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a. <u>The Book of Mormon</u>

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--KJV English (no Greek or Hebrew or Aramaic foundation)

--A rehash of Bible facts and statements taken from all over the Old Testament and New Testament and strewn together.

--Poor literary quality (many re-statements and repetitious cliches; thoughts don't flow).

--Doctrinal heresies and errors –
baptismal regeneration;
Nephi has orthodox Jews eating <u>swine</u>;
Alma 7:9 has Christ born at Jerusalem

--Historical errors - People, places, and other archeological fabrications

--Contradictions - <u>Book of Mormon</u> denounces polygamy (Jacob 2:24, 27) whereas the <u>Doctrine & Covenants</u> (by J. Smith) teaches it in Section 132.

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b. <u>The Pearl of Great Price</u> (containing extra-Biblical materials about Biblical figures, the history of Joseph Smith, and the articles of faith)

c. Doctrines and Covenants (1876) (it contains 136 sections and deals with the nature of the church, priesthood, Millennium, resurrection and state of man after death)

d. Further new revelation (the president of the church is said [in Doc. & Cove.] to be seer, prophet, revealer, translator, and head of the church. He is able to give new revelation)

Jesus said to His original disciples, *"When He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you into ALL truth*" (Jn. 16:13, cp. Jn. 17:17; II Tim. 3:16-17).

"The faith (God's body of Truth) *was once delivered unto the saints"* (Jude 3).

God forbids that anyone add to or take away from His Word (Dt. 4:2, 12:32; Prov. 30:6; Rev. 22:18, 19).

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Is.48:12 Hearken unto me, O Jacob and Israel, my called; I am he; I am the first, I also am the last. 13 Mine hand also hath laid the foundation of the earth, and my right hand hath spanned the heavens: when I call unto them, they stand up together.

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The Bible's answer:

*People are damned to hell for not believing, rather than for not being baptized (Mk. 16:15, 16)

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"Baptized for the dead" - Paul is not teaching vicarious baptism for dead people so as to save them from sin. (He could be speaking hypothetically; note the *"they"* not "we"). One implied point is this: Why be identified with Christ and others who have died in Christ, if the dead are not raised? Baptism, which pictures death and resurrection (Rom. 6), is pointless if there is no resurrection.

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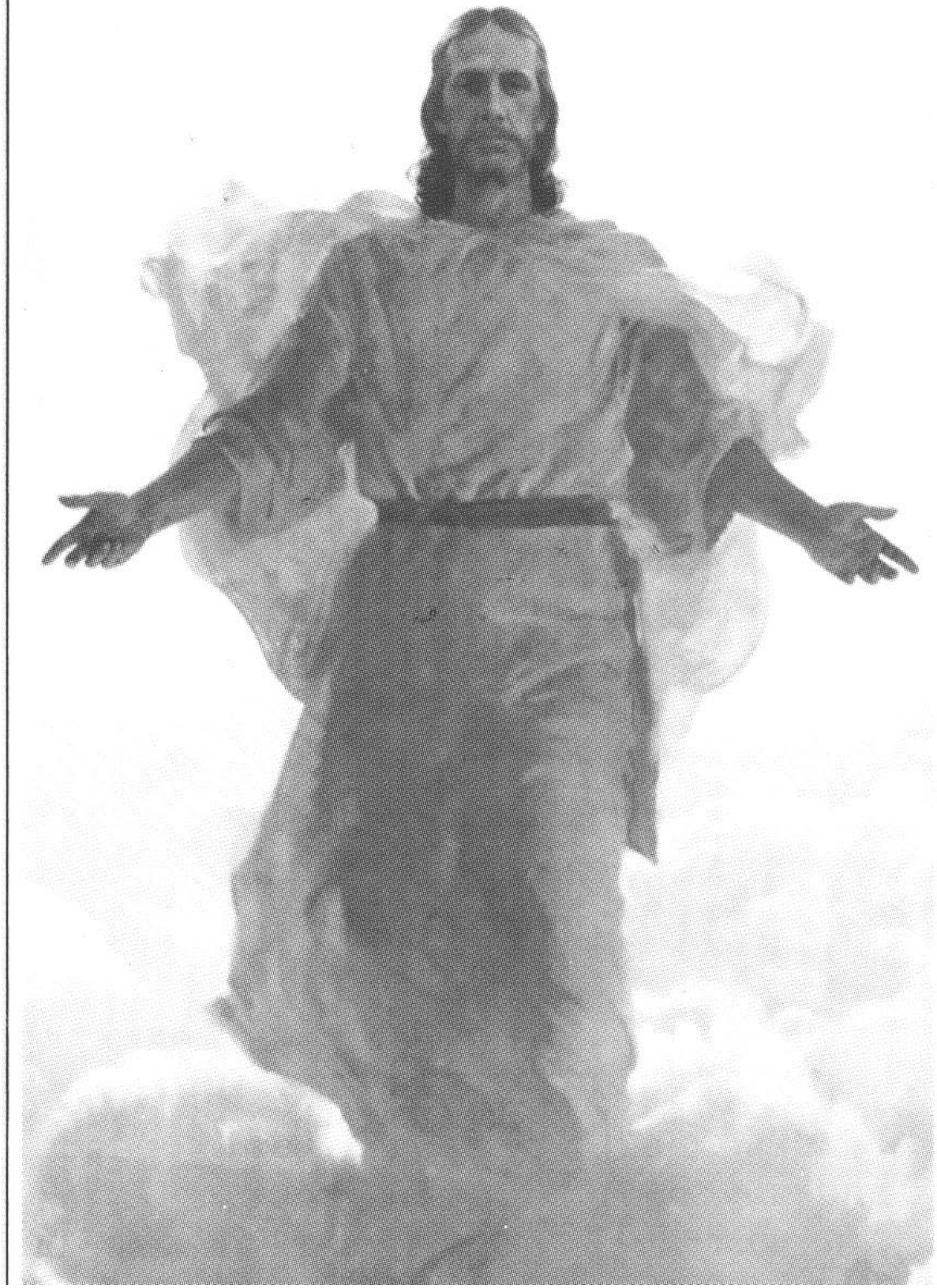
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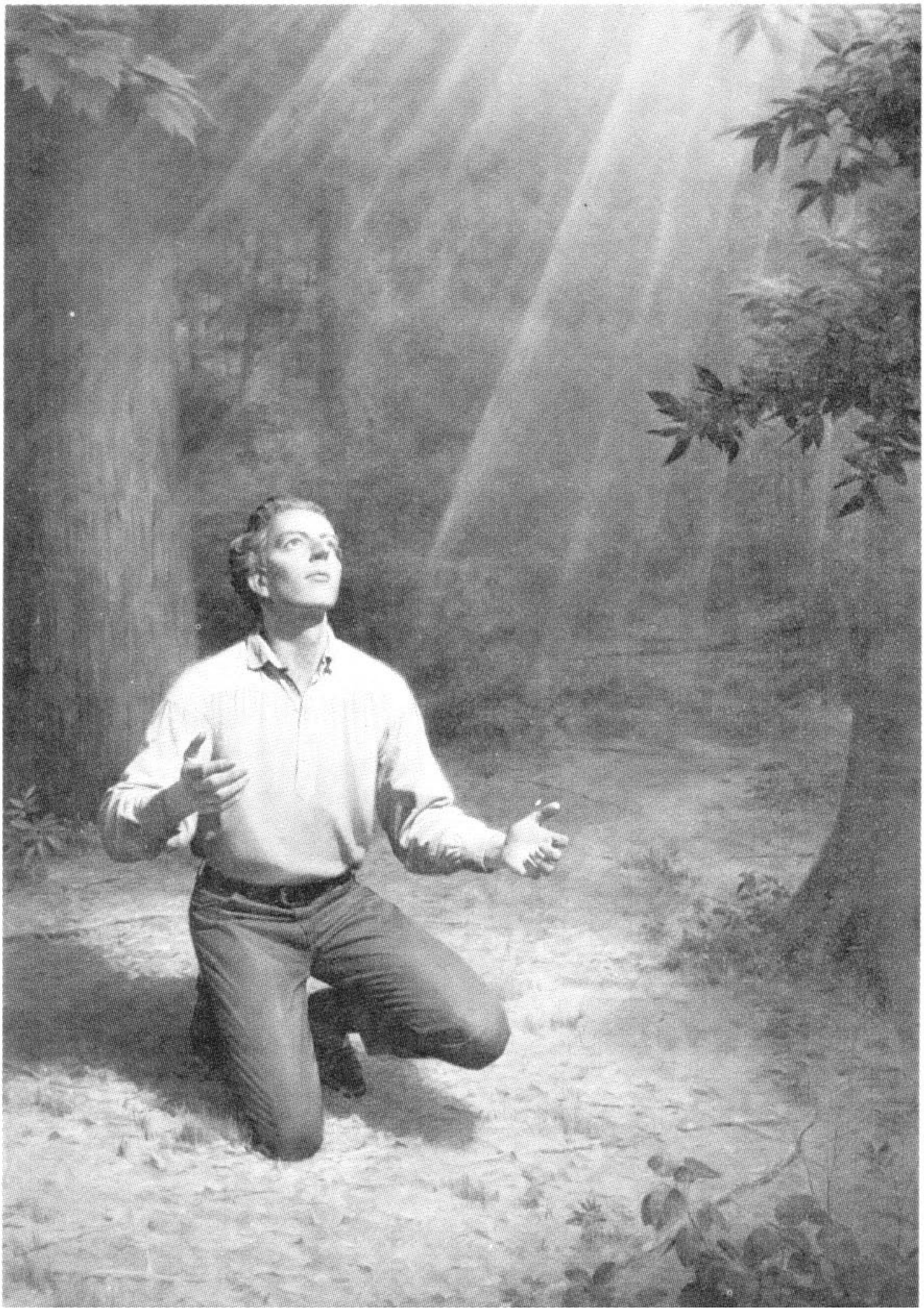
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