

It is done. My resignation (see picture attached) from the LDS Church. I realize this message is long winded but hear me out because I don't post often. I've no hard feelings towards the LDS Church. I've met many great people with the LDS Church that have helped me tremendously on my spiritual journey. I would have not made it is this far without being introduced to this new and very enlightening gospel. It was comforting to belong to a group of people that were just as odd (peculiar) as I am, but it could not last. I say this with no amount of spite, anger, or eternal judgment towards its members. I judge the actions (sins) of man and do so with the knowledge I am far from perfect myself.

It became apparent early on to me that the LDS Church was riddled with vanity, hypocrisy, and idolatry. Members were far too self-conscious about their appearance and behavior. Members over dressed and claimed it was out of respect for God (taking thy Lord's name in vain) when in reality it was the inner need to fit in and be accepted by the people that surround them. The smiles worn by its members seemed insincere and no doubt forced by the idea that if one is unhappy then it is because they are living in sin.

I've no doubt that this kind of environment is suffocating to its members and I do honestly believe it caused the suicide of a member here in our ward. It is unconvincing to tell a female member, suffering from epilepsy, that she can have a normal life when the Church as a whole does nothing but advertise beautiful, able bodied people with large seemingly happy families in its literature and media.

Moving on. Let us not pretend those Temples are built for the glory of God. We know those Temples are built to impress the world. Likely everything this Church does is geared towards proving to the world that it is a legitimate religion. Temples are built to bring glory to the Church and its Leaders.

Leaders that are worshiped by LDS Church members. With the passing of Thomson S. Monson - I am reminded of the Church's lack of divinity with the process it takes for appointing a new prophet.

Me being someone that is still in spiritual infancy - I could no longer bring myself to be a part of this nor was it a battle I'm strong enough to win. Mormonism will be a part of me, but not the center of my spiritual journey. I swear no allegiance to any group or man but only to God and God alone. There is no still small voice that compels me to do this - it is a loud and clear one. I look forward to learning from all of you and hope that we can also be friends. Because I'm officially alone. Thank you for taking the time to read this if you did.

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Dear Mr. Naugle:

In accordance with his request, the name of your client, Nicholas Eugene Gray, has been removed from the membership records of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Sincerely,  
Confidential Records