

Prosecutors: A Priest from the Roman Church, Ministers from the Lutheran Church, the Methodist Church, the Church of England, the Presbyterian Church, an Elder from the Church of Christ, two representatives from the Jehovah Witnesses, a representative from the Christian Science Reading Room, a Capitan from the Salvation Army, a Bishop from the Greek Orthodox Church, a Minister from the Baptist Church, an Evangelist from the Pentecostal Movement, representatives from the Church of Canada (a combination of the Methodist, Presbyterian, and Congregational Churches), Seventh Day Adventists, Atheist and an Agnostic.

Defense: Two missionaries (Elders) serving a full-time mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, (the Mormons).

Judge: A Jewish Rabbi of the Orthodox Jewish Faith.

PROCEEDINGS

Judge: Gentlemen, we are here today to establish the truth among a confused Christian world. The prosecution has chosen from their council, representatives from some of the major Christian Faiths, to question these two young men of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints of their beliefs. We will remain until the truth is established. The prosecution has maintained that the defendants are spreading false doctrine and bearing false witness and have desired to promote truth this day and during this trial. In examining my notes, it seems the questions heretofore established are the questions of revelation, the question of the authenticity of the Mormon apostles and prophets, the truthfulness of "The Book of Mormon", and the responsibility of the prosecution to prove the statements false that the defendants are making against their respective churches. Although all of the prosecution has claimed inspired men, none of you have made one claim of "divine revelation" and the appearance of God and His Supposed Son, Jesus Christ, to your leaders. I now turn the time over to the prosecution.

Prosecution: (Headed by David Martin, an Atheist, opening statement to the judge) – The prosecution during this trial will establish once and for all the false claims of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. We will prove from the scriptures that Joseph Smith was a false prophet, that Mormon revelation is out of harmony with Holy Scripture, that "The Book of Mormon", "The Doctrine and Covenants", and "The Pearl of Great Price" are not the word of God, as accepted by my colleagues, and the Holy Bible. Each one of my friends has gone into a great degree of study and preparation and has examined the teachings of their respective religions with those of the Mormon Church. We will expect an answer for each point we bring up, and we in turn will answer all questions directed towards our respective churches. I now turn the time over to Father Cook, a representative of the Greek Orthodox Church.

Father Cook: Gentlemen, I have a question that should close our case immediately and establish truth. It is well known among our religion and among many of the religions represented here, that the last revelation given to man was given to John on the Isle of Patmos. Now, I refer you to John 16:13, which reads, "Howbeit when he the Spirit of Truth is come, he will guide you into "all truth", for he shall not speak of himself, but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak, and he shall show you things to come." Now, if Christ gave "all truth" to His apostles, how can you possibly claim "More Truth" was given to Joseph Smith, the Prophet?

Missionaries: We would like to express our appreciation for being here this day as representatives of our Church. Christ DID give "all truth" to the apostles through the Holy Spirit, but he did not say he would not give it to anyone else, furthermore did the apostles give "all truth" to man? Matthew 10:1 tells us that Christ chose

twelve, and Matthew 20:8 tells us that he gave them great powers. We read in Acts 2 where they received the Holy Spirit, and in Acts 8:13-20

left to another people, but that it would break into pieces and consume all these kingdoms and would stand forever. Since we know that the kingdom that was set up at the time of Christ was destroyed, that would mean that another kingdom of the Lords' would have to be established at the restitution of all things as spoken by the mouths of the prophets as the scriptures inform us. That kingdom could not be established without a prophet, since the Lord does not work, as Amos records, unless it is through his servants, the Holy Prophets and we have already and yet will continue to establish for this group, that the prophets and apostles must be living and not dead in order for the kingdom of God to be established or more perfectly put, restored once again. Dead prophets can not restore new revelation, which is why we need living prophets and apostles.

United Church of Canada: You are trying to tell us that the Kingdom that Daniel saw was the Mormon Church? Scriptures bear record that it was the kingdom set up by our Lord 2000 years ago.

Missionaries: It could not have been. You will notice that the kingdom that Daniel saw "Shall not be left to other people." And we read in Matthew 21:43 where Christ said "The Kingdom of God shall be taken from you and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof." So the kingdom Christ organized was left and given to another people. Or as it says in Acts 3:19-21, there will be a restitution of all things or in the many other scriptures which say there will be a falling away and restitution and also that after Christ leaves there will be grievous wolves destroying the church. But this topic about the falling away of the true church and its eventual restoration will surely come up later. To continue on my defense for the prophet, Matthew 7:15-20 tells us that a true and a false prophet can be recognized "by their fruits". The fruits of Mormonism are many. We have, and inspired book of scripture that serves as a second witness for Christ; we have numerous prophecies that have given us guidance, we have the Word of Wisdom – a perfect health code given us by the Lord. The Mormon people are the most educated on the earth, having more college graduates and men on honor rolls in science per capita than any other church. Joseph Smith, through the Lord, introduced fruit upon fruit that is good, more than time will permit us to enumerate. Matthew 7:18 states, (comparing prophets to trees), "A good tree (prophet) cannot bring forth evil fruit. NEITHER CAN A CORRUPT TREE (FALSE PROPHET) BRING FORTH GOOD FRUIT." The prophet brought forth good fruit, so he had to be a true prophet. If you read "The Book of Mormon" you can't help but realize that no man could have written this and therefore it must be a true record. And that if it is a true record then Joseph Smith must have been a prophet of God.

Atheist: I will use your same argument concerning fruits and prove the other four prophets and prophetesses, because they have brought forth good fruit.

Missionaries: I will accept your challenge. Sir, what did Pastor Russell give the world in the cause of truth, and what fruits can you show for the Jehovah Witnesses?

Jehovah Witnesses: The correct interpretation of the scriptures, a greater understanding of Jehovah, and an organization that can be matched by none other in the world.

Missionaries: Dr. Gledhill, what did Mrs. White give the world that we didn't have before? What new fruits did she bring to mankind?

Seventh Day Adventist: A correct interpretation of the scripture, especially concerning the Sabbath Day, which has been dishonored by man. Also, the correct plan of life has been explained by Mrs. White, and the only way whereby man can find his way back to God.

Missionaries: Sir, what has Mary Baker Eddy given us in her teachings and doctrines and what new fruits has she given to mankind?

Christian Science: Mary Baker Eddy has made a valuable contribution to the Christian world in the book "Science and Health, the Key to the Scriptures" and by doing this has given to man the true and correct interpretation of the Holy Scriptures and the fruits of healing.

Missionaries: Evangelist Krause, what has Pentecostalism given to us in the way of good fruits and truth by their revelation of the Lord?

Pentecostal Church: Within the Pentecostal doctrine we have the true baptism of the Holy Spirit, the gifts of the church of Pentecost, the correct interpretation of the Holy Scriptures. We have also the same missionary fervor as was demonstrated in the book of Acts.

Missionaries: Gentlemen, I appreciate your fervor and your convictions. Our purpose is to establish truth. Now, there are some striking differences that I will bring forth between the Mormon Church and the fruits of the other four. To begin with, in accepting the fact that God has inspired one of the five churches, four of our churches have to be wrong and the fifth right. This is why the divine qualifications play such an important part in our examination. We have presented the qualifications of a Prophet of God, of which these gentlemen could not do. I would like to call your attention to the names of their churches; Seventh - day Adventist, Christian Science, Jehovah Witness, and Pentecostal. You will notice that each is founded and named after an important principle already established in the Holy Scriptures. For Mrs. Eddy, it was healing by faith even though the scriptures state it is to be done by the laying on of hands. For Mrs. White, it was the 7th day for which we have shown is Sunday and not Saturday. For Pastor Russell, it was the name Jehovah instead of LORD which we have shown is incorrect. For the Pentecostals it was a day, found in Acts 2. I want you to notice, then, that none of the four brought forth any principle that was not in the Bible 2000 years ago. Mrs. Eddy's words were summed up by Christ in eight words "All things are possible in him that believeth". Her book, "Science and Health" deals with this point that Christ had established almost 19 centuries ago. In doing so, she denied the need for modern science and the medical profession. Mrs. White was supposedly inspired to speak on the Sabbath Day, a teaching almost as old as the existence of the Jewish Nation, and one that was involved in the creation. Pastor Russell picked up a Bible, and after a little study found out that the translators had taken the name LORD and replaced it for Jehovah, so he was prompted to start a religion. Then came the Pentecostal Church, founded on scriptures, and an unusual amount of enthusiasm. Their doctrine is nothing new, like the other three adherents to truth, but it is a doctrine that had been borrowed from one small section in one book in the entire New Testament. None of them have fulfilled the requirements of the restoration as listed in the Bible. Their prophets do not fulfill the divine qualifications in fact, based upon what we have outlined previously about the qualifications of a prophet, none of them have a prophet; none of them have received revelation from the mouth of God or restored a single thing that was not already in play. Pastor Russell made a dramatic prophecy concerning the day of Christ's second coming twice and he was wrong and that was their beginning. Christ said you would know a prophet by their fruits, and they have brought forth no new fruits, but merely their own interpretations of existing doctrine that has been taught for 2000 years. Of course, their own interpretations have been added to these doctrines. I want to point out that followers of these religions are sincere, god-fearing people but people were not the fruits of the scriptures as taught by Christ, but "New Truth." The doctrines of these churches I believe are treacherous, and this I will illustrate.

The gospel of Jesus Christ was complete and full, and as the scriptures read, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." (Matthew 4:4) Christ taught the Scribes and Pharisees a bitter lesson in the 23rd chapter of Matthew that describes in perfection

these four groups. He said, "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cumin, and have OMITTED THE WEIGHTIER MATTERS OF THE LAW, JUDGEMENT, MERCY, AND FAITH: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone. YE BLIND GUIDES, WHICH STRAIN AT A GNAT, AND SWALLOW A CAMEL." What did Mrs. White strain at – the 7th day, as I have illustrated, this was a law for a certain group of people at a certain given time on the earth. What did Mrs. Eddy strain at? the doctrine of healing. Mrs. Eddy most likely forgot that this was only one of the many gifts of the spirit as promised by our Lord. (1 Cor. 12:8-10) The foundations of this group deals with healing, and their doctrine is centered on that one principle. Not only is there more but the Lord has taught us the correct way to perform these gifts of the spirit. They do not follow them.