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by Robert L. & Rosemary Brown

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CHAPTER THREE

WALTER MARTIN: DESCENDANT OR DECEIVER?



OBJECTIVES

- To prove that Walter Ralston Martin is **not a descendant of Brigham Young**, as he has often falsely claimed.
 - To present Walter Martin's **true genealogy** so he knows who his ancestors are.
 - To prove that "Dr." Walter Martin received his doctor's degree (Ph.D.) from California Western University, an unaccredited, "non-traditional" school allowed to operate under a **very loose** California law.
 - To prove that California Western University (now California Coast University) has only one small building with no visible students or faculty, a parking lot with only a few spaces, no classrooms, no library, no exams, and a very poor records system because they lost Walter Martin's Ph.D. degree.
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WALTER MARTIN: DESCENDANT OR DECEIVER? WHO IS WALTER MARTIN?

Walter Martin is a professional anti-Mormon writer and lecturer; that's one of the ways he makes his living. He is better known in California and some western states. Walter Martin furnished his credentials and they were mentioned in the beginning of the MARY JANE POPP SHOW, KGNR Radio, Sacramento, CA, Dec. 2, 1981 (see p. 108):

“Now let's introduce our gentlemen here — The Reverend Walter Martin holds 4 earned degrees and received his education at Stoney-Brook School, Adelphi University, and his Master's Degree from New York University. He has authored a dozen full length books, six booklets and some sixty articles. Some of his best known works are KINGDOM OF THE CULTS, THE MAZE OF MORMONISM, HERBERT ARMSTRONG, and JEHOVAH'S WITNESS — none of which, I might add, is very flattering to any of the above religions. Currently he is professor of Comparative Religion at Melodyland School of Theology in Anaheim; he is an ordained minister and a member of the Southern Baptist Convention and Director of the Christian Research Institute in El Toro, California.”

In addition, “Dr.” Walter Martin holds a Doctor's Degree (a Ph.D.) from California Western University. **Since a Doctor's degree is quite an accomplishment, and Martin advertises it on and in his books, one might wonder why he neglected to include that important accomplishment in his introduction.** On the MARY JANE POPP SHOW, when this author and Walter Martin appeared together, this author had to bring it up or he never would have even mentioned it. Perhaps we should discuss this more in detail a little later.

The front cover of one of Martin's books advertises:

DR. WALTER MARTIN

**THE
MAZE
OF
MORMONISM**

The back cover of that same book gives further credentials for “Dr.” Walter Martin:

DR. WALTER MARTIN

THE MAZE OF MORMONISM

THE MAZE OF MORMONISM EXPOSES:

The Prophecy of the Last Days is a book of prophecies, written by Joseph Smith in 1845.

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Dr. Walter Martin, author of *The Maze of Mormonism*.

“Dr. Walter Martin, Founder and Director of Christian Research Institute and Professor of Comparative Religion and Apologetics, is recognized as one of the world’s leading authorities on Mormonism from a Christian perspective. He holds four degrees and is the author of over fifteen books and numerous cassette tapes. His almost thirty years ministry has spanned the United States, Europe, the East, and the Holy Lands. An expert in religions having their origin in the United States, Dr. Martin is one of the important voices in the evangelical community. He is an ordained Baptist minister, executive editor of the periodical from Christian Research Institute, **FORWARD**, and popular radio personality with his **Bible Answer Man** and **Dateline Eternity** programs.

In addition to the above credentials, in his lectures Walter Martin also frequently claims to be a “descendant of Brigham Young,” a prominent leader in the early history of the LDS Church. This claim, as you will see, is **totally FALSE**.

WHO WAS BRIGHAM YOUNG?

Brigham Young was the second prophet and leader of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. It was through his leadership that thousands of Latter-day Saints, that were forced to leave their homes because of persecution, went from Illinois to the Great Salt Lake Valley in Utah in search of a home where they could live in peace. They came on foot, horseback, wagon, and handcart. When they arrived at their destination, they farmed, built homes in the wilderness, formed businesses, built a temple to God, and through their diligence and hard work they literally made the desert blossom like a rose. From the Salt Lake Valley, under the direction of Brigham Young, men were called to take their family and several other families with them and colonize parts of the West. In short, Brigham Young was one of the greatest leaders that ever lived. His genius in organization and leadership is often extolled in history books and encyclopedias. A History textbook, used by High School students at Chandler High School, Chandler, Arizona, entitled, **HISTORY OF FREE PEOPLE**, by Bragdon McCutchen, published by Macmillan Publishing Co., Copyright 1978, has this to say about Brigham Young and his development of Salt Lake:

“Experience gained by the Oregon settlers was put to good use by the Mormons, who in the years 1847-1849 carried out an amazingly successful migration to the shores of Salt Lake. The Mormons, a religious group who had suffered persecution in the United States, sought a haven where they could worship as they pleased. Their leader, Brigham Young, had a genius for organization, and the migration was carried out in well-planned stages. First, scouts sought out the best routes and found sites for sawmills, flour mills, and

towns. Then came small parties who built houses and fortresses and planted crops which ripened in time for the main body of immigrants. Many of the latter had no draft animals, but carried their few possessions in handcarts, singing, as they trudged the long miles, a marching song with the chorus:

Some must push and some must pull
As we go marching up the hill,
So merrily on our way we go
Until we reach the Valley, O!

In spite of hardship and disease, the Mormons soon established several flourishing settlements. They were far ahead of their time in learning the proper control of the water supply in the semi-arid regions of the far West. Around Salt Lake City, planned on a magnificent scale, irrigation transformed a desert into a garden spot."

AS YOU CAN SEE, BRIGHAM YOUNG WAS A MAN OF GREAT WISDOM, ABILITY, AND ACCOMPLISHMENT. WALTER MARTIN HAS PROUDLY CLAIMED FOR YEARS THAT HE WAS A "DESCENDANT" OF THIS GREAT MAN.

1977 — WALTER MARTIN FALSELY CLAIMS TO BE A DESCENDANT OF BRIGHAM YOUNG

By way of review, in a taped lecture at Melodyland, March 1, 1977, where he preaches and teaches "Comparative Religions" (i.e., what's wrong with everybody else's religion — author's definition), he made this statement to his audience:

"Wayne Cowdrey and I are very close because he is a descendant of Oliver Cowdrey, who allegedly wrote down the Book of Mormon that Joseph dictated. He is now a reborn Christian. I am a descendant of Brigham Young — successor to Joseph Smith, ruler of the Latter-Day Saints Church — a born again Christian. Would anybody ever think that Cowdrey the scribe and Young the successor would stand together on the platform and expose the whole thing as fraudulent? Here we are, the irony of God is remarkable!"

This is not the only time Walter Martin has **falsely** claimed to be a descendant of Brigham Young. He, like Cowdrey, apparently feels that it makes a better story to be a descendant of an important leader of the LDS Church; they must feel it somehow gives them more credibility. They obviously feel such a relationship is to their advantage or they wouldn't go to the trouble of spreading a false rumor like that. If Martin and Cowdrey were as interested in the truth as they would like to

have you believe, this is one area that would have been very easy for them to check before making their false claims. However, as you will soon see, this is just a small sample of their deceit.

Robert and Rosemary Brown, the authors of this book, have done extensive genealogy work. It was not difficult at all to establish, through research, that Walter Martin was **not** a descendant of Brigham Young. Brigham Young has one of the most thoroughly documented genealogical histories there is. Books have been printed with his genealogy long before Walter Martin ever thought of claiming to be a descendant. Even the **slightest bit of research** would have proven that Walter Martin is **not** a descendant of Brigham Young. (When it comes to genealogy, Martin is meeting the Mormons on our own ground.)

**Dec. 2, 1981 — THE MARY JANE POPP SHOW
WALTER R. MARTIN AND ROBERT L. BROWN
FIRST MARTIN CLAIMS HE IS A DESCENDANT
THEN HE CLAIMS HE'S NOT**

On the MARY JANE POPP SHOW, Robert L. Brown challenged Martin's claim to being a descendant of Brigham Young. The show was 2 hours long, so the entire transcript will not be given in this book. The sections of the tape recording of the MARY JANE POPP SHOW that are used in this book have been notarized as being an accurate transcription of the tape. (see p. 107) The excerpts from the show pertaining to Martin's claim to being a descendant of Brigham Young is given below. Notice that he would rather claim on the air that he is "related" to Brigham Young; otherwise, he always claims that he is a "descendant."

Popp: Dr. Martin, one of the points that was brought up the last time you were on the air is that you are a direct descendant of — is it Joseph Smith?

Martin: No, on my mother's side of the family we are related to Brigham Young.

Popp: Brigham Young — How did that come down? Can you explain that? You didn't get into it the last time and I was kind of curious about that.

Martin: Well, my mother informed me when I was writing the book, or after I had written the book, the MAZE OF MORMONISM — that I was related to Brigham Young. It came as a shock to me as I knew nothing about it, through her side of the family. Subsequently I did some research on it and then it was confirmed by a Mormon student of genealogy in Southern California who made the statement publicly, on tape, at one of my meetings that he had checked it himself and that **I was indeed a descendant of Brigham Young.**

Popp: Before we go to callers and I want to give them a chance to ask a lot questions this afternoon, let's bring up some of the discrepancies, Bob,

that you feel is in the book Dr. Martin wrote that is called THE MAZE OF MORMONISM, and have him respond to those.

Bob: Well, I'll be happy to. We've talked briefly about his relationship to Brigham Young and on the fly page of his book it says, "The book was dedicated in memory of my mother, Maud Ainsworth Martin, a descendant of Brigham Young, but a disciple of Jesus Christ." Elsewhere in your lectures, I have some of your tapes, you mentioned you are the great-grandson of Brigham Young.

Martin: That was in error and it was corrected. I believed that I was at the time when I said it and since that time, after a careful review of the material — I can say I am a descendant of, a relation of, Brigham Young, but not his great-grandson.

Bob: Now, to be a descendant, that means you are directly descended from him, that he would have to be your grandfather or your great-grandfather, or whatever, and . . .

Martin: The point that I'm making is that according to my mother and the information we have, I am related to Brigham Young. That's all I'm saying; that's what I'm claiming.

Bob: For example, now, I have Brigham Young's genealogy here and it's an impossibility for him to be a descendant of Brigham Young.

Martin: I just want to say it again. (He's getting very nervous and agitated at this point.) I said I'm related to Brigham Young. I am. I don't have to prove it to him or anybody else. If you would like to make a statement publicly that I definitely am not — that is a falsification — anything of an accusatory nature, that he is willing to **test legally** — fine!

Popp: OK, Bob, do you want to make a statement that you feel that Dr. Martin is not, at all, a descendant of Brigham Young?

Martin: (Breaking in) Did I not already, 5 minutes ago, tell you that on mistaken information originally I had said "great-grandson?" I altered that when I found out the information was inaccurate, but I said I am a relation, or related, to Brigham Young. I don't feel that I have to go any further.

Popp: OK, have we resolved that one. He is not a direct descendant, but he is related. Dynamite! OK, you want to go onto another point?

Walter Martin states that he is related to Brigham Young on his mother's side. So, since it was such a shock to him, he did some research on it and it was confirmed by a Mormon genealogist in Southern California. This genealogist checked it himself and "**I was indeed a descendant of Brigham Young.**" At this point in the show, Walter Martin appears convinced that he is truly a descendant of Brigham Young.

WALTER MARTIN APPARENTLY "FORGOT" . . .

There were several breaks throughout the show. During one of these breaks, Walter Martin was shown his genealogy and also the genealogy of Brigham Young; he admitted that he was **not** a descendant of Brigham Young and angrily said he would take out of his books the parts where he claims this relationship. Now, this show was in April of 1981. The second printing of his book, *THE MAZE OF MORMONISM*, was in 1983 — **2 years later**. We were surprised to see in this 1983 edition that he still dedicated his book "**TO THE MEMORY OF MY MOTHER, MAUD AINSWORTH MARTIN, descendant of Brigham Young, but disciple of Jesus Christ — a constant source of encouragement to my father and to his youngest son in the pursuit of a difficult calling.**" Obviously, if his mother is a descendant of Brigham Young, then he is. Martin has thus decided to stick to his false claim.

TO THE MEMORY
OF MY MOTHER,
MAUD AINSWORTH MARTIN,

descendant of Brigham Young, but disciple of Jesus Christ—a constant source of encouragement to my father and to his youngest son in the pursuit of a difficult calling.

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The Maze of Mormonism

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Walter Martin apparently “forgot” that he was shown his genealogy and Brigham Young’s genealogy on the MARY JANE POPP SHOW and that, by his own admission, he was **not** a descendant of Brigham Young. His claim to being a descendant must be important to him — he is going down hard.

Walter Martin impresses his audiences frequently by making bold statements like, “it would make a beautiful lawsuit for the Mormons if I’m not telling the truth,” and etc. On the MARY JANE POPP SHOW, he said he was “related” to Brigham Young, and “if you would like to make a statement publicly that I definitely am not . . . that he is willing to test legally, fine.” Since everyone is a descendant of Adam and Eve and, therefore, related in some small way to everyone else — we’ll allow him to be “related” to Brigham Young in the same way that you and I are related to him also. We will make a definite statement here, however, that **WALTER RALSTON MARTIN IS NOT A DESCENDANT OF BRIGHAM YOUNG**. Any attempt to use his name in connection with Brigham Young is an attempt to deceive you — an attempt to impress you with credentials he does **not** have. Paraphrasing Martin, “It would make a beautiful lawsuit for Walter Martin if we’re not telling the truth!” And if Walter Martin wants to test it legally, as he suggested, then perhaps he had better know his genealogy. For Martin’s benefit, we will now present **his very own family tree**.

WALTER MARTIN'S GENEALOGY

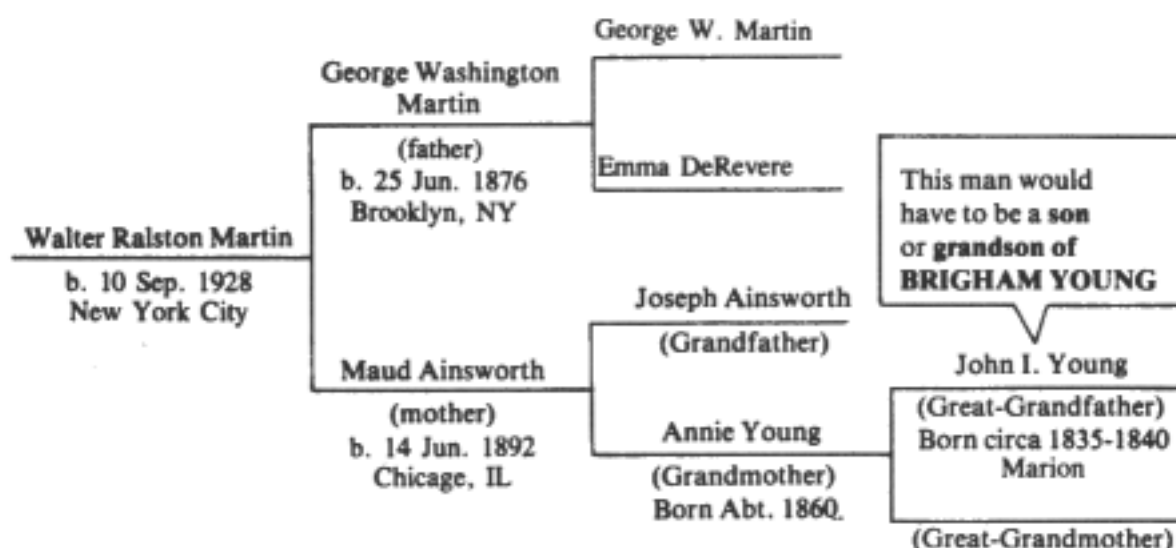
A "descendant" is defined by Webster's dictionary as "the offspring of a certain ancestor." Brigham Young began having children in the 1830's; so, there would be no need to research before that time period to establish if Walter Martin was indeed a descendant of Brigham Young.

Walter Martin's genealogy chart shows his ancestors on his mother's line up to and including John I. Young, who, to be within the correct time frame, would have to be Brigham Young's son or grandson if there is any relationship at all. The easiest route to establish a relationship at the point of John I. Young, would be to search all the sons and grandsons of Brigham Young to find a John I. Young. **If there is no John I. Young, then there is no way that Walter Martin could be a descendant of Brigham Young.** There is no need to search the daughters of Brigham Young because they would not carry on the "Young" name.

You might wonder how one establishes a genealogy line. A genealogist searches birth records (which tell who the mother and father are), death records (which tell who the family members are), marriage certificates, census records, land records, etc. For example, a census record might tell who a person's father is and where he was born. In the records of the state where the father was born, a birth certificate would tell who that father's mother and father were. This is the way a genealogical line is established. It is no easy matter to search out a person's genealogy. The job is easier if you can search known genealogical records. This is what we have done here. We know we are looking for John I. Young. It is easier to simply look for him in the sons and grandsons of Brigham Young, since that genealogy is already established.

From Walter Martin's genealogy chart, you can see that his **mother** was Maud Ainsworth. The mother of Maud Ainsworth was Annie Young, Martin's **grand-mother**. Annie Young's father was John I. Young, Martin's **great-grandfather**. It is John I. Young that has to be Brigham Young's son or grandson in order that Walter Martin be a descendant. And to cross check the information, any John I. Young would have to have a daughter named Annie Young.

WALTER RALSTON MARTIN'S GENEALOGY CHART



BRIGHAM YOUNG'S GENEALOGY

One of the important teachings of the LDS Church is that we all lived in a pre-earth life as spirit children of our Father in Heaven. It was important to our eternal progression that we have some "time away from home" in which to grow and develop, gain experience, and prove ourselves. Hence, our earthly experience. It was a time allotted, also, to choose an eternal mate or companion of our own choice. If the marriage is entered into worthily, the sacrament of marriage may be performed in the one of several LDS temples. If performed in the temple by those who hold the keys to the sealing power of God, those partners and their children, together as a family unit, are sealed together for eternity.

Brigham Young said, "There are multitudes of pure and holy spirits waiting to take tabernacles (earthly bodies). It is the duty of every righteous man and woman to prepare themselves for all the spirits they can." In the early days of the LDS Church, polygamy or plural marriage, was practiced. Brigham Young entered into plural marriage as did the Patriarchs of the Old Testament — Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, etc. When entered into in righteousness, it was not against the Laws of God. Brigham Young had 27 wives; consequently, he has a very numerous posterity.

At the time polygamy was practiced by the early Latter-day Saint Church, it was not against the laws of the land. The first successful anti-Mormon legislation was the Morrill-Anti-Bigamy-Act of 1862. Applying specifically to the territory of Utah, it levied penalties against anyone practicing plural marriage, disin-

corporated the Church, and limited the value of real estate which it could hold to \$50,000. Any amount of property above that figure could be confiscated by the government. The judicial and political crusade against the church seemed to heighten in the mid-1870s. The Edmund-Tucker-Act of 1887 was designed to destroy the church itself. The end result was the discontinuance of the practice of plural marriage in the church in order that the church might survive. Plural marriage is not taught or entered into today in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Brigham Young had 56 children — 25 sons and 31 daughters. All lived to maturity except 8 sons and 2 daughters. Therefore, **17 sons of Brigham Young lived to maturity, married, and had families. Two sons had no male children to carry on the family name. The 15 sons that are left, and their sons, are the ones we must look at to find John I. Young, ancestor of Walter Martin who would be the same age as Brigham Young's sons or grandsons.** Female children and their offspring would not carry the Young name and need not be considered here.

Brigham Young's wives, his 15 sons and grandsons, are listed below. This information was obtained from the BRIGHAM YOUNG FAMILY ORGANIZATION, Salt Lake City, Utah. Remember, you are trying to find a John I. Young:

BRIGHAM YOUNG'S
WIVES

2—Mary Ann Angell
born 8 June, 1803
md. 18 Feb., 1834
died 27 June, 1882

SONS

Joseph Angell Young

Brigham Young Jr.

GRANDSONS

Brigham Truman Young
Joseph Angell Young II
Briant Stringham Young
Richard W. Young
Junius Young
Lester Young
Carlos Young
Walter Young
Eugene Young

Brigham Young
Howard Orson Young
Lawrence Henry Young
Joseph Angell Young
George Spencer Young
Eugene Howe Young
Albert Carrington Young
John Washington Young
Willard H. Young
Emerson Young

Frank Young
 Walter S. Young
 Marion Young
 Brigham Young
 Joseph Angell Moses
 Young

John Willard Young

Almono Loeto Young
 George Washington
 Young
 Joseph Ernest Young
 Rudolph Jones Young
 Brigham Willard Young
 Hooper Young
 Karl Canfield Young
 John Wilford Young

3—Lucy Ann Decker
 b. 17 May, 1822
 md. 15 June, 1842
 d. 24 Jan., 1980

Brigham Heber Young

Clint Young

Ernest Irving Young

Ernest Irving Young II
 Louis Young
 James Tyler Young
 Leo Young
 Ray Young

Arta de Christa Young

Arta D. Christa Young

4—Harriet B.C. Cook
 b. 7 Nov., 1824
 md. 2 Nov., 1843
 d. 5 Nov., 1898

Oscar Brigham Young

Herbert Argyle Young
 Oscar Brigham Young II
 Kimball Young

9—Clarissa Ross
 b. 16 June, 1814
 md. 10 Sept., 1844
 d. 17 Oct., 1858

Willard Young

Sydney Hooper Young

10—Emily Dow
 Partridge
 b. 28 Feb., 1824
 md. Sept., 1844
 d. Dec., 1899

Joseph Don Carlos
 Young

Don Carlos Young
 Kirtland Dowden Young
 George Cannon Young
 Edward P. Young
 Weston Hardy Young
 Marion Lyman Young
 Frances Young

11—Emmeline Free b. 28 April, 1826 md. 14 Jan., 1846 d. 17 July, 1875	Hyrum Smith Young Alonso Young	Hyrum Jesse Young Lyle Young Harold Dow Young Dale Smith Young Alonso Winfield Young Harold Empey Young Henry Free Young Nelson Adam Young Murray Young
12—Margaret Maria Alley b. 19 Dec., 1825 md. 14 Jan., 1846 d. 5 Nov., 1852	Mahonri Moriancumer Young	Mahonri Mackintosh Young Winfield Scott Young Waldemar Young
14—Margaret Pierce b. 19 April, 1823 md. 22 Jan., 1846 d. 16 Jan., 1907	Brigham Morris Young	B. Morris Young II Lester L.B. Young Russell Whitesides Young Gaylen Snow Young Lorenzo Snow Young Joseph Snow Young
23—Eliza Burgess b. 8 Dec., 1827 md. 3 Oct., 1852 d. Aug., 1915	Alfales Young	Alfales Burgess Young Stuart Mill Young Percival Young Marshall Young
24—Harriet Barney b. 13 Oct., 1830 md. 14 Mar., 1856 d. 14 Feb., 1911	Phineas Howe	Leo Howe Young

AS YOU CAN SEE, THERE IS NO JOHN I. YOUNG. THEREFORE, WALTER MARTIN IS NOT A DESCENDANT OF BRIGHAM YOUNG!!! Just because you have the name "Young" in your genealogy, it **doesn't** necessarily mean you can establish a relationship. Rosemary Brown, one of the authors of this book, has the name "Young" in her genealogy, too. Her mother's maiden name is Celia Maude Young. **She is not a descendant of Brigham Young either.** We have not yet been successful in establishing a common ancestor with Brigham Young. The relationship could be many hundreds of years away, if any.

Walter Martin now knows who his ancestors are. He will also be aware that he is **not** a descendant of Brigham Young. If, in the future, Martin claims to be a descendant of Brigham Young, he is intentionally deceiving you. After the MARY JANE POPP SHOW when Martin knew we were investigating his genealogy, we

heard that he made the statement that the Mormons had destroyed the computer tape and records in the genealogical library that showed his relationship to Brigham Young. Anyone that would suggest this has painfully little knowledge of genealogy. **This author will affirm that Walter Martin's genealogy records are still in the genealogy library in Salt Lake.** We did all this research in the year 1983, and anybody else that wants to take the time can do the same research themselves. Genealogy is not something you can forge or dream up. Most old records are on microfilm. The originals of these microfilmed records exist in County Court houses, Historical Societies, State Census records, State Records, etc. They can't be altered or destroyed by anybody. If Walter Ralston Martin still claims to be a descendant of Brigham Young in the future, **ask him to furnish you with names and dates.**

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BROWN (Special Report)

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Brown:

Annie E. YOUNG, the reputed grandmother of Dr. Walter R. Martin, was born on or about 17 November 1860 in Ohio. She died 4 September 1906 in New York City, New York, and was buried in Rosehill Cemetery, Chicago.

The said Annie E. YOUNG is definitely not a descendant of Brigham YOUNG, the Mormon Church leader and prophet. The descendants of Brigham YOUNG are well documented and Annie E. YOUNG and her father are not among them.

Sincerely,

Larry L. Platt

Larry L. Platt
Genealogist

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[Signature]
Notary:

6-17-84

Commission expires:

“DR.” WALTER MARTIN, PH.D.

Walter Martin claims that he received his Ph.D. degree from California Western University (now California Coast University). Martin’s Ph.D. reminds this author somewhat of Dee Jay Nelson’s Ph.D. degree. As was mentioned before, “Dr.” Dee Jay Nelson, **former** leading foe of the Book of Abraham and therefore Joseph Smith, was exposed as a complete phony in Vol. 1, **THEY LIE IN WAIT TO DECEIVE**. One of his deceptive tactics was the advertising of several phony degrees, including two phony Ph.D.’s, to impress people with his authority and knowledge.

It is interesting to see how some anti-Mormons exaggerate to make their stories look better. They use such tactics as false degrees, false genealogy (claiming to be descended from some important person like Oliver Cowdery or Brigham Young), death threats (emphasizing that what they are revealing about the Mormon church is such “hot stuff” that the Mormons are just beside themselves to try to silence them), and etc.

“Dr.” Walter Martin uses his title freely. Here are a few examples referring to “Dr.” Walter Martin. Notice they are on the front covers of books, the back covers, the foreword, etc. Since it is placed in the most obvious places, it is there to lend credibility to the contents of the book. In fact, on the back cover of **WHO REALLY WROTE THE BOOK OF MORMON?** there are two “Dr.’s” mentioned — “Dr.” Howard Davis and “Dr.” Walter Martin, plus a “descendant of Oliver Cowdery.” Now that’s credibility at its best! However, neither “Dr.” Martin or “Dr.” Davis has a Doctor’s Degree from an **accredited** (accepted as valid or credible) college which has had its faculty and academic standards evaluated and accepted by a valid accreditation institution. The worth of a degree depends upon the granting institution. **This is why there are standards for valid accreditation.**

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

We would like to thank all those whose help made our exhaustive research possible. Our deep appreciation is extended to Dr. Walter Martin and his assistant, Mr. Jerry Bodine, for their continued assistance in the project.

The excellent legal work of attorneys Reinjohn, Marchetti, and their associates supported this work a great deal. We would like to thank document experts Henry Silver and Doug [unclear] and [unclear] for their

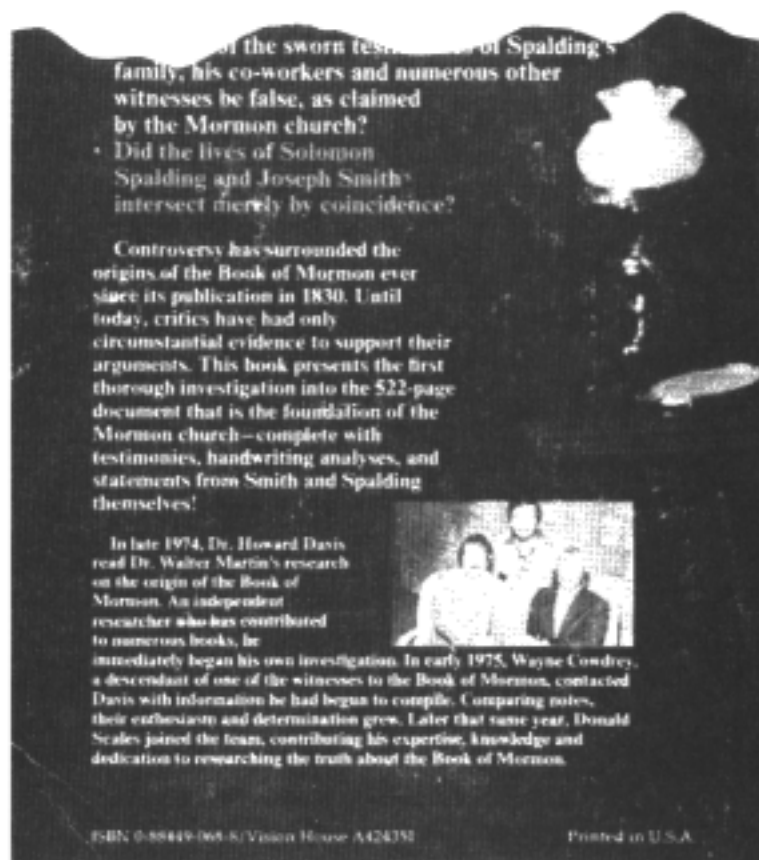
FOREWORD

I feel privileged to write the preface to a book whose impact will be, I am sure, almost incalculable. Since its beginning in 1820 (the year of its founder's first vision), the story of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints has been riddled with controversy. Opinion concerning the church's source ranged from those who said it was God's restoration of His true church, through suspicion of some sort of fraud, all the way to fiery denunciation of the supposed demonic entrapment of this "organization of Satan."

After extensive research into the "foundation stones" of the Mormon Church 25 years ago, I was convinced that I knew the true source of *The Book of Mormon*, one of the Latter Day Saints' sacred books. Although some agreed with me, most thought that my assertion of Spalding's part in the mystery of Mormonism was the assertion of one naive of the facts. For 25 years I have known that the Spalding source could be proved if one only had the time and the dedication to ferret it out. Wayne Cowdrey, Don Scales, and Howard Davis have had that dedication, and this book is the result.

Walter Martin, Ph.D.
Director, Christian Research Institute

BACK COVER OF WHO REALLY WROTE THE BOOK OF MORMON?



On the MARY JANE POPP SHOW, KGNR (Radio), Sacramento, CA, this author asked Martin about his degree. He mentioned that he obtained it from California Western University in Anahiem, California. Here are some of the things that Walter Ralston Martin had to say concerning his Ph.D. degree:

Brown: I'd just like to ask Dr. Martin — I'm not sure just where his degrees are from — on the back page of the Maze of Mormonism, it says he holds four degrees and I'd just like to ask him where and when he received these degrees and in what field?

Martin: I received my Bachelor of Arts degree from Shelton College, in Philosophy; my Bachelor of Religious Education degree, Religious Education, from Shelton College; my Master's Degree from New York University, and my doctorate from California Western University.

Brown: When did you receive this Ph.D., Dr. Martin?

Martin: 1976.

Popp: Right, and your Ph.D. degree is in what?

Martin: In Theology.

Popp: Very good. Ok, Bob.

Brown: And that degree is from California Western. Where is that school located?

Martin: That school is located in Anaheim, California, and is approved by the Superintendent of Instruction of the Department of Education, State of California.

Brown: And the name of it is California Western University and it's in Anaheim?

Martin: That's right. I would like to ask a question.

Popp: Sure, Dr. Martin, go ahead.

Martin: If Mr. Brown would just get to his point. I've been through this before with Mormons and what it is they try to impune your educational background. My first three degrees, two of them from a recognized college in the state of New York, and the third one from New York University, one of the largest universities in the world, is sufficient without ever having to do anything beyond that. The doctoral work, all my doctoral work was completed at New York University, not at California Western University. My degree is from California Western University, in recognition of my graduate studies at NYU, and I had more than enough credits at NYU. The only thing that was missing at NYU was my doctoral dissertation and the reason that was not submitted is because I moved to California and I submitted my credits to California Western.

Popp: OK, I think one of the things Bob is trying to do, and Bob can verify this one way or the other, is to find out whether what you're saying is valid as a result of credentials. Now, I don't know . . . is that what your point is, Bob?

Brown: Well, yes. First of all, I'd like to establish his credentials. I . . .

Martin: Do I have a Master's Degree from New York University?

Brown: Yes, yes you do.

Martin: Is that a good credential?

Brown: Yes, it is.

Martin: Thank you, well what are we saying about it.

Brown: I didn't know California Western was located in Anaheim. I didn't seem to find it.

Martin: It's in Anaheim, or Santa Ana, one of the two.

Popp: I don't think that's a very valid point at this point.

Martin: It isn't.

Popp: Whether it's in Santa Ana, or Anaheim, I don't think makes any difference.

Brown: Well, may I read a letter I have?

Popp: Sure.

LOST PH.D.

Brown: (Bob Brown reads the complete letter (see p. 103) from California Western University, Santa Ana, CA, in which the Vice President says that according to their records, Walter Martin was not a student or a graduate of California Western University.)

Martin: It's not California Western in San Diego. It is the school you just read from. I have a degree from that school. I don't care what your letter says. I can produce the degree and I received it in 1976. Now, if you want the evidence of that, I'll be glad to produce it. Whoever wrote that letter is grossly misinformed and they will apologize to me for what they said and they will send you a letter apologizing for it. But let's not play word games on my academics; and incidentally, I never said I taught at that school on that faculty.

Brown: I just asked them if you did.

Martin: Well, I didn't. I'm a professor of Comparative Religion. I have taught in literally scores of universities and seminaries and colleges all over the U.S. and for that matter around the world. I am recognized as an authority in my field; therefore, this attempt to make it appear as if somehow or other my credentials are in question is pure nonsense.

CALIFORNIA WESTERN UNIVERSITY

Walter Martin stated on the MARY JANE POPP SHOW, above, that

California Western University is "approved by the Superintendent of Instruction of the Department of Education, State of California." Upon contacting this Department of Education, we were told that California Western University was unaccredited and operated under a **loose California law**. An article by Jack McFarren appeared in several California newspapers and explains the problems connected with such schools as California Western University (now California Coast University):

WILSON FILES
Superintendent of Public Instruction
and Director of Education



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
STATE EDUCATION BUILDING, 721 CAPITOL MALL, SACRAMENTO 95814

December 3, 1981

Mr. Robert L. Brown
1413 East First Street
Mesa, AZ 85203

Dear Sir:

This is in response to our phone conversation of Dec. 3, 1981.

California Western is an nonaccredited degree granting school, which has been operating since 1973 or '74. The school is basically a correspondence school with an instructional staff of four persons who are called deans.

It is entirely possible that this school offered a degree in Comparative Religion in '76; however, we have no record of this.

Sincerely,

R. D. Welty, Consultant
Office of Private Postsecondary Education
(916) 445-3427

RDN/jd

Degrees for sale

Jack McFarren



SACRAMENTO — The temptation is to laugh when you go through the files on nonaccredited private college and universities at the state's Office of Private Postsecondary Education.

There are schools which list facilities little bigger than a closet and a faculty you could count on one hand offering doctorates in everything from aeronautical engineering to child psychology and theology.

You can buy — there's no better word for it — a prestigious sounding degree for a few thousand bucks and little or no classroom work at a number of such schools "regulated" under Section 94310 (C) of the California Education Code.

The state requires from such schools only an annual affidavit describing the educational objectives, curriculum instruction and qualifications of faculty. No educational standards are set.

There are some very good schools, offering innovative classes taught by competent instructors, which for various reasons have chosen to operate under Section 94310 (C) rather than seek formal accreditation. Most established colleges are accredited by regional organizations which require them to meet stiff academic standards.

Some "C" schools — so-called because of the code under which they operate — have gone on to become fully-accredited institutions.

But for too many of them, the listing of courses and instructors may be little more than the legal window dressing which separates them from diploma mills.

Credits often are given for "life experience" and a dissertation.

Of course, since there are no state standards, life experience for a Ph.D. in criminology could be a prison sentence, and the dissertation a 10-page paper on life in prison. Charles Manson, Ph.D.

You can understand the temptation to laugh. But it's not funny.

Schools and government agencies have become pretty sophisticated at detecting "doctors" from such "universities."

But what about other countries? What happens when a youngster sent off to America to get an education comes back with a doctorate in education from the International School of Astrological Physics and Brain Manipulation?

Even countries such as West Germany have had scandals involving graduates of diploma mills. What happens in third world countries where the official in charge of hiring a school principal or an even university president can't read English? The big fancy certificates given out by the worst of the "C" schools look very impressive.

Or, on a level closer to home, what happens to the person who invests money in an education at a funny university, then gets laughed out of personnel offices — or maybe worse yet, gets hired? Either he or whoever depends on him to do the job for which he was "educated" gets hurt.

The state's one real handle for making sure that "C" schools are at least more than a mail drop in a lawyer's office is a requirement for an "affidavit by the president or other head stating the institutions own, and shall continue to own, net assets in the amount of \$50,000 which is used solely for the purpose of education."

The code continues. These assets "shall not include other personal property not used directly for education."

That seems pretty clear, doesn't it? It means you can't use a condominium in San Juan as an asset for a law school in Davis. Or the owner of a university can't lease the living room, bathroom and adjoining small room in his home to himself as owner of the university for \$60,000 and use it as an asset.

Right?

Wrong.

The staff of the California Postsecondary Education Commission thought that's the way the law read when they protested a decision by the Office of Private Postsecondary Education (OPPE) to authorize two schools, which had declared just such assets, to operate.

But OPPE officials say they had no other choice but to see things differently.

"Our lawyer made us do it," they said, or words to that effect, explaining the agency acted on the advice of its attorney in approving the assets and authorizing the schools.

"Where do you go if that [what legal counsel says?]" said Bob Lawrence, an assistant to state Department of Education chief Bill Honig. Lawrence added that the law should be clarified "so that both [the Commission staff and the OPPE attorney] can reach the same conclusion."

Meanwhile back at the Legislature, lawmakers killed four different bills which would have imposed standards on "C" schools.

On the advice of legal counsel?

Gannett News Service

In further checking of Walter Martin's university, we could not locate a university by the name of California Western University in Anaheim. There is one, however, by that name in downtown Santa Ana, California. In 1982, while corresponding with California Western University concerning Walter Martin's Ph.D. degree, it changed its name to California Coast University. We thought it highly irregular that it up and changed its name. **Further research indicates that it has no visible faculty or students, and no library.** They operate out of one small building and even the parking lot will hold only a few cars. (At the time of the printing of this book, 1984, it was still located at 700 North Main, Santa Ana, CA, 92701. If you live in that area, you might like to drive by and take a look.) This author and a friend visited the "campus" of California Western University. When we were leaving, and were in the parking lot, we noticed stairs going up to the second floor in the back. Upon climbing the stairs, and looking into the windows, we found that the two small rooms upstairs were being used for storage — not for classrooms!

You may recall that Martin said California Western University was in Anaheim, California, and this author pointed out that it was in Santa Ana, California. It would seem that Martin should know what town his "University" was located in. How could he drive to school every day and drive home again and not know what town he was in? Even if it was a correspondence school, he surely would contact it enough to know **at least** what town it is in! This author asked Martin about that during a break on the MARY JANE POPP SHOW, and he replied, "You can't tell where one town starts and the other ends." However, that reply didn't really answer the question because California Western University (California Coast University) is located in **downtown** Santa Ana. There shouldn't be any question as to which town the University is located in.

A copy of Walter Martin's thesis could be requested through the Inter-library loan of a college or university or a city library. A copy of Walter Martin's thesis, or doctoral dissertation, was requested through the Inter-library Loan from Mesa Community College, Mesa, Arizona. We offered to pay for the copying. The reply from California Western University (California Coast University) was simply, "non-circulating," another term for denied.

<p>State of origin Call No.</p> <p>INTERLIBRARY LOANS Mesa Community College Library 1823 W. Southern Ave. Mesa, Arizona 85202</p> <p>To use of ELIOWORTH, Barbara (Faculty) Prof. (Type) Martin, Walter Ralston</p> <p>This title refers to paper for publication (check, otherwise it does not) Book, Ph.D. Thesis, 1976(?) <input type="checkbox"/> No other use</p> <p>Number to be received of following 3 copies</p> <p>Transmitting, please specify <input type="checkbox"/> Aerial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mail <input type="checkbox"/> If not checked, use standard rate of \$5.00</p> <p>INTERLIBRARY LOANS California Coast University 700 N. Main Santa Ana, California 92701</p> <p>Name, title, address, telephone, and affiliation of requester Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____</p>	<p>INTERLIBRARY LOAN REQUEST According to the U.S.A. Interlibrary Loan Code</p> <p>RECORD (Check one) Priority <input type="checkbox"/> Normal <input type="checkbox"/> Expedited <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>REMARKS (Check one) Priority <input type="checkbox"/> Normal <input type="checkbox"/> Expedited <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>NOT RECORDED (Check one) In use <input type="checkbox"/> Not checked <input type="checkbox"/> Not changed <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Estimated Cost of Delivery _____</p> <p>FORWARDING METHOD By mail <input type="checkbox"/> By air <input type="checkbox"/> By other <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>REMARKS (Please print or type) Requested by _____ Approved by _____ Specialist/Agent _____</p>
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This author finds it interesting that U.C.L.A., Los Angeles, California, or Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona, or any other accredited university that we contacted, will not accept credits from California Western University (California Coast University) or honor its diploma. Having a diploma from this "university" may be used, however, to hang on the wall to impress friends and to use on the front covers, back covers, and forewords, etc., of books that need credibility.

The pictures below are of the "campus" of California Western University (California Coast University):



**CALIFORNIA COAST
UNIVERSITY**



HOWARD DAVIS'S TH.D. CALIFORNIA BIBLE MISSIONARY COLLEGE

On the back cover of WHO REALLY WROTE THE BOOK OF MORMON?, you see:

“In late 1974, Dr. Howard Davis read Dr. Walter Martin’s research . . .”

In a newspaper article, *L.A. Times*, June 30, 1977 (see p. 67), it states:

“The third researcher, Howard A. Davis, 33, who holds a Doctor of Theology degree from a California Bible college is an unemployed lab technician.”

Howard Davis appears to have received a Th.D. Degree from California Bible Missionary College, Bellflower, CA. This is also an unaccredited school, and therefore its standards have not been measured by an acceptable accrediting agency.

The requirements for Davis’ doctoral thesis was to do a chapter by chapter analysis of the Book of Revelations in the Bible.

There is an old saying, “Birds of a feather, flock together.” With Davis’s background in religious education, this author thinks it is sad he has chosen to become involved with the deceit of Walter Martin, Wayne Cowdrey, and Donald Scales (who appears to be a silent partner).

SUMMARY

It has been brought out in this chapter that Walter Martin holds a questionable “Ph.D.” degree — from a “university” that recently changed its name, has no visible faculty or student body, and no library.

“Dr.” Howard Davis played follow the leader and also has a doctor’s degree from an unaccredited college. **Since the school is unaccredited, it has not been established whether the degree is worth anything or not.** Very briefly, accreditation is an expression of confidence in an institution’s purposes, performance, and resources. It attests the judgment of the Commission on Higher Education, based on the results of an **internal institutional self-study** and an **evaluation by a team of outside observers assigned by the Commission**, that an institution is guided by well-defined and appropriate objectives, that it is accomplishing them substantially, and that it is so organized, staffed, and supported that it can be expected to continue to do so. Accreditation normally applies to an entire institution and must be reaffirmed periodically.

Walter Martin has claimed for years to be a descendant of Brigham Young — which he is **not**. We have presented his genealogy in this chapter. He surely will

appreciate all the time, effort, and money that has been spent to bring him his family tree. When Walter Martin reads this book, he will be relieved to find he is not a descendant of Brigham Young. And, likewise, Wayne Cowdrey will be relieved to find that he is not a descendant of Oliver Cowdrey. This author is happy to be able to relieve their minds.

If an author does careful research and reports only the truth, the advertising of false genealogies and questionable Doctor's Degrees aren't necessary to establish credibility. **Planned, deliberate deception is used only by those who realize they need it!**

The following letter from Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona, a leading university, explains that credits, and therefore any diploma, from California Western University are not accepted at that institution.

ARIZONA STATE
UNIVERSITY _____ TEMPE, ARIZONA 85281

March 22, 1982

Robert L. Brown

██████████
Mesa, AZ, 85203

Dear Sir:

Concerning your question during our telephone conversation of March 19, Arizona State University does not, at this time, accept credits from California Western University in Santa Ana, California.

If we can be of any further assistance, please notify us.

Sincerely,

Carole Andres

Carole Andres
Evaluator-Recorder
Arizona State University

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This letter from California Western University cannot find Walter Martin as a student or a graduate; that is, to the best of the knowledge of the Executive Vice President of the school.



The MARY JANE POPP SHOW was on December 2, 1981. When this author read the letter to him from the Executive Vice President that there wasn't any record of a Walter Martin, Martin said he would demand an apology and he would have a letter sent apologizing for it. In a very few days the Editor of this book received the following letter from the same Executive Vice President. What kind of school doesn't keep records of those who receive their degrees? Also,

Walter Martin said his degree was in Theology (Th.D.); this letter said it was a Ph.D. Walter Martin said "I can produce the degree and I received it in 1976. Now, if you want the evidence of that, I'll be glad to produce it." (see p. 115) This author would like to see his degree. He sent a copy of it to Mary Jane Popp with instructions **not** to let us see it — why?

California Western University

700 North Main Street • Santa Ana, California 92701 • Telephone (714) 547-9425



December 3, 1981

Dr. Walter R. Martin
Box 27
San Juan Capistrano, California 92691

Dear Dr. Martin:

Sorry for the confusion that may have been caused regarding your status with California Western University. This letter is to certify that upon detailed review of your file, California Western University awarded a Doctor of Philosophy Degree in 1976 to Walter Raiston Martin.

Sincerely,

Thomas M. Neal
Executive Vice President

TWN:lp

This letter, also from Mr. Neal, Executive Vice President of California Western University, informs our editor that Walter Martin doesn't want his credentials checked. If we have any questions concerning his education or background, we must forward it to Martin's personal address! Something tells this author Walter Martin is hedging — what do you think? Is something wrong?

California Western University

700 North Main Street • Santa Ana, California 92701 • Telephone (714) 547-9625



December 18,

Ms. Barbara Ellsworth

Chandler, Arizona 85224

Dear Ms. Ellsworth:

Thank you for your letter of December 10, 1981, pertaining to Mr. Walter Ralston Martin. Our offices have been in contact with Mr. Martin recently and he has asked that we not release any information pertaining to his background.

Under the Freedom of Information/Rights of Privacy, we must comply with this request from Mr. Martin and he has asked that any inquiry pertaining to his background or educational programs with California Western University be forwarded to his personal address.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas M. Neal".

Thomas M. Neal
Executive Vice President

TGN:mc

Diplomas anyone??? Here is another interesting article on the ease with which diplomas from some unaccredited institutions can be acquired. This is the very reason the government established a Commission on Higher Education to police accreditation.



Reporter Satchell with diploma he "earned" the easy way.

How I Bought My Degree

FROM NOW ON, CALL me Doctor Satchell. I've just received my Ph.D. in psychology and counseling, with honors, from Sands University in Yuma, Ariz.

My new credentials are impressive. A doctorate from a university approved by two educational accrediting associations. A transcript reflecting a brilliant three-year academic career. That covered Ph.D. diplomas to hang on the wall. And my Sands University class ring.

All testimony to brains, talent, energy and skill. All blue-chip professional qualifications to launch an exciting new career. And all—also—completely phony and academically worthless.

Dr. Satchell attended no lectures, read no books, did no research, took no exams, wrote no dissertation and studied not one iota. I bought my doctorate from a diploma mill. It cost \$795 and took two hours of work concocting a

resume to hide my journalistic background and create a fictional work history.

Sands University's "campus," listed in its brochure as 350 W. 34th St., is actually a mail-forwarding service and isn't even listed in the Yuma telephone directory.

My new alma mater is one of dozens of self-styled "alternative" colleges and universities that award everything from high school equivalency diplomas to Ph.D., M.D. and law degrees with little or no academic work and no proof of competency. They operate behind a slick facade of non-existent campuses, imaginary faculties and boards of trustees, bloated claims of academic legitimacy and fake accrediting agencies. They use box numbers and mail drops and publish bulletins and catalogs peddled clandestinely after legitimate college brochures.

Thousands and thousands of people are buying these degrees, and millions

Diploma mills are big business

of dollars are being made by these con men operators," says Robert Perce, the agent-in-charge at the FBI office in Charlotte, N.C., which has been investigating the racket for three years.

Most people buying these degrees aren't high school dropouts or blue-collar workers who never had the chance to go to college. The bulk are middle-class, white-collar professionals looking for quick promotion, higher pay or a better job in the increasingly tight and competitive employment market. Outside of the licensed professions and highly technical fields, the evidence suggests that few employers bother to verify educational backgrounds.

Files seized by the FBI reveal that "graduates" include two top-level federal bureaucrats, a well-known National Football League running back, a U.S. Army chaplain, a Philadelphia police officer, a military colonel passed over for promotion who needed a degree to save his career, a diplomat, a Pittsburgh advertising executive, a Brooklyn college administrator, a private school principal in Tampa, Fla., hospital and bank supervisors in New York, a South Florida college professor and a Beverly Hills Savings & Loan company escrow officer.

Some schools sell fake medical degrees, and one such "physician" was discovered seeing patients in Orange County, Calif.

"He was giving very thorough breast and cervical examinations to unsuspecting women patients," relates Allen Ezell, an FBI agent who leads the diploma mill investigation. "He told one woman she had a pre-cancerous condition, took her to Mexico and got her to part with \$30,000 for lactric."

In the cause of law and order, Ezell has acquired 20 phony graduate degrees over three years—for a total academic workload of a single five-page paper and a two-paragraph book report. He observes that the hunger for academic status facing this national paper chase has reached even to legitimate medical doctors.

"We've gone into their offices and clinics and ripped phony degrees off the walls," he reports. "One guy had a legitimate M.D. degree but 27 fake diplomas with them. These doctors buy the fakes to embellish their credentials, impress their patients and charge higher fees. And whoever checks?"

Diploma mills advertise in supermarket tabloids, newspapers and magazines. Their pitch to readers is that a revolution has occurred in higher education, and it is now possible to earn a graduate degree from an "alternative" college without setting foot inside a classroom. Academic credits are awarded on the basis of accumulated life experiences—your job background, hobbies, travel

and incidental skills. Some schools may require a student to read a few books or write a paper, but the amount of work is no way resembles a traditional and legitimate course of study.

Sands University makes no pretense of providing any education. The school motto is: "Knowledge today is success tomorrow." It offers no fewer than 81 options for a Ph.D. degree, including aviation engineering, industrial management, chemistry, computer science, business administration and architecture. If none of the 81 fields of study suits you, the university's "Committee for External Degrees" will be happy to grant your Ph.D. in any subject you wish. It will also backdate the diploma if you want—meaning you can "graduate" before you even apply.

To get my doctorate, I simply created a fictitious married-as-a-cowboy and aide in a series of public institutions—a jail, a hospital, a training center for the mentally handicapped—and mailed it to Yuma with my check. The parade includes selling a line of class rings, T-shirts and college mugs. I didn't bother to join the Sands alumni association. Nor did I bother to become a Fellow of Sands by sending in \$25 to support the

"Sands Research Program."

How do people interested in enrolling in a legitimate external degree program at an accredited college, or employers verifying credentials, distinguish between valid degrees and those that are worthless?

To be safe, a potential student or employer can check two main sources: the U.S. Department of Education and the American Council on Education, an umbrella organization that oversees academic standards at the nation's mainstream institutions. Both publish lists of colleges meeting their standards, as well as the accrediting agencies they consider legitimate.

Among their combined listings are some 100 approved schools that offer legitimate B.A. degrees by correspondence, open-book examinations, television and computer tutoring, and recorded lectures. Some of these 100 schools may grant partial credit for certain "life experiences"—credit to a longtime skilled chemical worker wanting a degree in chemistry, for example. There are six accredited schools offering the M.A. degree by external study and one that offers the Ph.D.

Another measure of reliability is whether the school is approved by the Veterans Administration. Each state government also has a board of regents or education commission that reviews the schools within its borders and accredits them. Check before you apply—or before you send money.

"To get my doctorate, I created a fictitious resume and mailed it with a check"

BY MICHAEL SATCHELL

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AFFIDAVIT

IN RE:

Tape Recording
 Mary Jane Popp Show
 KGNR Radio
 December 2, 1981
 Sacramento, California

I have listened to the tape recording of the MARY JANE POPP SHOW, KGNR Radio, December 2, 1981, Sacramento, California, featuring Robert L. Brown and Walter R. Martin. I affirm that the following transcription of that tape is accurate; each segment is presented word for word.



Scott Norman Woodfield, Ph.D.
 Assistant Professor
 Computer Science
 Arizona State University
 Tempe, Arizona

STATE OF ARIZONA
 COUNTY OF MARICOPA SS:

on this 15th day of July, 1984, before me
 appeared Scott N. Woodfield to me personally etown,
 and who signed the foregoing letter in my presence.

My Commission Expires



 Notary Public

INTRODUCTION TO MARY JANE POPP SHOW

In the MARY JANE POPP SHOW transcript that follows, you may notice that Walter Martin refers to himself as **an authority** several times:

“I’m an expert . . .”

“I am a recognized authority . . .”

“My credibility is already established . . .”

“I have taught in literally scores of Universities and Seminaries and Colleges all over the United States and for that matter around the world.”

Anyone who claims that he is **an authority** must then be willing to present his credentials for anyone to see. Unfortunately, there are people running around that claim credentials and authority that they don’t really have. It would be a beautiful set up for them if they could convince you to accept their authority on their say so only — wouldn’t it? Don’t you think it would be a smarter move to know for sure those whom you choose to give your allegiance — lest you be deceived.

Most authorities are proud of their accomplishments and credentials. Doctors and lawyers have their degrees and awards hanging all over their walls, as do architects and other professional people. It would seem that anyone who would decline to discuss their credentials might be ashamed of them. Walter Martin was very impatient and disturbed when this author tried to discuss his credentials. He took offense and became quite defensive, as you can see by reading the transcript. He accused “the Mormons of trying to impune your educational background.” Where would he get that idea? Is there something to impune? Any real authority is more than willing to have his credentials checked.

MARY JANE POPP SHOW December 2, 1981 KGNR Radio, Sacramento, CA

The following statements were obtained from a tape recording of the MARY JANE POPP SHOW, December 2, 1981. The entire show was about two hours long; consequently, to save space, just those statements are shown from the tape that will actually be used in this book, Vol. 2, THEY LIE IN WAIT TO DECEIVE. These statements are grouped together by subject.

INTRODUCTION OF WALTER MARTIN

“Ok, let’s introduce our gentlemen here — The Reverend Walter

Martin holds 4 earned degrees and received his education at Stoney-Brook School, Adelphi University, and his Master's Degree from New York University. He has authored a dozen full-length books, six booklets and some sixty articles. Now, some of his best known works are Kingdom of the Cults, The Maze of Mormonism, Herbert Armstrong, and Jehovah's Witness — none of which, I might add, is very flattering to any of the above religions. Currently he is professor of Comparative Religion at Melodyland School of Theology in Anaheim. He is an ordained minister and a member of the Southern Baptist Convention, and Director of the Christian Research Institute in, is that also in Anaheim, Dr. Martin? (answer) in El Toro, California."

WALTER MARTIN CLAIMS TO BE A DESCENDANT OF BRIGHAM YOUNG

Popp: Dr. Martin, one of the points that was brought up when you were on the show the last time we were on, you made mention that you are a direct descendant of — is it Joseph Smith?

Martin: No, on my mother's side of the family we are related to Brigham Young.

Popp: Brigham Young — How did that come down? Can you explain that? You didn't get into it the last time and I was kind of curious about that.

Martin: Well, my mother informed me when I was writing the book, or after I had written the book, the MAZE OF MORMONISM, that I was related to Brigham Young. It came as a shock to me as I knew nothing about it, through her side of the family. Subsequently, I did some research on it and then it was confirmed by a Mormon student of genealogy in Southern California who made the statement publicly, on tape, at one of my meetings that he had checked it himself and that I was indeed a descendant of Brigham Young.

Popp: Before we go to callers, and I want to give them a chance to ask a lot of questions this afternoon, let's bring up some of the discrepancies, Bob, that you feel is in the book that Dr. Martin wrote that is called THE MAZE OF MORMONISM, and have him respond to those.

Brown: Well, I'll be happy to. We've talked very briefly about his relationship to Brigham Young and on the fly page of his book it says: "The book was dedicated in memory of my Mother, Maud Ainsworth Martin, a descendant of Brigham Young, but a disciple of Jesus Christ." Elsewhere in your lectures — I have some of your tapes — you men-

tioned that you are the great-grandson of Brigham Young.

Martin: That was in error and it was corrected. I believed that I was at the time when I said it and since that time, after a careful review of the material, I can say I am a descendant of, a relation of, Brigham Young, but not his great-grandson.

Brown: Now to be a descendant, that means you are directly descended from him; that he would have to be then your grandfather, or your great-grandfather, or whatever, and the . . .

Martin: Well, the point that I'm making is that according to my mother and the information we have, I am related to Brigham Young. That's all I'm saying; that's what I'm claiming.

Popp: He's not saying he's great, great-great, or whatever . . .


Martin: I don't know what this has to do with theology and my book.

Brown: I'm not here to debate theology with you . . .

Martin: You are here to criticize me.

Brown: Not you particularly, but things you have said in your book.

Martin: May I say something here, Mary Jane? From the very beginning of our dialogue this has been personal. You began by questioning my credentials. You began next by reading a letter from California Western — never asking me about it or anything at all, just reading it as if it were fact, which it isn't; and now we are going into my genealogy. Now I am interested in factual data relative to the theology of Mormonism; I'm not an expert on genealogy. I am on Mormon theology. You are here as a Mormon. I want to talk about what I said on the air; what I've said in my books, and what you say about it. That's it!

Popp:  **Dr. Martin, do you think you can actually separate the person from the ideology? Do you think you can separate that comment of your background, your credibility, your education or whatever from what you write?**

Martin: My credibility is already established, my educational background is established. I am a recognized authority on the subject of cults. I don't have to demonstrate that to him. That's recognized by educators and people all over. He owns clothing stores; he's not a scholar. He knows nothing about my field at all. He's a Mormon who's an expert on his own. Why should I have to defend what is already established after 30 years to him or anybody else.

Popp: Bob, do you have other discrepancies that are in the book itself and not pointing to Dr. Martin himself?

Brown: I do in his book and I do in his personal resume.

Popp: Now, getting back to the personal resume — like what? Now, is this about him proper or what he is saying in the book as being incorrect?

Brown: For example, now, I have Brigham Young's genealogy here and it's an impossibility for him to be a descendant of Brigham Young.

Martin: I just want to say again. I said I'm related to Brigham Young. I am. I don't have to prove it to him or anybody else. If you would like to make a statement publicly that I definitely am not, that is a falsification, anything of an accusatory nature, that he is willing to test legally, fine.

Popp: Ok, Bob, do you want to make a statement that you feel that Dr. Martin is not, at all, a descendant of Brigham Young?

(Everybody is talking at once.)

Popp: Listen, now wait a minute, what's the difference between "a related" and "a direct"?

Brown: "Related" can be a cousin, or a niece, nephew, or 2nd cousin, 3rd cousin, or whatever. A descendant is a "direct" descendant.

Martin: Did I not already, 5 minutes ago, tell you that on mistaken information originally I had said great-grandson. I altered that when I found out the information was inaccurate, but I said I am a relation, or related, to Brigham Young. I don't feel that I have to go any further.

Popp: Ok, have we resolved that one. He is not a direct descendant, but he is related. Dynamite! Ok, you want to go onto another point?

Dick (caller): Hi, Mary Jane. How are you. Mary Jane, I'd like to make a couple of comments. I've heard Dr. Martin before. If anyone in the listening audience would care to know the Mormon position as far as Christianity is concerned, Saturday night Jimmy Stewart, the movie actor, on Channel 10, is going to be doing "Mr. Kreugar's Christmas," which is sponsored by the Mormon Church and that should answer a few questions. Number 2, I appreciate your allowing Dr. Martin to be faced with someone who has done a little research on his background. I think it enlightens it for all of us. In Dr. Martin's last interview on your show, I have never heard so much hate and vehemence come out of the airways in a long time, and just truly feel sorry for Dr. Martin and I would hope this experience maybe humbles him a little to sit back and maybe study the church once again.

Popp: Ok, Dick, let's see if we can get a comment for you from Dr. Martin. Did you want to make a comment?

- Martin:** Yeah, my comment is what about my background is so enlightening? What is supposed to be so enlightening? Everything that I said is true.
- Dick:** They say a man is known by his fruits, Dr. Martin, and if he has rotten fruits . . .
- Martin:** Now just answer about my background . . . what about the background? Where are you specifying there is something wrong in the background?
- Dick:** Well, you come on as a public figure to try and say things about a different faith and in your own background you falsify things that you have said . . .
- Martin:** Falsify what? Specify!
- Dick:** Well, I hope you've been listening to the show.
- Martin:** Well, that is what I wanted you to say because your impression from the show is what he read before from California Western University is the truth, and it's a lie!
- Dick:** I gather from your innuendos as to how you're related to . . .
- Martin:** There are no innuendos. I am related to Brigham Young. That's on the record. I said that and I can prove it.
- Dick:** You called it "descendant" until someone caught you. Your doctorate degree is somewhat in question . . .
- Martin:** Nobody caught me!
- Dick:** Your doctorate degree is a little bit in question.
- Martin:** I beg your pardon.
- Dick:** (repeats) Your doctorate degree is a little in question.
- Martin:** Really! Really! By who is it in question? By Mr. Brown?????
- Dick:** Apparently the administrator of the college who supposedly issued it.
- Martin:** Now this is what I want to go on record. Ok, I just want you to get the message loud and clear. The administrator of the college who sent that letter is absolutely in error. He will retract it. It is not the truth.
- Dick:** It's a little different being on the defensive, isn't it?
- Martin:** It's very sensitive because I worked hard for that!
- Popp:** Ok, Dick, I promise you, if he gets that letter to me which will be a letter of apology or a retraction or whatever it is, I will put it on the air for you one way or another. Ok, thank you, Dick, appreciate your call.

WALTER MARTIN'S EDUCATIONAL CREDENTIALS

- Brown:** I'd just like to ask Dr. Martin, I'm not sure just where his degrees are from. On the back page of the MAZE OF MORMONISM, it says he holds four degrees and I'd just like to ask him where and when he received these degrees and in what field?
- Martin:** I received my Bachelor of Arts degree from Shelton College, in Philosophy; my Bachelor of Religious Education degree, Religious Education, from Shelton College; my Master's Degree from New York University, and my doctorate from California Western University.
- Popp:** Ok, Bob, let me ask you a question. Why do you feel it is important for you to know where the degrees are from and what they are in?
- Brown:** Well, I just felt that it would be good to check his credentials. These are the claims that he makes, and I notice also that he mentions Adelphi University, and so on.
- Martin:** I said I studied there.
- Brown:** I see, I thought maybe his degrees came from there.
- Popp:** Anything else as far as the educational aspect?
- Brown:** When did you receive this Ph.D., Dr. Martin?
- Martin:** 1976.
- Brown:** And in your latest edition of the MAZE OF MORMONISM, it says on the front cover "Dr. Walter Martin," but I notice it does not say or specify what kind of degree you have. Isn't that a little unusual?
- Martin:** No, why should it be? If they put "Dr. Walter Martin" on the cover, they would hardly put "Dr. Walter Martin, Ph.D." on the cover. That would be redundant.
- Popp:** Right, and your Ph.D. degree is in what?
- Martin:** In Theology.
- Popp:** Very good. Ok, Bob.
- Brown:** And that degree was from California Western. Where is that school located?
- Martin:** That school is located in Anaheim, California, and is approved by the Superintendent of Instruction of the Department of Education, the State of California.
- Brown:** And the name of it is California Western University and it's in Anaheim?

Martin: That's right. I would like to ask a question.

Popp: Sure, Dr. Martin, go ahead.

Martin: If Mr. Brown would just get to his point. I've been through this before with Mormons and what it is they try to impune your educational background. My first three degrees, two of them from a recognized college in the state of New York, and the third one from New York University, one of the largest universities in the world, is sufficient without ever having to do anything beyond that. The doctoral work, all my doctoral work was completed at New York University, not at California Western University. My degree is from California Western University, in recognition of my graduate studies at NYU, and I had more than enough credits at NYU. The only thing that was missing at NYU was my doctoral dissertation and the reason that was not submitted is because I moved to California and I submitted my credits to California Western.

Popp: Ok, I think probably what Bob is trying to do, I don't know, maybe Bob can verify this one way or the other, is to find out whether what you're saying is valid as a result of credentials. Now, I don't know . . . is that what your point is, Bob?

Brown: Well, yes. First of all, I'd like to establish his credentials. I . . .

Martin: Do I have a Master's Degree from New York University?

Brown: Yes, yes, you do.

Martin: Is that a good credential?

Brown: Yes, it is.

Martin: Thank you, well what are we saying about it.

Brown: I didn't know California Western was located in Anaheim. I didn't seem to find it.

Martin: It's in Anaheim, or Santa Ana, one of the two.

Popp: I don't think that's a very valid point at this point.

Martin: It isn't.

Popp: Whether it's in Anaheim, or Santa Ana, I don't think makes any difference.

Brown: Well, may I read a letter I have.

Popp: Sure.

Brown: (Bob Brown reads the complete letter from California Western University, Santa Ana, California. (see p. 103) The Vice President, Mr. Neal, said that "to the best of my knowledge, he (Martin) is neither a student or graduate of California Western University." At this time, Mr. Neal could find no record of Walter Martin.)

Martin: It's not California Western in San Diego. It is the school you just read from. I have a degree from that school. I don't care what your letter says. I can produce the degree and I received it in 1976. Now, if you want the evidence of that, I'll be glad to produce it. Whoever wrote that letter is grossly misinformed and they will apologize to me for what they said and they will send you a letter apologizing for it. But let's not play word games on my academics; and incidentally, I never said I taught at that school on that faculty.

Brown: I just asked them if you did.

Martin: Well, I didn't. I'm a professor of Comparative Religion. I have taught in literally scores of universities and seminaries and colleges all over the United States and for that matter, around the world. I am recognized as an authority in my field; therefore, this attempt to make it appear as if somehow or other my credentials are in question is pure nonsense.

Martin: The point is that I am a graduate of California Western University. I have the degree on my wall, and I don't know where Mr. Neal is coming from, but we will find out very rapidly and the letter which was read from Mr. Neal is totally erroneous and conveys a totally erroneous concept.

Popp: When you find out what the true facts are, would you let me know cause I'd be more than happy to air it once we find out.

Martin: I will be delighted to have Mr. Neal send you a letter of apology.

