

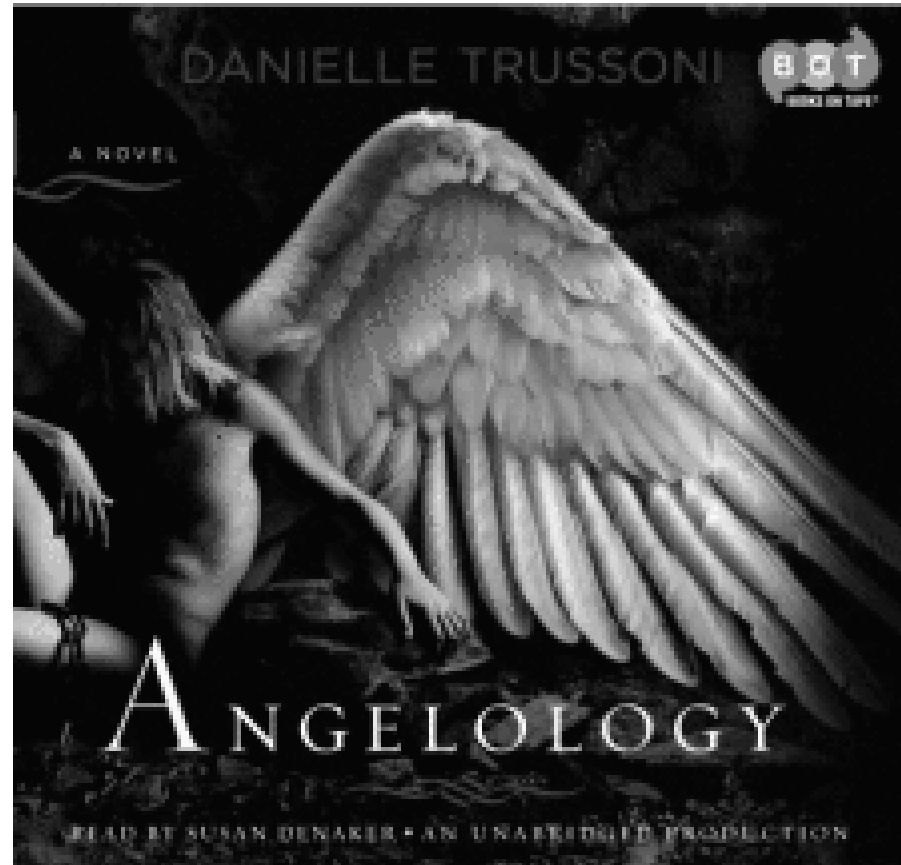
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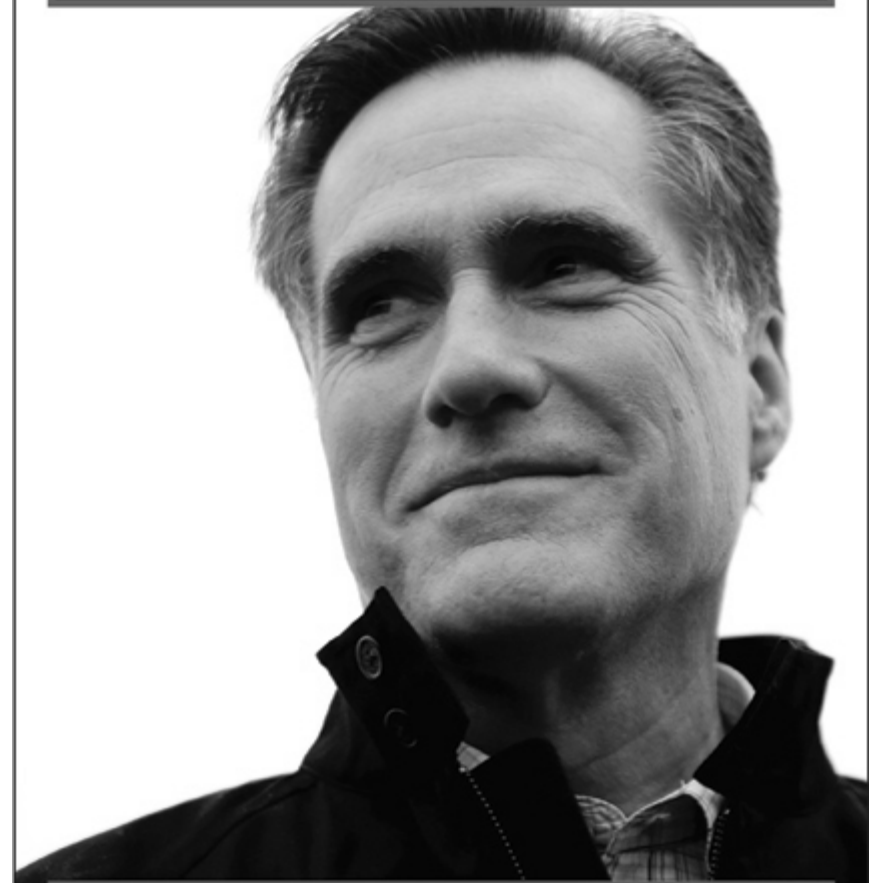


**Monday, March 15, 7:30pm,
Festival Hall**

Thursday
March 18
7:30pm
Sanctuary

NO APOLOGY

The Case for American Greatness



MITT ROMNEY

Volunteers need,
esp. for
Romney!!

ENCOUNTER WEDNESDAY 6:45PM

THE COSMIC CRUCIFIED

CHRIST

A STUDY IN COLOSSIANS

BEGINNING FEBRUARY 24



HERESY

**Why It Matters
What Christians Believe**

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Mormons in America



**“As man is, God once was.
As God is, man may
become.”**

**Lorenzo Snow
5th LDS President**

Mormon Beliefs:

God has a flesh and bones body,
was once human, is male
gendered, and has a female-
gendered wife.

God is not eternal.

God is an exalted, perfected Man.

Mormon Beliefs:

Jesus is the first-born of the flesh-and-bones God. We too are this God's spirit children. All of us, like Jesus, were "begotten, not made" and were nurtured by our Heavenly Father and Heavenly Mother before our time on earth.

Mormon Beliefs:

Salvation is found in “eternal progression” toward godhood – by being a good Mormon (men) or by being married to one (women).

Salvation consists of our full progression to godhood.

Then, we can have spirit children and a world of our own.

UMC (Presbyterians & Southern Baptists too):

We agree with the LDS that the LDS church is not a part of the historic, apostolic Christian faith.

We baptize Mormons as incoming non-believers. They do the same with Methodists, Baptists, Catholics, etc.

American Mormons -- Barna

- 399 surveys
- 13 million Mormons worldwide
- 5 million in the U.S. – 1.5% of Americans
 - 6 million Jews
- 40% live in Utah

American Mormons

- Mormons are family people
 - Much more likely to marry than any other tribe
 - 77% say that family is a top priority
 - They marry younger
 - Marriages last longer
 - More children

American Mormons

- 90% say that faith is very important
 - Second only to the Captive Christians
 - 75% see themselves as full-time servants of God
- 80% refer to themselves as “committed Christian”
 - 65% of all adults in America do so

American Mormons

- Like the Muslims, Mormons report high stress levels and 1/3 see themselves as social activists.
- 80% say they live simple lives.
 - Actual use data doesn't really support this
- Fame and big houses are at the bottom of the list of goals
- Much less likely to get drunk, view pornography, engage in adultery etc.

American Mormons

- Like the Captive Christians, Mormons are very much aware of the dangers of media content
- 40% believe that absolute truth exists
 - *lower than I would have expected*
- Life goals?
 - Getting closer to God
 - living with integrity
 - single marriage
 - pursuing a clear purpose

American Mormons

- 55% are registered Republicans
 - Only 3% call themselves liberals
 - Went for Bush in both elections by large margins
- Much like the Captive Christians in how they “do church”
 - Sunday School, volunteering
 - 2x as likely to tithe as Captives

American Mormons

- 90% believe the Bible is holy and sacred
 - 75% rely on the KJV (presumably Joseph Smith's version)
- 90% have made a personal commitment to Jesus
 - *Again – Who is Jesus?*
- Most affirm the basic biblical miracles
- 70% believe that the Book of Mormon's credibility is equal to or greater than the Bible's

Values Shared by the Seven Tribes

Barna

- Representing the truth well
- Develop inner peace with purity
- Seek peace with others
- Demonstrate wisdom
- Be forgiving
- Practice self-restraint
- Get yourself together before criticizing
- Invest in young people
- Respect life

Values Shared by the Seven Tribes

- Treat others how you want to be treated
- Be a good citizen
- Justify people's respect
- Avoid harmful behavior
- Honor the elderly
- Be generous
- Do not judge or condemn others
- Be mutually respectful of human rights
- Cultivate civility
- Belong to a caring community
- Facilitate basic skills

Prayer

