Isaiah 30:9–10
9 These are rebellious people, deceitful children, children unwilling to listen to the Lord’s instruction.
10 They say to the seers, “See no more visions!” and to the prophets, “Give us no more visions of what is right! Tell us pleasant things, prophesy illusions.
NLT They tell the prophets, “Don’t tell us what is right. Tell us nice things. Tell us lies.

2 Chronicles 18:1–7
1 Now Jehoshaphat (Judah) had great wealth and honor, and he allied himself with Ahab (Israel) by marriage.
2 Some years later he went down to visit Ahab in Samaria. Ahab slaughtered many sheep and cattle for him and the people with him and urged him to attack Ramoth Gilead.
3 Ahab king of Israel asked Jehoshaphat king of Judah, “Will you go with me against Ramoth Gilead?”
Jehoshaphat replied, “I am as you are, and my people as your people; we will join you in the war.”
4 But Jehoshaphat also said to the king of Israel, “First seek the counsel of the LORD.”
5 So the king of Israel brought together the prophets—four hundred men—and asked them, “Shall we go to war against Ramoth Gilead, or shall I refrain?” “Go,” they answered, “for God will give it into the king’s hand.”
6 But Jehoshaphat asked, “Is there not a prophet of the LORD here whom we can inquire of?”
7 The king of Israel answered Jehoshaphat, “There is still one man through whom we can inquire of the LORD, but I hate him because he never prophesies anything good about me, but always bad. He is Micaiah son of Imlah.”
“The king should not say that,” Jehoshaphat replied.

Matthew 7:15
15 “Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves.
Deuteronomy 18:
20 But a prophet who presumes to speak in my name anything I have not commanded him to say, or a prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, must be put to death."
21 You may say to yourselves, "How can we know when a message has not been spoken by the L ORD?"
22 If what a prophet proclaims in the name of the L ORD does not take place or come true, that is a message the L ORD has not spoken. That prophet has spoken presumptuously...

Matthew 24:9–11
9 "Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me.
10 At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other,
11 and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people.
1 John 4:1

1 Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.


*President Joseph Fielding Smith (President of the LDS Church in the early 1970’s)* stated: “Mormonism must stand or fall on the story of Joseph Smith. He was either a Prophet of God, divinely called, properly appointed and commissioned or he was one of the biggest frauds this world has ever seen. There is no middle ground. If Joseph was a deceiver, who willfully attempted to mislead people,
then he should be exposed, his claims should be refuted, and his doctrines shown to be false…” (Doctrines of Salvation, vol. 1 pp.188-189.)

In this revelation given on September 22 and 23, 1832, Joseph Smith foretold of an LDS temple to be built in Independence, Missouri. (D&C Section 84):

5. For verily this generation shall not pass away until an house shall be built unto the Lord, and a cloud shall rest upon it, which cloud shall even the glory of the Lord, which shall fill his house.”

Over one hundred and eighty years later, there is still no Temple on the “temple lot” specified in this prophecy.

Early Mormon leaders made it quite clear the word “generation” meant those who were alive when the revelation was given in 1832.

We test prophecies against what the Bible says.

In 1820, in this time of confusion, Smith read James 1:5 which instructs those who lack wisdom to request it from God.

He immediately withdrew to a wooded area near his home to pray for wisdom and it was at this point that he recalls having a vision of a pillar of light coming down from heaven and God the Father and Jesus his Son standing above him in the air.
Smith asked them which of the denominations or sects were right and which he should join. He was told that all of the denominations were evil and corrupt.

It was at the time of this experience that Smith became convinced he had been called as God’s prophet.

On September 21, 1823, while praying in his room, he received an angelic visitation.

This angel, named Moroni, told him that he had been chosen by God for a great work.

He told Smith about a book written upon gold plates that had been buried alongside the Urim and the Thummin of the Old Testament. Smith immediately found this book, and, using the Urim and Thummin, translated it, and published it in 1830 as The Book of Mormon.

This was the same year that he formally organized the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

2 Timothy 3:16–17
16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,
17 so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Galatians 1:6–11
6 I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you by the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—
7 which is really no gospel at all. Evidently some people are throwing you into confusion and are trying to pervert the gospel of Christ.
8 But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let him be eternally condemned!
9 As we have already said, so now I say again: If anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you accepted, let him be eternally condemned!

Beware of False Prophets and teachers - False prophets and false teachers are those who declare that the Prophet Joseph Smith was a duplicitous deceiver; they challenge the First Vision as an authentic experience. They declare that the Book of Mormon and other canonical works are not ancient records of scripture. They also attempt to redefine the nature of the Godhead, and they deny that God has given and continues to give revelation today to His ordained and sustained prophets

We test prophecies against what the Bible says.

Jer 14:14 Then the LORD said to me, “The prophets are prophesying lies in my name. I have not sent them or appointed them or spoken to them. They are prophesying to you false visions, divinations, idolatries and the delusions of their own minds.
Jeremiah 23:31–32
31 Yes,” declares the LORD, “I am against the prophets who wag their own tongues and yet declare, ‘The LORD declares.’
32 Indeed, I am against those who prophesy false dreams,” declares the LORD. “They tell them and lead my people astray with their reckless lies, yet I did not send or appoint them. They do not benefit these people in the least,” declares the LORD.

Acts 16:6–7
6 Next Paul and Silas traveled through the area of Phrygia and Galatia, because the Holy Spirit had prevented them from preaching the word in the province of Asia at that time.
7 Then coming to the borders of Mysia, they headed north for the province of Bithynia, but again the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them to go there.

Romans 8:14
14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

Faith - I only knew Jesus from what I’d been taught in Islam, that he is a prophet. I wasn’t searching to find out anything more about him but regularly asked God whether I could see Jesus the prophet before I died.
In my first dream Jesus was very big, covering the entire sky. I couldn’t look directly at him because there was so much light coming from him. I enjoyed being in his presence but still didn’t fully understand who he was.

When I woke up, the feelings of happiness continued although nothing had changed. I knew some people who were Christians; I met with them and they started telling me who Jesus is and that he loved me and died on the cross for me. I responded by saying: “No, I believe what I believe.”

I told them about my dream and they were very excited by it, exclaiming: “You saw him before anyone told you about him!” I replied that I still didn’t understand what they were telling me. However, I asked God: “If you are the God of Christianity, show me yourself. If you are God of Islam, show me – I want to know the truth.” I stopped praying prayers in Islam as they felt wrong.

I had another dream of myself walking a long way down a road, and heard a voice telling me to “read the Old Testament, Psalms and the New Testament, as they will tell you about my way”.

When I woke up I wanted to know what they were so I asked a friend – she explained and gave me a Bible. I started reading it; to begin with I didn’t feel anything – it just felt like stories.

In my next dream I saw someone wearing a long black robe – he was a pastor. He asked me to go into a room and I said “no, no” but eventually I did. Inside there were twelve robes and the person invited me to try one on. I said “no, no” again as I was afraid. When I did try one on, it fitted perfectly – he said it was for me, so I accepted.

“Jesus told me I was not a mistake”
Simon Trinder is an actor with the Royal Shakespeare Company. He tells the story of how a dream led him to faith.

I’d grown up in an evangelical setting; my parents had adopted me at 2 months old and they were both Christians. Around the age of 14, I opted to walk away from faith. I thought it was irrelevant.

I trained at drama school and thought my career was everything. I did lots of shows around the world and was having a great time, but always looking for the next high, drinking and dabbling with drugs.

In Stratford nine years ago, I’d come off stage after a very tiring show. That night I had the most extraordinary dream, or you might call it a night vision. It was a kind of a breathing image – so it wasn’t a sequence of events like most dreams. I was right behind the Royal Shakespeare Theatre, next to the river Avon.

I was standing watching myself as a baby in the arms of Jesus Christ, and in front was my biological father. I’d seen pictures of my dad so I recognized him and Jesus was presenting me to him. There was a glory light emanating from Jesus. The feeling was literally out of this world, the best way I could describe it is “nuclear love”.

I woke immediately and said out loud: “That was God”. The Bible promises we will be in his presence forever. It sounds boring, but this was wonderful! I thought, “If this is what he’s talking about, take me now. If this is what relationship with God is like at its purest, every knee will have to bow because it’s so, so phenomenal.”

I felt the meaning of the dream was “I created you”. As an adoptee I’ve had a lot of issues with belonging, like, “Who am I? Am I a reject? Am I a mistake?” Through the dream God was saying, “You’re planned, I put you here, I’m responsible for you.” No one would ever, ever berate
themselves, or doubt themselves, or criticize themselves if they knew how valued they were.

A year later I’d started attending church, but was still thinking, “I’m a mistake, and I’m not good enough.” Driving down the motorway to Stratford-upon-Avon, I was praying: “God, please, can I trust this dream?” A car came right in front, the number plate was T-R-U-S-T. I literally stopped breathing for a moment. I felt I’d been spoken to clearly.

Jeremiah 23:24–26
24 Can anyone hide in secret places so that I cannot see him?” declares the LORD. “Do not I fill heaven and earth?” declares the LORD.
25 “I have heard what the prophets say who prophesy lies in my name. They say, ‘I had a dream! I had a dream!’
26 How long will this continue in the hearts of these lying prophets, who prophesy the delusions of their own minds?

False Prophets don't give bad news.

Jeremiah 14:
13 But I said, “Ah, Sovereign Lord, the prophets keep telling them, ‘You will not see the sword or suffer famine. Indeed, I will give you lasting peace in this place.’”
14 Then the Lord said to me, “The prophets are prophesying lies in my name. I have not sent them or appointed them or spoken to them. They are prophesying to you false visions, divinations, idolatries and the delusions of their own minds.
15 Therefore, this is what the Lord says about the prophets who are prophesying in my name: I did not send them, yet they are saying, ‘No sword or famine will touch this land.’ Those same prophets will perish by sword and famine.
16 And the people they are prophesying to will be thrown out into the streets of Jerusalem because of the famine and sword. There will be no one to bury them or their wives, their sons or their daughters. I will pour out on them the calamity they deserve.

False prophets are becoming more prominent in today’s age of tolerance and rebellion against God.

This culture is eager for an easy religion – one that requires no effort and offers no consequences.

This generation more than any other wants to live however they’d like, without boundaries or authority.

Unfortunately, there are plenty of teachers and preachers eager to give the people what they want to hear—and usually, they end up making a large sum of money off it.

False teachers don’t like to offend anyone,

they gloss over sin in order to keep their fans happy.

Jeremiah 5:31
31 The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests rule by their own power; and My people love to have it so. But what will you do in the end?

Jeremiah 27:14–16
14 Do not listen to the words of the prophets who say to you, ‘You will not serve the king of Babylon,’ for they are prophesying lies to you.
15 ‘I have not sent them,’ declares the LORD. ‘They are prophesying lies in my name. Therefore, I will banish you and you will perish, both you and the prophets who prophesy to you.’ ”
16 Then I said to the priests and all these people, “This is what the LORD says: Do not listen to the prophets who say, ‘Very soon now the articles from the LORD’s house will be brought back from Babylon.’ They are prophesying lies to you.

2 Corinthians 11:13–15
13 These people are false apostles. They are deceitful workers who disguise themselves as apostles of Christ.
14 But I am not surprised! Even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.
15 So it is no wonder that his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. In the end they will get the punishment their wicked deeds deserve.
Jeremiah 23:
16 This is what the LORD Almighty says: “Do not listen to what the prophets are prophesying to you; they fill you with false hopes. They speak visions from their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD.