

Young, "Let every man mind his own business." Sin, with them, is simply error, a broken law, the penalty for which will retard their progression; hence the reason why sin must not be committed. All scientific truth is engrafted into their theology as fast as obtained, and they make it a religious duty to abstain, not only from strong drink, but from tea, coffee, tobacco, pork, and any article of diet which is not healthful, because the laws of physiology are truths, and are beneficial only in the degree that they are practically applied, as with all other truths.

Their philosophy regarding the origin of worlds explains their desire for offspring, for progeny, and this in turn partly explains why they practice the Bible system of marriage, polygamy, and a grosser slander never was perpetrated to the injury of any people

on earth than to say that lustful motives prompt the practice.

But what is the very first step for a man to take in order to commence the process of developing his faculties? Why, faith—a belief that the process is possible—must be exercised. This faith will prompt the individual to seek truth and to apply it practically. It will, according to Mormon philosophy, be necessary for a man to believe in God, and then to proceed to open up a communication or correspondence with Him as soon as may be. This, they claim, is very easily done, as communication can readily be had with God, or with beings who have passed from earth-life into the next world, if certain conditions are observed, and for every condition they give a philosophical reason, which the space of this article will not admit of being explained.

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ITEMS ON THE BIBLE.—The Bible Pavilion in the Centennial grounds at Philadelphia sold, during the Exhibition of 1876, 3,334 Bibles, 8,489 Testaments, and 13,352 portions of the Bible, making 25,175 volumes in 45 different languages.

A boy, in Sunday school, proposed a question to be answered the Sunday following:—"How many letters does the Bible contain?" The answer was, "3,000,533." The Superintendent said to James: "Is that right?" "No, sir," was the prompt reply. "Will you please tell us how many there are, then?" "Twenty-six, sir."

WHAT OF IT.—The Bible production of our time is equal to more than a million copies a year, or say more than nineteen thousand every week, more than three thousand every day, three hundred every hour, or five every minute of working time. At this rate, the press is producing an English Bible or New Testament every twelve seconds. These Bibles are not wasted—they are required—and more copies of the Sacred Scriptures are demanded in the English tongue than in the languages of all the other nations of the world, although the number of versions to which this country gives encouragement and assistance, over and above, is considerably more than one hundred and fifty.—*Day of Rest.*

A publication issued by the Religious Tract Society of London, gives the following in regard to the Bible:—

	Old Testament.	New Testament.	Total.
Books.....	39	27	66
Chapters ...	929	260	1,119
Verses	23,214	7,959	31,173
Words	592,493	181,253	773,746
Letters	2,728,100	838,380	3,566,480

The middle chapter and the shortest in the Bible is the 117th Psalm; the middle verse is the eighth of the 118th Psalm. The 21st verse of the seventh chapter of Ezra in the English version has all the letters of the alphabet in it. The 19th chapter of the Second Book of Kings, and the 37th chapter of Isaiah, are alike.