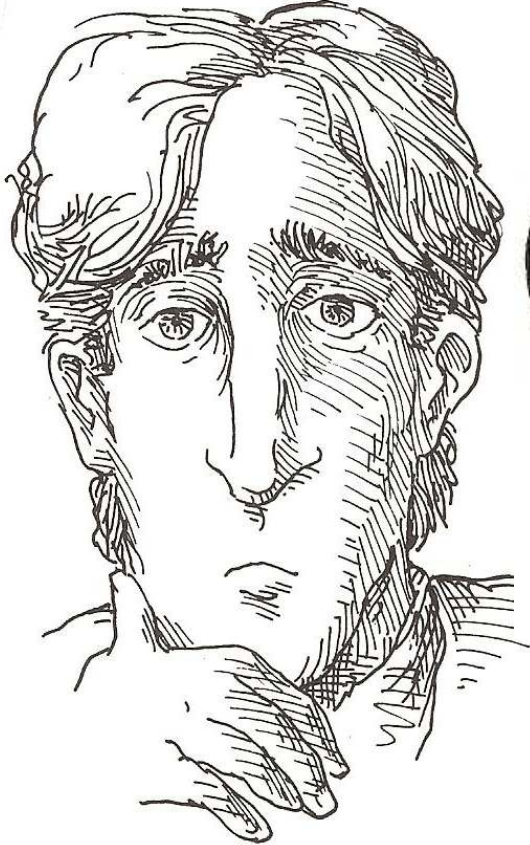


Should I Pray About The Book Of Mormon? What About The Burning In The Bosom Testimony?



Should I pray about the Book of Mormon to see if God will give me the burning in the bosom testimony? It seems harmless and sensible to pray about this and I really want to know. The Mormon missionaries have strongly challenged me to pray and they showed me such is found in their Scriptures. I'm thinking about it.

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How should a Christian respond to the Mormon challenge to pray about the Book of Mormon? One way is, ask them the following questions: (a) Have you ever prayed about the Koran, the Jehovah's Witness Bible or Avesta? (b) Have you prayed about bowing before a Mary statue or reciting the rosary? (c) Should you pray about robbing a bank and giving the money to the poor?

The obvious answer is, there is no need to pray about anything that is not Biblical and is outside of God's will, including all of those. Because these things are unbiblical, if God would answer that prayer, it would always be in accord with His written word. Note: To ask God something he has already spoken about can be testing God, which is also forbidden.

Remember also that Paul never asked any potential converts to "pray about" his message. What he taught was found in the Scriptures and they could verify it, if they would repent and submissively place their faith in Jesus Christ to follow him. See Acts 17:11,12 cf. Acts 20:21; etc.

Again, be on your guard. To pray about something that is clearly wrong like the Book of Mormon can allow the devil to give you an experience that may lethally deceive you. A burning in the bosom after praying about the Book of Mormon is not the testimony of the Holy Spirit, as the LDS people like to say/think. This is very important to remember and to tell others about.