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*"We don't ask you to throw away any good  
you have got, we only ask you to come and  
get more."  
--Joseph Smith*

## PREFACE

For over seven years now I have been discussing the Adam-God Doctrine over the radio. During this time many have asked questions concerning this principle and wanted proof that it was taught by Joseph Smith as well as Brigham Young. It is for these people who are searching for answers regarding this question that this pamphlet has been prepared. It consists of statements made by Brigham Young, which were taken from fifty-one different sermons, all of which have been arranged according to subject as shown in the table of contents. References are given for those who wish to check for accuracy in the quotes. Statements which were taken from journals or diaries will be found under the dates they were given.

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## EVERY ELDER SHOULD BECOME A PROFOUND THEOLOGIAN

We have heard and felt sufficient to know that the wisdom which is to be obtained in this kingdom is more satisfactory to us than the boasted wisdom of the world. This is appreciated by the majority of this assembly, if not by all. The knowledge possessed by this people is of more value than all the knowledge of the world put together, and infinitely greater. ~~In this kingdom you will find the root of all science, and that, too, in men who have not been taught the sciences after the manner of the world. They understand the origin of science, and can trace it through the life of man, much to their satisfaction.~~ Let any man who possesses the Holy Ghost, though never taught the sciences but a very little, hear a learned man exhibit the principles of any science, he understands the origin and proper bearings of the subject treated upon by the speaker, through the increased rays of that light which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. This is to us a matter of no little satisfaction.

There are a great many branches of education: some go to college to learn language, some to study law, some to study physics, and some to study astronomy, and various branches of science. We want every branch of science taught in this place that is taught in the world. But our favourite study is that branch which particularly belongs to the Elders of Israel--namely, theology. Every Elder should become a profound theologian--should understand this branch better than all the world. There is no Elder who has the power of God upon him but understands more of the principles of theology than all the world put together.<sup>1</sup>

## SCIENCE AND MORMONISM

We differ from the Christian world in our religious faith and belief; we do very materially. I am not astonished that infidelity prevails to a great extent among the inhabitants of the earth, for the religious teachers of the people advance many ideas and notions for truth which are in opposition to and contradict facts demonstrated by science, and which are generally understood.

Says the scientific man, "I do not see your religion to be true; I do not understand the law, light, rules, re-



ligion, or whatever you call it, which you say God has revealed; it is confusion to me, and if I submit to and embrace your views and theories I must reject the facts which science demonstrates to me." This is the position, and the line of demarcation has been plainly drawn, by those who profess Christianity, between the sciences and revealed religion.

In these respects we differ from the Christian world, for our religion will not clash with or contradict the facts of science in any particular. You may take geology, for instance, and it is a true science; not that I would say for a moment that all the conclusions and deductions of its professors are true, but its leading principles are; they are facts--they are eternal; and to assert that the Lord made this earth out of nothing is preposterous and impossible. God never made something out of nothing; it is not in the economy or law by which the worlds were, are, or will exist.<sup>39</sup>

All true science is ours when it is fully understood  
 \*\*\* Science may shake hands with my religion.<sup>46</sup>

This is "Mormonism" and it is founded upon all truth, upon every principle of true philosophy; in fact the Gospel of Jesus Christ is the only true philosophy in existence. There is not one particle of it that is not strictly philosophical, though you and I may not understand all the fullness of it, but we will if we continue faithful.<sup>5</sup>

### HAVING EYES THEY CANNOT SEE

I do not marvel that the world is clad in mystery, to them He is an unknown God; they cannot tell where He dwells nor how He lives, nor what kind of a being he is in appearance or character. They want to become acquainted with His character and attributes, but they know nothing of them. This is in consequence of the apostacy that is now in the world.<sup>12</sup>

All nations, tribes and communities of men worship something, it may be a stump, a stock, a tree, a stone, a figure moulded in brass, iron, silver, or gold, or some living creature, or the sun, the moon, the stars, or the god of the wind and other elements, and while worshipping gods which they can see and handle, there dwells within them a crude and undefined impression of a great Supreme

and universal Ruler whom they seek to represent and worship in Gods made with their own hands; but where he is located, what his shape and dimensions and what his qualifications are they know not. \*\*\* I have much charity for this portion of the human family called heathens or idolators; they have made images to represent to their eyes a power which they cannot see, and desire to worship a Supreme Being through the figure which they have made....

The Apostle Paul found the city of the Athenians wholly given to idolatry; and they called him a "babbler," because he preached unto them Jesus and the resurrection. He disputed in the synagogue with the Jews and with the devout persons, and in the market daily with them who met with him; and standing, in the midst of Mars Hill, he said, "Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious. For as I passed by and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, 'To the Unknown God.' Whom, therefore, ye ignorantly worship, Him declare I unto you."

The Athenians knew not what to worship, and it seems they were willing to worship a god unknown to them, very likely under the impression that he might be the true God, whom they had tried to represent no doubt in various ways.

He (God) is also described by some as having no form, attributes, or power, or in other words, "without body, parts or passions," and, consequently, without power or principle; and there are persons who suppose that He consists entirely of attributes universally diffused. Not knowing God they worship His works that manifest His power and His majesty, or His attributes which manifest His goodness, justice, mercy and truth. According to all that the world has ever learned by the researches of philosophers and wise men, according to all the truths now revealed by science, philosophy and religion, qualities and attributes depend entirely upon their connection with organized matter for their development and visible manifestation.

We believe in a Deity who is incorporated--who is a Being of Tabernacle, through which the great attributes of His nature are made manifest. It is supposed by a certain celebrated philosopher that the most minute particles of matter which float in space, in the waters, or that exist in the solid earth, particles which defy the most powerful glasses to reveal them to the vision of finite man, pos-



sess a portion of divinity, a portion of infinite power, knowledge, goodness and truth, and that these qualities are God, and should be worshipped wherever found. I am an infidel to this doctrine. I know the God in whom I believe, and am willing to acknowledge Him before all men.<sup>24</sup>

I frequently think, in my meditations, how glad we should be to instruct the world with regard to the things of God, if they would hear, and receive our teachings in good and honest hearts and profit by them. I have been found fault with a great many times for casting reflections upon men of science, and especially upon theologians, because of the little knowledge they possess about man being on the earth, about the earth itself, about our Father in heaven, his Son Jesus Christ, the order of heavenly things, the laws by which angels exist, by which the worlds were created and are held in existence, etc. How pleased we would be to place these things before the people if they would receive them.<sup>43</sup>

I would ask the Christian world a question,...what do you know of God? Take all the divines on the face of the earth and place them in this stand, and beyond the attributes of God they know nothing of Him; they are entirely ignorant of His person. There is the difference between the various religious sects of the Christian world and the Latter-day Saints. We do know God,...<sup>31</sup>

### OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN

This reminds me of a little circumstance that transpired here a year ago last summer. \*\*\* You, no doubt, well recollect Elder Day (a Baptist minister on his way to California), who used to preach to us so nicely.<sup>1</sup> He put up at my house; I kept him while he stayed in the city. He was a gentleman, very kind and very good.<sup>31</sup> I preached one day when he was present. In the course of my remarks, I brought up the subject of the Deity--at the point touching the character of our Father in heaven, upon which he desired the most to be instructed. I dropped the subject and turned to something else. He went to dinner with me, and while we sat at the dinner table, he said, "Brother Young, I was waiting with all my anxious heart, with mouth, eyes, and ears open to receive something great and glorious." "What about, brother Day?" "Why, as you were describing the Deity, and just came to the point I was the most anxious to have expounded, behold you waived it and turned to something else." I smiled and said, "After I had

taught them how, I wanted the people to add the rest of the sermon themselves." He said, "I declare, brother Young, I would have given anything I possessed in the world, if you had continued your remarks until I had obtained the knowledge I desired." I inquired the nature of it. "To know the character of God." I smiled and said, "Are you a preacher of the Gospel?" "Twenty-seven years I have been a preacher of the Gospel of Christ." "And you have been a minister so long and have never learned anything about the character of the Being about whom you have been preaching! I am astonished! Now you want to find out the character of God. I can make you answer the question yourself in a few minutes." "Well, I do not know, brother Young; it is a very mysterious subject to mortal man."

"Now, let me ask you a single question. Will you tell me what God our Father in heaven appears like?" He sat a considerable time, while the colour of his cheeks ebbed and flowed alternately, till at last he replied, "Brother Young, I will not presume to describe the character of the Deity." I smiled, and he thought I was treating the subject lightly. "I am not making light of the subject, but I am smiling at your folly, that you--a teacher in Israel--a man who should stand between the living and the dead--yet know nothing about your Father and God. Were I in your place, I would never preach another sermon while I lived, until I learned more about God. Do you believe the Bible?" "I do." "What resemblance did our father Adam bear to his God, when he placed him in the Garden of Eden?" Before he had time to reply, I asked him what resemblance Jesus bore to man in his incarnation? and "Do you believe Moses, who said the Lord made Adam in his own image and after his own likeness?"<sup>1</sup> I then quoted to him the 26th and 27th verses of the 1st chapter of Genesis, in which we find the following words: "And God said let us make man in our image, after our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He him; male and female created He them."<sup>31</sup>

I also referred to the visit of the Lord to Abraham in which Abraham said, "My Lord, if now I have found favor in thy sight, pass not away, I pray thee, from thy servant. Let a little water, I pray you, be fetched and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. And I will fetch a morsel of bread and comfort ye your hearts; after that ye shall pass on." I also referred to where the Lord



talking to Moses, says, "Behold there is a place by me, and thou shalt stand upon a rock. And it shall come to pass, while my glory passeth by, that I will put thee in a clift of the rock, and will cover thee with my hand while I pass by; and I will take away mine hand, and thou shalt see my back parts but my face shall not be seen."

All of these passages, said I, to the reverend gentleman, go to prove, if they prove anything at all, that man is made in the image of his Maker, and that he is His exact image, having eye for eye, forehead for forehead, eyebrows for eyebrows, nose for nose, cheekbones for cheekbones, mouth for mouth, chin for chin, ears for ears, precisely like our Father in heaven.<sup>31</sup> This may appear to you a curiosity; but do you not see, *bona fide*, that the Lord made Adam like himself; and the Saviour we read of was made to look so like him, that he was the express image of his person?<sup>1</sup>

The word *image* we understand in the same sense as we do the word in the 3rd verse of the 5th chapter of Genesis, "And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat a son in his own likeness, after his image." I am quite satisfied to be made aware by the scriptures, and by the Spirit of God, that He is not only the God and the Father of Jesus Christ, but is also the Father of our spirits and the Creator of our bodies which bear His image as Seth bore the image of his father Adam....

"I believe that the declaration made in these ... scriptures is literally true. God has made his children like himself to stand erect, and has endowed them with intelligence and power and dominion over all his works, and given them the same attributes which he himself possesses."<sup>24</sup>

He laughed at his folly himself. "Why," said he, "Brother Young, I never once thought of it before in all my life,..."<sup>1</sup> "I always had the idea that God was a being without body, parts or passions." He admitted, however, that he had never gained that idea from the Bible.<sup>31</sup> He never had known anything about the character of the God he worshipped; but, like the Athenians, had raised an altar with the inscription, "To the unknown God."<sup>1</sup> And notwithstanding the Scriptures dwell upon this point with such force and clearness, the idea entertained by this gentleman is that entertained by the Christian world in general.<sup>31</sup>

Their belief reminds me that brother Joseph B. Noble once told a Methodist priest, after hearing him describe his God, that the god they worshipped was the "Mormons" Devil--a being without a body, whereas our God has a body, parts, and passions.<sup>14</sup>

Our former religious traditions have taught us that our Father in heaven has no tabernacle, that his centre is everywhere and his circumference nowhere. Yet we read that "God came from Teman, and the Holy One from Mount Paran." "Before him went the pestilence, and burning coals went forth at his feet." "And the ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool." "Hast thou an arm like God? Or can'st thou thunder with a voice like him?" ... "The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous and his ears are open to their cry." The idea that the Lord our God is not a personage of tabernacle is entirely a mistaken notion. He was once a man.<sup>20</sup>

If I am not telling you the truth, please tell me the truth on this subject, and let me know more than I do know. If it is hard for you to believe, if you wish to be Latter-day Saints, admit the fact as I state it, because you will never become acquainted with our Father, never enjoy the blessings of His Spirit, never be prepared to enter into His presence, until you most assuredly believe it; therefore you had better try to believe this great mystery about God....

To bring the truth of this matter close before you, I instance your fathers who made the first permanent settlement in New England. There are a good many in this congregation whose fathers landed upon Plymouth Rock in the year 1620. Those fathers began to spread abroad; they had children, those children had children, and their children had children, and here are we their children. I am one of them, and many of this congregation belong to that class. Now ask yourselves this simple question upon natural principles, has the species altered? Were not the people who landed at Plymouth Rock the same species with us? Were they not organized as we are? Were not their countenances similar to ours? Did they not converse, have knowledge, read books? Were there not mechanics among them, and did they not understand agriculture, and etc. as we do? Yes, every person admits this.



Now follow our fathers further back and take those who first came to the island of Great Britain, were they the same species of beings as those who came to America? Yes, all acknowledge this; this is upon natural principles. Thus you may continue and trace the human family back to Adam and Eve, and ask, "Are we of the same species with Adam and Eve?" Yes, every person acknowledges this; this comes within the scope of our understanding.

But when we arrive at that point, a veil is dropped, and our knowledge is cut off. Were it not so, you could trace back your history to the Father of our spirits in the eternal world. He is a being of the same species as ourselves; He lives as we do, except the difference that we are earthly, and He is heavenly. He has been earthly, and is of precisely the same species of being that we are. Whether Adam is the personage that we should consider our heavenly Father, or not is considerable of a mystery to a good many. I do not care for one moment how that is; it is no matter whether we are to consider Him our God, or whether His Father, or His Grandfather, for in either case we are of one species--of one family--and Jesus Christ is also of our species....<sup>12</sup>

If Jesus should veil His glory and appear before you as a man, and witness of himself as being the image of his Father, would you believe that he was really Jesus Christ and that he told you the truth? And if you believed His words, would you not wonder exceedingly to hear that our Father and God is an organized being after the fashion of man's organization in every respect? Such, however, is the case. One of the prophets describes the Father of us all, saying, "I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool; his throne was like the fiery flame," etc. The prophet further says, "Thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him," etc. Again, "and, behold, one like the Son of Man came with the clouds of heaven and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him." Now, who is this Ancient of days? You may answer this question at your pleasure, I have already told the people. But the Saviour would answer the question as to the appearance of the Father of us all, by saying, "Look at me, for I am the very express image of my Father." ... "God is our Father, Jesus Christ is our Elder Brother, and we are all brethren, and of one family."<sup>23</sup>

We have a Father; He is in heaven; He has told us to call Him Father; He says that we are His children.... Now, excuse me everybody that does not believe in the Bible, or who is inclined not to believe in it, we are so unwise, so shortsighted, so foolish in our imagination that we believe the Bible, we actually believe that God the Father is our heavenly Father, that we are His children;.... Who is that God? He is my Father, He is your Father; we are His offspring.<sup>34</sup>

There are some plain, simple facts that I wish to tell you, and I have but one desire in this, which is, that you should have understanding to receive them, to treasure them up in your hearts, to contemplate upon these facts, for they are simple facts, based upon natural principles; there is no mystery about them when once understood.<sup>12</sup>

I expect in my remarks I shall allude to things that you search after as being absolutely necessary for your salvation in the kingdom of God.<sup>7</sup>

The riches of eternity and the marrow of life are embraced in them; they are full of life to all who desire life; they will increase life to those who live, and give life to those who seem to have no life. It is as easy to understand these principles when the mind is opened by the Spirit of the Almighty, as it is to understand one of the simple lessons in the child's first reader.<sup>23</sup>

First...I wish to say to all men and women who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ,... in the Holy Bible, (and in the) revelations that have been given at sundry times from the days of Adam to the present, I request that I may have your faith and prayers united with mine that whatever the Lord is pleased to give to the Latter Day Saints through your humble servant this afternoon, he may give it, and that he does not wish to give he may retain, and keep from you. I make this request of the saints for this reason; I know by my experience, by the visions of eternity that God reveals things to individuals that do not belong to the Church at large at present, or that do not yet belong to the Mass. That I know....

The Lord blesses his people with temporal things in abundance, and wishes to bless them with knowledge and understanding that is not for the world of mankind who do not believe in him. That I also know.



I may say things this afternoon that do not belong to the world. What if I do? I know the Lord is able to close up every person's mind who have eyes but see not, hearts but do not understand; so I may say what I please with regard to the kingdom of God on the earth, for there is a veil over the wicked that they cannot understand the things which are for their peace.

Jesus said at one time, "It is not meet to take the children's bread and give it to dogs." This saying applies to all the dispensations that have been brought forth to the children of men from the days of Adam until now.

### AND THIS IS ETERNAL LIFE TO KNOW GOD

I think these preliminaries will satisfy me, and I feel prepared to take my text; it is the words of Jesus Christ.... my text is in the Bible and reads as follows. "And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent." I will now put another text with this and then after a few remarks, it is one of the sayings of the Apostle Paul. "For though there be that are called Gods, whether in heaven, or in earth (as there be Gods many and Lords many) but to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ by whom are all things and we by him . . . . I feel inclined here to make a little scripture .... This God is the God and father of our Lord Jesus Christ precisely as he is our father varying from mortality to immortality, from corruptible to incorruptible, and that is all the difference. He is the God and father of our Lord Jesus Christ, both body and spirit; and he is the father of our spirits, and the father of our flesh in the beginning. You will not dispute the words of the Apostle, that he is actually the God and father of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the father of our spirits. You may add these words to it or let it alone, it is all the same to me, that he is not only the father of our spirits, but also of our flesh, he being the founder of that natural machinery through which we have obtained our bodies.<sup>7</sup>

### ADAM [IS] GOD OUR ETERNAL FATHER<sup>52</sup>

Do you not all know that you are the sons and daughters of the Almighty? If you do not I will inform you this morning that there is not a man or woman on the earth

that is not a son or daughter of Adam and Eve. We all belong to the races which have sprung from father Adam and mother Eve; and every son and daughter of Adam and Eve is a son and daughter of that God we serve....<sup>38</sup> Adam and Eve are the parents of all pertaining to the flesh, and I would not say that they are not also the parents of our spirits.<sup>15</sup>

We believe in our Father, and do not apply this term to a non-entity--to a fancied something that never existed; the application would not be correct. We do not so use language. We use this term to refer to a being, and we claim this title as children. He is our Father; He is our God, the Father of our spirits; He is the framer of our bodies, and set the machine in successful operation to bring forth these tabernacles that I now look upon in this building, and all that ever did or ever will live on the face of the whole earth.<sup>36</sup>

God notices this world. He organized it, and brought forth the inhabitants upon it. We are his children, literally, spiritually, naturally, and in every respect.<sup>40</sup> He created man, as we create our children; for there is no other process of creation in heaven, on the earth, in the earth, or under the earth, or in all the eternities, that are, that were, or that ever will be. As the Apostle Paul has expressed it, "For in Him we live, and move, and have our being." "For as much then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art or man's device." There exist fixed laws and regulations by which the elements are fashioned to fulfil their destiny in all the varied kingdoms and orders of creation, and this process of creation is from everlasting to everlasting.<sup>24</sup>

Now hear it, O inhabitants of the earth, Jew and Gentile, Saint and sinner! When our father Adam came into the garden of Eden, he came into it with a celestial body, and brought Eve, one of his wives with him. He helped to make and organize this world. He is Michael, the Archangel, the Ancient of Days! about whom holy men have written and spoken--He is our Father and our God, and the only God with whom we have to do. Every man upon the earth, professing Christians or nonprofessing, must hear it; and will know it sooner or later.<sup>2</sup>

Let every man and woman worship their God with all their heart. Let them pay their devotions and sacrifices to him, the Supreme, and the Author of their existence.<sup>15</sup>



"Well," says one, "Why was Adam called Adam?" He was the first man on the earth, and its framer and maker.<sup>43</sup> Every world has had an Adam, and an Eve: named so, simply because the first man is always called Adam, and the first woman Eve.<sup>7</sup>

#### ADAM CAME FROM ANOTHER PLANET

We have heard a great deal about Adam and Eve; how they were formed; etc. Some think that he was made like an adobe and the Lord breathed into him the breath of life; for we read: "From dust thou art and unto dust thou shalt return."<sup>48</sup>

Here let me state to all philosophers of every class upon the earth, when you tell me that father Adam was made as we make adobies from the earth, you tell me what I deem an idle tale. When you tell me that the beasts of the field were produced in that manner, you are speaking idle words devoid of meaning. There is no such thing in all the eternities where the Gods dwell.<sup>15</sup>

Listen, ye Latter-Day Saints! Supposing that Adam was formed actually out of clay, out of the same kind of material from which bricks are formed; that with this matter God made the pattern of a man, and breathed into it the breath of life, and left it there, in that state of supposed perfection, he would have been an adobie to this day. He would not have known anything.

Some of you may doubt the truth of what I now say, and argue that the Lord could teach him. This is a mistake. The Lord could not have taught him in any other way than in the way in which He did teach him. You believe Adam was made of the dust of this earth. This I do not believe, though it is supposed that it is so written in the Bible; but it is not, to my understanding. You can write that information to the States, if you please--that I have publicly declared that I do not believe that portion of the Bible as the Christian world do. I never did, and I never want to. What is the reason I do not? Because I have come to understanding, and banished from my mind all the baby stories my mother taught me when I was a child.

But suppose Adam was made and fashioned the same as we make adobies; if he had never drunk of the bitter cup, the Lord might have talked to him to this day, and he

would have continued as he was to all eternity, never advancing one particle in the school of intelligence.<sup>5</sup>

"Then the Lord did not make Adam out of the dust of the earth." Yes he did, but I have not got to that part of my discourse yet. Adam was made of the dust of the earth. "Was he made of the dust of this earth?" No, but of the dust of the earth where on he was born in the flesh, that is the way he was made, he was made of dust.<sup>7</sup> He was made from the dust of the earth but not of this earth. He was made just the same way you and I are made, but on another earth.<sup>48</sup>

"Did the Lord put into him his spirit?" Yes, as the Lord put into you, your Spirit, he was begotten of a father, and brought forth as you and I were; and so are all intelligent beings brought forth from eternity to eternity.

Man was not made the same as you make an adobe to put in a wall. Moses said Adam was made of the dust of the ground, but he did not say of what ground. I say he was not made of the dust of the ground of this earth, but he was made of the dust of the earth where he lived, where he honored his calling, believed in his Saviour, or elder brother, and by his faithfulness, was redeemed, and got a glorious resurrection. All creatures that dwell upon this earth are made of the elements that compose it; which are organized to see if they will abide their creation, and be counted worthy to receive a resurrection.

"What every flesh?" Yes, every flesh, for all flesh pertaining to this world is made of the dust of this earth; it is all made from the same material according to the will and pleasure of him who dictated all things. Our bodies are composed of the same material that composes this earth; they are composed of the water, air, and solid earth, either of which will resolve back to their native fountain.<sup>7</sup>

Though we have it in history that our father Adam was made of the dust of this earth, and that he knew nothing about his God previous to being made here, yet it is not so; and when we learn the truth we shall see and understand that<sup>11</sup> Adam was an immortal being when he came to this earth. He had lived on an earth similar to ours. He had received the Priesthood and the Keys thereof, and had been faithful in all things, and had gained his resurrection, and his exaltation and was crowned with glory, immortality and eternal lives, and was numbered with the Gods, for such he was through his faithfulness.<sup>48</sup>



Adam...lived upon an earth; he did abide his creation, and did honor to his calling and priesthood, and obeyed his master or Lord, and probably many of his wives did the same and they lived, and died upon an earth, and then were resurrected again to immortality and eternal life.

"Did he resurrect himself?" you inquire ... no being who has not been resurrected possesses the keys of the power of resurrection. That you have been told often. Adam therefore was resurrected by some one who had been resurrected.... 'Father Adam was a resurrected being, with his wives and posterity, and in the Celestial kingdom they were crowned with glory immortality and eternal lives, with thrones, principalities and powers; and it was said to him it is your right to organize the elements; and to your creations and posterity there shall be no end, but you shall add kingdom to kingdom, and throne to throne; and still behold the vast eternity of unorganized matter. Adam then was a resurrected being.<sup>7</sup>

He had once been in the flesh, and lived as we live, obtained His exaltation, attained to thrones, gained the ascendancy over principalities and powers, and had the knowledge and power to create--to bring forth and organize the elements upon natural principles. This He did after His ascension, or His glory, or His eternity, and was actually classed with the Gods, with beings who create, with those who have kept the celestial law while in the flesh, and again obtained their bodies. Then He was prepared to commence the work of creation, as the Scriptures teach. It is all here in the Bible; I am not telling you a word but what is contained in that book.<sup>12</sup>

Adam... helped to make this world, and was the chief manager in that operation. He was the person who brought the animals and the seeds from other planets to this world, and brought a wife with him and stayed here. You may read and believe what you please as to what is found written in the Bible. Adam was made from the dust of an earth, but not from the dust of this earth. He was made as you and I are made, and no person was ever made upon any other principle.<sup>11</sup>

Mankind are here because they are the offspring of parents who were first brought here from another planet.<sup>15</sup>

## ADAM AND EVE ARE THE FATHER AND MOTHER OF OUR SPIRITS

Mankind is composed of two distinct elements; the first is a spiritual organization in eternity, the second is a natural organization on this earth, formed out of the material of which this earth is composed. Man is first spiritual, then temporal. As it is written in the revelations of God to man, all things were first created spiritual, and secondly temporal. That is, spirits were begotten, born and educated in the celestial world, and were brought forth by celestial bodies.<sup>47</sup>

Let us turn our attention to the God with which we have to do. I tell you simply, he is our father; the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the father of our spirits. Can that be possible? Yes, it is possible, he is the father of all the spirits of the human family.

All things are first made spiritual, and brought forth into his kingdom. The spirits of all the human family were begotten by one father.<sup>7</sup> The Father actually begat the spirits, and they were brought forth and lived with him.<sup>12</sup>

The God and father of our Lord Jesus Christ is the father of our spirits.... I tell you more, Adam is the father of our spirits.... Our spirits and the spirits of all the human family were begotten by Adam, and born of Eve.<sup>7</sup>

Adam...had begotten all the spirits that were to come to this earth, and Eve our common Mother who is the mother of all living bore those spirits in the celestial world... Father Adam's oldest Son Jesus the Saviour who is the heir of the family is Father Adam's first begotten in the spirit world, who according to the flesh is the only begotten as it is written.<sup>48</sup>

All things were first made spiritual preparatory to the natural organization.... Father Adam, and Mother Eve had the children of the human family prepared to come here and take bodies; and when they come to take bodies, they enter into the bodies prepared for them; and that body gets an exaltation with the spirit, when they are prepared to be crowned in father's kingdom.

"What, into Adam's kingdom?" Yes... I tell you, when you see your father in the heavens, you will see Adam; When



you see your Mother that bore your spirit, you will see Mother Eve. And when you see yourselves there, you have gained your exaltation; you have honored your calling here on the earth; and somebody has broken the chains of death that bound you, and given you a resurrection....

When you meet your father in heaven you will know him, and realize that you have lived with him, and rested in his bosom for ages gone passed, and he will hail you as his sons and daughters, and embrace you, and you will embrace him, and hallelujah thank God I have come to father again, I have got back home, will resound through the heavens.<sup>7</sup>

#### ADAM CREATED THE EARTH

There is a Power that has organized all things from the crude matter that floats in the immensity of space. He has given form, motion and life to this material world; has made the great and small lights that bespangle the firmament above; has allotted to them their times and their seasons, and has marked out their spheres. He has caused the air and the waters to teem with life, and covered the hills and plains with creeping things, and has made man to be a ruler over His creations. All these wonders are the works of the Almighty ruler of the universe, in whom we believe and whom we worship.<sup>24</sup>

...Now I wish to ask you if you have any conception or idea as to the creation of the world? "O yes," you reply. "A great many of us have a tolerable idea of it, but still there are mysteries we do not understand; there are some things in the Bible about the creation that seem to be dark: we have learned some things in this kingdom we do not understand, and that do not correspond with the reading of the Bible." Let me open the eyes of your understanding.

There has never been a time when the creations of worlds commenced; they are from eternity to eternity in their creations and redemption. After they are organized they experience the good and the evil; the light, and the dark, the bitter and the sweet, as you and I do. There never was a time when there were not worlds in existence as this world is, and they pass through similar changes in abiding their creation preparatory to exaltation. Worlds have always been in progress, and eternally will be....

Every world that has been created, has been, created upon the same principle. They may vary in their varieties, yet the eternity is one; it is one eternal round....

Matter was brought together from the vast eternity of it that exists, and this tiny earth upon which we stand was organized, then comes the world of mankind, the beasts, fishes, fowls, and every living thing to dwell upon the earth after its kind; and vegetation of every kind to support the animal life upon it, until the organization of this world was perfected in all its variety; being brought from the eternity of matter, and prepared for intelligent beings to dwell upon, wherein to prepare themselves to dwell eternally in the presence of their father and God.<sup>7</sup>

All this vast creation was produced from element in its unorganized state; the mountains, rivers, seas, valleys, plains, and the animal, vegetable, and mineral kingdoms beneath and around us, all speaking forth the wonderful works of the Great God. ... the seeds of vegetables were planted here by the Characters that framed and built this world--the seeds of every plant composing the vegetable kingdom were brought from another world? \*\*\* Who brought them here?<sup>15</sup>

...the earth was organized by three distinct characters, namely, Eloheim, Yahovah, and Michael, these three forming a quorum, as in all heavenly bodies, and in organizing element, perfectly represented in the Deity, as Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.<sup>2</sup>

Elohim looks around upon the eternity of matter, and said to his associates, and those that he was pleased to call upon at that time for his counselors, with regard to the elements, worlds, planets, kingdoms and thrones; said he, "Yahovah, Michael, see that eternal matter on all sides, this way and that way; we have already created worlds, shall we create another world? Yes, go and organize the elements yonder in space;" ... "Yahovah, Michael, go and create a world, make it, organize it, form it; and then put upon it everything in all the variety that you have seen, that you have been in the habit of being associated with in other worlds, of beasts, birds, fowls, fish, and every insect, and creeping thing," and finally, the whole eternity of element is full of life, "bring it together and make of it living creatures."



Yahovah and Michael go and do as they are told? They came here, organized the raw material and arranged in their order the herbs of the field, the trees, the apple, the peach, the plum, the pear, and every other fruit that is desirable and good for man; the seed was brought from another sphere, and planted in this earth. The thistle, the thorn, the brier, and the obnoxious weed did not appear until after the earth was cursed.<sup>2</sup>

Our Father Adam helped to make this earth; it was created expressly for him, and after it was made he and his companions came here.<sup>43</sup>

Do you not suppose that he was acquainted with his associates, who came and helped to make this earth? Yes, they were just as familiar with each other as we are with our children and parents.

Suppose a number of our sons were going to Carson Valley to build houses, open farms, and erect mills and workshops, and that we should say to them that we wish them to stay there five years, and that then we will come and visit them; when I go there will they be afraid of me? No, they would receive me as their father, just as Adam received his Father.<sup>11</sup>

We say that Father Adam came here and helped to make the earth. Who is he? He is Michael, a great prince, and it was said to him by Eloheim, "Go ye and make an earth." What is the great mystery about it? He came and formed the earth. Geologists tell us that it was here millions of years ago. How do they know? They know nothing about it. But suppose it was here, what of it? Adam found it in a state of chaos, unorganized and incomplete.

Philosophers, again, in talking of the development of the products of the earth, for instance, in the vegetable kingdom, say the little fibers grew first, then larger vegetation. When this preparatory stage was completed then came the various orders of the animal creation; and finally man appeared. No matter whether these notions are true or not, they are more or less speculative. Adam came here and got it up in a shape that would suit him to commence business. What is the great mystery about it? None, that I have seen. The mystery in this, as with miracles, or anything else, is only to those who are ignorant. Father Adam came here, and then they brought his wife. "Well," says one, "Why was Adam called Adam?" He was the first

man on the earth, and its framer and maker. He, with the help of his brethren, brought it into existence. Then he said, "I want my children who are in the spirit world to come and live here. I once dwelt upon an earth something like this, in a mortal state, I was faithful, I received my crown and exaltation. I have the privilege of extending my work, and to its increase there will be no end. I want my children that were born to me in the spirit world to come here and take tabernacles of flesh, that their spirits may have a house, a tabernacle or a dwelling place as mine has, and where is the mystery?"<sup>43</sup>

### THE FALL OF ADAM AND EVE

What I am now going to tell you, will no doubt astonish the whole of you. When Yahovah and Michael had organized the world, and brought from another kingdom the beasts, fish, fowl, and insects, and every tree, and plant with which we are acquainted, and thousands that we never saw, when they had filled the earth with animal and vegetable life, Michael or Adam goes down to the new made world, and there he stays.<sup>7</sup> When Adam and those that assisted him had completed this kingdom our earth he came to it and slept and forgot all and became like an infant child.<sup>48</sup> It may be said that Adam was very ignorant. It was designed by the Lord that his previous knowledge should pass from him.<sup>21</sup>

After the earth was prepared Father Adam came and stayed here, and there was a woman brought to him. Now I am telling you something that many of you know, it has been told to you, and the brethren and sisters should understand it. There was a certain woman brought to Father Adam whose name was Eve, because she was the first woman, and she was given to him to be his wife.<sup>44</sup> It is said by Moses the historian that the Lord caused a deep sleep to come upon Adam and took from his side a rib and formed the woman that Adam called Eve. This should be interpreted that the Man Adam like all other Men had the seed within him to propagate his species, but not the woman. She conceives the seed but she does not produce it. Consequently she was taken from the side or bowels of her father.<sup>48</sup> Mother Eve was the Daughter of Adam.<sup>448</sup> This explains the mystery of Moses dark sayings in regard to Adam and Eve.<sup>48</sup> As for the Lord taking a rib out of Adam's side to make a woman of, he took one out of my side just as much.



"But, Brother Brigham; would you make it appear that Moses did not tell the truth?" No not a partical more than I would that your Mother did not tell the truth when she told you that little Billy came from a hollow toad stool. I would not accuse your Mother of lying, any more than I would Moses; the people in the days of Moses wanted to know things that were not for them, the same as your children do, when they want to know where their little brother came from, and he answered them according to their folly, the same as you did your children.

Now some will be ready to say, "We always heard these Mormons did not believe the Bible." I believe all the truth that is there and that is enough for me, and for you to believe.<sup>7</sup>

When this earth was organized by Eloheim, Jehovah and Michael who is Adam our common Father, Adam and Eve had the privilege to continue the work of progression. Consequently came to this earth and commenced the great work of forming tabernacles for those spirits to dwell in.<sup>48</sup> He commenced the work of creating earthly tabernacles, precisely as he had been created in this flesh himself, by partaking of the course material that was organized and composed this earth, until His system was charged with it.<sup>12</sup> Adam came into the Garden of Eden,<sup>7</sup> and brought Eve one of his wives with him,<sup>2</sup> and did actually eat of the fruit that he, himself planted.... And he with his wife Eve partook of the fruit of this earth, until their systems were charged with the nature of earth.<sup>7</sup> Adam assisted in forming this Earth and agreed to fall when he came here and he fell that man might be; and the opposite principle to good the devil, the serpent, the Evil was placed upon the Earth that man might know the good from the Evil for without an Experience in these things man could not know the one from the other.<sup>9</sup> There was a previous understanding, and the whole plan was previously calculated, before the Garden of Eden was made, that he would reduce his posterity to sin, misery, darkness, wickedness, wretchedness, and to the power of the devil, that they might be prepared, for an exaltation, for without this they could not receive one.<sup>7</sup> The evil principle always has and always will exist.<sup>43</sup> The Devil had truth in his mouth as well as lies when he came to mother Eve. Said he,<sup>28</sup> "The Lord has told you that you must not do so and so, for if you do you shall surely die. But I tell you that if you do not do this you will never know good from evil, your eyes will never be opened, and you may live on the earth forever and ever, and you will

never know what the Gods know."<sup>43</sup> "If you will eat of the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, you will see as the gods see."

That was just as true as anything that ever was spoken on the face of the earth. She did eat, her eyes were opened, and she saw good and evil. She gave of the fruit to her husband and he ate too.<sup>28</sup> In my fullest belief, it was the design of the Lord that Adam should partake of the forbidden fruit, and I believe that Adam knew all about it before he came to this earth. I believe there was no other way leading to thrones and dominions only for him to transgress, or take that position which transgression alone could place man in, to descend below all things, that they might ascend to thrones, principalities, and powers; for they could not ascend to that eminence without first descending, nor upon any other principle.<sup>10</sup>

It may be deemed strange and singular by the Christian world that we should believe such a thing; but the Scriptures inform us, in Genesis 3:22, that the Lord God said, "Behold, the man has become as one of us, to know good and evil."<sup>35</sup> The devil told the truth, what is the mystery about it? He is doing it today. He is telling one or two truths and mixing them with a thousand errors to get the people to swallow them. I do not blame Mother Eve, I would not have had her miss eating the forbidden fruit for anything in the world.<sup>43</sup> What would have been the consequence if he had not done so? They would have been separated, and where would we have been; I am glad he did eat. I am glad the fruit was given to mother Eve, that she ate of it, and that her eyes were opened.<sup>28</sup> We ... understand... why God permitted Mother Eve to partake of the forbidden fruit. We should not have been here today if she had not; we could never have possessed wisdom and intelligence if she had not done it. It was all in the economy of heaven, and we need not talk about it; it is all right. We should never blame Mother Eve, not the least.<sup>31</sup>

The reason of our being made subject to sin and misery, pain, woe, and death, is that we may become acquainted with the opposites of happiness and pleasure. The absence of light brings darkness, and darkness an appreciation of light; pain an appreciation of ease and comfort; and ignorance, falsehood, folly, and sin, in comparison with wisdom, knowledge, righteousness, and truth, make the latter the more desirable to mankind. Facts are made apparent to the human mind by their opposites. We find ourselves surrounded in this mortality by an almost endless combina-



tion of opposites, through which we must pass to gain experience and information to fit us for an eternal progression.<sup>24</sup>

When I look at the economy of heaven my heart leaps for joy, and if I had the tongue of an angel, or the tongues of the whole human family combined, I would praise God in the highest for His great wisdom and condescension in suffering the children of men to fall into the very sin into which they have fallen, for He did it that they, like Jesus, might descend below all things and then press forward and rise above all.

I have heard that the celebrated Mr. Beecher, of Brooklyn, once said that the greatest misfortune that could ever happen to man was to be born, but I say that the greatest good fortune that ever happened or can happen to human beings is to be born on this earth, for then life and salvation are before them; then they have the privilege of overcoming death and of walking sin and iniquity under their feet, of incorporating into their daily lives every principle of life and salvation and of dwelling eternally with the Gods.<sup>31</sup> Those who are enlightened by the spirit of truth, have no difficulty in seeing the propriety and the benefit to us of this state of things.... If man could have been made perfect, in his double capacity of body and spirit, without passing through the ordeals of mortality, there would have been no necessity of our coming into this state of trial and suffering. Could the Lord have glorified his children in spirit, without a body like his own, he no doubt would have done so.

We read that there is nothing impossible with God. In a broad sense there is not; but in another sense there are things he never attempted and never will. He will not exalt a spirit to thrones, to immortality, and eternal lives, unless that spirit is first clothed in mortal flesh, and with it, passes through a mortal probation, and overcomes the world, the flesh, and the devil through the atonement made by Jesus Christ and the power of the Gospel.<sup>24</sup> The transgression of our first parents was absolutely necessary.

Then I ask, Is there a debt contracted between the Father and his children? There is. Our First parents transgressed the law that was given them in the garden; their eyes were opened. This created the debt. What is the nature of this debt? It is a divine debt. What will

pay it? I ask, is there anything short of a divine sacrifice that can pay this debt? No; there is not. I say this to gratify myself, and to gratify my brethren and sisters. A divine debt has been contracted, and the Father demands recompense. He says to his children on this earth, who are in sin and transgression, it is impossible for you to pay this debt; I have prepared a sacrifice; I will send my Only Begotten Son to pay this divine debt. Was it necessary then that Jesus should die? Do we understand why he should sacrifice his life? The idea that the Son of God who never committed sin, should sacrifice his life, is unquestionably preposterous to the minds of many in the Christian world. But the fact exists that the Father, the Divine Father whom we serve, the God of the Universe, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and the Father of our spirits, provided this sacrifice and sent his Son to die for us; and it is also a great fact that the Son came to do the will of the Father and that he has paid the debt, in fulfilment of the Scripture which says, "He was the lamb slain from the foundation of the world."<sup>35</sup>

Adam and Eve, when they were placed on this earth, were immortal beings with flesh, bones, and sinews;<sup>48</sup> They had lived, died and been resurrected before they came here,<sup>8</sup> but upon partaking of the fruits of the earth, while in the garden, and cultivating the ground, their bodies became changed from immortal to mortal beings, with blood coursing through their veins as the action of life.<sup>48</sup> When Adam and Eve had eaten of the forbidden fruit, their bodies became mortal from its effects.<sup>2</sup> They were now prepared as we are, to form bodies or tabernacles for the reception of pure and holy spirits.<sup>47</sup> Then they could beget bodies, for their spiritual children,<sup>7</sup> and their offspring were mortal.<sup>2</sup>

The inquiry will arise, among those who are strenuous and tenacious for the account given by Moses, as to Adam. "Did not Adam die?" Yes, he died. "Does not the Bible say he died?" I do not know nor care, but I think it would be hard to find where he died; or where Moses died, though I have no doubt Moses died, and Adam also have, just as you and I have to die, and be laid away in the bowels of Mother Earth; that however Moses did not see fit to tell us.<sup>7</sup> When Adam and Eve got through with their work they did not lay their bodies down in the dust, but returned to the spirit world from whence they came.<sup>48</sup>



This earth is our home; it was framed expressly for the habitation of those who are faithful to God, and who prove themselves worthy to inherit the earth when the Lord shall have sanctified, purified and glorified it and brought it back into his presence from which it fell into space. Ask the astronomer how far we are from the nearest of those heavenly bodies that are called the fixed stars. Can he count the miles? It would be a task for him to tell us the distance.<sup>45</sup> The fixed stars are glorified worlds, filled with beings who are passing through degrees of perfection; every fixed star is a glorified sun and it has its people and a Ruler God....

Our God is a consuming fire.<sup>46</sup> No mortal man has ever seen God in his glory at any time and lived.<sup>23</sup> When the earth was framed and brought into existence and man was placed upon it, it was near the throne of our Father in heaven. And when man fell--though that was designed in the economy, there was nothing about it mysterious or unknown to the Gods; they understood it all; it was all planned--but when man fell, the earth fell into space, and took up its abode in this planetary system, and the sun became our light. When the Lord said--"Let there be light," there was light, for the earth was brought near the sun that it might reflect upon it so as to give us light by day, and the moon to give us light by night.

This is the glory the earth came from, and when it is glorified it will return again unto the presence of the Father, and it will dwell there.<sup>45</sup> The Lord Jesus Christ, our elder brother, the Saviour of the world, the heir of the family, when he has put down satan, and destroyed death then he will say, come let us go home into the presence of the father.

What will become of the world then? It will be baptized with fire. It has been baptized with water, and it will then be cleansed by fire, and become like a sea of glass, and be made Celestial; and Jesus Christ our Elder brother will take the whole earth, with all the saints and go with them to the father even to Adam;...

We have all come from one father even Adam, both the black and the white, the grisseled and the gray; and noble and the ignoble; and the time will come, when they will all come back again into his presence. When they have behaved themselves, and proved faithful to their calling, and to their God the curse will be removed, from every class, and nation of men that desires to do the work of God.<sup>7</sup>

Father Adam will never cease his labors to redeem his posterity and exalt them to all the glory they are capable of receiving. Father Adam knew in the beginning how many of his posterity would receive a Celestial glory and who they were and also a Terrestrial and Telestial, yet man had his agency to act, choose and refuse good or evil as seemed him good and he would be rewarded according to his works.<sup>9</sup> Our Father Adam is the man who stands at the gate and holds the keys of everlasting life and salvation to all his children who have or who ever will come upon the earth.<sup>43</sup>

#### ADAM WAS THE FATHER OF CHRIST

One thing has remained a mystery in this kingdom up to this day. It is in regard to the character of the well beloved Son of God, upon which subject the Elders of Israel have conflicting views.... The question has been, and is often, asked, who it was that begat the Son of the Virgin Mary. The infidel world have concluded that if what the Apostles wrote about his father and mother be true, and the present marriage discipline acknowledged by Christendom be correct, then Christians must believe that God is the Father of an illegitimate son, in the person of Jesus Christ! The infidel fraternity teach that to their disciples.<sup>2</sup>

The man Joseph, the husband of Mary, did not, that we have knowledge of, have more than one wife, but Mary the wife of Joseph had another husband. On this account infidels have called the Saviour a bastard. This is merely a human opinion upon one of the inscrutable doings of the Almighty. That very babe that was cradled in the manger, was begotten, not by Joseph, the husband of Mary, but by another Being.<sup>26</sup>

I have heard men preach upon the divinity of Christ, and exhaust all the wisdom they possessed. All Scripturalists, and approved theologians who were considered exemplary for piety and education, have undertaken to expound on this subject, in every age of the Christian era; and after they have done all, they are obliged to conclude by exclaiming "great is the mystery of godliness," and tell nothing.... Again, they will try to tell how the divinity of Jesus is joined to his humanity,<sup>2</sup>...and give an account of his origin, and were it not ridiculous, I would tell what I have thought about their views. Brother Kimball wants me to tell it, therefore you will excuse me if I do.



I have frequently thought of mules, which you know are half horse and half ass, when reflecting upon the representations made by those divines. I have heard sectarian priests undertake to tell the character of the Son of God, and they make him half of one species and half of another, and I could not avoid thinking at once of the mule, which is the most hateful creature that ever was made, I believe. You will excuse me, but I have thus thought many a time.<sup>12</sup>

Is it a mystery to the Christian world that Jesus is the Son of God, 'and still the son of man? Yes, it is, it is hidden from them, and this fulfils the Scripture--"If our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost," who have no faith, and who pay no attention to the Spirit of God. These things are called mysteries by the people because they know nothing about them. What is the mystery in Jesus being the Son of God and at the same time the son of the Virgin Mary?<sup>43</sup> All the difference between Jesus Christ and any other man that ever lived on the earth, from the days of Adam until now, is simply this.... When the time came that...the Saviour, should come into the world and take a tabernacle, the Father came Himself and favoured that spirit with a tabernacle instead of letting any other man do it. The Saviour was begotten by the Father of His spirit, by the same Being who is the Father of our spirits, and that is all the organic difference between Jesus Christ and you and me.<sup>12</sup>

I will notice another idea touching the Holy Ghost begetting the Son of God.

Who was it that spoke from the heavens and said, "This is my beloved Son, hear ye him?" Was it God the Father? It was. The Apostles bear testimony that such a voice was actually heard, "This is my beloved Son," and if it is true the Holy Ghost begat him, I would add, "which was begotten by one of my neighbors, hear ye him." Who was the Saviour begotten by? Oh, by his father or his brother, or some other person. So the Holy Ghost begetting the Saviour looks like to me. It makes me think of a story I heard in a dramatical performance once, that a certain individual was born of one of his aunts, but he had no mother. It appears as reasonable to me to say a cousin or a fellow laborer of the Saviour begat him, as to say the Holy Ghost begat him. Who did beget him? His Father, and his father is our God, and the father of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Who is he? He is Father Adam; Michael: The ancient of Days. Now to say that the Son of God was begotten by the Holy

Ghost is to say the Holy Ghost is God the Father, which is inconsistent and contrary to all the revelations of God, both modern and ancient.<sup>6</sup> This answer may suffice you--you need never inquire more upon that point. Jesus Christ is the only begotten of the Father.<sup>26</sup>

When the Virgin Mary conceived the Child Jesus, the Father had begotten him in his own likeness. He was not begotten by the Holy Ghost. And who is the Father? He is the first of the human family.<sup>2</sup> In his divinity, he (Adam) having gone back into the spirit world, and come in the spirit to Mary, and she conceived.<sup>48</sup> I could tell you much more about this; but were I to tell you the whole truth, blasphemy would be nothing to it, in the estimation of the superstitious and over righteous of mankind. However, I have told you the truth as far as I have gone--Jesus, our elder brother, was begotten in the flesh by the same character that was in the garden of Eden, and who is our Father in Heaven.<sup>2</sup>

Have we learned the character of the Son of God? Yes we know that he is the son of the living God. Jesus could not have redeemed this earth had he been begotten of earthly parents. No; he must be begotten of an eternal being, so as to have the power of redemption; if Christ had been a son born of earthly parents he could not have saved us. Who is the father? He is the living God, and we know that much more than the Christian world.<sup>46</sup>

Now, let all who may hear these doctrines, pause before they make light of them, or treat them with indifference for they will prove their salvation or damnation. I have given you a few leading items upon this subject, but a great deal more remains to be told. Now, remember from this time forth, and forever, that Jesus Christ was not begotten by the Holy Ghost.<sup>2</sup>

I silenced this erroneous doctrine a year ago last fall conference. It was I think when a dispute arose among some of our best Elders as to who was the Father of the Son of Man, pertaining to the flesh. Some contended it was the Holy Ghost, and some that it was Eloheim. When I spoke upon it in this stand before a conference of Elders, I cautioned them when they laid their hands upon the people for the gift of the Holy Ghost, according to the instructions of the Saviour, to be very careful how they laid hands upon young women, for if it begat a child in the days of the Virgin Mary, it is just as liable to beget children in these days. It has all the power in this day that it had then; it has lost none.<sup>6</sup>



Treasure up these things in your hearts. In the Bible, you have read the things I have told you tonight; but you have not known what you did read. I have told you no more than you are conversant with; but what do the people in Christendom, with the Bible in their hands, know about this subject? Comparatively nothing.<sup>2</sup>

### WHO IS CHRIST

Now, many inquiries will be made about the Saviour, such as, Who is he? Is he the Father of Adam? Is he the God of Adam? When Christ has finished his labor and presented it to his father, then he, Adam will receive a fullness. That is all easily understood by me. He cannot receive a fullness of the kingdoms he has organized until they are completed. If he sends his servants off to the right and to the left to perform a certain labor his kingdom is not complete, until his ministers have accomplished everything to make his kingdom complete and returned home again.<sup>7</sup> The Saviour comes to the father, the ancient of days and presents to the father the kingdoms of this world all in a saved condition except the son of perdition and he says here father here they are and I with them.<sup>46</sup> Many inquire who is this Saviour?<sup>7</sup> He was the first of the children of Adam who was resurrected on the earth to die no more.<sup>6</sup>

### WE MAY BECOME ADAMS AND EVES OF WORLDS

There is a peculiar trait in the character of the Kingdom of God, that is diverse from all other kingdoms that have, do, or will exist; and the king we have enlisted to serve is different from all other kings; for he wishes all those over whom he reigns, to share with him the glory of his kingdom. He is our elder brother, and we are children of the same Great Father. "And, if children, then heirs: heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ; if it so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together, when he hath made us kings and priests unto God, and his father." The king whom we serve, has promised to make all who overcome the world, the flesh and the devil, kings like unto himself. What king, besides the Lord of glory, has made such a promise to his subjects? Not only will the faithful and worthy subjects of the Kingdom of God, become kings, but more; each one will become a king of kings, and lord of lords.<sup>22</sup>

Man is made an agent to himself before his God; he is organized for the express purpose, that he may become like his master.... The Lord created you and me for the purpose of becoming Gods like Himself; when we have been proved in our present capacity, and been faithful with all things He puts into our possession. We are created, we are born for the express purpose of growing up from the low estate of manhood, to become Gods like unto our Father in heaven. That is the truth about it, just as it is. The Lord has organized mankind for the express purpose of increasing in that intelligence and truth, which is with God, until he is capable of creating worlds on worlds, and becoming Gods, even the sons of God.<sup>3</sup>

I expect, if I am faithful with yourselves, that I shall see the time with yourselves that we shall know how to prepare to organize an earth like this--know how to people that earth, how to redeem it, how to sanctify it, and how to glorify it, with those who live upon it who hearken to our counsels.<sup>4</sup>

...We have not the power in the flesh to create and bring forth or produce a spirit; but we have the power to produce a temporal body. The germ of this, God has placed within us. And when our spirits receive our bodies, and through our faithfulness we are worthy to be crowned, we will then receive authority to produce both spirit and body. But these keys we cannot receive in the flesh. Herein, brethren, you can perceive that we have not finished, and cannot finish our work, while we live here, no more than Jesus did while he was in the flesh.

We cannot receive, while in the flesh, the keys to form and fashion kingdoms and to organize matter, for they are beyond our capacity and calling, beyond this world. In the resurrection, men who have been faithful and diligent in all things in the flesh, have kept their first and second estate, and are worthy to be crowned Gods, even the sons of God, will be ordained to organize matter.<sup>41</sup>

The Father and the Son have attained to this point already; I am on the way, and so are you and every faithful servant of God.<sup>4</sup>

Christ has overcome; and now it is for us to overcome, that we may be crowned with him heirs of God--joint heirs with Christ.<sup>50</sup> The Apostle Paul has said, "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God they are the Sons of God." "And if children then heirs, heirs of God and joint



heirs with Christ." And all who are faithful to the precepts of the Gospel will see Jesus and be as he is.<sup>31</sup>

Jesus is the elder brother, and all the brethren shall come in for a share with him; for an equal share, according to their works and calling, and they shall be crowned with him.<sup>3</sup>

This is a key for you. The faithful will become Gods, even the sons of God; but this does not overthrow the idea that we have a father. Adam is my father; it does not prove that he is not my father, if I become a God: it does not prove that I have not a father."<sup>4</sup>

...according to the tenner of the Bible, we believe there are many very many who have entered into power, glory, might and dominion, and are gathering around them thrones, and have power to organize elements, and make worlds, and bring into existence intelligent beings in all their variety, who if they are faithful and obedient to their calling and creation will in their turn be exalted in eternal kingdoms of the Gods.<sup>7</sup>

Each person who is crowned in the Celestial Kingdom of God, will be a Father of fathers, a King of Kings, a Lord of lords, a God of gods.... Each person will reign over his posterity. Adam, Michael, the Ancient of Days will sit as the judge of quick and dead, for he is the father of all living and Eve is the mother of all living pertaining to the human family. He is their King, their Lord, their God, taking and holding his position in the grand unbroken chain of endless increase, and eternal progression. Enoch the seventh from Adam, Noah, Melchizedek, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, the twelve Patriarchs, Moses, Elias, and all the faithful in all ages of the world who have had the Gospel of Salvation, and have been unwavering in their faithfulness to the end of their mortal career, have and will obtain promises as Abraham did, and become each one in his time, father of fathers, etc. and the lives ushering from them will be ceaseless and endless in their increase; until their seed, and then their kingdoms shall be more numerous than the sands of the seashore, the stars of the firmament or the particles of dust upon the surface of the globe that cannot be numbered. You can readily see that this makes our father Adam a great and mighty King. When we are crowned Kings and Queens, Father Adam, and Mother Eve, will be King and Queen of us all. Under the priesthood which is after the order of the Son of God, and

the power of an endless life, each Father being a Son, will always throughout time and eternity be subject to his Father, as his king, dictator, Father, Lord, and God. Each Son in his own time becomes a Father and is entitled to the same obedience from the line of his descendants. It is by the authority and power of the priesthood alone that beings in heaven and on earth can be entitled to, and secured in the position of the Legal authority.<sup>51</sup>

A few words in explanation of this may not be amiss. When the Holy Priesthood, which is after the order of the Son of God, is upon the earth, and its organizations, ordinances, gospel, powers, authorities and blessings, are enjoyed by the children of men; then by means of sealing powers and keys, and an everlasting covenant, the sons of men become the sons of God by regeneration, and are entitled, every man in his order, to the privileges, exaltations, principalities and powers, kingdoms and thrones, which are held and enjoyed by the Great Father of our race; and all these are obtained through the law of natural increase, and the saving of that which the Father puts in our power.<sup>22</sup>

The great and grand secret of salvation, which we should continually seek to understand through our faithfulness, is the continuation of the lives. Those of the Latter-day Saints who will continue to follow after the revelations and commandments of God to do them, who are found to be obedient in all things, continually advancing little by little towards perfection and the knowledge of God, they, when they enter the spirit world and receive their bodies, will be able to advance faster in the things pertaining to the knowledge of the Gods, and will continue onwards and upward until they become Gods, even the sons of God. This I say is the great secret of the hereafter, to continue in the lives forever and forever, which is the greatest of all gifts God has ever bestowed upon his children. We all have it within our reach, we can all attain to this perfected and exalted state if we will embrace its principles and practice them in our everyday life.<sup>47</sup>

This is a world in which we are to prove ourselves. The life time of man is the day of trial, wherein we may prove to God, in our darkness, in our weakness, and where the enemy reigns, that we are our Father's friends, and that we receive light from him and are worthy to be leaders of our children; to become a lord of lords, and a king of kings; to have perfect dominion over that portion of our



families that will be crowned in the celestial kingdom with glory, immortality, and eternal lives. If we are crowned to become lords of lords, and kings of kings, it will be to rule and reign over our own posterity pertaining to this flesh--these tabernacles--this commencement in our finite state or being. When I reign king of kings, and lord of lords, over my children, it will be when my first, second, third, fourth, and so on, son rises up and counts thousands and millions of his posterity, and is king over them; then I am a king of these kings. Our Father, who is Lord of all, will reign a King of kings and Lord of lords over all his children.<sup>17</sup>

The kingdoms he possesses and rules over are his own progeny. Every man who is faithful and gets a salvation and glory, and becomes a king of kings and Lord of Lords, or a father of fathers, it will be by the increase of his own progeny. Our Father and God rules over his own children. Wherever there is a God in all the eternities possessing a kingdom and glory and power it is by means of his own progeny. I am not going to ask the people whether they believe it or not; and I do not want Brother Heber to do it either, for it is none of their business. When I tell the truth I do not ask any one's testimony to swear to it.<sup>25</sup>

After men have got their exaltations and their crowns --have become Gods even the sons of God--are made Kings of kings and Lords of lords, they have the power then of propagating their species in spirit; and that is the first of their operations with regard to organizing a world. Power is then given to them to organize the elements, and then commence the organization of tabernacles. How can they do it? Have they to go to that earth? Yes, an Adam will have to go there, and he cannot do without Eve; he must have Eve to commence the work of generation, and they will go into the garden, and continue to eat and drink of the fruits of the corporeal world, until this grosser matter is diffused sufficiently through their celestial bodies to enable them, according to the established laws, to produce mortal tabernacles for their spiritual children.<sup>4</sup>

When you have the privilege of commencing the work that Adam commenced on this earth, you will have all your children come and report to you of their sayings and acts; and you will hold every son and daughter of yours responsible when you get the privilege of being an Adam on earth.<sup>13</sup>

Three years previous to the death of Adam, he called Seth, Enos, Cainan, Mahalaleel, Jared, Enoch, and Methuselah, who were all High Priests, with the residue of his posterity who were righteous, into the valley of Adamondi-ahman and there bestowed upon them his last blessing. And the Lord appeared unto them, and they rose up and blessed Adam, and called him Michael, the Prince, the Archangel. And the Lord administered comfort unto Adam and said unto him; I have set thee to be at the head--a multitude of nations shall come of thee, and thou art a prince over them forever. So in like manner, every faithful son of God becomes, as it were, Adam to the race that springs from his loins, when they are embraced in the covenants and blessings of the Holy Priesthood; and in the lapse of eternity, and in the progress of eternal lives, every true son of God becomes a king of kings, and a Lord of Lords, and it may also be said of him, as it was written of Jesus Christ, "Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end."<sup>22</sup>

Let me here say a word to console the feelings and hearts of all who belong to this Church. Many of the sisters grieve because they are not blessed with offspring. You will see the time when you will have millions of children around you. If you are faithful to your covenants, you will be mothers of nations. You will become Eves to earths like this; and when you have assisted in peopling one earth, there are millions of earths still in the course of creation. And when they have endured a thousand million times longer than this earth, it is only as it were the beginning of your creations. Be faithful, and if you are not blest with children in this time, you will be hereafter.<sup>18</sup>

Before me I see a house full of Eves. What a crowd of reflections the word Eve is calculated to bring up! Eve was the name or title conferred upon our first mother because she was actually to be the mother of all the human beings who should live upon this earth. I am looking upon a congregation designed to be just such beings.<sup>30</sup>

When death ends the reign of an earthly king, he is stripped of his regal power, which gives place to the habiliments of the tomb; and another wears the crown he wore, sits upon the throne he occupied and rules over the kingdom he ruled. Not so with the sons of God, when they are crowned and receive their kingdoms; for they have embraced the everlasting Gospel, and have been regenerated, and



sanctified through its institutions, purified through the grave, and raised again by the power of the resurrection, to newness of life.<sup>22</sup>

Having fought the good fight,... the faithful, as it is said, receive crowns, glory, immortality and eternal lives, even a fullness with the Father.... Then will they become eternal fathers, eternal mothers, eternal sons and eternal daughters; being eternal in their organization, they go from glory to glory, from power to power; they will never cease to increase and to multiply worlds without end. When they receive their crowns, their dominions, they then will be prepared to frame earths like unto ours and to people them in the same manner as we have been brought forth by our parents, by our Father and God.<sup>47</sup>

We have not yet received our kingdoms, neither will we, until we have finished our work on the earth, passed through the ordeals, are brought up by the power of the resurrection, and are crowned with glory and eternal lives.<sup>22</sup> How many will become thus privileged? Those who honor the Father and the Son; those who receive the Holy Ghost, and magnify their calling, and are found pure and holy; they shall be crowned in the presence of the Father and the Son.<sup>3</sup>

Adam made this world and suffered himself to take a body and subject himself to sin that redemption and exaltation might come to man. Without descending below all things we cannot ascend above all things. There never will be any change of the gospel of salvation. It is an Eternal gospel and the same in all worlds and always will be to the endless ages of Eternity.<sup>27</sup>

Sin is upon every earth that ever was created.... Consequently every earth has its redeemer, and every earth has its tempter; and every earth, and the people thereof, in their turn and time, receive all that we receive, and pass through all the ordeals that we are passing through.<sup>35</sup> There never was any world created and peopled nor never would be but what would be redeemed by the shedding of the blood of the saviour of that world. If we are ever exalted and crowned in the presence of God we shall become saviours of a world which we shall create and people.<sup>27</sup>

Every world has had an Adam, and an Eve; named so, simply because the first man is always called Adam, and the first woman Eve; and the oldest son has always had the privilege of being ordained, appointed and called to be

the heir of the family, if he does not rebel against the father, and he is the saviour of the family.<sup>7</sup>

## JOSEPH SMITH TAUGHT THE ADAM GOD DOCTRINE

How much unbelief exists in the minds of the Latter-day Saints in regard to one particular doctrine which I revealed to them, and which God revealed to me--namely that Adam is our father and God--...I could not find any man on the earth who could tell me this, although it is one of the simplest things in the world, until I met and talked with Joseph Smith.<sup>43</sup>

From the first time I saw the Prophet Joseph I never lost a word that came from him concerning the Kingdom. And this is the key of knowledge that I have today: that I did hearken to the words of Joseph.<sup>49</sup>

I never saw any one, until I met Joseph Smith, who could tell anything about the character, personality and dwelling-place of God,... or the relationship of man to his maker.<sup>42</sup>

The philosophy of man upon this earth...cannot be understood by studying the sciences of mankind, it is only understood by the revelations of God to ourselves.<sup>47</sup>

We believe in our Father, and do not apply this term to a nonentity--to a fancied something that never existed; the application would not be correct. We do not so use language. We use this term to refer to a being, and we claim this title as children. He is our Father; He is our God, the Father of our spirits; He is the framer of our bodies, and set the machine in successful operation to bring forth these tabernacles that I now look upon in this building, and all that ever did or ever will live on the face of the whole earth. This is the doctrine taught by the ancients, taught by the prophets, taught by Jesus, taught by his Apostles, taught by Joseph Smith, taught by those who believe the same doctrine that Joseph Smith believed in.<sup>36</sup>

Is there in the heaven of heavens a Leader? Yes, and we cannot do without one and that being the case, whoever he is may be called God. Joseph said that Adam was our Father and God.<sup>46</sup>

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Adam is Michael the Archangel and he is the Father of Jesus Christ and is our God and Joseph taught this principle.<sup>29</sup>

One of the greatest things Joseph Smith ever did was to familiarize Heaven and Earth and cause them to shake hands together and become familiar together. This is a great principle, it is simple, yet true.<sup>16</sup>

Some may think what I have said concerning Adam strange, but the period will come when the people will be willing to adopt Joseph Smith as their Prophet, Seer and Revelator and God, but not the Father of their spirits, for that was our Father Adam!<sup>32</sup>

### BRIGHAM YOUNG THE PROPHET

Some have grumbled because I believe our God to be so near to us as Father Adam.<sup>14</sup> I do not want to be found fault with, but if I am it is all the same to me.<sup>43</sup> A few ...complained about not getting revelations.<sup>37</sup> I have never yet preached a sermon and sent it out to the children of men, that they may not call scripture. Let me have the privilege of correcting a sermon, and it is as good scripture as they deserve. The people have the oracles of God continually.<sup>33</sup> I say now, when my discourses are copied and approved by me they are as good Scripture as is couched in this Bible, and if you want to read revelation, read the sayings of him who knows the mind of God.<sup>37</sup>

My testimony is the positive... I know that the sun shines, I know that I exist and have a being, and I testify that there is a God, and that Jesus Christ lives, and that he is the Saviour of the world. Have you been to heaven and learned to the contrary? I know that Joseph Smith was a Prophet of God, and that he had many revelations. Who can disprove this testimony? Any one may dispute it, but there is no one in the world who can disprove it. I have had many revelations; I have seen and heard for myself, and know these things are true, and nobody on earth can disprove them. The eye, the ear, the hand, all the senses may be deceived, but the Spirit of God cannot be deceived; and when inspired with that Spirit, the whole man is filled with knowledge; he can see with a spiritual eye, and he knows that which is beyond the power of man to controvert.

What I know concerning God, concerning the earth, concerning government, I have received from the heavens, not alone through my natural ability, and I give God the glory and the praise.... I say to the whole world, receive the truth, no matter who presents it to you.<sup>42</sup>

In my doctrinal teachings I have taught many things not written in any book, ancient or modern, and yet notwithstanding the many things I have told the people, I have never looked into the Bible, Book of Mormon, D & C, or any of our Church works to see whether they agreed with them or not. When I have spoken by the power of God and the Holy Ghost, it is truth, it is scripture, and I have no fears but that it will agree with all that has been revealed in every particular.<sup>49</sup> I will say, as I have before said, if guilt before my God and my brethren rests upon me in the least, it is in this one thing, that I have revealed too much concerning God and his kingdom, and the designs of our Father in heaven. If my skirts are stained in the least with wrong, it is because I have been too free in telling what God is, how he lives, the nature of his providences and designs in creating the world, in bringing forth the human family on the earth, his designs concerning them, etc. If I had, like Paul, said--"But if any man be ignorant, let him be ignorant," perhaps it would have been better for the people.<sup>17</sup>

Some years ago I advanced a doctrine with regard to Adam being our father and God, that will be a curse to many of the Elders of Israel because of their folly. With regard to it they yet grovel in darkness at will. It is one of the most glorious revelations of the economy of heaven, yet the world hold it in derision. Had I revealed the doctrine of baptism for the dead instead of Joseph Smith, there are men around me who would have ridiculed the idea until dooms day. But they are ignorant and stupid like the dumb ass.<sup>18</sup>

There are men upon whom God has bestowed gifts and graces, and women who are endowed with strong mental ability, and yet they cannot receive the truth, and then the truth condemns them; it leaves them in darkness. When they cannot receive every truth, let it be ever so important or unimportant to them, their neglect to grasp in their faith the truth God reveals for their benefit weakens them, comparatively, from the crowns of their heads to the soles of their feet, and the enemy may have the advantage over them in an hour when they think not. To please our Father in



heaven and do his will in all things, to walk up faithfully in the discharge of every duty preparatory to being crowned in his kingdom, when a truth is presented to an intelligent person he ought to grasp it and receive it in his faith. There are revelations, wisdom, knowledge, and understanding yet to be proclaimed, and whether they will please the world or not is immaterial to me; I shall not pledge myself upon a single point.<sup>17</sup> When a man is capable of correcting you, and of giving you light, and true doctrine, do not get up an altercation, but submit to be taught like little children and strive with all your might to understand.<sup>2</sup> The revelations of the Lord to his creatures are adapted to the lowest capacity, and they bring life and salvation to all who are willing to receive them. They are so simple that the highminded and those lifted up in their own estimation will say, "I cannot get down so low as that."<sup>40</sup>

The items that have been advanced are principles of real doctrine, whether you consider them so or not. It is one of the first principles of the doctrine of salvation to become acquainted with our Father and our God. The Scriptures teach that this is eternal life, to "know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent;" this is as much as to say that no man can enjoy or be prepared for eternal life without that knowledge. Whether you receive these things or not, I tell you them in simplicity. I lay them before you like a child, because they are perfectly simple. If you see and understand these things, it will be by the Spirit of God; you will receive them by no other spirit. No matter whether they are told to you like the thunderings of the Almighty, or by simple conversation; if you enjoy the Spirit of the Lord, it will tell you whether they are right or not.<sup>12</sup>

I wish you to understand well the position I have taken, and the nature of the remarks I have made. Profit by them, both saints and sinners. You have had things laid before you that do not belong to the world, nor to men and women, who calculate to apostatize. They belong to the wise; to those who are serving God with all their hearts. Now let me say to the wicked in heart, you cannot remember a word of this discourse unless you remember it in the Lord. I might reveal all there is in eternity, and those who have not their hearts on righteousness would know nothing about it, nor be in the least instructed.<sup>7</sup>

If we will do as we have been told this morning, if you will enter into the Spirit of your calling, into the principle of securing to yourselves eternal lives, eternal existence, eternal exaltation, it will be well with you. But if, after being put into a carriage and placed upon the road, having everything prepared for the journey that infinite wisdom could devise, this people stroll into the swamp, get into the woods among the brambles and briars, and wander around until night overtakes them, I say, shame on such people.<sup>12</sup>

I do hope and pray--and I want you to listen how I shape this prayer, instead of praying my Father in heaven in the name of Jesus to make you and me faithful--I pray that we Latter-day Saints may be faithful to the covenants we have entered into with our Heavenly Father and with one another, and to live our holy religion, for we do know how. I need not ask the Father to make us faithful any more than I need ask him to come and sow our wheat for us, not a particle, for we know all about it. Be faithful, do right and live so as to be worthy of life everlasting. Amen.<sup>43</sup>

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