Polygamy & Mormon Church Leaders Joseph Smith, Jr. December 23, 1805 - June 27, 1844

The question that must be asked is why. Why did Joseph Smith feel he had to lie, deny and cover-up the fact that God gave him a directive to practice polygamy? If it's ordained from God what is there to fear? Fear isn't from God – 2 Tim. 1:7 and the Bible doesn't condone lying, it condemns it – Psalm 101:7.

You'll see how being married to other people didn't mean anything to Smith or those who participated in the polyandrous relationships, nor did Smith's death have much of an effect on those who still wanted to be his wife. Some wanted to ensure they'd be with him for eternity and had their husbands stand in as proxy while they took out marital vows to Joseph.

His widows either went back to their husbands after his death or were split up amongst the other leaders of the Church. And all the while somehow and in some way, the Church thought it wasn't a sin to publicly deny the fact they were engaging in an illegal manner...

Aside from his fallacious behavior with the grown women, the most nefarious of his private marriages were the marriages to young girls; some as young as fourteen. While Emma and her son, Joseph Smith III, publicly denied Smith was a polygamist his behavior speaks for itself.

Interestingly enough you'll find info on his multiple marriages on many of the LDS websites, however, no two sites offer the same information.

References listed at end of document.

	Wife/Age @ marriage (Smith's age)	Marriage date	Kids	Other info
1	Emma Hale – 22 (22)	1/27/ 1827	11	Eloped w/ Smith against Emma's father's wishes. [1,3,4,5,7,8,13]
2	Fanny Alger – 16 (28)	1833	1	Hired help living w/ Smith's. Kicked out by Emma when pregnancy couldn't be hidden any longer. Later sep. from Smith & married Solomon Custer, non-LDS. JS excommunicated

				Oliver Cowdery for accusing Smith of adultery w/her – HC 3:16, Wednesday, April 11, 1838, Farr West Council (Brodie, pg. 180-181). Fanny was orphaned, Levi Hancock's niece – Mormon Enigma, pg. 319. [1,3,5,7,8,13]
3	Lucinda Pendleton Morgan Harris – 37 (33)	1838	0	"Married by proxy to JS, later divorced Harris" (ISL, pg. 5). Widow of the famous ex-Mason Captain Wm. Morgan who mysteriously disappeared after revealing secrets of the Lodge in 1826. Married Harris in 1834. JS had Morgan baptized by proxy in 1841. [1,3,4,5,7,8,13]
4	Hannah Ann Dubois - 32-33 (35)	2/11/ 1841	0	Hannah married Dibble 2/1841 and probably Smith as well. She was sealed to Dibble for eternity 1/15/1846. Reports say she gave birth to a son (Loren Dibble) fathered by Smith on May 29, 1844. Moved to Utah w/ the Williams Freight Train Company 1851. Died in 1893 @ 85 yrs old. [1,14,15]
5	Louisa Beaman – 26 (35)	4/5/1841	0	Hid marriage from Emma in 1841 (Enigma, 95). Later married Brigham Young 1846 or Sept. 18, 1844. Met Smith while living w/ her sister & brotherin-law Joseph Bates Noble. She had 6 children w/ Young, of which 4 boys (2 sets of twins) died after birth.

				(ISL, pg. 5). Sister of Erastus Snow's wife, Artemissia. Other sister Mary Adeline married Joseph Bates Noble. [1,3,4,5,7,13]
6	Zina Diana Hunting-ton Jacobs – 20 (35)	10/27/ 1841	0	Daughter of Wm. Huntington & Zina Baker and sister of Prescendia. Married to LDS Henry Bailey Jacobs 3/7/1841-7 mos. pregnant w/ Jacobs child when she married Smith. (husband was on mission to England) Pregnant w/ 2nd child when she married Young 2/2/1846. While on the way to Utah, Young told Jacobs to leave and go back - Zina used to belong to Smith but now she belonged to Young. Jacobs left. Died in 1901 @ 80 yrs. [1,3,4,5,7,8,13,15]
7	Presendia Lathrop Huntington (Buell) – 31 (36)	12/11/ 1841	1?	Daughter of Wm. Huntington & Zina Baker. Sister of Zina. Married Buell 1/6/1828. Wasn't sure if her son Oliver was Buell's or Smith's. Married Heber Kimball in 1844 while living w/ 1st husband. Norman finally left the church. Died 1892 @ 82. [1,3,4,57,8,13,15]
8	Agnes Moulton Coolbirth – 33 (36)	1/6/1842	0	Widow of Smith's brother, Don Carlos Married George Albert Smith 1/28/46. Married Wm. Pickett in 1847, but later separated. Died in 1875 @ age 64. [1,3,4,5,7,13]

9	Mary Elizabeth Rollins Lightner – 23 (36)	1/17/ 1842 or late Feb.	0	At the age of 12 in 1831, Smith told her God told him to take her as a wife – angel w/ a flaming sword Became wife #24 for Young in 1845. Stayed w/ husband Adam through both Smith & Young marriages until Lightner died in 1885. Smith prophesied they'd see disaster if they ever left the Church. Her husband never joined the Church. They had 10 kids. Moved to Utah w/ Patterson Company 1863. Died in 1913 @ 95. [1,3,4,5,7,13,15]
10	Sylvia Porter Sessions Lyon – 23 (36)	2/8/1842	0	David Sessions is her father. One month later on March 9, 1842, Session's wife Patty also married Smith. Married Lyon in 1838, he died in 1849. Married Heber C. Kimball 1/26/1846. Married Ezekiel Clark 1850. While on her deathbed told her daughter Josephine Smith was her father. [1,3,4,5,7,8,13] Brigham told her if she wished for a higher station in heaven no bill of divorce necessary; all was right in the sight of God.

11	Patty Barlett Sessions – 47 (36)	3/9/1842	0	Mother of Perrigrine Sessions (who had 7 wives), founder of Bountiful, UT. Midwife, delivered thousands of babies until the age of 85. Married Smith 1 mo. after her daughter did and while still married to David Sessions whom she married in 1812 – he died in 1850. Married John Parry in 1851. Moved to Utah w/ Spencer/Perrigrine Sessions Company in 1847. Died in 1892 @ age 97. [1,3,4,5,7,8,13,15]
12	Marinda Nancy Johnson Hyde – 26 (36)	4/1842	2	As the link to the newspaper clipping says, the stories linked to Marinda are as varied as it gets. Some sources say she was not married to Smith while others are emphatic in their claims she was. What we do know is she was married to Orson Hyde. We also know the Smith's were living at Marinda's parent's home when she was a young girl. Some say Smith's tar and feathering punishment in 1832 was retaliation led by her brother for inappropriate contact with his little sister. She married Orson on 9/4/1834; they were divorced in

13	Sarah Bapson – 48-51 yrs (36)	Before 6/1842	0	Hyde left the church but came back in 1839 w/ reports Smith put conditions on return. He had to turn over all his money – and his wife. (Van Wagoner, pg. 294.) Orson was on a mission in Palestine @ time of Joseph & Marinda's wedding. Two of her ten kids are Joseph's kids – Orson Washington & Frank Henry. Her brothers Luke & Lyman were excommunicated 4/1838. Moved to Utah w/ Miller Company in 1852. Died in 1886 @ age 71. [1,3,4,5,6,7,8,13,15] The only evidence that Sarah Bapson existed are the times her name is listed in various lists of Smith's wives. We've listed some references in notes. no definitive family information
				for her parents, place of birth, and exact date of her birth or her death. The sources cited are reliable, but ultimately the decision is left to the reader whether or not she should be included. [1,4,5,7,13]
14	Sarah Scott Mulholland– 26 (36)	1842	0	Irish immigrant. Widow of James Mulholland who was JS scribe for HC vol.1 and died 1 yr after marrying Sarah. Married Smith in 1842 & then Alexander Mullander in 1844.

				Married Heber Kimball for time in 1846.
				She had no children. [2,3,4,5,8,13]
15	Mary Houston (Hustin) – 24 (36)	6/1842	0	Married Heber C. Kimball Feb. 3, 1846 (proxy). [1,3,4,5,8,13]
16	Elizabeth Davis Bracken- bury Durfee – 50-51 (36)	6/1842	0	Marriage Gilbert Goldsmith 4/13/1811 – had 2 sons w/ him – son Isaac & husband died that year. Marriage to Joseph Blanchett Brackenbury in 1819 – had 6 sons w/ him, 1 son died. Joseph Brackenbury was poisoned & died in 1832 while on missions trip w/ LDS Church. Married Jabez 3/3/1834. Stayed w/ Jabez, but after Smith's death sep. from Durfee. Proxy marriage to JS by Cornelius Lott on 1/22/1846, but later sep. from Lott as well. Moved west w/ Brigham's group (or Kimball's handcart group) but left husband & Utah to join RLDS. [1,3,4,5,7,8,13]
17	Sally (Sarah) A. Fuller – 27 (36)	Late 1842	0	Married Daniel D. McArthur. Married Samuel L. Gully, 1/29/1847. Married Elijah Knapp Fuller, 9/8/1850. Died in 1908. [1,3,4,5,7,8,9,13,15]
18	Sarah	6/1842	0	Sarah died in 1856.

		Maryetta Kingsley Howe Cleveland – 53-54 (36)			Married John Howe in 1807 – he died in 1825. Married John Cleveland 3/16/1826. Married John Smith for time in 1856. Stayed with husband through marriage to John Smith. [1,3,4,5,6,7,8,13]
19		Delcena Johnson Sherman – 37-38 (36)	Before 71842	0	Married Lyman Sherman 1/16/1829 – he died in 1839. Married Smith in 1842. Married Almon Babbitt for time 1/24/1846. Delcena died in 1856. [1,3,4,5,7,8,13]
20		Eliza Roxcy Snow – 38 (36)	6/29/ 1842	0	Married B. Young for time 6/29/1849. Sister of Lorenzo Snow. Signed petition in 1842 denying Smith was a polygamist. Secretary of Relief Society in 10/1842 denouncing polygamy. Married to Young until his death in 1877. Moved to Utah w/ Grant-Noble Company in 1847. Died in 1887 @ 82. [1,3,4,5,6,7,8,13,15]
21		Sarah Ann Whitney – 17 (36)	7/27/ 1842	0	Daughter of Newel & Elizabeth Whitney. Married Joseph Smith then Joseph Kingsbury. Was married when she was married to Heber C. Kimball for time. Moved to Utah in 1848 w/ Kimball Co. Died in 1873 @ age 48. [1,3,4,5,6,7,8,13,15]
22	M K	Iartha 8 IcBride night – 37 36)	/1842	0	Married Vinson Knight – he died 7/31/1842 in the Haun's Mill episode – they had 7 kids. Her oldest daughter Almira was approached by Smith to marry

					his brother Hyrum after death of Vinson. She refused and subsequently left the Church. Martha was founding member of the Relief Society. Later sealed to Heber C. Kimball – they had 1 child. Moved to Utah in 1850 w/ Foote Co. Died in 1901 @ 96. [1,3,4,5,7,8,13,15]
23		Martha M. Kimball	1842	0	The website of Mormon History is the only place that lists this person as a wife of Joseph Smith. They also list Martha McBride as well – this person may indeed have married Smith, but we haven't found any other info on her to date. [8]
24		Mary Heron Snider – 38- 39 (36)	1842/ 1843	0	Stayed w/ first husband John – they were part of the Mormon Pioneer Overland Travel with the Babbitt Company of 1851. (He had 2 wives) Mary died in 1852 @ the age of 48. [1,15]
25		Ruth Vose Sayers – 33 (37)	2/1843	0	Married Sayers in 1841 & stayed w/ Sayers until his death in 1861. Moved to Utah in 187 w/ Hanks Mail Express. Died in 1884 @ age 76. [1,3,4,5,7,8,13,15]
26	2	Flora Ann Woodworth – 16 (37)	5/1843	0	Married Carlos Gove who was non-LDS. She died in 1850 in Winters Quarters at the age of 24. [1,3,4,57,8,13]

27	Emily Dow Partridge – 19 (37)	3/4/1843	0	Daughter of Edward Partridge & sister of Eliza Partridge. Married B. Young for time Sept. 1844. When Edward died in 1840 Emily & sister Eliza moved into the Smith's home. They were both taught the principal of polygamy and both married Smith. She had 7 children, 2 of which died in childhood. Moved to Utah in 1848. Died in 1899 @ age 75.
28	Eliza Maria Partridge – 22 (37)	3/8/1843	0	[1,3,4,5,7,8,10,13,15] Daughter of Edward Partridge & sister of Emily. Married Amasa Lyman in 1846, but later divorced. He was also married to her older sister Caroline. Had 5 children. Moved to Utah in 1848 w/ Richards Co. Died in 1886 @ age 66. [1,3,4,5,7,8,11,13,15]
29	Almera Woodard Johnson – 30 (37)	4/1843	0	Married Reuben Barton who was a widower of a few months. She was the sister of Joseph's friend, Benjamin Franklin Johnson. Was told by Hyrum that an angel with a drawn sword appeared to Joseph & told him that if he didn't marry Almera he would have to die. Moved to Utah in 1861 w/ Johnson Co. Died in 1896 @ age 84. [1,3,4,5,7,8,12,13,15]

30	Margaret Moon – 23 (37)	5/1/1843	0	Mormon History website lists Margaret as wife #42. Her sister Ruth married William Clayton in 1836. Her marriage date to Smith & William list the same date. She had 6 kids w/ Wm. He had 10 wives & 42 kids in all. She moved to Utah in 1848 w/ Kimball Co. Died in 1879 @ age 50. [8,15,16]
31	Lucy Walker – 17 (37)	5/1/1843	0	Was approached by Smith in 1842 when he told her the principle of polygamy. Smith told her that if she participated it would be a blessing to her father's family. Also told her that her mother would receive her into her bosom. Lucy's mother had just died earlier that year, she was still grieving. Emma was away in St. Louis buying supplies @ time of marriage & did not condone this marriage. Lucy had been taken in by the Smith's to help her out. Married Heber C. Kimball for time 2/8/1845. Moved to Utah w/ Kimball Co. in 1848. Died in 1910 @ age 84. [1, 3, 4, 5, 7,8,13,15]
32	Sarah Lawrence – 17 (37)	5/1/1843	0	Sister of Maria Lawrence. Married Heber C. Kimball for time 10/12/1844 but divorced later & married Joseph Mount. Sarah & Maria's parents had died so the Smith's took them both in just as they did for the Partridge girls, Louisa Beaman, Fanny Alger and Lucy Walker. LDS resource lists her asdying in San Francisco in 1872. [1,3,4,5,7,8,13]

33	Maria Lawrence – 19 (37)	5/1843	0	Married B. Young (16th wife) for time in 1845, and later divorced; some reports say they remarried in 1846. Married Almon Babbit in 1846, they had 1 child. Maria died in 1847. She once told her sister if Mormonism were true her "yoke would have been easy and her burden light". LDS resource lists her as marrying Nelson Lawrence 1/21/1846. [1,3,4,5,7,8,13]
34	Helen Mar Kimball – 14 (37)	5/1843	0	Only daughter of Heber C & Vilate Kimball's 9 kids – 2 other daughters died. Her parents joined when she was 3 yrs old. Compton reports her marriage to Smith as "dynastic". Marriage to Smith guaranteed her salvation and salvation for her family as well. At age 16 she married Horace Kimball Whitney (who became an apostle) for time 2/4/1846. Moved to Utah in 1848 w/Kimball Co. She & Horace had 11 kids (Brodie, pg.479). Died in 1896 @ age 68. [1,3,4,5,7,8,13,15]
35	Hannah Ells – 29-30 (37)	Mid 1843	0	English immigrant. Hannah died in 1844 or 1845 in Nauvoo. Seamstress. [1,3,4,5,8,13]

36	Elvira Anne Cowles Holmes – 29 (37)	6/1/1843	0	Elvira had been a maid & nanny in the Smith home. Stayed with husband during marriage to Smith. Became treasurer of Relief Society. Married Holmes 1/1844 and stayed w/him & Smith. Her father Austin was at one time a counselor for Nauvoo Stake Presidency, but joined Wm. Law's dissenting group later. Moved to Utah in 1847 w/ Grant/Noble Co. She had 5 kids and died in 1871.
37	Rhoda Richards – 58 (37)	6/12/1843	0	[1,3,4,5,7,8,13,15] Sister of apostle Willard Richards. Marriage to Smith was to further build the intertwining of several families together. Married B. Young (her 1st cousin) for time. Her mother and Young's mother were sisters. Rhoda spent her entire life being sick. Measles, mumps, cancer, fevers, colds, etc. Moved to Utah in 1848 w/ Richards Co. She died in 1879; she was 96. [1,3,4,5,7,8,13,15]
38	Desdemona Wadsworth Fullmer – 32 (37)	7/1843	0	Baptized in 1836 in Ohio. Eventually moved to Nauvoo and into the Smith home w/ the Partridge sister & other young women before marrying Smith. Had a dream

				of Emma poisoning her & Joseph agreed that Emma would do it. Married Ezra T. Benson 1846 for time – later divorced. David Fullmer (brother to Desdemona) was a counselor in the GA. Married Harrison Parker McLane in 1853 and had her only child w/ him. Moved to Utah in 1848 w/ Richards Co. In her latter years moved in w/ her brother David Fullmer. Died in 1886 @ age of 76. [1,3,4,5,8,13,15]
39	Olive Grey Frost – 27 (37)	Mid 1843/or 4/12/ 1843	0	Sister Mary Ann married Parley Pratt. Olive traveled to England w/ Pratt family for missions. One of the 2 first female missionaries for the Church. Married B. Young 11/1844 for time (18th wife) and died from ague (malaria) 9/1845. [1,3,4,5,8,13]
40	Catherine P. Smith -	8/1843	0	Mormon History lists Catherine as wife #45 for Smith. [8]
41	Melissa Lott – 19 (37)	9/20/ 1843	0	Her father Cornelius was Smith's bodyguard (Danite). Marriage to Smith was "dynastic" (Compton). She lived w/ Smith family as hired help w/ other young girls. She was Smith's wife in "very deed" according to Melissa. Married Dr. Bernhisel for time 2/1846. Married Ira Willes 5/1849 for time.

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				She had 7 kids. Moved to Utah in 1848 w/ Kimball Co. Died in 1898 @ 74. [1,3,4,5,8,13]
42	Nancy Maria Winchester – 14 (37)	1842 or 1843	0	Daughter of Stephen Winchester Sr., a Danite & Quorum of the Seventy. Married Heber C. Kimball 10/1846 for time – later divorced, no kids. Married Amos Arnold 10/1865. Moved to Utah in 1849 w/ Egan Co. Gave birth to 1st child @ age 39 – a son. She died in 1876 @ age 47. [1,3,4,5,7,8,13,15]
43	Fanny Young Carr Murray – 56 (37)	11/2/ 1843	0	Sister of B. Young. She named and helped raise Helen Mar Kimball. Married Robert Carr 1/1803, divorced. Married Roswell Murray 2/1832, widowed. Married Smith 1843. Moved to Utah in 1850 w/ Hunter Co. Died in June 1859 @ 71 after battling cancer. [1,3,4,5,8,13]
44	Vienna Jacques – 56 (38)	1832-1833 or 1841-1843	0	Family search only lists Vienna being married by proxy in 1858, but Nauvoo Polygamy Report says Smith & Jacques married by 1844 & she went through sealing ceremony in 1858. Also married to Daniel Shearer. Traveled with the Rich Company to Utah in 1847. Died 2/1884. [1,3,4,5,8,13,15]
45	Mrs. Tailor	1841/ 1843	0	[1] In Sacred Loneliness
46	Olive Andrews – 26 (38-39)	Before 1844	0	Compton reports she was sealed to JS after he died 1/15/1846. Family search reports the same thing as well

				as Olive marrying B. Young on the same day; she was wife #27 and bore him no children. Nauvoo Polygamy Report concurs w/ Family Search, also says she married him before 1844. [1,3,4,5,8]
47	Lydia Kenyon Carter – 38- 39 (38)	1844	0	Sealed in 1844. 1 daughter in 1821 with Simeon Daggett Carter – he died in 1869. They married on 12/2/1818. Moved to Utah w/ Richards Co. in 1866. Born 12/11/1799 Died 12/10/1866 [1,15]
48	Jane Tiippets (Tibbets) – 39 (39)	1/17/ 1844 or before 1844	0	There's virtually no info on this woman other than her name mentioned on all these lists as the wife of Smith. Brodie's work contained the most info on pg. 487 saying; "later the wife of Elam Luddington. Jane Tibbets was born on August 27, 1804 at Gorham, Maine. According to the Nauvoo Temple Record, on January 17, 1846 she was sealed to Joseph Smith for "eternity" and to E. Luddington "for time"." Moved to Utah in 1852 w/ Unidentified Co. [1,4,5,8,13,15]
49	Sophia or Aphia Woodman – 48 (39)	1/27/ 1846 or before 1844??	0	Married to Gad Yale for time 3/11/1813. Endowed on 12/19/1845 and sealed to JS for eternity in 1846. [1,4,5,13,15] Husband Gad moved to Utah in 1848 w/ B. Young Co. Records show her & Gad as residents of San Pete, Utah in 1870. He had 2 other wives polygamous. Earlylds.com shows she had 3 other husbands;

				Milton Holmes, Mr. Woodman & David Dow. Born 8/28/1795 Died ???
50	Clarissa Reed Hancock – 30-31 (???)	1840, 1844 or 1845	0	Traveled with the B. Young company to Utah in 1848. Married to Levi Hancock – They had 2 kids. Died 1/1860 @ the age of 46. [13,15]
51	Cordelia Calista Morley – 23	1/1846	0	January 1846 Cordelia was sealed to JS for eternity and married to Cox for time in Nauvoo temple. She had 7 children with him – she was his 2 nd wife. Went to Utah in 1852 w/ the Walker Company. Died in 1915, Manti, UT, she was 93. [1,13,15]
52	Phebe Watrous (Soper) – 41	1/19/ 1846	0	1/19/1846 sealed to JS for eternity & Lucian Woodworth for time. Moved to Utah w/ Lyman/Rich Co. in 1857. Died in 1887 @ age 87 [1,4,13,15]
53	Mary Ann Frost Stearns Pratt – 35	2/6/1846	0	Parley P. Pratt – proxy. Went to Utah in 1852 w/ Cutler Company. Died in Pleasant Grove, UT, 1891 @ 83 yrs. [1,15]
54	Sally (Sara) Ann Fuller – 43	1/20/ 1846	0	Sealed to Smith by proxy Samuel Gully – married Gully in 1847. He died crossing plains in 1849. Married Elijah Knapp Fuller 9/1850. Married Daniel D. McArthur (no date). [3]

55	B	Amanda Melissa Barnes – 43	1/19/ 1852	0	Married to Warren Smith (#1) in 1826 – he died in 1838. Married Warren Smith (#2) in 1840 – he died in 1885. Moved to Utah w/ Warren Smith Co in 1850. Died in 1886 @ age 77. Sealed to Joseph Smith 1/19/1852. [3]
56	Recited Religious Inten Granu	Rachel Ivins- 34	11/29/ 1855	0	Married Jedidiah Grant 11/29/1855. Rachel is mother of prophet Heber J. Grant. Traveled w/ the Anthony Ivins Company to Utah 1853. Died in 1909 @ 88 yrs old. Sealed to Smith 11/29/1855. [3,13,15]
57		Almira Barton	Spring 1843	0	[8]

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