Textual Parallels to the Doctrine and Covenants and Book of Commandments as Found in the Bible

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Abstract

The problem of this thesis is: What textual relationship does the Doctrine and Covenants of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints bear to the Bible, King James Version? As a preliminary hypothesis, it has been assumed that there are phrases and clauses in the Doctrine and Covenants similar enough in construction and meaning to some of the phrases and clauses in the Bible to permit selection of samples from both that will parallel each other. Whether such parallel phrasing, when found, would appear to be a result of quoting, adapting, reiterating, renewing, alluding or simply coincidental construction constituted part of the problem.

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The Doctrine and Covenants (sometimes abbreviated and cited as D&C or D. and C.) is a part of the open scriptural canon of several denominations of the Latter Day Saint movement. Originally published in 1835 as Doctrine and Covenants of the Church of the Latter Day Saints: Carefully Selected from the Revelations of God, editions of the book continue to be printed mainly by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS Church) and the Community of Christ (formerly the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ). Prophet Joseph Smith not only translated the Book of Mormon, but he also compiled other revelations that he received from God. Most of these revelations are found in two other books of modern-day scripture: The Doctrine and Covenants and The Pearl of Great Price. The Doctrine and Covenants is a standard work of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Its main purpose is to instruct members and leaders about how the Mormon Church should be organized and directed in order to be in harmony Development of The Doctrine and Covenants 1833 The Book of Commandments Independence, Missouri 65 sections Never completed because of the destruction of the press Twenty copies known to have survived Never republished by the church 1835 The Doctrine and Covenants of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Kirtland, Ohio 102 Sections Generally considered as the first standard edition. Introduction to the Doctrine and Covenants. Doctrine and Covenants is a standard work of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Its main purpose is to instruct members and leaders about how the Mormon Church should be organized and directed in order to be in harmony Development of The Doctrine and Covenants 1833 The Book of Commandments Independence, Missouri 65 sections Never completed because of the destruction of the press Twenty copies known to have survived Never republished by the church 1835 The Doctrine and Covenants of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Kirtland, Ohio 102 Sections Generally considered as the first standard edition. Introduction to the Doctrine and Covenants. Doctrine and Covenants First called "Book of Commandments" 65 sections in first edition, 1833 65 sections. Published by Vincent Mitchell Davis Modified over 5 years ago. Parallels in other religions. Being a comparison of the...