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and the what***

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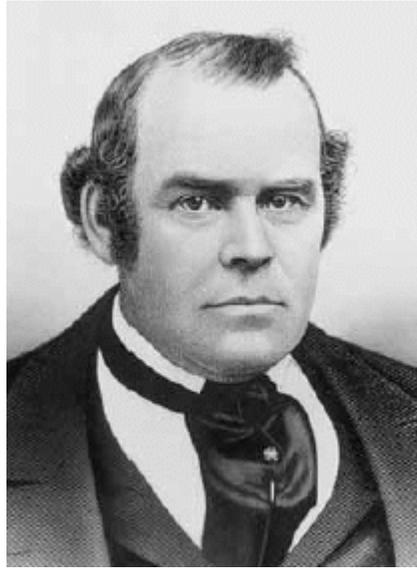
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Quorum of the 12 Apostles 1835 - 1857

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# Mormon Church to exclude children of same-sex couples from getting blessed and baptized until they are 18

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By **Sarah Pulliam Bailey** November 6, 2015 

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/acts-of-faith/wp/2015/11/05/mormon-church-to-exclude-children-of-same-sex-couples-from-getting-blessed-and-baptized-until-they-are-18/>

Children of same-sex couples will not be able to join the Mormon Church until they turn 18 — and only if they move out of their parents' homes, disavow all same-sex relationships and receive approval from the church's top leadership as part of a new policy adopted by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2015/11/07/us/mormons-gay-marriage.html>

➤ **A new section in *Handbook 1*, 16.13 will be added as follows:**

### **Children of a Parent Living in a Same-Gender Relationship**

A natural or adopted child of a parent living in a same-gender relationship, whether the couple is married or cohabiting, may not receive a name and a blessing.

A natural or adopted child of a parent living in a same-gender relationship, whether the couple is married or cohabiting, may be baptized and confirmed, ordained, or recommended for missionary service only as follows:

A mission president or a stake president may request approval from the Office of the First Presidency to baptize and confirm, ordain, or recommend missionary service for a child of a parent who has lived or is living in a same-gender relationship when he is satisfied by personal interviews that both of the following requirements are met:

1. The child accepts and is committed to live the teachings and doctrine of the Church, and specifically disavows the practice of same-gender cohabitation and marriage.
2. The child is of legal age and does not live with a parent who has lived or currently lives in a same-gender cohabitation relationship or marriage.

# Mormon Resignations Put Support for Gays Over Fealty to Faith

By JACK HEALY NOV. 15, 2015



Mormons lined up in Salt Lake City on Saturday to hand in their resignations from the church.

Kim Raff for The New York Times

***Why?***

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Transparency

# Mormon-Backed Mall Breathes Life into Salt Lake City

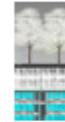
## Square Feet

By CAITLIN KELLY JULY 9, 2013



City Creek Center, a mall at the core of a mixed-use project, has been credited with bringing 2,000 jobs and 16 million visitors to downtown Salt Lake City. Jeffrey D. Allred for The New York Times

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# Osceola weighs protecting nature in future metropolis

<http://www.orlandosentinel.com/news/osceola/os-deseret-ranches-development-preservation-20150418-story.html>

After reading these scriptures together, Bishop Orellana looked at the new convert and said, “If paying tithing means that you can’t pay for water or electricity, pay tithing. If paying tithing means that you can’t pay your rent, pay tithing. Even if paying tithing means that you don’t have enough money to feed your family, pay tithing. The Lord will not abandon you.”

<https://www.lds.org/ensign/2012/12/sacred-transformations?lang=eng>

MormonLeaks™ is a non profit media organization founded on the belief that increased transparency within the Mormon Church results in fewer untruths, less corruption, and less abuse with Mormonism. The organization provides sources and whistleblowers the technical ability to anonymously submit sensitive documents for use by professional and citizen journalists for starting and expanding news reporting, public commentary, and criticism related to Mormonism.

<https://mormonleaks.io/>

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	Brides' Room Rug	\$17,000 / ea
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	*Installation	\$12-39 /sq yard

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# *Leaked Videos Pull Back Curtain on Mormon Leadership*

By LAURIE GOODSTEIN OCT. 6, 2016



Ryan McKnight, a former Mormon outside of a Mormon Church temple in Las Vegas, said he published the videos after someone contacted him through Reddit. Isaac Brekken for The New York Times

<https://www.nytimes.com/2016/10/07/us/mormon-videos-leaked.html>

The videos reveal clubby exchanges between the leaders, most of whom belong to the church's [Quorum of the Twelve Apostles](#) (the church's second-highest leadership body after the First Presidency), and Mormon politicians and other experts invited in to brief the apostles. In a [presentation](#) that has provoked some [criticism](#), former Senator Gordon H. Smith, a Republican of Oregon, shared with the apostles that he voted in favor of the Iraq War partly because he believed it could open the region for Mormon missionaries.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2016/10/07/us/mormon-videos-leaked.html>

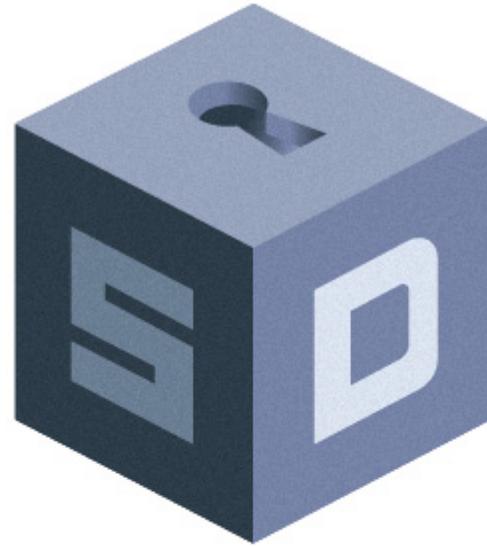
"I'm suspicious that the news media cover up anything involving homosexuals when it would work to the disadvantage of the homosexual agenda and so on," LDS apostle Dallin H. Oaks says, "and I was just wondering if there was some of that in this."

Gong says he believed Manning was spurred to disclose hundreds of thousands of sensitive military and diplomatic communications, some of which were classified, because a gay partner broke off their relationship.

Manning was court-martialed and is now incarcerated.

In the video, an unidentified general authority asks Gong if Julian Assange, the leader of WikiLeaks, is gay.

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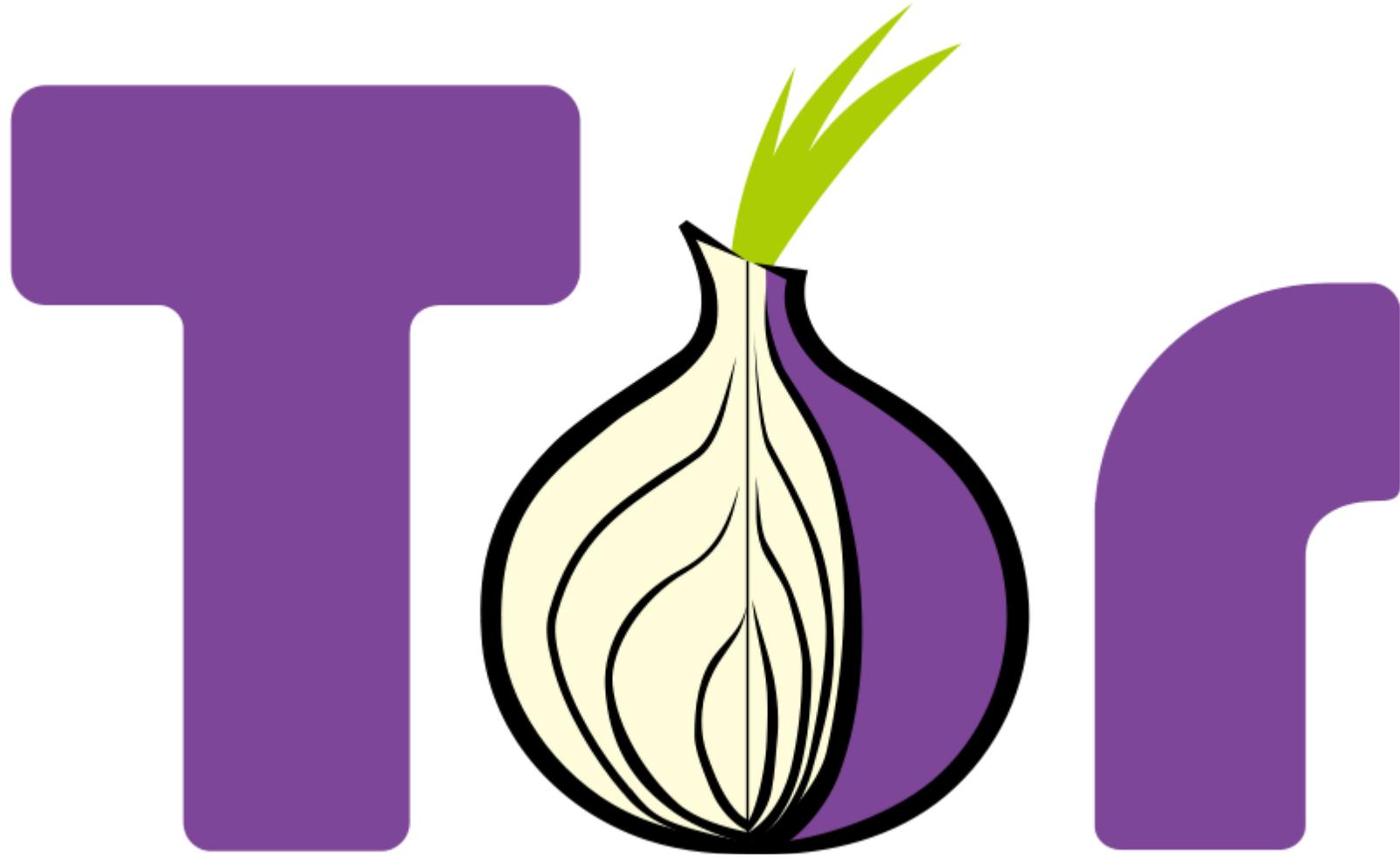
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# New website plans to showcase leaked Mormon documents

By **PEGGY FLETCHER STACK** | The Salt Lake Tribune [CONNECT](#)

First Published Dec 17 2016 07:15PM • Last Updated Mar 21 2017 09:12 pm

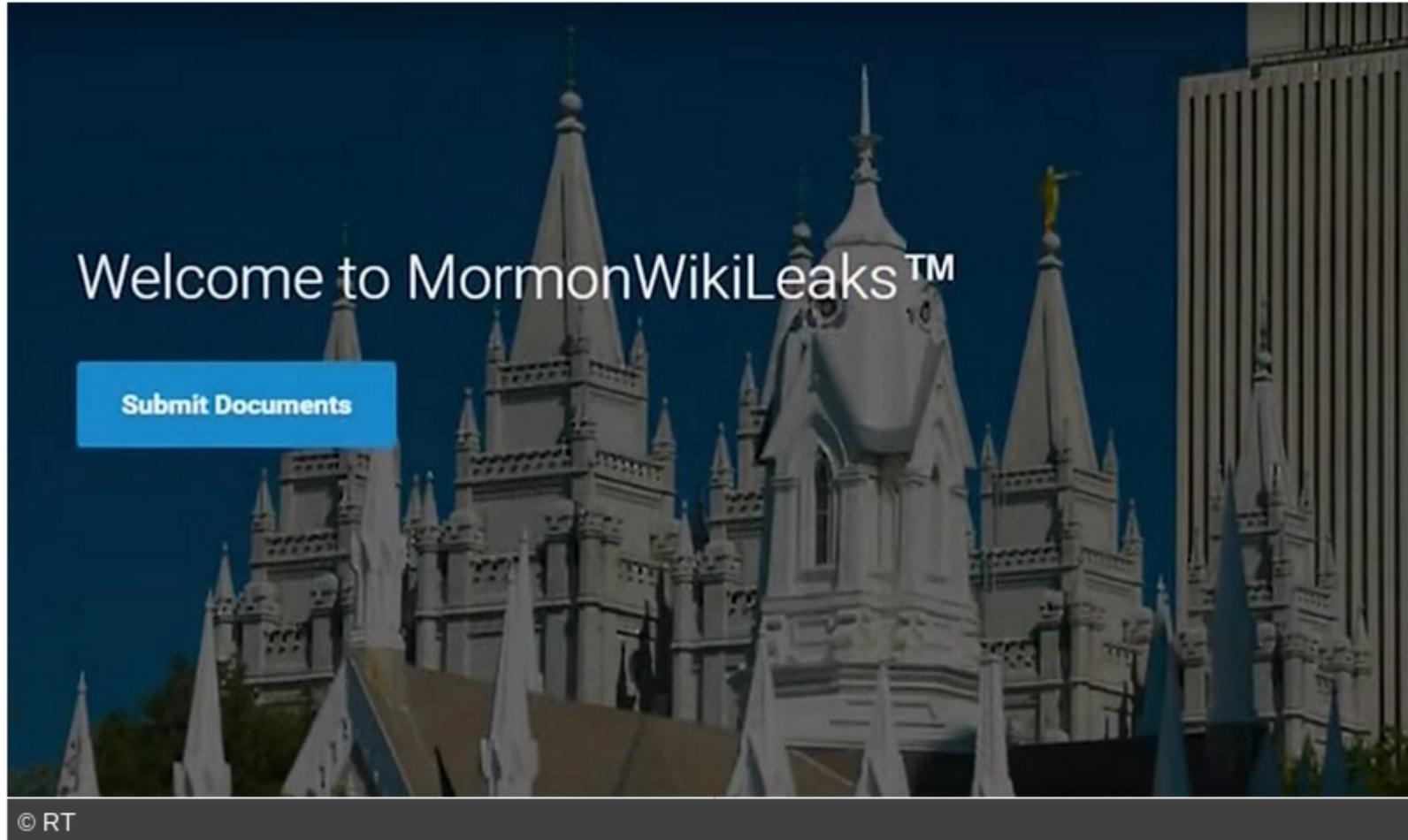
<http://www.sltrib.com/home/4725913-155/new-website-plans-to-showcase-leaked>

# Church should be more transparent – creator of ‘MormonWikiLeaks’

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<https://www.rt.com/usa/371307-mormon-wikileaks-church-documents/>

Acts of Faith

# Former church member launches 'Mormon Wikileaks' for anonymous sharing of documents and videos

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/acts-of-faith/wp/2016/12/20/mormon-wikileaks-launched-by-former-church-member/?utm\\_term=.f102ba64f828](https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/acts-of-faith/wp/2016/12/20/mormon-wikileaks-launched-by-former-church-member/?utm_term=.f102ba64f828)

## Welcome to MormonLeaks!

*\*\*Many visitors to this site may have seen reference to "Mormon Leaks" in the news, involving the publication of internal documents and videos of the LDS Church in Salt Lake City, Utah. The individuals behind this effort are in no way affiliated with us. We want to make it clear that we are in no way associated with or connected to the recently posted leaks from the LDS Church on [Reddit](#), or the video series on [YouTube](#) that have been published under the same name. [www.mormonleaks.io](http://www.mormonleaks.io) (formerly <https://www.facebook.com/MormonWikileaks/>) is run by Ryan McKnight and his team. We will keep you posted and update media outlets on how we will go about this disentanglement. Thank you for your support and readership.\*\**

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## MormonWikiLeaks.com now MormonLeaks.io

At the request of WikiLeaks, MormonWikiLeaks™ has changed its name to MormonLeaks™. While WikiLeaks is in full support of our mission to expose corruption and abuse within the Mormon Church, they felt that the names were too similar.

Going forward, our primary contacts will be: [MormonLeaks.io](https://mormonleaks.io), [Facebook.com/MormonWikiLeaks](https://www.facebook.com/MormonWikiLeaks), [Twitter.com/Mormon\\_Leaks](https://twitter.com/Mormon_Leaks), and [YouTube.com/MormonLeaks](https://www.youtube.com/MormonLeaks).

<https://mormonleaks.io/newsroom/2017-01-09-mormonwikileaks-com-now-mormonleaks-io/>

***Mistake #1:***

**Initial name and logo**

# ***MormonLeaks<sup>TM</sup> Newsroom***

# How much do top Mormon leaders make? Leaked pay stubs may surprise you.

By [PEGGY FLETCHER STACK](#) | The Salt Lake Tribune [CONNECT](#)

First Published Jan 09 2017 06:27PM • Last Updated Jan 27 2017 08:59 am



(Leah Hogsten | The Salt Lake Tribune) l-r First Counselor Henry B. Eyring, President Thomas S. Monson and Second Counselor Dieter F. Uchtdorf during the morning session of the 186th Semiannual General Conference of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at the Conference Center in Salt Lake City, October 1, 2016.

**Record of Payroll or Allowance for** Henry B Eyring

COP/106/5100-000

Pay Period: 07/22/2000-08/04/2000 (16) SSN:

Employee ID: 083504

Earnings	Hours	Amount	Deductions			
Child Allw		76.92	Fed Withholding	270.00	UT Withholding	90.00
Living Alw		2,192.31	DMBA Ins.-BT	77.85	Thrift AT	87.69
Parsonage		826.92	24Hr AD&D	7.20	DMBA Ins.	0.06
			SGTL	75.00	Checking	1,200.00

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901.26*

Year to Date Wage, Tax and Withholding Information			Annual Leave	Current Summary	
Gross	Federal Tax		Hours Used	Gross	Monthly Salary 0.00
55,267.40	4,320.00			3,096.15	
Taxable Gross	State Tax		Hours Unused	Taxable Gross	Net Pay 1,288.35
40,868.93	1,440.00			2,191.38	
OASDI/Dis	FICA/MHI	Federal Allowance	Hours Not Vested	Total Deductions	
0.00	0.00	Married 0		1,807.80	

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Dear Elder Porter:

Living Allowance Increase for 2014

In accordance with approved procedures, the annual General Authority base living allowance has been increased from \$116,400 to \$120,000. This will begin with your paycheck issued on January 10, 2014 (pay period 1).

Detailed information on the 2014 medical benefits and related premiums was sent to you earlier by Deseret Mutual Benefit Administrators.

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LDS Church spokesman Eric Hawkins declined to confirm the salary numbers Monday, while defending the payment of full-time ecclesiastical leaders.

"General authorities leave their careers when they are called into full-time church service," Hawkins said in a statement. "When they do so, they focus all of their time on serving the church and are given a living allowance. The living allowance is uniform for all general authorities [including First Presidency, Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, First and Second Quorums of the Seventy and Presiding Bishopric]."

No funds for this "living allowance," the spokesman said, "come from the tithing of church members but instead from proceeds of the church's financial investments."

<http://www.sltrib.com/home/4800350-155/how-much-do-top-mormon-leaders>

## *Accomplishment #1*

Force the Mormon Church to more openly recognize the compensation of its leaders.

# In our opinion: 'MormonLeaks' have unintended consequences for democracy

By **Deseret News** editorial

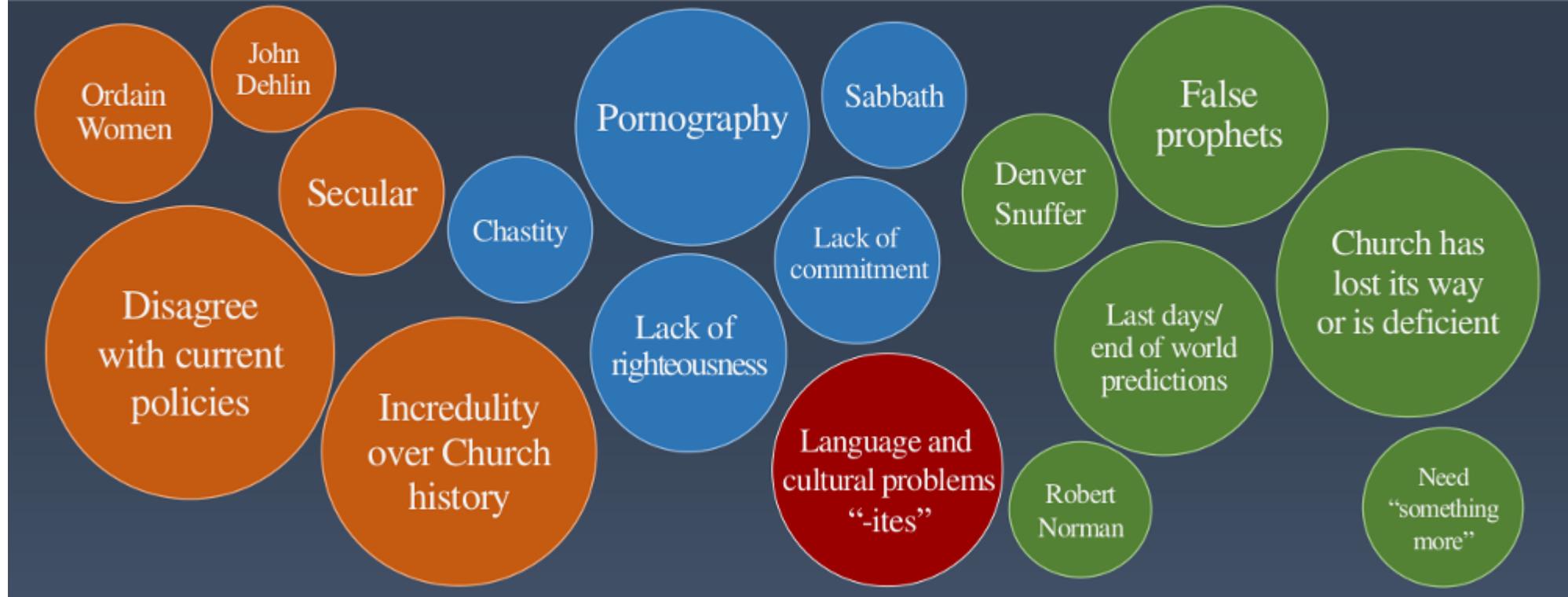
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<http://www.deseretnews.com/article/865670817/In-our-opinion-MormonLeaks-have-unintended-consequences-for-democracy.html>



# Issues and Ideas Leading People Away from the Gospel



[https://mormonleaks.io/wiki/documents/5/51/Area Business Weekends.pdf](https://mormonleaks.io/wiki/documents/5/51/Area_Business_Weekends.pdf)

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## MormonLeaks Goes to Battle With Mormon Church Over Leaked 'Enemy List'



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<http://gizmodo.com/mormonleaks-goes-to-battle-with-mormon-church-over-leak-1793233049>

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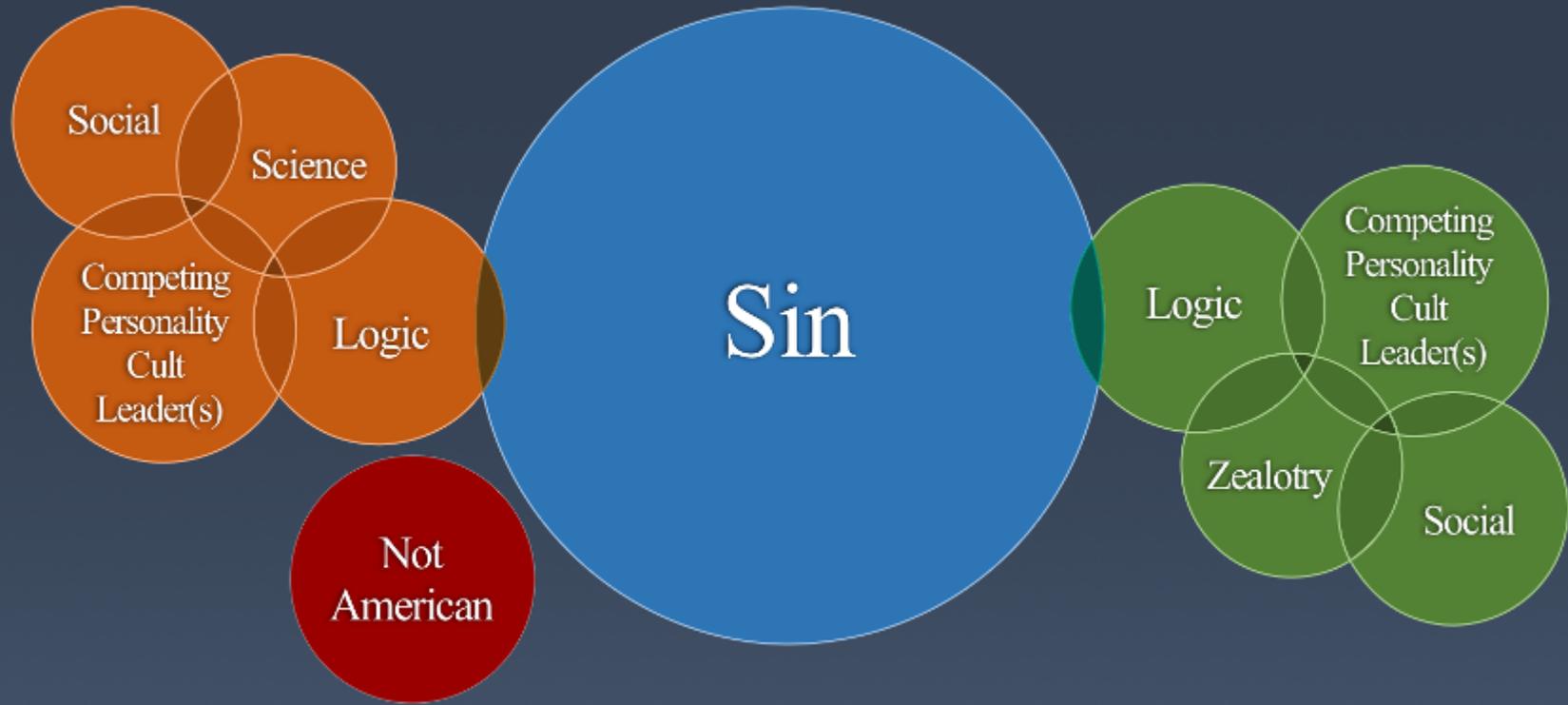
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In short, your efforts so far have backfired. Further efforts will backfire more.

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# Issues and Ideas Leading People Away from the Gospel



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Joseph Smith

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## **Mormon church uses bogus copyright claims in attempt to censor Mormonleaks**

<http://boingboing.net/2017/03/14/spooky-mormon-helldream.html>

# MormonLeaks mocks LDS church's takedown demand: If God can see everything shouldn't His followers?



SARAH K. BURRIS

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<http://www.rawstory.com/2017/03/mormonleaks-mocks-lds-churchs-takedown-demand-if-god-can-see-everything-shouldnt-his-followers/>

Acts of Faith

# MormonLeaks website squares off with Mormon Church, posts leaked 'Enemies List'

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/acts-of-faith/wp/2017/03/17/mormonleaks-website-squares-off-with-mormon-church-posts-leaked-enemies-list/?utm\\_term=.7c07d2d11088](https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/acts-of-faith/wp/2017/03/17/mormonleaks-website-squares-off-with-mormon-church-posts-leaked-enemies-list/?utm_term=.7c07d2d11088)

## *Accomplishment #2*

Standing up against the Mormon Church for fair use

## *Mistake #2*

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