

LIGHTER MINDS

# THE TOP 20 SINS

## IN DESCENDING ORDER OF SERIOUSNESS

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### FROM A CONSERVATIVE PERSPECTIVE

1. Not paying a full tithe
2. Murdering someone who is not a member of the Fancher Party
3. Asking if it has ever occurred to anyone else that "Holy Ghost" might be another name for Heavenly Mother
4. Thinking about an issue after the Brethren have spoken
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6. Reporting sexual abuse committed by a priesthood leader
7. Being sexually abused by a priesthood leader
8. Committing sexual abuse
9. Claiming that priesthood leaders expect to be followed blindly
10. Asking "why" when your priesthood leader tells you to do something
11. Homosexual marriage
12. Plural marriage
13. Remaining single
14. Attending the Sunstone symposium (except by assignment from the Strengthening Church Members Committee)
15. Beating up a heterosexual
16. Quoting Brigham Young out of context
17. Quoting J. Golden Kimball in context
18. Listing general authorities' names in reverse seniority order
19. Betting against Steve Young
20. Publicly admitting your doubts

### FROM A LIBERAL PERSPECTIVE

1. Voting Republican
2. Quoting any scripture containing the words "sin," "obey," or "repent"
3. Claiming that liberals lack testimonies
4. Asserting that you know the Church is true
5. Asking, "Lowell *who?*"
6. Claiming the Brethren are above criticism
7. Criticizing Sterling McMurrin, Lowell Bennion, or B. H. Roberts
8. Asserting that God is infinite
9. Questioning man's infinite potential
10. Asking when the King Follett Discourse was canonized
11. Quoting from any book written by Orrin Hatch, Bettie Eadie, or Bruce R. McConkie
12. Criticizing the Prophet when he extends the priesthood to all worthy males
13. Defending the Prophet when he limits the priesthood to all worthy males
14. Pointing out that obedience to the law of chastity and the Word of Wisdom would stop the spread of AIDS
15. Criticizing the First Amendment
16. Defending the Second Amendment
17. Attending BYU Education Week, except to research your article on anti-intellectualism at BYU
18. Doubting Anita Hill
19. Believing Paula Jones
20. Publicly admitting your faith