

The Religious Atmosphere of Salt Lake City.

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THE peculiar feature about Salt Lake City that distinguishes it from any other American city is the fact that it had its birth and growth from a great religious movement.

This is why many eastern people are carried away with the idea that a certain religious sect dominates and directs all of its religious, political and commercial energies. There was a time when this was largely true, but that time has passed and the only thing left of the old time ways and ideas of the early pioneers are memories—shadows of the long ago, along with a few old wagons and family relics that are seen in the great parade on Pioneer day.

As to what they believe about polygamy is another question altogether. The most inconsistent thing in the world that can take possession of the mind of man is a religious conviction. Religion and reason are as far apart as religion and righteousness. The doctrine of polygamy is as much a part of the old Bible as the doctrine of the Trinity is a part of the New Testament. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Solomon are held up before the whole civilized world by orthodox ministers as examples of all that is pure and holy, and yet Abraham, Isaac and Jacob were all polygamists of the most pronounced type. Solomon had enough children to start a good sized town with. Our Sunday school teacher taught us children that he was the wisest man that ever lived. The Bible tells us in plain English that he had 300 wives and 700 concubines. Poor old fellow; he certainly was one of two things—a very wise old man or the biggest fool that ever lived. No "Mormon," not even old Brigham himself has ever been accused of such indiscretion and folly. Such a charge is as absurd as the charge of "holy writ" is said to have been laid on Joseph Smith, Brigham Young and all the rest of the great leaders and builders of the "Mormon" religion are scorned and ridiculed by the whole Gentile world, not because they were "Mormons," it is said, but because they were polygamists. But Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and Solomon with his 1,000 wives could

run a harem and have a high old time and still be not only the most respected and honored in the community in which they lived, but their names must be perpetuated in sacred history and be used by the human race for all eternity as examples to us.

Verily, the almost, much is an organized paradox. Remember, I am not defending "Mormonism" or upholding polygamy. I am talking about the inconsistency of religion. It is the hardest thing in the world to make people understand the difference between religion and righteousness. Religion is any system of faith. A man can have a good, bad or indifferent religion, but there is only one kind of righteousness. A righteous man reasons; a religious person is run by his emotions and passions. Jesus was a righteous man. He was crucified by religious fanatics. Joseph Smith, the "Mormon" Prophet, was assassinated by religious fanatics. As I have said before, I am not a "Mormon," from the standpoint of the church I am not anything. Because it does not happen to be identified with some church I am looked upon as a religious fanatic. But if there is anything more than the fact that I am not an apostate from any church, above all the undesirable, disreputable characters that one can run up against is the man who suddenly changes his mind and turns his back on the church in which he was raised and then starts out on a lecturing tour or starts a newspaper so that he can tell the world what an awful thing he has made his escape from. Whenever you run across one of these religious tramps you can make up your mind that he was a born grifter in the first place and because he could not stand in with some job he took his church in with a sudden change of heart. A man has a perfect right to sever his connection with any organization, but he has no right to leave it and then start out to slander and lie about it. The escaped nun, the ex-priest who are lecturing touring the world at a dollar a seat so the people may know how rotten the Catholic church is, the "Mormon" apostate whose father was a "Mormon" bishop, who prostitutes his genius by writing the vilest slander for a great daily for Gentile dollars, are all of the same cloth. The old Methodist preacher who left the Methodist church a few years ago because he had quarrels with the bishop and suddenly changed his tactics to a "Mormon" elder was no credit to the "Mormon" church. These old religious carpet-baggers are dangerous to any church. People who occupy front seats near the footlights of the world's stage of human action can easily pick them out and design their purpose.

The reason I preach so much about this kind of thing is because I am one of them in this beautiful city which is my home. I am not talking about the religious atmosphere of Salt Lake City in order that I may defend the "Mormon" religion or any other religion. The "Mormons" need no defense. The history of the Mormon church is one of persecution and growth. What fools not only the people are, but even the educated Gentile clergy do seem to have sense enough to see this principle in nature. Persecution, abuse and slander is to a religious organization what irrigation is to corn—it simply makes it grow and grow faster and stronger. Catholics and protestants have been hammering each other on the head for centuries and both of them have done a good

business all the while. Protestant and Catholic clergy all over the world have ridiculed and abused the Christian Scientists ever since they started, and mother Eddy is still doing business at the old stand, and one of the finest churches today in Salt Lake City is the Christian Scientist church, and this religion has spread all over the world.

One of the greatest and most admirable traits in the character of Brigham Young was the wise and far-seeing move he made when he presented church disaffiliations with land in the city of Salt Lake to build their churches on. His policy was to draw around him as many of the different religious denominations as possible and today Salt Lake is a city of magnificent church buildings of every denomination; even the Holy Jumpers are here and the Salvation Army.

"And as soon as the evening shades prevail" The street preachers take up the awful tale.

Of course the "Mormon" church in Salt Lake is everywhere. Besides the great Temple and the Tabernacle where more than 12,000 people are seated every Sunday afternoon, they have not a church but what they call a meetinghouse in every ward in the city. In their religious life "Mormons" are a very quiet people, as much so it seems as the Quakers. In their services no one knows who is going to preach—no regular preacher is employed. The meeting is opened with prayer and singing and then some one is called on by the presiding officer of the church to preach. During prayer everything is as still as death. There are no loud amens or any other demonstrations by the audience. Before the speaker begins his discourse a tray with a glass of water and a plate of bread on it is passed through all the pews and everybody, be he "Mormon" or Gentile, can partake of the Sacra-

ment. No collection is taken up at any of their services, titling among the members only keeps up the expenses of their Church organization. Neither do they beggars. Through voluntary contributions from those who are loyal to the Church the poor and needy are cared for and looked after by an organization in the Church. The "Mormon" Church gets its financial system of caring for its business from the Bible.

There is a foolish belief among most of the Gentile people that the Mormon Church has some way of knowing just how much to a cent each one of its members makes and that knowing this they take by force one-tenth of all that is made by each member. This is another fallacy. Members of the "Mormon" Church go to the tithe office and pay what they are able to pay, just as members of the Methodist Church pay what they can afford to. They have no way of knowing how much any one member of the Church earns in his business. Another foolish idea that prevails among the Gentiles about Salt Lake is the belief that "Mormons" will not patronize a Gentile merchant. My business has brought me in very close contact with the Gentile merchants of the city. I have an extensive acquaintance with the merchants of the town. Our little business is of such a nature that we are constantly in touch with the squares and the dealers. The "Mormon" is made out of the same kind of stuff that the Gentile is. He buys his goods wherever he can get the best for the least money. If a "Mormon" passes a grocery store and sees what he wants he goes in and buys it. He does not ask whether the dealer is a "Mormon" or a Gentile. A "Mormon" is not any better or any worse than a Gentile or a Jew.

People are not good because of their religion. They are good or bad in spite of it. John D. Rockefeller does not let the Baptist religion interfere with his business methods. He is a good churchman on Sunday and a good business man on Monday and so it is with the "Mormon." The "Mormon" are like the rest of us. They know the competition that is in the line of trade—everybody is in the scramble for the dollar. The face of the earth is which are seated all sorts and conditions of men, high and low, and with all there is in right. The fellow who sits around and looks at the game is a very much disrespected citizen of the world and might as well get off the earth. The head of the "Mormon" church here is abused and because he is engaged in legitimate business enterprises that happen to be successful he is successful but because he happens to be a "Mormon" and is successful.

And now before I get out of humor too much already, but there is one thing I don't want to forget to tell you. I know very little about the "Mormon" religion. There is a whole lot to it. The young newspaper editors in Salt Lake from some little eastern village, hire an ignorant hackman to drive him about the city, visit Temple Square and the Tabernacle, and then send it back east to his little home for publication. These are the people who know all about the "Mormon" religion and their religion. They know how they live and how unhappy they are. They can tell you all about the history of the "Mormon" Temple and the habits and customs of the latter-day Saints.

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Children's cashmere Hose with Merino leg, strong and durable, fast black in all sizes, equal to the best 35c Hose, our price **25c**

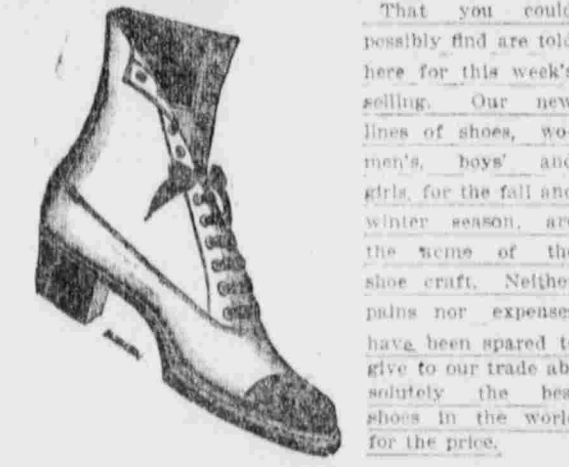
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