



Books in Review

WHAT YOUR CHILD NEEDS TO KNOW ABOUT GOD

by Ron Rhodes

Harvest House Publishers, 304 pages, \$9.99

MORMONS

HOW TO WITNESS TO THEM

by John Farkas and David Reed

Baker Book House, 208 pages, \$11.99

Former Latter-day Saint John Farkas and former Jehovah's Witness David Reed have again teamed up for another volume in their research and analysis of the Mormon church. *Mormons*, the pair's fourth installment examining the 9.7 million member sect, is subtitled as a textbook on *how to witness to them*, but is, in fact, that and a whole lot more.

LDS history, doctrine and authority are all adequately surveyed in the publication. Nearly half the book is divided into three sections: the first for potential converts and new converts to Mormonism; the second, for both Mormons and non-Mormons; and the third, specifically for the practicing Mormon. However, each of these divisions are equally rewarding for all readers. The chapter, "Responses — Mormons' and Yours" is a thorough review and response to objections given by seasoned Mormons to Christians and provides a series of penetrating questions for Mormons.

Several appendices also enhance the book's value. "Brief History of Mormonism" is an excellent time line of LDS history. Another defines LDS terminology and doctrine, so that the differences with orthodox Christianity are clear. Subject, Scripture and LDS scripture indexes round off the volume.

During the past several decades, the LDS church has made great inroads in shedding its "cult" and non-Christian image. And now with Christian publishers, such as InterVarsity Press, helping to further the Mormon facade, books like *Mormons* are even more essential to the Body of Christ in discerning the unbiblical beliefs of Latter-day Saints. We applaud Farkas and Reed and Baker Book House.

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Ron Rhodes' book gives parents an easy-to-read, easy-to-apply guide for teaching and training their children about God. Readers of this book will find lasting knowledge and wisdom from the Scriptures and learn ways to effectively relate them to children.

Rhodes takes readers step-by-step to encourage the fundamental principles of teaching, training and modeling as he covers areas such as the family and its home, a virtuous heart, quest for success, growing strong in the faith, the importance of a church home for fellowship and worship, the fundamentals of the faith, and, yes, even the dangers facing our kids today including cults and several facets of Eastern thought.

Each chapter is broken down into sections four to ten pages long. While part of each segment in the chapter is for parents only, there also contains a "Sharing Time" with a story to help parents with practical teaching of the concepts.

Biblical principles are explained in simple terms from examples of popcorn to toothpaste for the young mind to understand. For instance, popcorn in the form of a kernel cannot be eaten. It first must go through the fire for it to become what it was intended to be. So, too, will Christians be tested and tried as each of us achieves his or her potential.

Also contained in most chapters is a "Pass It On" principle, which is compared to passing the baton in a relay race. It depicts transferring to our children basic biblical principles to have a fulfilled Christian life. Choices and actions are always presented in terms of having consequences, whether good or bad. Wisdom, knowledge and good judgment are gained from the Scriptures as the Lord blesses those who obey Him.

What Your Child Needs to Know About God helps children's faith to grow as they can learn to apply a godly foundation to their lives with solid biblical principles. It's a perfect volume to help today's parents establish the roots of tomorrow's apologists.

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