

These topics continue to be mentioned, but *The CES Letter* misrepresents their actual significance. [Click here](#) or on each topic for addition information.

It's when you take this snapshot of Joseph's character and start looking into the [Book of Abraham](#), [the Kinderhook Plates](#), [the Book of Mormon](#), [the multiple First Vision accounts](#), [Priesthood restoration](#), and so on that you start to see a *very* disturbing pattern and picture.

At least a third of Joseph Smith's sealings were non-sexual "eternity-only" sealings showing that sex was not the focus of Joseph's plural marriage teachings. Jeffs' unions were always consummated.

Jeffs' youngest polygamous unions were all consummated and constituted statutory rape. Joseph's sealing to 14-year-old Helen Kimball was equivalent to a betrothal, with no evidence of intimate relations. [Click here](#)

Joseph Smith did not practice or permit a plurality of husbands. Sealings for "time and eternity" caused legal marriages to be "done away." Jeffs sought sexual relations with other men's wives making him an adulterer. [Click here](#)

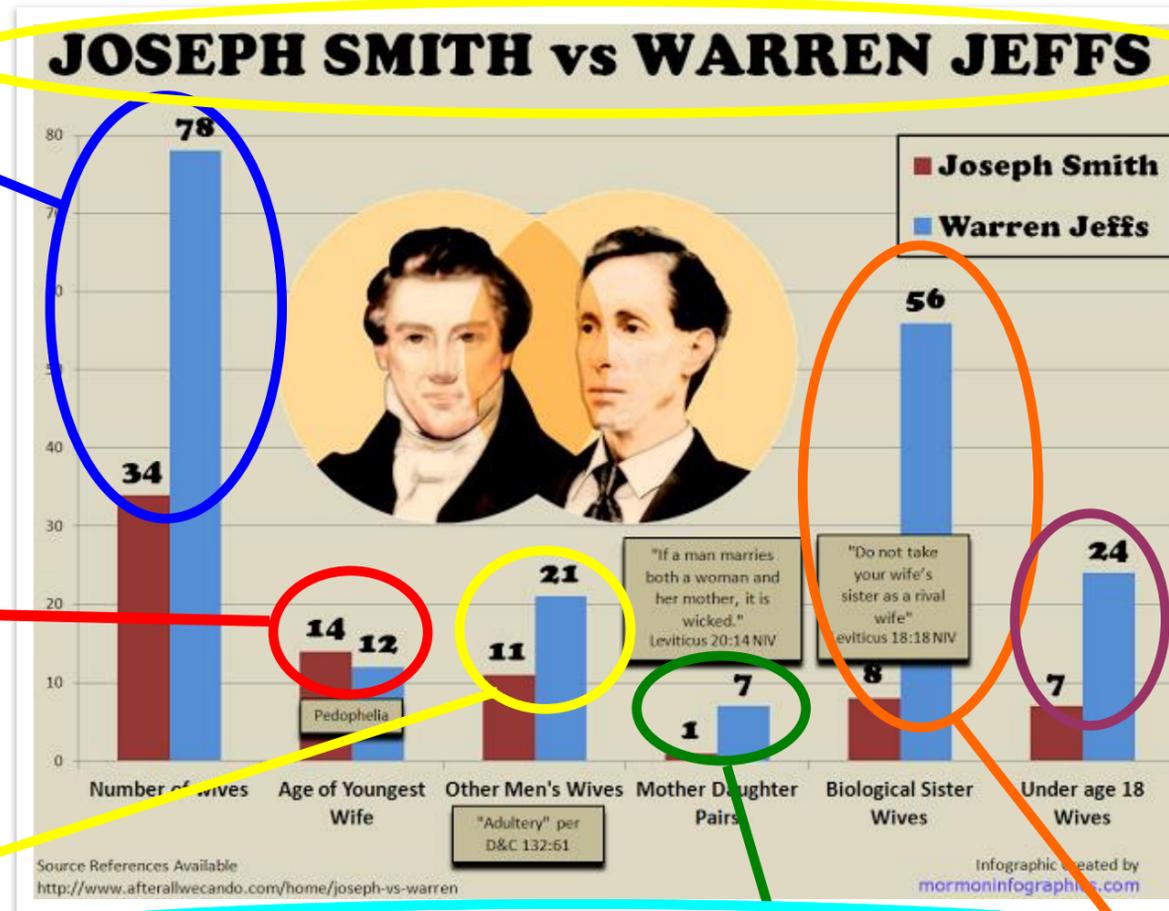
This conclusion employs the same method of evidence employed throughout *The CES Letter*. It relies on proposed parallels, but conveniently ignores the numerous non-parallels that would make the overall conclusion invalid.

This illustrates how Jeffs and Joseph Smith were very different. Joseph's sealing to the mother was a non-sexual, eternity-only union.

Jeffs treated polygamy as a license for sexual perversions. Plural Marriage was a religious practice Joseph Smith introduced, for several reasons including the need to allow all women to be sealed to an eternal husband. Evidence supports sexual relations were uncommon in his marriages. [Click here](#)

Warren Jeffs' plural marrying pattern indicates a propensity for young girls and he always consummated the marriage. Joseph Smith was sealed to women of all ages with evidence that his sealings to his younger wives were from a practical standpoint, more like engagements. The Utah policy that likely began with Joseph was to not consummate marriages until the brides were at least 18.

This disparity is another evidence of how Jeffs and Joseph Smith were different. The Law of Moses did not permit marrying sisters, but Joseph was not living that law. Jacob in the Old Testament married sisters Leah and Rachel.



Warren Jeffs is more closely aligned to Joseph Smith Mormonism than the LDS Church is.