

## Re: OT New HBO Show– Big Love

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I could write a book on what I've learned about the Mormon religion and polygamy, however, don't want anyone to think I am a smart arse. My reasons for studying the history of Joseph Smith, Brigham Young, et al, is for two reasons:

1) I found out that my great–great grandfather was a Mormon, went with Brigham Young and his bunch from Nauvoo where Joseph Smith was killed in the jail, to Salt Lake City. He then went with the first bunch of Mormons to San Bernadino California to start a branch there. He was ex–communicated for some reason, but I was never able to find any documentation of the reason. Probably because he refused to practice polygamy – it least I would hope that was the reason. Anyway, he moved to Texas and that was the end of Mormonism in this family.

2) I lived in Utah for a year in 1990–91. My brother was manager of a gas processing plant there and talked me into moving up there. I lived in a tiny town called Hanna – up in the mountains where it was beautiful. I worked as an MT at the hospital in Roosevelt, which was fugly country, so I drove the 70 miles one way to live in the mountains. There were many polygamous families living in that part of Utah. One family (1 husband, 7 wives, 46 kids) lived in an abandoned Mormon church just up the road from Hanna (about 2 miles). How could they afford to live like that? Easy, the men are actually only legally married to one wife – all of the others claim Aid to Dependent Children and food stamps. They estimated this family was taking in upwards of 10k each month, not including the food stamps.

As I understand it the State of Utah got tired of paying out all of this money to the polygamous families in Utah and have started to stop the welfare to them. So now, what are they doing? One of the leaders of polygamy, a man named Jelf, from Colorado City, Arizona and who is on the Most Wanted List by the FBI for incest and giving young girls to old farts, has built a huge complex between Ozona and Eldorado, Texas, which is about 100 miles from here. It has caused a really big stink and Texans are madder than h\_ \_ \_ that they are trying to move in here. They bought 16,000 acres of land under false pretenses. Their intention is to set up the complex as a "town" so that they can get welfare for all of these so–called wives and their kids. Not in this state they

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won't. One of the old ranchers said that once we kicked them out it would sure make a great place for a casino, LOL.

Don't get me wrong. I know a lot of Mormon people who are the salt of the Earth. Two of my nephews, who are both policemen in Salt Lake City, are married to little Mormon girls and they are wonderful girls. They don't know that Joseph Smith was the biggest con artist who ever came down the pike. Migosh – he was in jail several times for being a con artist before he found the so-called golden tablets, which were never seen by anyone's eyes but his, BTW.

Enough said. If you are really interested in Mormonism here are the names of two nonfictional books that will tell you all you want to know. One is "Mormonism – Shadow or Reality." It was written by a great-granddaughter of Brigham Young and her husband, whose great-grandfather was one of the daddy bears. The other book, which is a new book, is 'Under the Banner of Heavy: The story of Violent Faith) by Jon Krakauer. Both are very enlightening.

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