

Articles of Faith

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Going to mormon.org, or believe.org which redirects to mormon.org, you will find they have the Articles of Faith summarized. So in effect, an already summarized set of beliefs summarized even shorter. If they were simple to begin with, why would they be summarized again?

It is an interesting thing to read through and compare the two...how they compare to each other, what words are excluded. Perhaps looking into why they are eliminated for public consumption. Is it merely a milk before meat kind of thing? Personally I feel the Articles of Faith are milk before they were summarized...again.

No	Summariezed MORMON.ORG ¹	Original LDS.ORG ²
1.	We believe in God the Father; His Son, Jesus Christ; and the Holy Ghost.	We believe in God, the Eternal Father, and in His Son, Jesus Christ, and in the Holy Ghost.
2.	That men will be punished only for their own sins and not for Adam's transgression.	We believe that men will be punished for their own sins, and not for Adam's transgression.
3.	That through Christ's Atonement, we can be saved by obedience to the laws and ordinances of the gospel.	We believe that through the Atonement of Christ, all mankind may be saved, by obedience to the laws and ordinances of the Gospel.
4.	That faith in Jesus Christ, repentance, baptism by immersion, confirmation, and receiving the gift of the Holy Ghost are all necessary for salvation.	We believe that the first principles and ordinances of the Gospel are: first, Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ; second, Repentance; third, Baptism by immersion for the remission of sins; fourth, Laying on of hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost.
5.	That leaders and teachers in the Church must be chosen and ordained by priesthood power.	We believe that a man must be called of God, by prophecy, and by the laying on of hands by those who are in authority, to preach the Gospel and administer in the ordinances thereof.
6.	That Christ's Church today is organized as it was when He first established it.	We believe in the same organization that existed in the Primitive Church, namely, apostles, prophets, pastors, teachers, evangelists, and so forth.
7.	In modern-day revelation and priesthood healing and blessing.	We believe in the gift of tongues, prophecy, revelation, visions, healing, interpretation of tongues, and so forth.
8.	That the Bible and Book of Mormon are both divinely revealed scripture.	We believe the Bible to be the word of God as far as it is translated correctly; we also believe the Book of Mormon to be the word of God.
9.	That God has communicated with and will continue to communicate with humankind.	We believe all that God has revealed, all that He does now reveal, and we believe that He will yet reveal many great and important things pertaining to the Kingdom of God.

1 <https://www.mormon.org/beliefs/articles-of-faith>

2 <https://www.lds.org/scriptures/pgp/a-of-f/1?lang=eng>

10.	In the literal gathering of Israel and the restoration of the ten tribes, and that Zion will be built on the American continent when Christ reigns on the earth.	We believe in the literal gathering of Israel and in the restoration of the Ten Tribes; that Zion (the New Jerusalem) will be built upon the American continent; that Christ will reign personally upon the earth; and, that the earth will be renewed and receive its paradisiacal glory.
11.	In worshipping God according to our own dictates and allowing others to do likewise.	We claim the privilege of worshipping Almighty God according to the dictates of our own conscience, and allow all men the same privilege, let them worship how, where, or what they may.
12.	In sustaining the laws and leaders of the land.	We believe in being subject to kings, presidents, rulers, and magistrates, in obeying, honoring, and sustaining the law.
13.	In being “honest, true, chaste, benevolent, virtuous, and in doing good to all men.”	We believe in being honest, true, chaste, benevolent, virtuous, and in doing good to all men; indeed, we may say that we follow the admonition of Paul—We believe all things, we hope all things, we have endured many things, and hope to be able to endure all things. If there is anything virtuous, lovely, or of good report or praiseworthy, we seek after these things.