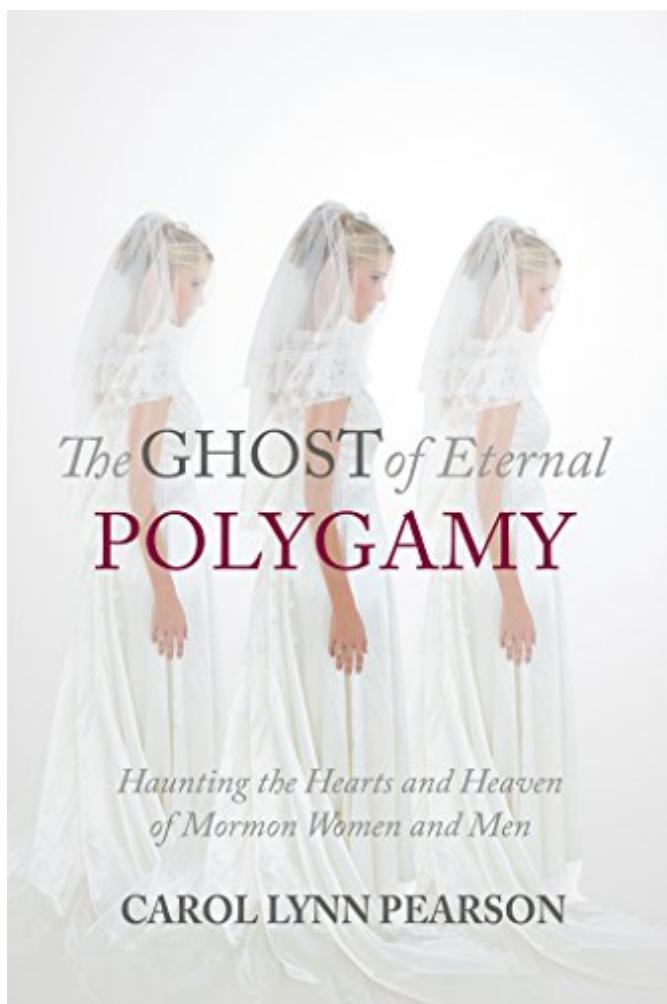


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The Ghost Of Eternal Polygamy: Haunting The Hearts And Heaven Of Mormon Women And Men



Synopsis

“Polygamy?” says the mainstream Mormon Church. “We gave that up long ago.” Not so, claims noted LDS poet and author Carol Lynn Pearson, who examines the issue as it has never been examined before. Any member of the LDS Church today who enters the practice of polygamy is immediately excommunicated. However, Pearson claims, polygamy itself has never been excommunicated, but has an honored and protected place at the table. It has only been postponed, a fact confirmed by thousands of “eternal sealings” giving a man an assurance that he will claim as wives in heaven the two, three, or even more women he has sequentially married during his lifetime. No such opportunity is available to women. Through her own personal stories, those of her ancestors, and the thousands of stories that came to her through an Internet survey, Pearson shows the power of the Ghost of Eternal Polygamy as it not only waits on the other side to greet the most righteous in heaven, but also haunts the living—hiding in the recesses of the Mormon psyche, inflicting profound pain and fear, assuring women that they are still objects, harming or destroying marriages, bringing chaos to family relationships, leading many to lose faith in the church and in God. Mormon historian and author Dr. Gregory Prince says of The Ghost of Eternal Polygamy: “Carol Lynn Pearson has hit a home run in her quest to illuminate both the damage that Mormonism’s de facto practice of polygamy continues to inflict, and the route to a better, more humane place. Those who truly hope for eternal polygamy or who resent any call to institutional reform will be upset, but countless others will rejoice that she has shown a more excellent way.”

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I thought the book was well organized and beautifully presented. I've been a Mormon bothered by the polygamy issue in the Church I love since I was old enough to realize the policy. I hope Ms. Pearson's earnest desire for a change in the church's policy on eternal polygamy can be realized. I hope she is not excommunicated for so clearly and profoundly stating she thinks Joseph Smith made a mistake in recording what he believed was the word of God on polygamy in Section 132 of the Doctrine & Covenants. It is a quick read but a painful subject to dwell on. The author reminds the reader that another difficult issue was changed in the 1970s by the Church Prophet at the time who fasted and prayed about it. Black people had been prohibited from holding the Priesthood from the time the Church was organized. President Spencer W. Kimball received revelation opening membership to ALL worthy males 12 years of age and older. It is just such revelation Ms. Pearson hopes for in the future to change eternal polygamy. We haven't heard the last on this very loving and tender book.

Relevant must-read for any student of Mormonism. It takes polygamy from an abstract, tabu subject to a surprisingly relevant doctrine in 2016.

Many powerful insights and touching stories. A wonderful resource to commence the conversation we need to have.

Very impressed with how Carol Lynn Pearson gives breath, life and faces to polygamy. She takes it from an obscure concept to a real life situation. I recommend this book to anyone interested in learning more about LDS church policies and also the people who aren't interested in learning more!! When you pick up a stick you pick up both ends. If you live mormonism now but you don't know much about it's history I think you are greatly missing out. How can you say your church is true if you don't know everything about it?

This is an honest and courageous assessment of one of the L.D.S. church's "skeletons in the closet". Pearson's view is one that may be ignored or repudiated by the "Patriarchy" but eventually the wisdom and love of her perspective will prevail. Jesus raised the status of women in the first century society, and those who ignore this will miss out on how much women can contribute when they are allowed to participate fully in the decision making process of the Church.

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