

TABLE 1: COMPARING THE WORLD MEMBERSHIP GROWTH OF MORMONS, ADVENTISTS, AND WITNESSES OVER TIME, 1830-2008

| Year | MORMONS | | ADVENTISTS | | WITNESSES | |
|-------------------|------------|---------|--------------------|---------|-------------------------|---------|
| | Membership | % Incr. | Membership | % Incr. | Publishers ¹ | % Incr. |
| 1830 | 280 | | | | | |
| 1840 | 16,865 | 5923.2% | | | | |
| 1850 | 51,839 | 207.4 | | | | |
| 1860 | 61,082 | 17.8 | | | | |
| 1870 | 90,130 | 47.6 | 5,440 ² | | | |
| 1880 | 133,628 | 48.3 | 15,570 | 186.2% | | |
| 1890 | 188,263 | 40.9 | 29,711 | 90.8 | | |
| 1900 | 283,765 | 50.7 | 75,767 | 155.0 | | |
| 1910 | 398,478 | 40.4 | 104,526 | 38.0 | | |
| 1920 | 525,987 | 32.0 | 185,450 | 77.4 | 3,868 ³ | |
| 1930 | 670,017 | 27.4 | 314,253 | 69.5 | 23,988 | 520.2 |
| 1940 | 862,664 | 28.8 | 504,752 | 60.6 | 47,143 | 96.5 |
| 1950 | 1,111,314 | 28.8 | 756,812 | 49.9 | 373,430 | 692.1 |
| 1960 | 1,693,180 | 52.4 | 1,245,125 | 64.5 | 911,332 | .144.0 |
| 1970 | 2,930,810 | 73.1 | 2,051,864 | 64.8 | 1,483,430 | 61.8 |
| 1980 | 4,639,822 | 58.3 | 3,480,518 | 69.6 | 2,272,278 | 53.2 |
| 1990 | 7,761,207 | 67.3 | 6,694,880 | 92.4 | 4,017,213 | 76.8 |
| 2000 | 11,068,861 | 42.6 | 11,687,229 | 74.6 | 6,035,564 | 50.2 |
| 2008 ⁴ | 13,508,509 | 29.7 | 15,921,408 | 56.7 | 7,124,443 | 21.0 |

¹ Sources: Extracted from LDS *Church Almanacs*, SDA *General Conference Annual Statistical Reports*, and JW *Yearbooks*. Witnesses list the peak number of active publishers, not total membership.

² Although Adventists trace their origins back to 1844, they did not organize formally until 1863.

³ The Bible Students/Witnesses did not list detailed data until 1950. I found a listing of the average publishers for 1918, 1928, and 1938, which had been compiled from earlier publications [*Yearbook* 1979:32]. These are listed as rough indicators of the number of publishers active in 1920, 1930, and 1940.

⁴ The increases given on this line are for the period 1998-2008.

TABLE 2: COMPARING THE GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF MORMONS, ADVENTISTS, AND WITNESSES, 1989-2008

| REGION | 1960 | | | 2006 | | |
|----------------------------|---------|-----------|------------|---------|-----------|------------|
| | MORMONS | WITNESSES | ADVENTISTS | MORMONS | WITNESSES | ADVENTISTS |
| North America | 89.80% | 32.00% | 26.60% | 46.30% | 17.50% | 6.70% |
| Western Europe | 2.8 | 22 | 7.2 | 33.2 | 14.9 | 0.9 |
| Eastern Europe | 0 | 0.1* | 5.2 | 0.1 | 3.6 | 0.8 |
| Former USSR | 0 | 0* | 3.2 | 0.2 | 5.2 | 0.9 |
| Mexico, Central America | 0.9 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 12.7 | 10.9 | 8.8 |
| South America less Guyanas | 0.6 | 4.1 | 10.3 | 23.9 | 18.9 | 20.2 |
| Caribbean plus Guyanas | 0 | 2.8 | 7.1 | 1.2 | 3.1 | 7.2 |
| Sub-Saharan Africa | 0.2 | 14.3 | 18.4 | 2 | 15.6 | 33.9 |
| Middle East | 0 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Southern Asia ³ | 0 | 0.2 | 1.8 | 0.1 | 0.5 | 8.5 |
| East and Southeast Asia | 0.3 | 4.4 | 11.6 | 6.9 | 7.4* | 9.4 |
| Australia, New Zealand | 1.4 | 2 | 2.4 | 1.7 | 1.1 | 0.4 |
| Pacific Islands | 1.1 | 0.1 | 2.1 | 1.7 | 0.2 | 2.2 |
| “Other” ⁵ | 0.6 | 15.1* | 0 | 0 | 0.2* | 0 |

Source: Calculations based on data extracted from LDS Church Almanacs, SDA General Conference Annual Statistical Reports, and JW Yearbooks.

*Numbers hidden because of persecution

TABLE 3: MORMON, ADVENTIST, AND WITNESS MEMBERSHIP IN THE DEVELOPED WORLD¹, 2006

| | Mormons | % ² | Witnesses | % | Adventists | % |
|----------------|-----------|----------------|-----------|------|------------|-----|
| North America | | | | | | |
| USA | 5,779,316 | 44.9 | 1,069,530 | 15.9 | 980,551 | 6.5 |
| Canada | 175,383 | | 110,298 | | 57,324 | |
| Total | 5,954,699 | 46.3 | 1,179,828 | 17.5 | 1,037,875 | 6.9 |
| Western Europe | | | | | | |
| Austria | 4,157 | | 20,503 | | 3,757 | |
| Belgium | 6,363 | | 25,287 | | 1,880 | |
| Denmark | 4,338 | | 14,568 | | 2,607 | |
| Finland | 4,518 | | 19,094 | | 5,172 | |
| France | 33,428 | | 119,656 | | 11,436 | |
| Germany | 37,478 | | 163,904 | | 36,022 | |
| Greece | 653 | | 28,047 | | 478 | |
| Iceland | 224 | | 300 | | 570 | |
| Ireland | 2,710 | | 5,281 | | 401 | |
| Italy | 22,212 | | 235,685 | | 7,876 | |
| Luxembourg | 272 | | 1,856 | | *3 | |
| Netherlands | 8,428 | | 31,913 | | 4,434 | |
| Norway | 4,121 | | 10,179 | | 4,680 | |
| Portugal | 38,130 | | 48,258 | | 9,040 | |
| Spain | 41,188 | | 104,617 | | 13,000 | |
| Sweden | 8,797 | | 22,432 | | 2,741 | |
| Switzerland | 7,730 | | 17,956 | | 4,385 | |
| United Kingdom | 180,078 | | 129,482 | | 26,488 | |
| Total | 405,225 | 3.1 | 999,018 | 14.8 | 134,967 | 0.9 |
| Asia | | | | | | |
| Japan | 121,774 | | 217,519 | | 15,153 | |
| S. Korea | 79,652 | | 93,230 | | 197,154 | |

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|-------------|-----------|------|-----------|------|-----------|-----|
| Total | 201,426 | 1.6 | 310,749 | 4.6 | 212,307 | 1.4 |
| Antipodes | | | | | | |
| Australia | 116,925 | | 62,435 | | 52,771 | |
| New Zealand | 97,474 | | 13,626 | | 11,152 | |
| Total | 214,399 | 1.7 | 76,061 | 1.1 | 63,923 | 0.4 |
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| TOTAL | 6,775,749 | 52.7 | 2,565,656 | 38.1 | 1,449,072 | 9.6 |

¹ The Developed World is defined as the high income members of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, as listed in the UN's Human Development Report, 2005, p.365.

² Proportion of world membership

³ Included with Belgium

TABLE 4: COMPARING CHANGES IN THE DISTRIBUTION OF MORMON, ADVENTIST, AND WITNESS MEMBERS AMONG COUNTRIES CATEGORIZED ACCORDING TO GROSS NATIONAL INCOME PER CAPITA¹, 1960-2006

| INCOME CATEGORY | 1960 | 1980 | 2000 | 2006 |
|---------------------|------|------|------|------|
| MORMONS | | | | |
| High ² | 94.3 | 84.4 | 55.8 | 53.2 |
| Middle ³ | 2.8 | 11.8 | 42.0 | 44.2 |
| Low ⁴ | 0.0 | 0.1 | 1.6 | 2.4 |
| WITNESSES | | | | |
| High | 61.1 | 58.0 | 41.2 | 38.5 |
| Middle | 15.7 | 20.5 | 42.7 | 44.8 |
| Low | 12.6 | 10.8 | 14.9 | 16.7 |
| ADVENTISTS | | | | |
| High | 37.9 | 23.6 | 11.1 | 9.9 |
| Middle | 38.4 | 44.6 | 45.6 | 43.1 |
| Low | 22.7 | 30.0 | 42.5 | 47.0 |

¹ The nations belonging to the United Nations were categorized according to Gross National Income per capita in the Appendix to the UN's Human Development Report, 2005, p.364. Geographic areas that are not UN members, usually because of colonial status, are excluded from this analysis.

² Countries with a Gross National Income per capita of \$9,386 or higher.

³ Countries with a Gross National Income per capita between \$9,385 and \$766

⁴ Countries with a Gross National Income per capita of \$765 or less

TABLE 5: THE PERCENTAGE OF RELIGIOUS GROUPS' ADHERENTS FALLING IN DIFFERENT INCOME CATEGORIES, MEXICO 2000

| income | Mormons % | Witnesses % | Adventists % |
|--|-----------|-------------|--------------|
| The Minimum Wage or Less | 13.2 | 25.4 | 49.5 |
| Between 1 and 3 Times the Minimum Wage | 45.6 | 50.3 | 32.4 |
| Three Times the Minimum Wage or More | 35.2 | 19.6 | 14.0 |
| Not specified | 5.0 | 4.7 | 4.1 |

Source: Knowlton 2003 (Mexican Census, 2000)

TABLE 6: THE HIGHEST EDUCATION OF THOSE IDENTIFYING WITH RELIGIOUS GROUPS IN THE MEXICO CENSUS, 2000

| education level | Mormons % | Witnesses % | Adventists % |
|------------------------|-----------|-------------|--------------|
| No Education | 2.1 | 5.3 | 12.0 |
| Preschool | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.5 |
| Primary School | 20.0 | 39.8 | 48.5 |
| Secondary or Technical | 25.9 | 30.0 | 18.6 |
| Medium Level | 28.2 | 17.5 | 10.9 |
| Advanced Level | 22.7 | 6.1 | 8.4 |
| Not Specified | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.8 |

Source: Abstracted from Knowlton, 2003 (Mexican Census, 2000)

TABLE 7: THE PROPORTION OF MEMBERS WHO ARE
FORENGN-BORN AND RECENT IMMIGRANTS,
CANADA 2001

| | % Foreign-born | % Migrated 1991-2000 | Membership / Population |
|------------|----------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| Mormons | 11.9 | 3.6 | 101,805 |
| Witnesses | 18.7 | 4.5 | 184,750 |
| Adventists | 43.0 | 15.5 | 62,880 |
| Canada | 18.4 | 6.2 | 29,639,030 |

Source: Canadian Census, 2001