] who slew the Son of God. ...Is their curse as great as that of those in Palestine? No, it is light, in comparison. They began to thirst for each other's blood, and massacred each other, from generation to generation, until they sunk into wickedness, and evil principles the most degrading, and have become loathsome and vile. Still the curse will be removed from them before it will be removed from the children of Judah; and they will become a "white and delightful people." LDS "Prophet" Brigham Young, Journal of Discourses, Vol. 2, p. 143, 1854.

LDS - "And the Gospel of Jesus Christ shall be declared among them; wherefore ...[t]heirs scales of darkness shall begin to fall from their eyes; and many generations shall not pass away among them, save they shall be a white a delightsome people." Book of Mormon (1830 edition), 2 Nephi, Chapter XII, p. 117: Note: This passage from the original Book of Mormon has subsequently been altered by Mormonism's leaders. The Book of Mormon, 2 Nephi 30:6, now reads: "they shall be a white and delightsome people." Substituting "pure" for "white" seems to indicate that Mormonism considers those two words to be interchangeable. "If we sit with Negroes at our tables, if we entertain them as our guests and social equals, if we disregard the color line in all other relations, is it possible to maintain it fixedly in the sexual relation, in the marriage of our sons and daughters, in the propagation of our species? Unquestionably, No! ... [O]nce the middle wall of social partition [is] broken down, the mingling of tides of life would begin instantly and proceed steadily. ...As a race, the Southern Caucasian would be irreversibly doomed. For no possible check could be given to this process once established. ...The moment the bar of absolute separation is thrown down in the south, that moment the bloom of her spirit is blighted forever, the promise of her destiny is annulled, the proud fabric of her future slips into dust and ashes. No other conceivable disaster that might befall the south could, for an instant, compare with such miscegenation within her borders. Flood and fire, fever and famine and the sword - even ignorance, indolence, and carpet-baggy - she may endure and conquer while her blood remains pure; but once taint the well-spring of her life, and all is lost – even honor itself. " William Benjamin Smith, The Color Line, as quoted in LDS "Historian" B.H. Roberts' book entitled "First Year Book in the Seventy's Course in Theology," 1931, pp. 231 – 233.

LDS - "But some may deny that the mongrelization of the southern people would ...corrupt or degrade the Southern stock of humanity. If so, then such a one has yet to learn the largest-writ (sic) lessons of history and the most impressive doctrines of biological science. That the Negro is markedly inferior to the Caucasian is proved both craniologically and by six thousand years of planet-wide experimentation...." William Benjamin Smith, The Color Line, as quoted in LDS "Historian" B.H. Roberts' book entitled "First Year Book in the Seventy's Course in Theology," 1931, p. 232.

LDS - "But let me tell you further. Let my seed mingle with the seed of Cain, that brings the curse upon me, and upon my generations.... On that very day, and hour we should do so, the priesthood is taken from this church and kingdom [,] and God leaves us to our fate." LDS "Prophet" Brigham Young, Brigham Young Addresses, Ms d 1234, Box 48, folder 3, Feb. 5, 1852, as quoted in Bob Witte's book entitled "Where Does It Say That?", p. 2-9.

LDS - "Shall I tell you the Law of God in regard to the African race? If the white man who belongs to the chosen seed mixes his blood with the seed of Cain, the penalty, under the law of God, is death on the spot. This will always be so." LDS