

Religions of 2025 America

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Mormons

- The Belief System
 - Revelation
 - God
 - Jesus
 - Man
 - Salvation
 - Eternity

Mormons

- Revelation
 - Mormons have four sacred works: The Bible, The Book of Mormon, Doctrine and Covenants, and The Pearl of Great Price.
 - The Bible must be interpreted through the lens of other LDS writings.
 - Mormons also follow the current writings of their President.

Mormons

- God

- There are many gods, and the god they serve is not a uniquely eternal being.
- “God the Father” is referred to as Elohim and resides on the planet Kolob.
- He’s an exalted man who has progressed to godhood by following Mormon teaching and produces spirit children with his wife.
- He is not eternal, omnipresent, omnipotent, nor omniscient.

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- Jesus Christ
 - Jesus is the eldest son of Elohim, a spirit child before coming to earth.
 - Jesus was appointed over his brother Lucifer by the gods (a council) to save man.
 - Jesus's death doesn't provide full atonement; however, it does provide for a resurrection.
 - Jesus's resurrection was a mere example of human resurrection.

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- **Man**

- All men and women are spirit children of Elohim and had a premortal existence.
- Men and women take on “tabernacles” of flesh on earth.
- Each person is raised at judgment and is given reward and punishment for how well he/she followed Mormon teachings.

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- Salvation

- Adam's sin resulted in a fallen condition, death, and separation from God.
- Jesus atoned for Adam's sin through a process that began in the Garden of Gethsemane and ended at the cross.
- Jesus nullified the effects of Adam's sin in his death and made resurrection for everyone possible in his resurrection.

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- Salvation
 - A Mormon is saved by:
 - Belief in Jesus Christ
 - Repentance of Sins
 - Baptism
 - Reception of the Holy Spirit
 - Obedience to Mormon teachings.

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- Eternity
 - Mormons believe in three degrees of glory.
 - Telestial Glory (no Father or Son)
 - Terrestrial Glory (no Father, but Son)
 - Celestial Glory (Father and Son)
 - General salvation involves obtaining a position in one of the first two glories.

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- Eternity
 - Mormons believe that those who reach the highest order of the eternal kingdom will become gods.
 - They'll have their own planet and populate it with their own spirit children.
 - This is the incentive to be a good Mormon.

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- Eternity
 - Mormons believe those who do not repent will join Satan and extremely evil people in the kingdom of the sons of perdition.
 - Mormons also believe that the spirits of dead people can choose to follow Jesus and Mormonism through the baptism of the dead practice.
 - Genealogical Research and the laying on of hands.

Mormons

- Family
 - Mormons believe that families last into eternity because of the marriage sealing ceremony in the Temple.
 - Mormons are committed to the family as the basic building block of society and the perpetuation of the Mormon faith.