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# Adam & God as Separate Beings

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Adam God & Related Fundamentalist Claims



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## First Statement of My View

I think Brigham was misunderstood about Adam. He taught Adam God, but also taught Adam wasn't God, as I show in this book.

But even if Brigham was in fact teaching Adam God, I'm willing to say he was wrong.

Fundamentalists are also to admit Brigham was wrong sometimes. None of us Mormons promote infallibility of leaders. Fundamentalists claim that Brigham was wrong when he repeatedly taught that Adam wasn't God, perhaps suggesting that to being taught before he learned Adam God, which I don't think is the case, and I have references to support those later anti-Adam-God teachings of Brigham in this book.

So yes, Brigham could have been wrong.

Another possibility is that if Adam God is true, that it doesn't matter for the church now. And that's ok.

I believe that Adam is the boss of this world, but Christ is above him, and presides over the entire Kolob system (likely this galaxy).

## What Even is "Adam God Doctrine"?

Adam God is a common view among fundamentalist Latter-day Saint groups. It is the idea that Adam is the same person as God the Father. That the Adam we read of in Eden is God the Father, the Father of Jesus Christ.

Adam God is rejected by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints as a false interpretation of statements of early leaders,

or perhaps even a mistaken idea which some members held. Whether it is a modern interpretation, or a teaching believed by early leaders, it is rejected as a falsehood by the restored Church today.

Fundamentalists claim that Brigham Young was the main advocate of Adam God doctrine, but a close look at many of his statements shows that this could be a misunderstanding of Brigham's teachings.

Joseph Smith taught that Adam was Michael the Archangel, and some have interpreted that to mean that Adam is God the Father, rather than the son of God.

What is the fundamentalist Adam God explanation of the Godhead as depicted in the temple endowment? They say that Elohim is a council (not an individual) (and that could be right), or that Elohim represents God's grandfather. Then there's Jehovah who represents God's father, then Michael as God the Father. Other times Jehovah and Michael are seen as the same person (God the Father). Then Jesus and the Holy Ghost are additional characters, not depicted in the endowment (though Jesus was apparently shown as a 4<sup>th</sup> God for some time). To put it simply (which is quite difficult), they say there are 2 trinities, and that Michael is the lowest member of one, and the highest member of the other.

The endowment is understood in the restored church today as Elohim being God the Father, Jehovah being Jesus Christ, and Michael being Adam.

Typically, whenever a scripture contradicts fundamentalist interpretations of Adam God, they claim that the God being spoken of is God the grandfather, rather than God the Father, who they say would be Adam/Michael. But a face value reading of scripture shows time and again that God the Father and Adam are separate beings (a father and his son).

## The Purpose of This Book & My Background Research on Adam God

In this book, I will show some introductory arguments defending the Church's position on Adam God, that Adam and God the Father are separate beings.

Having an incorrect view of God, particularly one contrary to the teachings of the church, is spiritually dangerous for our personal testimony, and can sew discord among the household of faith.

I have gone through just about every debate point possible on this topic and have spoken at length with many fundamentalists who believe Adam is God. I have hundreds of pages of notes on the views and favorite quotes of fundamentalist thinkers, including how they interpret various quotes and scriptures. I respect these people and their views, and I have learned many important and interesting things from them, but they are clearly at variance with accepted doctrine in the restored Church when it comes to Adam and some other doctrines. I have come to the conclusion that the Church is not in error in this doctrine, and that the doctrine of Adam God is not correct.

I want truth wherever it is found, so I have considered the possibilities of Adam God doctrine, but it is apparent that it's all one big misunderstanding. Even in the first few pages of the Words of Joseph Smith (Ehat & Cook) we read over and over statements from Joseph Smith which teach clearly that God the Father is not Adam. Adam was a mighty prophet, but not a god.

In this booklet I haven't covered every point, but it is a work in progress and I will likely put more in it as time goes, including additional analysis of controversial (and sometimes fake) quotes.

Admittedly, there are challenging quotes which I have yet to add the text of and my analysis to, I do plan on expanding this work.

These writings are not to “bash” on fundamentalists, but to defend the doctrines of the restored Church, and promote what I believe to be truths of the gospel.

If God wishes to teach a different understanding let Him do it, but my calling is to sustain and defend the doctrines of the restored church, even if there are a few apparently different views from past leaders on some points. I know several members of the restored church who are convinced of Adam being God, but I must disagree and defend what I believe to be an increasingly plain and precious truth of the gospel, that Adam was a son of God. That Adam is our brother. That God the Father is an immortal being who has passed through life’s trials and no longer experiences the weaknesses of mortality, that He is in a blessed exalted state, and continues his work therein.

To put it simply, I believe that Adam God doctrine is a misunderstanding of what was said, and a misunderstanding of correct doctrines, and is false.

## Orson Pratt Wanted to Sustain the Prophet in His Day, Do You in Yours?

Orson Pratt expresses repentance for arguing against what the prophet was teaching, and against what the church had accepted.

Today the tables have turned. The prophet and church do NOT accept Adam God teachings. So will you be like Orson Pratt and sustain the church and its leadership, or rely on your own wisdom?

If Adam God was taught (and you can make a case that the popular version you hear today isn’t what was taught), Orson



allowed for some submission of his will to sustain the church. These days, if our understanding of doctrine has evolved to understand more clearly doctrines surrounding Adam, which don't make him God, would we also put aside our differences and stand with the church? For you and Orson, sometimes it seems we must set our opinions on the shelf, and sustain the leadership of the church and its declared doctrine.

## Spirit Tells McConkie to Teach Missionaries that "Adam God" is False

Some missionaries asked about Adam God doctrine and Elder McConkie noted, "I was talking with some power and fluency about this doctrine explaining that these interpretations were false and defining how and where the church stood on Adam and on the members of the godhead. In the midst of this discussion, under circumstances where I was far more fluent and expressive than my normal capacity allows, it suddenly seemed to me as though a pillar of light extended up from me endlessly and the clear unmistakable impression came from the spirit of the Lord that what I was teaching was true; that the interpretations made by various people of Brigham Young's quotations was totally false and then if I felt so inclined I was perfectly at liberty to speak in the Lord's name as to the truths I was then declaring." (P366-7 the Bruce R McConkie story by Joseph Fielding McConkie 2003)

## A Quick-Fire of 16 Points Against Adam God from a Letter to a Friend

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1. Joseph Smith said marriage of Adam happened in Eden (not before):

“I then remarked that marriage was an institution of heaven, instituted in the garden of Eden;” (Joseph Smith H.C. 2:320.)

2. Bible says Moses died and that was wrong, but we can't claim Adam didn't die, as the D&C says he did several times, and the D&C is our most up to date revelation, not passed down through scribes to corrupt it. D&C 107:42; D&C 107:53; D&C 138:11-17 & 38-9. We also read of permanent resurrection in the Book of Mormon, that must have come to us for a reason.

You mentioned somewhere Joseph Smith said Adam didn't die?

3. Adam was a sinner saved by Christ D&C 29:40-42
4. Joseph Smith called God as Adam, and differentiated between Adam God and Michael Adam:

“I saw father Adam, and Abraham and Michael and my father and mother, my brother Alvin that has long since slept, ...”  
(Joseph Smith Diary cited in *The Revelations of Joseph Smith* by Lyndon W. Cook p. 303)

Some have speculated that it was a scribal error in writing “Michael” instead of “my father”, but the account has both, and it's hard to get “Michael” from “my father”. This original version could make sense if we see it as calling God the Father Adam, who is the father of Michael-Adam.

Alternatively, today's version of this revelation is D&C 137:3-5 which reads, “3 Also the blazing throne of God, whereon was seated the Father and the Son. 4 I saw the beautiful streets of that kingdom, which had the appearance of being paved with gold.

5 I saw Father Adam and Abraham; and my father and my mother; my brother Alvin, that has long since slept;”

Notice how the Father and Son are separate from and mentioned before Father Adam.

5. Adam is under Christ in authority.

Jude 1:9 “Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.”

D&C 78 shows that Christ appointed Michael, established Michael, sets Michael on high, and gives Michael keys of salvation under himself (Christ).

Adam was taught to pray to the father in the name of the son.  
(ref POGP)

6. Brigham said Adam was father of Eve. Makes sense if Adam is God’s name, and Adam is named after his Dad.

Wilford Woodruff said he heard Brigham Young teach that, "Mother Eve was the daughter of Adam." [WWJ 7:152, Aug 31, 1873]

7. Joseph taught that Adam got authority from Christ, and spoke of the Father as separate from Adam:

“This then being the nature of the priesthood, every man holding the presidency of his dispensation and one man holding the presidency of them all even Adam and **Adam receiving his presidency and authority from Christ**, but cannot receive a fulness, until Christ shall present the kingdom to the Father which shall be at the end of the last dispensation.”[The Words of Joseph Smith. 40. See also Teaching of the Prophet Joseph Smith,169.]

8. Brigham taught that the father of Adam and father of Christ were the same person:

"I believe **the Father** came down from heaven, as the Apostles said he did and begat the savior of the world; for he is the ONLY-begotten [sic] of the Father, which could not be if the Father did not actually beget him in person... [T]he Bible declares He has a corporeal body; that in His likeness, precisely, **He created Adam.**" [Brigham Young JD 1:238.]

9. Resurrected beings can never die again, as our most modern revelation shows us: D&C 93: 33; D&C 138:17
10. Cannonized scripture & other teachings show that Christ created and saves not just this but multiple worlds. Hebrews 1; Moses 1; D&C 88 alludes to this; D&C 76; D&C 76 poetic version is blatant about it. All of these contradict Brigham's teaching that there is 1 tempter and 1 savior per world. Christ saving multiple worlds is at odds with typical Adam God teachings. Adam may be the God/presiding officer of this world, but Christ is above him, being over the whole Kolob system of worlds.
11. Brigham himself said that the issue of who Adam is people shouldn't be too concerned about. Yet today we see it is a divisive subject causing many to leave the church. Even if Adam God is true, it should apparently be something kept on the down-low in today's climate. We have a worldwide fast-growing church, the members need the milk, not the meat. Granted I think Adam God is false, but I'm just saying even if it were true, it shouldn't be something we try to tell the church how to handle. It's God's church, we accept or reject it, we don't tell him how to run it. The church can still be true and not teach all truths. The church is meant for the people, and if the people in general aren't ready for

something (like plural marriage), God can pull back on that thing, and wait until the people are ready for it. (PS- I do foresee a day of plural marriage returning in the church, though not as something all members would be expected to do.) My point in this paragraph is to say it's not really up to us to say what God should and shouldn't do with his church, both in doctrine, and practice.

12. Joseph Smith taught that doctrine must square with canonized scripture, aka the standard works. I can get expounding on things in the canon (and even adding to the canon when voted upon by the church), but as I've suggested here, there seem many places where Adam God teachings directly contradict canonized scripture, even scripture which Joseph Smith himself canonized in the D&C. Expansion, ok. Direct contradiction, not ok.
13. The original copy we have of the Lecture at the Veil has 4 missing lines. Furthermore, JDT McCallister sent a memo to Wilford Woodruff and Joseph F Smith saying this was given by Brigham to be included in the temple at future times; but W Woodruff was temple president when St. G temple was dedicated; did Brigham dictate something W Woodruff didn't know about?
14. I mentioned Hyrum Andrus, a Joseph Smith scholar who taught at BYU who was known to shake the saints' understanding. Here are a few lectures of his you may be interested in which are relevant to Adam God in some ways.

Christ's appearances to the prophets [https://youtu.be/2Gru2-ZF\\_Fc](https://youtu.be/2Gru2-ZF_Fc)

Creation of worlds without number

<https://youtu.be/rZIEFtmWG3A>

Man's relation to God, intelligences, etc.

<https://youtu.be/bzUhBXKNIQ4>

The mission of the Church ([864](#)) [The Church of Jesus Christ and the Mission The Doctrine & Covenants Lecture 09 by Hyrum Andrus - YouTube](#)

Andrus' view is that Adam is the head of priesthood on this earth and the steward over this earth, and that Christ is the creator and savior of this galaxy, with Kolob near its center. God the Father would be creator of multiple galaxies, perhaps all the ones we can see.

15. Are you familiar with this lecture by President Spencer W Kimball "That ye may not be deceived"? Here it is <https://speeches.byu.edu/talks/spencer-w-kimball/may-deceived/>
  
16. I have a general concern that fundamentalists are off track spiritually by having left the church and ordinances offered there, and are therefore prone to accept incorrect teachings. I mentioned J. Max Anderson's book "The Polygamy Story: Fact & Fiction" which I sent you a link to ([The Polygamy Story: Fiction and Fact, by J. Max Anderson - Introduction - SHIELDS \(shields-research.org\)](#)) refuting authority claims of the fundamentalist groups. [My notes on this book are in my polygamy book]

## Alma Allred Institute Teacher Debate Notes with Protestant about Adam God insert

From Part 9 and 12 of a series of discussions with James Wallace.

Part 9 [\(730\) The Ancient Paths - 9th Interview with Alma Allred, LDS Institute Instructor, on Prophecy - YouTube](#)

JD 1:50 (Journal of Discourses) is Brigham's Adam God sermon, it was never one that he published and sent out to the people as scripture. The JD was never published by the church, it was by the FLDS church who published it.

There are several sermons which Brigham did correct, and the uncorrected version is the one that got published.

Samuel Rodgers and Wilford Woodruff both recorded the sermon of Brigham Young differently which is found in JD 1:50.

The Seer is the only publication that's been condemned by the first presidency and quorum of the 12 apostles. This is where we read of the dispute between Brigham and Orson Pratt. The main dispute between them was that Orson thought Adam was made out of dirt and Brigham taught that Adam was made by natural birth.

Fundamentalists want to focus on certain things of Brigham Young and mainstream LDS want to look at other things Brigham Young taught, and there are things that neither of them want to look at, but to get a good understanding you have to look at the whole thing.

Brigham Young used the name Adam as a title, and that title

can apply to more than one specific individual.  
Just like how Paul called God Adam.

If I say Joseph Smith was born 1771, people think that's crazy, but it's actually true because we're talking about Joseph Smith Sr. not Joseph Smith Jr.

Similarly the term Adam can apply to more than one individual.

There are Lords many and Gods many says the scripture.

If we are cleaned by Christ, whether or not we were a sinner at one point in our history is irrelevant. People want to ask the question of if God was once a man did he sin, the answer is it doesn't matter because he would have been cleansed if he did.

Note – this is a great point. The plan of God centers in a savior interceding for a cohort of God's children. All people involved in that plan have the opportunity to advance to become like God Himself. Surely there are ruling Gods stretching back forever, and there will be more stretching forever into the future. The work of God never ends.

(Also see the rest of the Alma Allred debate series, part 10 is on the nature of God, and is applicable to this topic, but not included here.)

Now from lecture 12:

### **Part 12 on Adam God**

<https://youtu.be/eSJlshDivfU>

Note - when Brigham says Adam went to Eden and brought Eve one of his wives and helped make the world, he's obviously not talking about God the Father because God the Father was the principal creator, not just a helper in the



creation.

Mark E Peterson in his book “Adam Who is He” denounces Adam God doctrine as unscriptural.

You have to read all of Brigham's teachings, not just the favorites of the fundamentalists or the favorites of the LDS.

Brigham was either confused, misquoted, misunderstood, or talking about Adam as a title rather than a person.

Brigham Young would bring up Adam teachings when Orson Pratt was in town because Orson Pratt had the view that Adam was made out of clay and Brigham had the view that Adam was born.

Brigham had a long time to explain himself and he never did.

George D Watt notes of JD 1:50, of the same, Woodruff took a paragraph more of notes, and those resolve some of the issues about Adam.

In the Wilford woodruff Journal we do see that he perceives that Brigham is in fact teaching that Adam is God the father of spirits.

During Brigham's 33 year administration this topic is addressed only very rarely.

Brigham said it doesn't matter whether we are to consider Adam or God or his father or his father, for in either case we are of one family, one species, and Jesus Christ is also our species.

So we see that Brigham is saying it is inconsequential who is who, we are all children of God.

Note – It seems likely Brigham’s view was that Jehovah in the creation wasn’t Jesus (at least some have suggested this), but that the 3 creation figures were each the son of the next; though the view of the Church today is that Jesus is Jehovah of the creation, and the 3 creation figures are not viewed as a line of fathers and sons, but as The Father & 2 of His sons (Jesus and Adam). Of course the term Jehovah is used today in the Church to mean Jesus, but it wasn’t always so, we have Joseph Smith praying to Jehovah as a title for God the Father, etc. Alma points out that today the church has, for convenience, designated the name “Jehovah” to mean Jesus, but the Church recognizes this is not essential. The clear message of the Church today is that Jesus was very involved in the creation, and is a central figure of the temple endowment. Perhaps a misunderstanding of Jesus not being an endowment figure (not being Jehovah) is what lead to speculation of Jesus being the next generation after Adam, which makes Adam the father of Jesus. I would say our understanding of these things in the Church has progressed, if the assumptions of Brigham’s view here presented are correct.

Joseph Smith taught that Adam is the Ancient of Days and Protestant Christianity sees the Ancient of Days as God the father, but Mormonism does not.

Protestants read about the Ancient of Days and Jesus coming to receive a crown from the Ancient of Days.

At the council in the last days (Adam-On-di-Ahman), Adam and the prophets and Jesus will be there and Jesus will be honored, but Jesus will also honor Adam as the father of the human race, the Ancient of Days.

Note – My understanding is that Adam is a leading steward of this world, and that Jesus is leader over many earths. This

doesn't mean Adam is the God of this world. The Book of Mormon message is that Jesus Christ is the God of this world.

If you had Brigham Young, Bruce McConkie, Spencer Kimball & Mark Peterson all in the same room, they would agree together about Adam and God.

Brigham said some say that we are the children of Adam and Eve so we are, and they are the children of heavenly father.

Note – this clearly shows Brigham saw Adam as a son of God, not as God. Any allusions to Adam as God should be understood as a leading priesthood figure overseeing our progress on earth. Not as father of our spirits, but as an under-shepherd, a priest for God and God's children here, someone to certainly be held in high esteem.

Brigham differentiates between Elohim and Michael and we know Brigham calls Michael Adam so clearly he doesn't think that Adam is Elohim.

Church doctrine is not made by random statements. It is by the first presidency presenting to the members of the Church something to be included into the canon.

Brigham had the opportunity to canonize things about Adam but never did; whereas he did canonize things into the doctrine and covenants, 24 sections, including one he wrote himself.

Alma's friend made a comprehensive collection of the discourses of Brigham and had access to the Church vault to do that and saw there were several instances where Brigham had made corrections of his sermons but the uncorrected version is the one that got published and shared.

The lecture at the veil record that we have skips four lines before the key parts about Adam.

L John Nuttall (source for the version of the 'lecture at the veil' we have today) wrote Brigham's words but was not Brigham's official secretary.

Adam God is not doctrine. Doctrine is found in our canon of scriptures.

Note – this is a major issue for Adam God advocates. Our scripture canon in many places refutes Adam God teachings, and advocates of Adam God have to stretch and say that we shouldn't take the scripture at face value for what they say. For many, this old theory dies hard. But we must have a basis for establishing truth, and foundational scriptures are a big part of that. Prophets can add to scripture, expound on scripture, but what they can't do is directly contradict scripture. For example, we have many scriptures saying that 1. Adam was a fallen man who was saved by Christ. 2. Adam lived as a mortal, grew old, and died (if Adam was God, he would be resurrected and unable to die, but "surely", after eating the fruit, he did die.) There are other categories of scripture as well which further illustrate that the popular teachings on Adam God advocated by fundamentalist groups cannot square with revealed truths contained in the holy scriptures. Joseph Brigham and the all the prophets have warned against embracing teachings which go against scripture.

Adam God was not called a theory in Brigham's day, but it was also not called the doctrine.

Brigham did have access to the book of Moses which says that Adam is a son of God.

Joseph Smith said that for a prophet not everything he says is

inspired or the word of God.

We have procedures in place to determine what doctrine is, this is why we have the canon to prevent us from being led about by every wind of doctrine.

Several prophets have taught that no matter what a prophet says, it has to square with scripture or it is no good.

Brigham would say "I reckon" a lot. Prophets don't always speak as prophets.

Prophets can give their own opinion or teach something wrong and still be prophets of the Lord. Moses was denied going into the land of promise because he did something wrong. Peter set a bad example and Paul had to challenge him in the New Testament which was an error in judgement. John sent disciples to find out if Jesus is the Christ which was an error of judgement (unless that was just for John's followers not for John who already knew).

Note - also Jonah is surprised at the repenting of Ninevah.

Alma doesn't believe that Brigham was mistaken. Look at all of his statements, they can be reconciled that Adam who fell is not God the Father. When Brigham spoke of father Adam meant the father of Adam. From the Bible we can conclude that God's name is Adam. The whole family of heaven and earth is named Adam, named after God as the Bible says.

Note – It could be as simple as a father naming his firstborn after himself, as is common.

What of the Deuteronomy verse saying if a prophet says something and it doesn't come to pass he is a false prophet, and Joseph Smith speaking something that didn't happen?

Isaiah told Hezekiah he was going to die. Jona told Ninevah they were going to be destroyed. Jeremiah told Jehoiakin(?) he would have no children to sit on the throne of Israel. All these

statements made in the name of the Lord did not come to pass. God qualifies in the book of Jeremiah that what prophets say is contingent on how the people respond to it.

Note: people who argue this 'didn't come to pass' argument disregard the plethora of prophecies of Joseph Smith which did come to pass. There's entire volumes on it.

Note: the prophecy of Joseph Smith about the Lord's return happening earlier COULD have happened if the righteous were righteous enough, and the wicked wicked enough. It was a very likely condition, but it has been forestalled due primarily to the wickedness of the people, and the failure of the saints to build Zion in Holiness.

If the Lord tells a people he is going to build up a city, and the people don't get on board, he won't build it up.

Note - surely here Alma refers to the latter-day Zion which wasn't built in Missouri due to the failure of the saints, as indicated in the D&C.

The pearl of great price talks about the gods forming the Earth, we have God the Father God the son and Adam participating in creating the Earth.

Joseph Smith said unequivocally that marriage was an institution of Heaven instituted in the garden of Eden. (Shows that Adam didn't 'bring one of his wives' there as is said. Rather, Adam was married in Eden.)

When it comes to the quote that Adam came to this earth bringing one of his wives and that he was a resurrected being, there is no way that could be referring to the Adam who fell;

Adam could not have been married before he came into the garden of Eden.

Note – Alma would argue, and I would agree, that the ‘Adam’ spoken of in that particular is ‘Adam Sr.’, God the Father, not the Adam who fell in Eden.

The Book of Mormon tells us that a resurrected being cannot die and that if Adam took the fruit he would surely die. And he did partake and he did die, so he was not a resurrected being, and therefore not God.

The poem of Eliza Snow celebrating Adam as the father of Jesus is not in church materials today.

Note – Adam was the maternal grandfather of Jesus, but it appears Eliza Snow was incorrectly teaching that Adam was the direct paternal father of Adam.

The archangel Michael is not the father of our spirits.

The Savior taught in parables specifically so that people would not understand, and we see Brigham doing the same.

Orson Pratt’s writings in The Seer were condemned by the first presidency and quorum of the 12 and Orson agreed he was wrong in that.

The lecture at the veil may have only been at the St George temple.

Brigham says Eve’s being from one of Adam's ribs means symbolically that she was procreated from the side of her father, NOT her husband but her father, this is evidence of Brigham using the term Adam as father.

We cannot say that God the Father and Mary the mother of Jesus working together to create Jesus is incestuous because we are all brothers and sisters in spirit and we would not think that it typical marriage between two spirit siblings (which we all are) as incestuous.

The Adam who fell in Eden was a god before he came to Earth similarly to how the Holy Ghost is a God who has not yet come to Earth and how Jesus was a god before he came to Earth. Adam who fell in Eden did help create the earth.

## Overview of the Role of Adam as Father & Head of Patriarchal Holy Order of THIS World, but NOT over Christ

We must have a proper understanding of God as shown by the revelations, and as taught by the church past and present:

How Adam and God are separate, yet Adam is our father and God:

Adam presides over the patriarchal order on THIS sphere. He, you could say, is our God, all of us who are on THIS earth. Christ however, is over ALL worlds of this eternity system, being the redeemer of it and the creator of it.

Adam is the god of this world, and he is our father, but not the father of our spirits. He is below Christ. Christ is the creator of many worlds. Adam is just the chief assistant in creating this



one. Adam's assignment was particularly for this one, Adam is the leader (God) of this world, while Christ's was to manage the operation of the whole system of worlds, under the direction of the Father.

Adam presides over the holy patriarchal order for all on this world, but he is below Christ, saved by Christ, resurrected after Christ, and is not a member of the godhead. Adam presides over us as our physical father and the father in the holy patriarchal divine order of the righteous, he is a dual father. The godhead preside over the Kolob system of worlds (likely the galaxy), whereas the work of Adam, Joseph Smith, Moses, Abraham, etc., their work centers on the redemption of THIS earth.

It's true their work can extend beyond this earth, but this is their chief assignment.

Many scriptures attest that Christ has made and redeemed many worlds. D&C 88, D&C 76, Moses 1, Hebrews 1, etc.

We also read of Jesus as being Jehovah God in this eternity system of worlds for the past 2.5 billion years, as WW Phelps taught and Joseph Smith approved of, referencing the unpublished portion of the Book of Abraham in Egypt.

Furthermore, Adam was a spirit before coming to this earth, then he died on this Earth, and after his resurrection when Christ arose, he can never die.

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Adam is under The Holy One (Christ), D&C 78:15-16:

"15 That you may come up unto the crown prepared for you, and be made rulers over many kingdoms, saith the Lord God, the Holy One of Zion, who hath established the foundations of Adam-ondi-Ahman; 16 Who hath appointed Michael your prince, and established his feet, and set him upon high, and

given unto him the keys of salvation under the counsel and direction of the Holy One, who is without beginning of days or end of life."

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Further analysis of Christ making and saving this Kolob system of worlds:

<http://richardsonstudies.com/2023/05/29/the-scale-of-each-eternity-as-salvation-of-a-galaxy-the-future-inheritance-of-the-faithful-as-presiding-gods-with-the-same-keys-calling-a-godhead-for-each-eternity-one-eternal-round/>

(if the link doesn't work, this essay should be found with my exaltation writings at richardsonstudies.com)

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See also Hyrum Andrus Pearl of Great Price commentary, p.352-3, where he shows the high role of Adam, yet contrasts it with the higher role of Christ.

## Bruce R McConkie in Mormon Doctrine Against Adam God

1958 First Edition of "Mormon Doctrine" Book by Elder Brice R. McConkie that stated his reasons for it being misunderstood:

Adam-God Theory. See ADAM, ANCIENT OF . DAYS, BIRTHRIGHT, CELESTIAL MARRIAGE, EXALTATION, Gan, GODHOOD, MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL, PATRIARCHAL CHAIN, PATRIARCHAL ORDER, PLURALITY OF GODS.

Cultists and other enemies of the restored truth, for their own nefarious purposes, sometimes try to make it appear that Latter-day Saints worship Adam as their Father in Heaven. In support of their false assumptions, they quote such statements as that of President Brigham Young to the effect that Adam is our [f]ather and our god and the only god with whom we have to do. This statement, and others of a similar nature, is perfectly consistent and rational, when viewed in full gospel perspective and understood in the light of the revelations relative to the patriarchal chain binding exalted beings together. Full and detailed explanations of all important teachings on these points are readily available. (see *Doctrines of Salvation*, vol. I, pp. 96-106. online: <https://archive.org/details/Doctrines-of-Salvation-volume-1-joseph-fielding-smith/page/n95/mode/2up>)

Faithful members of the Church worship the Father, in the name of the Son, by the power of the Holy Spirit, and view Adam in his proper high place as the pre-existent Michael, the first man and presiding high priest ( under Christ) over all the earth for all time, and as the one who will again lead the armies of heaven in the final great war with Lucifer. There is a sense, of course, in which Adam is a god. But so also, in the same sense, are Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; Moses and all the ancient prophets; Peter, James, and John; and all the righteous saints of all ages, including those of both high and low degree.

All exalted beings become joint heirs with Christ and inherit the fulness of the Father's kingdom. Having entered in at the gate of celestial marriage, and having pressed forward in righteousness, overcoming all things, they pass by the angels and the gods "to their exaltation and glory in all things. . . . Then shall they be gods, because they have no end; therefore shall they be from everlasting to everlasting, because they continue; then shall they be above all, because all things are subject unto them. Then shall they be gods, because they have all power, and the angels are

subject unto them." (D. & C. 132:19-20.) Of all these Adam is the chief, presiding (under Christ and the Father) in the patriarchal order over all the rest. There is no mystery about this doctrine except that which persons ignorant of the great principles of exaltation and unfriendly to the cause of righteousness have attempted to make.

## A Very Short Summary of My View on Adam God

Adam is the name of God. God named his son Adam after him.

Joseph and Brigham taught that Adam is the son of God.

When Brigham called Adam God, this would refer to God the Father, not Adam Michael the ancient of days. Most claims to the contrary are easily disproved, and some fake quotes are in circulation.

Fundamentalists skew teachings of Brigham and Joseph to align with their interpretation that Adam is God the Father of Jesus.

## Some Key Points Against Adam God Based in Scripture

I worry that the fundamentalist version of Adam is doing what it accuses others of: dogma.

What I've seen if Adam God is that you have to take 50 scriptures that say something on face value, and bend them to mean something else.

Examples of obvious scriptural doctrines which fundamentalists reject:

No death after resurrection.

Adam died.

Adam learned of Christ (not omniscient).

Christ was first resurrected.

Adam was seen in addition to god the father in dc137.

Dc78 Adam is below the holy one.

Tpjs157 seems quite clear that a steward adam is delivering what he was watching over back to the rightful King Christ. (Like a manager (Adam) who reports to the CEO (Christ).)

Many scrips (like 5 different places at least) say Jesus made and saves multiple worlds, which I now realize goes against Adam God teachings.

The list goes on and on and on and on.

For a good year I wanted to believe Adam God, it seemed like a neat idea, a mystery of the kingdom. But it just doesn't work with canonized scripture. It's mostly based on supposed quotes with supposed meanings, many of which are debatable on several levels.

Dc29 Adam repents

Dc78 Christ appoints Michael

Revelations- Michael sins by means of Christ the lamb.

Dc93 can't reseed a res body

Moses 6 Adam is a son of God

Adam God advocates take a scripture, and claim there's other esoteric meanings to the scripture, like saying when God made man, that was really a higher God making a lower God, etc.

I'll be the first to say church members are ignorant of Adams role. But it doesn't go so far as fundamentalists take it.

This isn't even to mention all the quotes of Joseph & Brigham which contradict Adam God, and I've got it all in my booklet.

I try to not be pushy, I try to be open to new ideas, but I have to take scripture seriously.

## Scriptures Show Christ Created & Saved Many Worlds, Disproves Adam God

D&C 88 alludes to it,

D&C 76 comes right out and says it,

Poetic D&C 76 makes it extremely obvious,

D&C 93 comes right out and says it

Hebrew 1 comes right out and says it, etc.

We can't just brush all these off by claiming all verses about the only begotten are just a title that refers to any redeemer. These all clearly refer to our specific redeemer.

## Who are Adam's Parents?

Adams father is God. That's the whole point. Adam's dad is the same guy who is Jesus' dad. It's the same guy who is the father of

our spirits. Adam is our spirit brother, not our spirits father. It's really quite simple. God is the father of our spirits, and the great grandpa of our bodies. Scripture is clear: Adam was a son of God. The term God throughout the scriptures refers to the person who made everyone who ever lived on this Earth. We pray to the same person that Adam prays to. We are saved by the same Lord that Adam is saved by.

Who is Adams mother?

Adams mother is a god. She is the mother of our spirits. She came to Eden with Heavenly Father had sired Adam and Eve.

Adam God doesn't work because it says Adam himself is God, yet Adam is called a son of God, Adam didn't know who Christ was until an angel taught him, Adam died "surely", Adam grew old, etc. Adam walked and talked with God in Eden, then he fell away from God. Aka, Adam cannot be God.

Adam was given priesthood, and is a very important person in Gods plan, but he isn't God.

## What did Adam fall from?

Yes Elohim means plural gods, and Joseph Smith said to translate it that way all the way through.

I believe Adam will become a God after he had passed his mortal probation, just like the rest of us.

Adam fell from

1. Being in direct communication with God and enjoying the endowment of the spiritual blessings and intelligence that brings (spiritual death) and

2. From having an immortal spiritual body with spirit rather than blood in his body which would then decay and die (physical death).

Scripture says Jesus stepped down from godhood to be man. It doesn't say that about Adam. Adam presides over the holy patriarchal order for all on this Earth, but only by the merit and sanction of Christ.

## The Only (but real) Way Adam is Jesus' Father

Adam is the father of Jesus through Mary's lineage, but not Jesus' direct father, that was The Man of Holiness.

## The devil serpent is a clue about God and Adam as Separate

In Eden, the serpent tells Adam and Eve that he is their brother. He avoids bringing up their Father. Since the Devil is brother of Adam and Eve, and we know that the Devil is a fallen child of God (not God's brother), this means that Adam is not God, but is rather one of God's sons (and a valiant one at that).

Some fundamentalist apologists suggest that Lucifer and the Serpent are two different beings to try and recompense this obvious issue in Adam God theology. I cannot comprehend it.

## Celestial Can't Minister to Telestial



Father is celestial, too much glory to minister here , can only minister 1 kingdom down. This is not what we seen in Adam, the fallen telesstial man.

## Titles for God are Somewhat Fluid

- “ We obey the Lord, Him who is called Jehovah, the Great I AM, I am a man of war, Eloheim, etc.” {Journal of Discourses, Vol.12, p.99, Brigham Young, November 17th, 1867}

We also have Joseph Smith in a temple dedication praying to God the Father and calling the Father Jehovah.

Especially in the newest version of the endowment, we have it spelled out which names for God the Father and the Son that we are using, namely Elohim for God the Father, and Jehovah for God the son. But it is noteworthy that even though we have accepted these as the titles we refer to them by, it is possible that in church history and in scripture itself, these titles may not have always been rigidly applied.

It is of little consequence, and we are fine using the titles as the church currently uses them.

There is God, there are angels, there are many Gods and Lord's. We get salvation by the name of Jesus Christ. There are generations of God's past and yet to come, and there we all are, I'm the middle, everyone is always in the middle, surrounded by those who care. Those that are with us are more than those who are against us. They want us to succeed. We will be tried, but not overwhelmed entirely, only in what matters not.

The Church, some time not long ago, for convenience, decided they will, when referring to God the Father say “Elohim”, and when referring to God the Son (Jesus Christ) will say, “Jehovah”. This is why in the early days we have prayers to Father Jehovah etc., the distinction doesn’t have to be that way in scripture, and it wasn’t always that way in church history.

## The Only Way Adam (Who Fell) is Father of Jesus

Adam is the father of Jesus through Mary's lineage, but not Jesus' direct (paternal) father, that was The Man of Holiness, who is the Father of our spirits.

This could clear up some confusion on the matter.

## Joseph Smith Differentiates Between Adam & God Ahman

“The Son had a tabernacle and so had the Father; but the Great God has a name by which He will be called which is Ahman - also in asking have reference to a personage like Adam for God made Adam just in His own image. Now this is a key for you to know how to ask and obtain.” (Joseph Smith, 9 March 1841. McIntire Minute Book published in Words of Joseph Smith, p. 64.)

## Joseph Smith: Adam Got Authority from Christ

“This then being the nature of the priesthood, every man holding the presidency of his dispensation and one man holding the presidency of them all even Adam and **Adam receiving his presidency and authority from Christ**, but cannot receive a fulness, until Christ shall present the kingdom to the Father which shall be at the end of the last dispensation.” [The Words of Joseph Smith, 40. See also Teaching of the Prophet Joseph Smith, 169.]

## Joseph Smith: Line of Authority: Christ, Adam, Noah

“How have we come at the Priesthood in the last days? It came down, down, in regular succession. Peter, James, and John had it given to them and they gave it to others. **Christ is the Great High Priest; Adam next.**” [Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith, 158]

“The Priesthood was first given to Adam: he obtained the First Presidency and held the keys of it, from generation to generation; he obtained it in the creation before the world was formed as in Gen. 1:26-28. He had dominion given him over every living creature. He is Michael, the Archangel, spoken of in the scriptures. Then to **Noah who is Gabriel, he stands next in authority to Adam in the Priesthood.**” [Words of Joseph Smith, 8. Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith, 157]

## D&C 137: Joseph Smith saw God The Father, The Son, and Adam as Separate

This scripture is a quite plain example of God the Father and Adam as separate beings:

1 The heavens were opened upon us, and I beheld the celestial kingdom of God, and the glory thereof, whether in the body or out I cannot tell.

2 I saw the transcendent beauty of the gate through which the heirs of that kingdom will enter, which was like unto circling flames of fire;

3 Also **the blazing throne of God, whereon was seated the Father and the Son.**

4 I saw the beautiful streets of that kingdom, which had the appearance of being paved with gold.

5 **I saw Father Adam** and Abraham; and my father and my mother; my brother Alvin, that has long since slept;

## D&C 137:5 Original Version: Joseph Smith Sees “Father Adam and Michael”, Suggests God the Father’s Name is Adam, & Adam/Michael is God’s Son

Today D&C 137:3-5 reads, “3 Also the blazing throne of God, whereon was seated the Father and the Son.

4 I saw the beautiful streets of that kingdom, which had the appearance of being paved with gold.

5 I saw Father Adam and Abraham; and my father and my mother; my brother Alvin, that has long since slept;”

The original reads,

“I saw father Adam, and Abraham and Michael and my father and mother, my brother Alvin that has long since slept, ...”  
(Joseph Smith Diary cited in *The Revelations of Joseph Smith* by Lyndon W. Cook p. 303)

Michael was later crossed out, as we see in the current version of D&C 137:5. There aren't any documents about reasons behind Orson Pratt's decision to cross out Michael (it was likely Orson Pratt who did it), but it's likely he saw a contradiction in having “Father Adam” and Michael being two separate individuals (as Joseph revealed that Adam and Michael are the same being), so he resolved the difficulty by deleting one of the individuals.

Concerning this editing out of Michael from this revelation, Alma Allred points out,

“Here is a clear and apparently deliberate distinction between “Father Adam” and “Michael.” It may be one source of Brigham Young's comments. This revelation was edited for publication in the *Deseret NewsWeekly* in September of 1852 and the reference to Michael was deleted. Although we cannot determine who did the deed, Orson Pratt, opponent to the Adam-God doctrine, is a likely candidate. He was the editor of the first edition of the *Doctrine and Covenants* published in the Salt Lake Valley, and arranged the sections in their present order and versification. He may have been responsible for this correction which has remained in its edited form through all publications.”  
(*The So-called Adam-God Theory* Alma Allred (1989))

Some claim that Joseph was saying “and my father” but “and Michael” was written instead. But it’s hard to get “and my father” from “and Michael, and my father and mother.” It’s much easier to conclude that the scribe wrote the revelation correctly.

The suggestion that the scribe erred is problematic because Joseph dictated very carefully.

Conclusion: The original revelation was correct, and shows that Heavenly Father is named Adam, and that Michael, when he came to earth, was named Adam after his Father.

Note: The 2 preceding verses (verses 3 and 4) are admittedly puzzling, I don’t know why it would mention God twice, in verse 3 and 5. So the scribal error theory is a possibility, but that still doesn’t mean the fundamentalist interpretation of Adam as God is correct, it’s just another claim they make which contradicts repeatedly established doctrines.

## D&C: 29:41: Adam Wasn’t an Exalted God, He Was a Sinner Who Had to Learn Repentance

In this dispensation we have the revealed truth that Adam was a righteous man. But he was a man none the less, and a sinner like the rest of us, with Christ as the only exception.

If the Adam God theory is true is, how could he give way to temptation and sin? Jesus was only half God and never sinned once. In Doctrine and Covenants 29:41

It says:

40 Wherefore, it came to pass that the devil tempted Adam, and he partook of the forbidden fruit and transgressed the commandment, wherein he became subject to the will of the devil, because he yielded unto temptation.

41 Wherefore, I, the Lord God, caused that he should be cast out from the Garden of Eden, from my presence, because of his transgression, wherein he became spiritually dead, which is the first death, even that same death which is the last death, which is spiritual, which shall be pronounced upon the wicked when I shall say: Depart, ye cursed.

42 But, behold, I say unto you that I, the Lord God, gave unto Adam and unto his seed, that they should not die as to the temporal death, until I, the Lord God, should send forth angels to declare unto them repentance and redemption, through faith on the name of mine Only Begotten Son.

43 And thus did I, the Lord God, appoint unto man the days of his probation—that by his natural death he might be raised in immortality unto eternal life, even as many as would believe;

Adam had to to repent, learn to exercise faith and be redeemed. If he were already an exalted being, how could this be the case?

### 3+ Scriptures: Adam is Under Christ

Jude 1:9 “Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.”

D&C 78 shows that Christ appointed Michael, established Michael, sets Michael on high, and gives Michael keys of salvation under himself (Christ).

We understand that Adam, after having partaken of the fruit, learned of the plan of redemption through Christ.

We know Adam was taught to pray to the father in the name of the son. (ref POGP)

## Joseph Smith: Christ has Keys of Universe, Adam is a Steward: Analysis of Quote Wording

“Daniel 7 speaks of the Ancient of days, he means the oldest man, our Father Adam, Michael; he will call his children together and hold a council with them to **prepare them for the coming of the Son of Man**. He, (Adam) is the Father of the human family and **presides over the Spirits** of all men, and all that have had the keys must stand before him in this great council. This may take place before some of us leave this stage of action. The Son of Man stands before him and there is given him glory and dominion. **Adam delivers up his stewardship to Christ, that which was delivered to him as holding the Keys of the Universe**, but retains his standing as head of the human family.” [Words of Joseph Smith, 8-9. Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith, 157]

Here we see that Christ has keys of the universe. Adam only has keys of this world.



Here we see the order clearly, as it says:  
Adam delivers to Christ.  
Then it says, repeating what it already said:  
He (Adam) delivers to him (Christ).  
Thus, the one who has keys of the universe is clearly Christ, not Adam.

## Brigham Young in Journal of Discourses 1:50-51 - Analysis of 4 Famous Supposed Adam God Lecture Passages

One of the most famous Adam God statements is in, as I'm sure you're aware, JoD 1:50-51. Read these pages in full at this link:  
<https://jod.mrm.org/1/46>

Here I will analyze some statements from that discourse which may appear troubling, but with a correct view show that Heavenly Father and Adam are separate beings:

1. "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."

This quote is about Adam/Michael, not Adam/Heavenly-Father.

If suggests that people marry in pre-mortality, as Adam already had plural wives when he came here, bringing one of them with him.

Adam bringing a celestial body, that refers to the way Heavenly Father created Adam.

Brigham calls Adam/Michael our father and god the only one with whom we have to do because he is referring to a line of authority, that Adam has stewardship over us. For example: we need to follow our local bishop, not just the prophet of the whole church.

2. This is also from JoD 1:51:

"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; and when he took a tabernacle, it was begotten by his Father in heaven, after the same manner as the tabernacles of Cain, Abel, and the rest of the sons and daughters of Adam and Eve; from the fruits of the earth, the first earthly tabernacles were originated by the Father"

This is saying that Heavenly Father is the first of the human family, and that Heavenly Father had a son Adam. It is a bit confusing, I could see it being interpreted either way, but true doctrine is supported.

3. Also from JoD 1:51:

"It is true that 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."

This does not mean that Michael is the Holy Ghost, it means those 3 were a quorum which is like the quorum that is our Godhead of Father Son and Holy Ghost. Michael/Adam worked with God. Michael means "who is like God". We know from the revelations that Adam has authority below Christ, so he is very high in authority.

4. Also from JoD 1:51:

"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."

This would refer to Heavenly Father in Eden siring Adam in Eden. Yes, Heavenly Father was in Eden. This should be fairly obvious.

## Alma Allred's Historical Record Resolution of The Most Difficult Adam God Passage of Brigham Young

Alma writes:

The most difficult discourse to apply to the dual Adam concept is the one which appears in Journal of Discourses volume. 1:

"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.”

There is a transition in the discourse from Father Adam to Michael. It occurs after “one of his wives with him” and before “He helped to make and organize this world.” Unfortunately, the original account of this discourse is not extant. However, two other accounts of the same discourse indicate that pivotal words are missing from the published version. Both reports, one by Wilford Woodruff and one by Samuel Hollister Rogers include these words before mention of Michael: “and eat of the fruit of the garden until He could beget a Tabernacle.” (From Woodruff journal. The Rogers account says “that they eat of the fruit of the ground untill they beget children from the Earth, ...”)

If we insert these missing words into the account, a different meaning is apparent:

“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. [They ate of the fruit of the garden until they could beget a Tabernacle]. He [the child] helped to make and organize this world. He is MICHAEL, the Archangel, the ANCIENT OF DAYS! about whom holy men have written and spoken.”

(The So-called Adam-God Theory Alma Allred (1989))

## [Brigham Young: Adam Father of Eve: Shows 2 Adam Theory](#)

Wilford Woodruff said he heard Brigham Young teach that, "Mother Eve was the daughter of Adam." [WWJ 7:152, Aug 31, 1873]

Naturally this demonstrates that the Adam which is referred to here is that parent of Adam and Eve as we know them. In other words, Heavenly Father is here called Adam. It would be against all scripture and otherwise ridiculous to think that a daughter was married to a father.

## Brigham Young: the Identity of Adam Doesn't Matter

“...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 dropt, 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.**” (J. D. 4:217, “To Know God Is Eternal Life— God the Father of Our Spirits and Bodies—Things Created Spiritually First—Atonement by the Shedding of Blood”, A Discourse by President Brigham

Young, Delivered in the Tabernacle, Great Salt Lake City,  
February 8, 1857)

## Brigham Young: God The Father Made Adam

"We believe in God the Father and in Jesus Christ our elder brother. We believe that God is a person of tabernacle, possessing in an infinitely higher degree all the perfections and qualifications of his mortal children. We believe that **he made Adam after his own image** and likeness, as Moses testifies;" [Brigham Young JD 10:230-231.]

## Brigham Young: Heavenly Father Made Adam in His Image

"[T]he Lord is our God and it is He whom we serve; and we say to the whole world that He is a tangible Being. We have a God with ears, eyes, nose, mouth; He can and does speak. He has arms, hands, body, legs and feet; He talks and walks; and we are formed after His likeness. The good book -- the Bible, tells us what kind of a character our Heavenly Father is. In the first chapter of Genesis and the 17th verse, speaking of the Lord creating men, it reads as plain as it can read, and He created man in His own image and likeness; and if He **created Adam and Eve in His own image**, the whole human family are like Him." [Brigham Young JD 13:308-309.]

## Brigham Young: The Father Created Adam

"I believe **the Father** came down from heaven, as the Apostles said he did and begat the savior of the world; for he is the ONLY-begotten [sic] of the Father, which could not be if the Father did not actually beget him in person... [T]he Bible declares He has a corporeal body; that in His likeness, precisely, **He created Adam.**" [Brigham Young JD 1:238.]

## Brigham Young: Adam is a Child of Heavenly Father, & So Are We

"The world may in vain ask the question, "Who are we?" But the Gospel tells us that we are the sons and daughters of that God whom we serve. Some say, "**we are the children of Adam and Eve.**" **So we are, and they are the children of our Heavenly Father.** We are all the children of Adam and Eve, and they and **we are the offspring of Him who dwells in the heavens**, the highest Intelligence that dwells anywhere that we have any knowledge of." [Journal of Discourses, Vol.13, p.311 - p.312, Brigham Young, April 17, 1870]

## Brigham Young: We All Knew Heavenly Father Elohim

“I want to tell you, each and every one of you, that you are well acquainted with God our Heavenly Father, or the great Elohim.”  
(BY JD 4:213)

## 7+ Scriptures Proving that Adam Died

First: why does this matter? Because it is claimed by fundamentalists that Adam didn't die, because he is God, who can't die because God has obviously already been resurrected. But we see in scripture that Adam did in fact die. The fundamentalist claim is that Adam sired Jesus, but that couldn't have happened if Adam was dead until the resurrection of Jesus (Jesus being the firstfruits of them that slept).

Genesis: In the day thou eatest thereof, thou shalt surely die.  
(Indeed, before 1000 years pass, Adam dies.)

Alma 12:23 “And now behold, I say unto you that if it had been possible for Adam to have partaken of the fruit of the tree of life at that time, there would have been no death, and the word would have been void, making God a liar, for he said: If thou eat thou shalt surely die.”

Genesis 5:5 “5 And all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years: and he died.”

Moses 6:12 “12 And all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years, and he died.”

D&C 107:42 “From Adam to Seth, who was ordained by Adam at the age of sixty-nine years, and was blessed by him three years previous to his (Adam's) death, and received the promise of God



by his father, that his posterity should be the chosen of the Lord, and that they should be preserved unto the end of the earth;”

D&C 107:53 “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 Adam-ondi-Ahman, and there bestowed upon them his last blessing.”

D&C 138:11-17 & 38-9:

“11 As I pondered over these things which are written, the eyes of my understanding were opened, and the Spirit of the Lord rested upon me, and I saw the hosts of the dead, both small and great. 12 And there were gathered together in one place an innumerable company of the spirits of the just, who had been faithful in the testimony of Jesus while they lived in mortality; 13 And who had offered sacrifice in the similitude of the great sacrifice of the Son of God, and had suffered tribulation in their Redeemer's name. 14 All these had departed the mortal life, firm in the hope of a glorious resurrection, through the grace of God the Father and his Only Begotten Son, Jesus Christ. 15 I beheld that they were filled with joy and gladness, and were rejoicing together because the day of their deliverance was at hand. 16 They were assembled awaiting the advent of the Son of God into the spirit world, to declare their redemption from the bands of death. 17 Their sleeping dust was to be restored unto its perfect frame, bone to his bone, and the sinews and the flesh upon them, the spirit and the body to be united never again to be divided, that they might receive a fulness of joy.

38 Among the great and mighty ones who were assembled in this vast congregation of the righteous were Father Adam, the Ancient of Days and father of all, 39 And our glorious Mother Eve, with many of her faithful daughters who had lived through the ages and worshiped the true and living God.

Note: There is, as I recall, also a Muslim legend about where Adam was buried, though I don't recall much about it.

## 2+ Scriptures: Resurrected Beings Never Die Again

D&C 138:17 “Their sleeping dust was to be restored unto its perfect frame, bone to his bone, and the sinews and the flesh upon them, the spirit and the body to be united never again to be divided, that they might receive a fulness of joy.”

D&C 93: 33 “For man is spirit. The elements are eternal, and spirit and element, inseparably connected, receive a fulness of joy; 34 And when separated, man cannot receive a fulness of joy. 35 The elements are the tabernacle of God; yea, man is the tabernacle of God, even temples; and whatsoever temple is defiled, God shall destroy that temple.”

Passages in Alma also teach this as I recall.

## 4+ Scriptures: Adam is a Son of God

Moses 6:22 “22 And this is the genealogy of the sons of Adam, who was the son of God, with whom God, himself, conversed.”

Genesis 1:26-7 “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. 27 So God created man in his [own] image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.”

Genesis 3:7 “And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.”

Now Moses 6:59 tells us what this “of the dust” means: “...and inasmuch as ye were born into the world, by water, and blood and the spirit, which I have made, and so became of dust a living soul...”

Thus we see that Adam literally has the complete DNA heritage of Heavenly Father and Heavenly Mother, being sexually begotten by them.

Thus we see that we too, as sons and daughters of Adam & Eve, are the children/posterity of God.

## Brigham Young: Adam was Sired by God Naturally

“I shall not take time to quote them on this occasion, but will content myself by quoting two passages in the 1st chapter of Genesis, 26th and 27th verses. "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." I believe that the declaration made in these two 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. 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 is, that were, or that ever will be." (Brigham Young, JD 11:122)

## Brigham Young: God's Produce Spirit Children, then Physical Children on a World They've Organized

“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, and 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. (BY JD 6:275.)

This quote may appear contradictory, but Adam and Eve here refer to Heavenly Father and Mother in order to be consistent with scripture and doctrine.

## Brigham Young: God Can Make Both Spiritual & Physical Children

“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.” (BY JD 15:137.)

Spencer W. Kimball made reference to this quotation in the April 1977 Priesthood Session of General Conference.

Note: God made physical children here as in Adam and Eve, and as in Jesus Christ.

## Bruce R. McConkie on God Physically Siring Adam on This Earth

Reed Durham telephoned Elder McConkie and wrote this note about the conversation:

I phoned B.R. McConkie on Friday afternoon, April 29th 1966 at his home in regard to his commentary of Luke 3:38 in his new text on the New Testament. He answered that he had purposely left the door opened on that point. He said it was a true doctrine that God the Father, Eloheim, a divine resurrected being came down to this earth after its creation, with a wife and produced in the natural way of sexual intercourse, a child who grew up and became known as ADAM. They did the same and brought forth 5 a girl who grew up and became Eve. They had bodies of flesh and bone etc., but were not mortal (not till they fell). They (Adam and Eve) were not resurrected and not translated beings. God really did create their bodies on this earth. They were not transported here (only their spirits). He then said that his father-in-law told him that was a true doctrine; that it had been taught a great deal by President J.F. Smith (6th President). He also added that President Joseph Fielding Smith said it was too deep now for most saints —that’s the reason for saying about the creation of Adam and Eve in the temple, “It’s only figurative...”

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Brigham Young: Adam as Father of Michael

“Who did beget [Jesus Christ]? ...His Father, and his father is our God, and the Father of our spirits and he is the framer of the body, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Who is He? He is Father Adam. Michael, the Ancient of days, has he a Father? He has. Has he a mother? He has.” (punctuation altered slightly) [ref](#)(JoD1:50?)

## Brigham Young: Adam’s Father is “The Father”

“Adam was as conversant with his Father who placed him upon this earth as we are conversant with our earthly parents. The Father frequently came to visit his son Adam, and talked and walked with him; and the children of Adam were more or less acquainted with their Grandfather, and their children were more or less acquainted with their Great-Grandfather.” (JD 9, p.149 - p.150)

## Brigham Young: Eve Taken from the Side of Her Father, Not Adam

“...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 does not produce it, consequently, she

was taken from the side or bowels of her father.” (Lecture at the Veil, St. George Temple)

## 3+ Scriptures: Adam was Born on This World

Genesis 3:23

Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.

Alma 42:2

Now behold, my son, I will explain this thing unto thee. For behold, after the Lord God sent our first parents forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground, from whence they were taken.

Moses 4:29

Therefore I, the Lord God, will send him forth from the Garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken;



## Adam Names Eve After His Mother, Like how He was Named after His Father

Alma Allred points out, “It is possible that the reason Adam named his wife “Eve” is because he recognized that he had been named after his Father and consequently thought it proper to name his wife after his Mother. Consequently, the she referred to in “she is the mother of all living” likely refers to Eve Sr. rather than Eve Jr.”

A possible indication of this concept is found in ancient documents referred to by Hugh Nibley: “Adam says, ‘How is my mother, the mother of the living?’” From The Great Old Manichaeon Song Book cited in the Collected Works of Hugh Nibley, vol. 1 p. 15

## What is Meant by “Only Begotten”

Elder mcconkie said the only difference between Christ and Adam is that Christ had 1 divine immortal parent, and Adam had 2.

I pondered and understood that only begotten in the flesh means the mortal flesh, it's God's only mortal born son, God's only son born to a mortal woman.

In addition to referring to Christ as God’s direct literal son, it refers to Christ being the one in whom The Father has given

heirship to primarily, the one who would carry out the plan, the one who was entrusted with all of it.

## Analysis of Joseph Smith's Quote on Dispensations of Creator Redeemer Testator

"Everlasting covenant was made between three personages before the organization of this earth, and relates to their dispensation of things to men on the earth; these personages, according to Abraham's record, are called God the first, the Creator; God the second, the Redeemer; and God the third, the witness or Testator." (Joseph Smith, TPJS, pg. 190)

Fundamentalists use this quote to say Adam is creator (God the Father), Jesus redeemer (naturally), and Joseph Smith as testator (Holy Ghost). But that isn't the only way to interpret this passage!

The spirit told me the dispensation of the creator was in his dealings with Adam in Eden teaching him there. It could also be his dealings with other early prophets. Thus it is God the Father (the creator) working with Adam, not Adam himself who this quote refers to.

Adam did help in the creation, but he is not to be confused with God the Father, the Chief Orchastator of the Creation.

The dispensation of the redeemer was his mortal life and his post mortal interactions from 0-2000 ad.

Perhaps the holy ghost ministry is in the final millennium and he ministers then.

I think the core meaning of this quote is that God the Father is the creator, then Jesus the redeemer, then the Holy Ghost is the testator.

### Ephesians 3:14-15 Adam (Man) as God's Name, & Adam's Name

“14 For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
15 Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,”

This is about God being named Adam. All in heaven and earth are named after God the father, including God naming his first son Adam.

### Abraham 1:3 Adam Has Right of the Firstborn (He Was Born Here)

“3 It was conferred upon me from the fathers; it came down from the fathers, from the beginning of time, yea, even from the beginning, or before the foundation of the earth, down to the present time, even **the right of the firstborn**, or the first man, **who is Adam**, or first father, through the fathers unto me.”

## Moses 6:22 Adam Son of God

“22 And this is the genealogy of the sons of Adam, who was the son of God, with whom God, himself, conversed.”

## Genesis 5:1-2 God Created Adam (On This Earth)

“1 This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God made he him;  
2 Male and female created he them; and blessed them, and called their name Adam, in the day when they were created.”

Note: Adam in hebrew is common noun meaning man or mankind

## Moses 6:50 God Called upon our father Adam

“But God hath made known unto our fathers that all men must repent. 51 And he **called upon our father Adam by his own voice**, saying: I am God; I made the world, and men before they were in the flesh.” (Moses 6:50)

## Genesis 3:23 Lord casts Adam from Garden

"23 Therefore the **Lord God sent him forth from the garden of Eden**, to till the ground from whence he was taken." {Genesis 3:23)

## D&C 78:15-16 Jesus Appoints & Directs Adam

"15 That you may come up unto the crown prepared for you, and be made rulers over many kingdoms, saith the Lord God, the **Holy One of Zion, who hath established the foundations of Adam-ondi-Ahman; 16 Who hath appointed Michael your prince, and established his feet, and set him upon high, and given unto him the keys of salvation under the counsel and direction of the Holy One**, who is without beginning of days or end of life." (D&C 78:15-16)

## D&C 88:112-114 Adam/Michael Fights via Christ

“For **Michael shall fight their battles, and shall overcome him who seeketh the throne of him who sitteth upon the throne, even the Lamb.**” [D&C 88:112-114]

## Joseph Smith: Adam Wasn't Married Until Eden

“I then remarked that marriage was an institution of heaven, instituted in the garden of Eden;” (Joseph Smith H.C. 2:320.)

## The (Limited) Ways in Which Adam is Our God

Adam is our forefather, and therefore has say over us.

Adam as first of this earth may be the steward over it.

Adam will prepare the way of the Lord in a counsel of the last days at AdamOndi-Ahman.

In a way, parents are gods to their children. And yes, eventually they belong to the eternal kingdom of their parents as well as their own kingdoms, and the kingdom of their Christ, and the kingdom of their Heavenly Father.

That's how I understand it.

## The Mysteries Of Godliness by Elder Bruce R Mcconkie: 22+ Monumental Doctrines of God the Father & The Son

<https://youtu.be/EpXzTR-qNB0>

[The Mystery of Godliness - Bruce R. McConkie - BYU Speeches](#)

Here are some notes on this great sermon:

A mystery is something which the kernel mind cannot come for him We have the right and power to learn all doctrine and all mysteries

We do not know when God's began to be or where matter comes from, but we do have revealed doctrine

The Quran says God has no need for a son because Allah speaks and it is done

Protestants and Catholics teach of a God who has no body, will never appear, never speak, and will never be known

Joseph Smith said to search deeper and deeper into the mysteries of godliness

There is nothing in universe upon universe that God does not know

He knows how to create worlds without number and govern them. what is there left for him to learn?

Eternal life is to live in the family unit and to receive all the father has

**We worship only the father and he is the one that we and Christ shall be like if we are true and faithful and all things**

See the full talk for an excellent layout on points of doctrine itemized efficiently

**There's one God and he appointed a man to be the mediator and that man Jesus is now like the father**

**As the Book of Mormon says we worship the father in The name of Christ**

All of the truly faithful ones to hold we're baptized how the gift of the Holy Ghost were married etc

All men and all ages are saved by obedience to the same laws

Christ worked out his own salvation he was on Earth subject to the same terms and conditions this was his mortal probation and after it he was judged

Christ worship the father hello name is the god of Jehovah as Elohim is our God

Christ advanced from Grace to Grace

We are all expected to learn the same truths and open the same doors to the same mysteries with the scriptures and the holy ghost

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Now here is a good portion of this powerful sermon in full, including 22 points of doctrine:

**“Search Deeper and Deeper**



As we walk the razor's edge—the razor that divides truth from near truths, which sometimes have a pleasing attraction—let us be mindful of these words of the Prophet Joseph Smith: “The Savior has the words of eternal life. Nothing else can profit us. . . . I advise all to go on to perfection, and search deeper and deeper into the mysteries of Godliness” (*Teachings*, p. 364).

Let us ponder these basic concepts:

**1. God is the Supreme Being.** He is the only supreme and independent being in whom all fulness and perfection dwells. He is the Creator, Preserver, and Upholder of the universe and all that in it is. He is without beginning of days or end of life, and by him all things are. He is the object of all proper worship and from him all good gifts flow. He presides over and governs all things and therefore has no equal. That there is and can be only one supreme being is axiomatic. There can be three equal beings who possess the same character, perfections, and attributes, but there is and can be only one who is supreme, who is the head, and to whom all others are subject.

**2. He is a holy man and has a body of flesh and bones.** It is written: “No unclean thing can dwell . . . in his presence; for, in the language of Adam, Man of Holiness is his name, and the name of his Only Begotten is the Son of Man, even Jesus Christ” ([Moses 6:57](#)). That is, he is Ahman, and the name of his Only Begotten is Son Ahman.

And as it was with Jesus, the Son, who came forth in the resurrection with a glorified, immortal, resurrected body of flesh and bones, so it was with his Father before him. Joseph Smith said: “God himself was once as we are now, and is an exalted man, and sits enthroned in yonder heavens!” (*Teachings*, p. 345). Truly, truly, it is written: “The Father has a body of flesh and bones as tangible as man’s” ([D&C 130:22](#)).

**3. He is the Eternal Father, the Father of Spirits.** God lives in the family unit and is the Father of Spirits, of spirit men and spirit women, hosts of whom are now being born as mortal beings. He is, “Our Father which art in heaven” ([Matthew 6:9](#)). We are his children, and we are governed by his laws and are subject to his chastisement, all of which caused Paul to say: “We have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live?” ([Hebrews 12:9](#)).

**4. He is omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent.** Let there be no mistake about this. God has all power; he is the Almighty. He knows all things, and there is nothing in all eternity, in universe upon universe, that he does not know. Joseph Smith so taught, and all our scriptures, ancient and modern, bear a concordant testimony. He is not a student god, and he is not progressing in knowledge or learning new truths. If he knows how to create and govern worlds without number, and all that on them is, what is there left for him to learn? Also, he is omnipresent, meaning that by the power of his spirit he is in all things, and through all things, and round about all things.

**5. What is the nature of God’s life?** The name of the kind of life that God lives is eternal life. One of his names, speaking in the noun sense, is Eternal, and he simply uses that name to describe the kind of life he lives. Eternal life consists of two things: (1) life in the family unit and (2) having the fulness of the Father, which is all power in heaven and on earth. It is because God has eternal life that he became the Father of Spirits as well as the creator and governor of all things.

**6. Whence came the plan of salvation?** It is simply the laws and ordinances by obedience to which men may gain eternal life and thus become as God is and be gods in their own right. Joseph Smith said: “God himself, finding he was in the midst of spirits and glory, because he was more intelligent, saw proper to institute laws whereby the rest could have a privilege to advance

like himself. . . . He has power to institute laws to instruct the weaker intelligences, that they may be exalted with himself, so that they might have one glory upon another, and all that knowledge, power, glory, and intelligence, which is requisite in order to save them in the world of spirits” (*Teachings*, p. 354).

**7. Who are Elohim and Jehovah?** They are the Father and the Son. The Everlasting Elohim is the Great God by whom all things are; the Eternal Jehovah is his Firstborn in the spirit and his Only Begotten in the flesh. Jehovah is thus our Elder Brother, and as such was subject to the same plan of salvation, the plan given of Elohim for the salvation of all his children.

While yet in the premortal existence, Jehovah advanced and progressed until he became like unto God. Under the direction of the Father he became the Creator of worlds without number, and thus was himself the Lord Omnipotent.

**8. Christ was chosen in the premortal existence as the Savior and Redeemer.** After the Father had presented his plan of salvation to all his spirit children, after it had been taught so that all understood that what Elohim proposed would enable his spirit children to gain eternal life, after all the hosts of heaven had been taught what they must do in connection with their coming mortal probation—after all this the Father of us all called a Grand Council. We were all present to hear his voice and to accept or reject the proposal he then made.

In that council he said: “Whom shall I send to be my Son, to work out the infinite and eternal atonement, to put into full operation all of the terms and conditions of my plan to save my children.” There were two volunteers—a conforming and obedient Jehovah and a rebellious and disobedient Lucifer.

The choice was made and the decree sent forth. The Father named his Beloved and Chosen One; he chose the Lord Jehovah who was the Creator of all things, and who was then the Lord

Omnipotent. He would be the one born as the Lord Jesus Christ. And this Chosen One was then foreordained and acclaimed as the Lamb slain from the foundation of the earth.

**9. Man was created and commanded to serve the Father.** It is written: “He created man, male and female, after his own image and in his own likeness, created he them; And gave unto them commandments that they should love and serve him, the only living and true God, and that he should be the only being whom they should worship” ([D&C 20:18–19](#)).

Please let these words of scripture sink into your heart and do not be confused about them. In order to gain salvation, we worship the Father and him only. He created us, he provided the plan of salvation, he called Christ to be the Savior and Redeemer, and he is the one that we and Christ shall be like if we are true and faithful in all things. We shall refer hereafter to the sense in which we worship Christ.

**10. Man fell, became mortal, and entered a probationary estate.** Created in a paradisiacal state in which there was no disease nor sorrow nor death—a state of innocence in which he could have no joy for he knew no misery, in which he could do no good, for he knew no sin—man, in conformity with the divine purpose, fell.

Temporal and spiritual death entered the world. Man became mortal. For the first time he could procreate and provide bodies for the spirits yet in the premortal existence. Truly, “Adam fell that men might be” ([2 Nephi 2:22–25](#)). We entered a probationary estate in which we are tried and tested to see if we will do all things whatsoever the Lord our God shall command us.

**11. The Father provided a Savior and Redeemer.** The eternal plan of salvation consists of the Creation, the Fall, and the Atonement. The Father having created man in his own image,

and Adam having fallen that mortal man might enter his probationary estate, it but remained for the Father to provide a Savior and Redeemer. This he did in the person of his Only Begotten.

Thus Christ came into the world to ransom men from the temporal and spiritual death brought about by the fall of Adam. Thus all men are redeemed from the temporal death through the resurrection. All became immortal. “As in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive” ([1 Corinthians 15:22](#)). And thus all men may be redeemed from spiritual death if they believe and obey, if they are true and faithful, if they keep the commandments.

**12. Christ is the Mediator.** Man in his fallen state is forever lost unless he rises from the Fall and regains the spiritual life that once was his. He must return to that God from whose presence he departed when he left the paradisiacal confines of Eden. Christ’s mission is to bring to pass this reunion. He mediates the cause of the children of men so they can once again be in harmony with their Maker.

“God our Saviour,” Paul tells us, “is willing to have all men to be saved.” In order to be saved, he says, they must “come unto the knowledge of the truth which is in Christ Jesus, who is the Only Begotten Son of God.” He is the one who is “ordained to be a Mediator between God and man.”

Then our ancient apostolic friend makes this great declaration: “For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; Who gave himself a ransom for all” (JST, 1 Timothy 2:3–6).

Ponder this concept: There is one God, one Supreme Being, one above all who dwells in heaven. He appointed a man—Christ Jesus, Paul calls him—to be a mediator between the Father and his fallen children. And this mediator, though serving as a man

when he atoned for the sins of the world, has now become as his Father and reigns with him in everlasting glory.

**13. The gospel is the plan of reconciliation.** Through the mediation of Jesus Christ it is within the power of fallen man to be reconciled with the Father. Christ's ministry is one of reconciliation; as he is a mediator, so he is a reconciler. And we as his servants are appointed to labor in a like manner.

Paul tells us that God "hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation." This doctrine is, he continues, "that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them," on conditions of faith and repentance. And he "hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation," making us, thus, "ambassadors for Christ," and enabling us to say to all men: "We pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God" ([2 Corinthians 5:18–20](#)).

**14. Christ is our advocate.** We have an advocate, eternal in the heavens, one who knows our infirmities, our sufferings, and our sorrows, because he too was subject to the flesh, and suffered beyond our comprehension while he dwelt as a man. Indeed, he was "a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief," and he bore "our griefs, and carried our sorrows" ([Isaiah 53:3–4](#)).

These are his words as he now pleads our cause in the courts above: "Father, behold the sufferings and death of him who did no sin, in whom thou wast well pleased; behold the blood of thy Son which was shed, the blood of him whom thou gavest that thyself might be glorified; Wherefore, Father, spare these my brethren that believe on my name, that they may come unto me and have everlasting life" ([D&C 45:4–5](#)).

**15. Christ is the God of our Fathers.** He is the God of Adam, and Enoch, and all of the saints who were before the flood. He is the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, and of all the holy prophets. As Jacob the Nephite said,

*We knew of Christ, and we had a hope of his glory many hundred years before his coming; and not only we ourselves had a hope of his glory, but also all the holy prophets which were before us.*

*Behold, they believed in Christ and worshiped the Father in his name, and also we worship the Father in his name. [[Jacob 4:4–5](#)]*

Thus all of the ancient saints—all those from Adam to Noah, and from Noah to Abraham, and from Abraham to Moses, and from Moses to the coming of Jesus in the flesh—all of the truly faithful ones of old had the gospel. They were baptized and received the gift of the Holy Ghost; they were endowed with power from on high; they received the blessings of celestial marriage. The gospel is everlasting, and all men in all ages are saved by obedience to the same laws and the same ordinances.

**16. Christ is the Promised Messiah.** For 4,000 years—from Adam to John the son of Zacharias—all of the prophets foretold the coming of the Messiah, the Deliverer, the Holy One who would deliver his people, redeem the faithful, and ransom all men from death, hell, the devil, and endless torment. All of the ancient saints testified of a Christ who would come to bring to pass the immortality and eternal life of man, even as we testify of a Risen Lord who has taken captivity captive and opened the gates of heaven to all who believe and obey.

**17. The mystery of the birth of our Lord.** To those with spiritual insight and understanding there is no mystery. The Lord Jehovah, the Firstborn spirit, Son of the Father, was born as the Lord Jesus. God was his Father and Mary was his mother. He was the Only Begotten in the flesh. From his Father, who is a holy man, he inherited the power of immortality, which is the power to live everlastingly; from his mother, a choice and chosen vessel of the lineage of David, he inherited the power of mortality, which is the power to die.

Thus, being dual in nature, he was able to lay down his life and to take it again. Thus he gave up the ghost at Golgotha, and three days later took up his partially embalmed and anointed body as it lay lifeless in an Arimathean's tomb.

**18. Christ ministered among mortals.** Though our Blessed Lord came into the world to die upon the cross for the sins of the world, though that was the chief intent and purpose of his mortal ministry, though his assigned ministry was to atone for the sins of the world—yet, while he was here, he restored the fulness of the gospel to the earth and taught its doctrines through all Judea and Galilee and beyond.

But, be it remembered, the gospel he taught originated with God his Father. “My doctrine is not mine,” he said, “but his that sent me. If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself” ([John 7:16–17](#)).

**19. Christ worked out his own salvation.** This is something of which uninspired men have no comprehension. Truly, he was the Lord Omnipotent before the world was; truly, he was like unto the Father in the premortal life; truly, he was the Son of God here on earth—and yet, with it all, as with all the spirit children of the same Father, he too was subject to all of the terms and conditions of the Father's plan.

He also was born on earth to undergo a mortal probation, to die, to rise again in immortal glory, to be judged according to his works, and to receive his place of infinite glory in the eternal kingdom of his Everlasting Father. How well Paul said:

*Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;*



*And being made perfect, he became the author [that is, the cause] of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him. [[Hebrews 5: 8–9](#)]*

**20. Christ worshipped the Father.** This also is something that is seemingly unknown in the sectarian world. Of course our Blessed Lord, the Lord Jesus himself, the one who is our Savior and Redeemer, of course he worshipped the Father. How else could he (not having received the fulness at the first, as John tells us) go from grace to grace until he received the fulness of the glory of the Father?

Why else would he say to Mary Magdalene as she bowed before him on the resurrection morning: “Go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God” ([John 20:17](#))? Note it and note it well—Elohim is the God of Jehovah as truly and as fully as he is our God. And as Christ worshipped the Father, so must it be with us if we are to go where Christ is and be like him, according to the promises.

**21. Christ—the Atoning One and the Crucified One.** That which happened in Gethsemane and at Golgotha constitutes a mystery we cannot comprehend. We do not know how a God could bear the sins of all men on conditions of repentance. We cannot fathom the agony involved when Jesus, suffering both body and spirit, sweat great drops of blood from every pore. We only know that it was part of the plan of the Father and that our Lord drank to the full the cup that was his.

In Gethsemane, perhaps for three hours or more, and then again during the final three hours on the cross of Calvary, in agony beyond comprehension or compare, Jesus worked out the infinite and eternal atonement. For our purposes it suffices to know that this ordeal, plus his rising in glorious immortality, has brought to pass the immortality of all men and made eternal life available to all the obedient.

**22. Christ—the Resurrected One and the Ascended One.** As the sun crowns the day and banishes the darkness of the night, so the resurrection crowns the Atonement and forever abolishes the death that otherwise would have been eternal. Out of the agonies of the one came the glory of the other.

Christ our Lord rose in glorious immortality, the firstfruits of them that sleep, and then, ascending to his Father, he received all power in heaven and on earth. And in a way incomprehensible to us, the effects of his resurrection shall pass upon us all, and we too shall have power, if true and faithful in all things, to ascend to heights beyond the stars.

Now, if time and circumstances permitted, we might continue our presentation and add another score or a hundred headings to those so far named—all shedding light upon that which is mysterious to the carnal mind.

Perhaps you should continue the inquiry, resolving such mysteries as the following:

How the Holy Ghost can be a personage of spirit and yet convey his gifts to millions of mortals at one and the same time.

What eternal covenant was made relative to man—by God the First, and God the Second, and God the Third—before the foundations of the earth.

How and in what manner we worship Christ when the revealed word decrees that we should worship and pray to the Father and to him only and to none other.

How and in what manner the Lord Jesus both worships the Father and is an equal to him.

What is meant by the numerous scriptures that say Christ is the Father as well as the Son.

Why angels sometimes speak in the first person as though they were Christ, and why Christ himself often speaks in the first person as though he were the Father.

Why our great goal in life should be to gain the Spirit of the Lord as our companion, and what results will flow from such an attained eventuality.

And so on and so on and so on.

The scriptures are in our hands. The door to investigation and research and learning is never closed. We are all expected to learn the same truths, live the same laws, and open the same door to the same mysteries.

*For thus saith the Lord—I, the Lord, am merciful and gracious unto those who fear me, and delight to honor those who serve me in righteousness and in truth unto the end.*

*Great shall be their reward and eternal shall be their glory.*

*And to them will I reveal all mysteries, yea, all the hidden mysteries of my kingdom from days of old, and for ages to come, will I make known unto them the good pleasure of my will concerning all things pertaining to my kingdom.*

*Yea, even the wonders of eternity shall they know, and things to come will I show them, even the things of many generations.*

*And their wisdom shall be great, and their understanding reach to heaven; and before them the wisdom of the wise shall perish, and the understanding of the prudent shall come to naught.*

*For by my Spirit will I enlighten them, and by my power will I make known unto them the secrets of my will—yea, even those things which eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor yet entered into the heart of man. [[D&C 76:5–10](#)]*

Now this work in which we are engaged is true. And the doctrines which we proclaim are God's eternal truth. And as the Lord lives, they will endure in time and in eternity. He has placed us here in a mortal circumstance and commanded us to seek him and to strive to be like him. He has given us an abundant amount of revealed truth in the holy scriptures. They are before us; they are available to each of us on the same basis. The prophet said that God has not revealed anything to Joseph that he will not reveal to the Twelve and to the least and last Saint as soon as he is able to bear it.

My prayer is that we, the rising and young generation in whose hands the future and destiny of the Church lies for the decades and ages that are ahead before the second coming of the Son of Man, will take the challenge and search deeply and learn the mysteries of godliness and let them be the standard around which we rally and be the guide that directs our lives in all that we do. If this be our course, we will surely have peace and joy and happiness in this life, and be inheritors of eternal life in the world to come, which may God grant for all of us, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

## Jaren O'Driscoll on Adam God as Looking Beyond the Mark, and True Eternal Family Doctrine

Jaren graciously contributed the following for this booklet:

“It's incredible to me the lengths that some people will go to, the stretches they will make and the assumptions they will stack in order to twist Prophetic teachings into the notion that

Adam is literally our Father in Heaven. How the irony is lost is beyond me. These people make the same LITERAL interpretations that other faiths make on subjects like the nature of the Godhead and the conclusion of the trinity. The mental gymnastics necessary to make these assertions is truly impressive. In my experience, this narrative is generally parroted by people who were once members and found a dark detour while trying to find greater edification than they could get in elders quorum, or are openly antagonistic towards the church and the Doctrine of the gospel. The Doctrine is much more simple and clear than that to me. It's an understanding of the vastness and nature of our eternal family. That there are many godly beings, but only ONE is OUR Father. This suggests we have Aunts, Uncles, cousins and every other family relation in an eternal sense, not just our brothers and sisters on the earth. It's the understanding that our eternal family models earthly families more than we realize. That we don't just become gods one day and go off to build our own worlds, but we work together as a family to do so. To make these teachings a literal translation is no less "looking beyond the mark" than were the assertions that brought about the Nicean Creed."

[Alma Allred on the Controversy of Adam  
God as a Temptation to Those who Want to  
Leave the Faith 2.27.23](#)

“the existence of the whole controversy is necessary to separate the people who want to apostatize. There has to be a way for them to leave the church while still maintaining that they follow the teachings of Joseph or Brigham. I believe it is a universal law that if you fall away from the true vine, you have to change your doctrine of the Godhead. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is the only church on the face of the earth who worships a God with a body who is actually our Father in Heaven. The RLDS Church went back to trinitarian concepts and the fundamentalists replaced God with Adam junior (and Joseph Smith as the Holy Ghost.)”

## “The Lecture at the Veil”: What it is, and Historical Issues

The lecture of the veil is something reportedly instituted by Brigham Young and taught at the temple veil for a number of years. It supposedly taught Adam God.

The original has 4 missing lines.

JDT McCalister sent a memo to Wilford Woodruff and Joseph F Smith saying this was given by Brigham to be included in the temple at future times; but W Woodruff was temple president when St G temple was dedicated; did Brigham dictate something W Woodruff didn't know about?

## Adam Sr. (Heavenly Father), & Adam Jr. (Michael): A Faithful Way of Explaining Brigham's Adam God Teachings

For starters, if Brigham was wrong about some things, that's ok. But he actually does appear clear and consistent on this. Also beware false quotes circulating on this topic. Also consider Adam as Gods name, and God names his firstborn son after Himself: Adam.

Now lets assume fundamentalists are misunderstanding Brigham and try to make sense of Adam God teachings as Joseph F Smith, Joseph Fielding Smith, and others have, in a way which does not contract other doctrines we know.

Everyone is an Adam. So Heavenly Father could be called an Adam. Either Brigham intentionally called Heavenly Father an Adam as separate from Adam Michael, or he thought those were the same person. Theres a good chance he actually did think they were the same person, but not beyond a doubt. It is debated, and some make a strong case that Brigham consistently taught that they were 2 separate people.

Brigham says Adam had us spirit children, had Christ, made a world for us, and came to this world a resurrected being and had fruit which allowed one of his wife's body to create a physical bodies. This could refer to Adam Sr., aka our Heavenly Father. His children would be Adam Jr. and Eve Jr. His grandchildren Cain, Abel, etc.

This understanding clears many things up. Is this the way Brigham meant it to be understood? Some say it is so. But either way, we seek to align what we know with what was said, and the 2 Adam's makes a lot of sense.

What's not commonly understood in the church is the doctrine that Adam and Eve were born naturally by Heavenly Father and Heavenly Mother. The scripture says time and again that Adam was a son of God.

Based on several teachings, it seems clear that the way Heavenly Father and Mother had children was to partake of fruit of this world (we aren't talking about fruit of the tree of knowledge here, just terrestrial fruit in general), which triggered natural seed in the body, allowing for these physical children to be born. It has been said that Gods have power not only to make spiritual children, but physical children as well. This could be how its done.

## President Spencer W. Kimball Warns Against Adam God as False Doctrine

-“We warn you against the dissemination of doctrines which are not according to the Scriptures and which are alleged to have been taught by some of the General Authorities of past generations. Such, for instance, is the Adam-God theory. We denounce that theory and hope that everyone will be cautioned against this and other kinds of false doctrine.” —Spencer W. Kimball, "Our Own Liahona," Ensign



## An Overview: Rejecting Fundamentalist Interpretations of Adam God Doctrines using the Standard Works, Prophets, JST, Logic, Etc.

Some fundamentalist Adam God doctrine interpretations say Adam as we know him is actually our Heavenly Father, the father of our spirits, the father of Jesus Christ. Here are some reasons I don't believe such an understanding works doctrinally:

-Adam lived on this earth. Why would an exalted God come live and grow old and die on the earths he makes? Surely exaltation to godhood would not include such unheavenly things as aging and dying. –

Adam died on this earth. Several scriptures show that.

-Adam is called a “son of God” in several passages. We should not think this means “son of heavenly grandfather”, because the scriptures tell us no such things, they only tell us things related to this earth.

-Adam was saved by Christ. The father would not need to be saved by his son.

-Adam was trained by God in Eden. It seems a stretch to say it was heavenly grandfather teaching him. If Adam was a god and could make and populate a world spiritually followed by physically, would he need instruction?

-Adam was resurrected, and from then on, can die no more.

-Adam did not arrive as a resurrected being, but as a baby offspring of Heavenly Father and Heavenly Mother, as was Eve.

Therefore is it said that the Garden of Eden is symbolic, because they were not made from clay as in pottery, but by procreation.

-Was Adam a child of God? Then is Christ not the only begotten son of God in the flesh? Adam was not begotten in the flesh, meaning as a mortal. Adam was born as an immortal being before the fall. Christ is the only child Heavenly Father has had on this earth after the fall and mortality was introduced.

-Adam is said to conduct us to the throne of God. That means he isn't sitting on it.

-A veil was drawn upon Adam according to the scripture. Would God forget things and learn them over each world he creates? That is going backward. Fundamentalists claim Adam didn't have his memory wiped, which disagrees with scripture.

-Why insist that Adam was God? Why not have God be God, and let Adam be Adam? God came and procreated the first man and woman on this earth, whom were Adam and Eve.

-The mother of all living is Eve, she is named after Heavenly Mother.

-Several times Brigham taught saying that Adam and our Father in Heaven were two different people.

-Adam interacts with Satan. If Adam is God, one of his children is tempting him. Children don't tempt their parents, they tempt each other.

-Adam in scripture is the 7th angel, which means he isn't God the father.

-Adam in scripture is said to need Christ for salvation, which means he isn't God the father.

-The temple endowment shows us that Adam is not the same person as God the father.

-Adam lived a mortal life on this earth, which means he isn't God the father.

-Adam died, which means he didn't have a resurrected body, and is therefore not God the father. -Once resurrected, always resurrected. That's what scripture teaches.

-Brigham and Wilford teaching that Adam is the God the father come from secondhand quotes of Joseph Smith. Saying "Joseph said ..." becomes hearsay, because you don't know if someone told them Joseph said that, or if they heard Joseph say it themselves, and you don't know if that was announced to the church as a revelation, or just a private speculation. Joseph himself taught that a prophet is only a prophet when acting as such, and can speculate and have his own opinions. The standard works at the end of the day are what we must use to determine whether a doctrine is true or false. Firsthand prophecy is ideal.

-When Emma Smith got rid of the Joseph Smith Translation, this led to Heber C. Kimball having a misunderstanding of Adam and God, which then was passed on to Brigham Young. These are not based on the scriptures, and are contrary to doctrine taught in the Book of Mormon. Therefore any president of the church teaching them was out of line and uninspired on those occasions.

-Multiple mortalities (an extension of Adam God doctrines) flies in the face of the doctrine of Christ. The resurrection of the body is eternal. The sealing to spouse and children is also eternal, and multiple mortalities would void that too. Several presidents of the church have repeatedly and clearly taught that Adam God doctrines are false.

-Rejecting Adam God doctrines doesn't equate to "rejecting teachings of the prophets." Teachings of the prophets align with the scriptures. Adam God doctrines do not align with scripture, or the endowment, etc. Rejecting Adam God doctrines does not

equate to rejecting the teachings of Joseph Smith or Brigham Young.

-Prophets are allowed to speak their opinions. Joseph Smith said a prophet is only a prophet when acting as such. How do we tell the difference? Hugh Nibley answers that it is up to each of us to get the spirit and find this out for ourselves. Joseph Smith taught that we ascend a ladder one step at a time. This doesn't involve going up and down the ladder, hopping off of the ladder and climbing other ladders, and turning the ladder into a window frame.

-Recently (Oct 2020 Holland?) in conference it was taught that the trials God gives us in this life, if responded to faithfully, are sufficient to make us like God and Christ. There is progression, as Joseph Smith taught, even after death, but let us not think that God is so incomprehensible that we cannot understand the purposes of this life are such to prepare us to be joint heirs with God. The D&C teaches clearly that several who lived on this earth a few thousand years ago such as Abraham Isaac and Jacob, are already exalted gods on thrones (ref).

-It is a false protestant and pagan idea that God is thoroughly mysterious such that we cannot understand him. His ways are higher than ours, and we cannot understand all of his dealings, but that this life is the testing grounds to determine whether we will become like them is clear.

## [An Overview of Adam, Eden, God, Etc.](#)

Adam was born as a baby on this earth by God.

He was raised by Heavenly Father and Heavenly Mother.

The birth and rearing was in “the garden of God”, which was in Missouri. Adam also had a sister (or sisters), also born by God.

Later, Adam and his sister (or sisters) were brought “eastward” to Eden.

In Eden, they were put into a testing stage, where they had forgotten most of their training.

Adam and Eve (or the Eves) were married in Eden.

After taking the forbidden fruit, Adam and Eve became mortal, and started their family.

Adam and Eve were given a plan of redemption through Jesus Christ. They were to pray to Heavenly Father in the name of Jesus Christ “forever more”.

Eventually, Adam and Eve died.

Adam and Eve were resurrected in the meridian of time after the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Adam and Eve are now exalted and are Gods.

They will never die again, or be born again, their exaltation and station are permanent. This life was their test, and they passed.

## What are the scripturally true and reconcilable points of the Adam-God teaching? A Summary from Ward Vincent Coon

(For the complete article from which this summary comes, see [www.bookofmormonpromisedland.com/EDEN.htm](http://www.bookofmormonpromisedland.com/EDEN.htm) "Where was Eden? Where is the Garden of God?")

1. "The Lord fills the immensity of space" in a spiritual sense.
2. God the Father is a resurrected, celestial being, and "has a body, with parts the same as you and I have..."
3. God the Father begat the spirits of all humans born on this earth.
4. God then "organized" man's physical body.
5. MAN (ADAM) entered a garden in North America with a "celestial" body.
6. Our Ancient Mother – the Mother of All LIVING (whose title is mispronounced "Eve"), is "one of" our Heavenly Father's wives. She came with him into the garden in North America.
7. Adam assisted in the organization of the earth.
8. "Adam" held the title and description of "MICHAEL, the Archangel", and "ANCIENT OF DAYS".
9. Celestial MAN ("Adam") is "our Father and our God, and the only God with whom WE have to do."
10. Seed was brought to the earth "from another sphere."

11. The mortality of “Adam” and “Eve” resulted from the “effects” of eating forbidden fruit.
12. Messiah is the literal son of the Father, and was not fathered by the Holy Ghost, though Ruah Elohim, the Spirit of God(s) was involved. (1 Nephi 11:19-20, Alma 7:10)
13. God the Father is arguably “the first of the human family”.
14. God the Father’s body was begotten in turn by his Father.
15. God the Father physically “originated” the first earthly tabernacles of his offspring on this planet, by consuming “fruits of the earth.”
16. This process of origination (reproduction) has continued “on in succession.”
17. The Prophet Brigham Young boldly revealed important truths on the subject of Adam God. Admittedly he did not explain every detail or, to use his words, “the whole truth”.
18. The earth was organized by a presiding “quorum” of at least three distinct persons whom the Prophet simplistically identified by title of divine station: “Eloheim, Yahovah, and Michael.” See “Son of Elohim and Man - The Son of Gods' Participation in the Creation of Adam”
19. The Physical body of Messiah was begotten “by the same character that was in the garden... and who is our Father in Heaven.”
20. These doctrines are not to be made light of or to be treated with indifference “for they will prove” one’s “salvation or damnation.” The reader may want to compare the above doctrinal points from President Young’s sermon with Rodney Turner’s synopsis of Brigham Young’s Adam-God sermon: The Position of Adam in Latter-day Saint Scripture and Theology –

A Thesis Submitted to the Faculty of Religion of Brigham Young University, August 1958, pp. 8-9

(Note: there is much more from this article which is most useful on this subject.)

## JST Insights on Garden of God vs Garden of Eden, & Divine Conception: Answering Adam God Questions

Thesis:

1. JST shows the Garden of God in Missouri spoken of by Joseph Smith must be different than the Garden of Eden in Palestine. Eden is eastward compared to the Garden of God, hence Adam & Eve being placed “eastward in Eden”
2. Adam & Eve were conceived naturally on this earth by Heavenly Father & Mother. The “from the dust” and “rib” are figurative. In the Garden of God, Heavenly Father and Mother partook of fruit enabling their bodies to sire Adam and Eve. Adam and Eve later followed this and similarly partook of fruit. These events resulted in confusion of Brigham & Heber thinking Adam WAS God.
3. Adam & Eve grow up in the Garden of God, then are placed eastward in Eden. After leaving Eden, they return to their homeland near Missouri to till the ground from whence they came, which is the place of all biblical events pre-flood (with exception of the episodes in the Garden of Eden).



See <https://www.bookofmormonpromisedland.com/EDEN.htm> by Ward Vincent Coon for more on this, he seems to be the only one who has parsed this doctrine out, showing where the truth and error of Adam God teachings are, explaining how it all fits together. The above essay is long and complex, here is an overview of some ideas covered there. It is a study of how Eden and Adam God teachings are interrelated, and shows what is and isn't correct of Adam God, why the error, and what truths we can receive from the teachings.

**Info on Coon:** Coon is an LDS Hebrew scholar who lived in Israel with a Jewish rabbi for years, & is a physicist. On the down side, Coons thinks BofM happens all around New York, a small geography model, too small, like the Meso theory, it is too small too, it too a long time for them to meet, it had to be a large area. Coons believes in evolution, its hard for academics to get away from this dogmatic view.

**BRIGHAM HAD AN INCORRECT INTERPRETATION, BUT HE HAD NO JST:**

Brigham Young didn't have access to JST. Emma held it. (Note: Brigham didn't like mother Lucy Smith's book of the history of the church (despite being the one who commissioned her to write it), it didn't cover apostacy of William Smith, she didn't want to say ill of her son. But this is important when it comes to succession of keys, etc.)

JST of Genesis wasn't available until Woodruff or Pratt got it and published it in the Millennial Star. 1852 was Brigham's Adam God doctrine, it wasn't until after that that he had the JST. Brigham was the only prophet who didn't have access to all our modern-day scriptures, it's natural that he would have misunderstanding of some things.

When teaching Adam God, Brigham said he had not fit it with scripture. Orson Pratt was a greater scriptionian than Brigham, Orson had the teachings while JS was formulating them. Orson didn't like the Adam God teaching. Some are better versed in scripture than others; consider Mark E Peterson who brought 5 bibles to his speeches and quoted from each, an amazing scriptionian. Marion G Romney had the Book of Mormon memorized - he said if you give him a verse, he can tell you the verse before and after it.

Brigham's Adam God doctrine was expounding on the King Follet discourse of Joseph Smith on the plurality of Gods, it got 19/20 things right, he was just confused about Adam, he adopted Heber C Kimball's theory that Adam was a resurrected being born on another world, but Adam was born on this world. Some say Brigham didn't ever teach Adam God, but he did, and when he tried to put it into temple doctrine, the Lord took him right near that time (about within 3 years of that time he died). The Lord doesn't let the prophet lead the people astray in major doctrinal ways. Brigham accidentally says Adam was God; John Jesus' closest disciple similarly mistakes an angel as the Lord worshipping him; BY didn't have JS's scriptures and its ok he made an incorrect theory like John, it was not evil. It's only when he implements this at the temple that he is removed. Adam was there at the preaching to the dead as seen in the vision as a spirit waiting for resurrection, this is further evidence that Adam is not Heavenly Father. Adam has the same name as God, Ahman, which is another reason for there to easily be confusion on Adam and Gods identities.

Joseph's King Follett sermon says there is a lot of principles that aren't correctly and completely in our current canon of scripture. Think of Moses giving us Genesis, of all those before Moses, and yet Moses gives it to us. We lack records of many prophets. There's a manuscript for \$100 of more complete JST. Robert Matthews copied the whole thing. Joseph had scribes,

and a bible with markings of what to change. Scribes wrote the changed part in the manuscript, so you need that bible and that manuscript. The Pearl of Great Price is the reorganized church's version of first few chapters of book of Genesis; Joseph Smith 3rd didn't like some things Joseph Smith his father had done, like re-aging Adam to 1000 when he died; others in early church history said Joseph was 999.5 when he died; Methuselah was 1000, etc. They have JS 3rd initials and strike throughs of where he changed things JS did. Then he published it. So the PoGP ages are wrong in our current edition to do JS 3rds changes deleting some JS edits.

Joseph had taught of the "Garden of God", where God had Adam, that God took fruit which allowed him to have children. Brigham simply thought that was talking about Adam taking fruit to have children. Its easy to see how this was confused.

Coon says Eden was in Mesopotamia and says Joseph Smith and Hebrews say that too. That Brigham was wrong about Joseph saying it was in Missouri. The Garden of God was in Missouri, and Eden was eastward in Palestine. Remember "eastward in Eden" as the scripture says. The key is that the Garden of God is not the same thing as the Garden of Eden! We don't have anything on Joseph teaching Eden here. Joseph spoke of a Garden of God, perhaps different than the Garden of Eden.

### **Names of rivers unchanged by JST vindicate Palestinian**

**Eden:** Abraham's creation account of Eden describes the rivers like Moses in Genesis, but doesn't attach the lands they were a part of. Assyria from Asher, a descendant of Noah. Abraham account says the rivers came at a head; the lands were not yet named. We have this in PoGP which Brigham didn't have, Emma had it. Joseph didn't change the lands that Moses ascribed; **Moses names the lands as they are established by his time; all Hebrews know those lands there, the lands attached to the Garden of Eden; JS didn't correct any of that. Brigham said JS taught Eden in America, but if JS said**

**that he would have changed the inspired translation of those lands but he left them all there.** Abraham not naming the lands is divine proof of Joseph Smith, as the lands weren't named back in the time of Abraham! If JS knew of Eden in Palestine, what was he talking about Garden of God over here? Brigham thought this Garden of God JS spoke of here meant Eden. JS did talk about Adam having come over to America, and Cain and Abel happening in America. When Adam was kicked out of Eden, he went back "from whence he came to till the ground" which was in Missouri at where the Garden of God was. Book of Mormon says when flood waters receded, this land **America became choice above all others.** Adam was here at the end of his life, all patriarchs were here, Noah built his boat here. Giant earthquake at end of flood moved Noah's ark over to the east (Turkey). God the Father and Mother were in the Garden of God, a set apart place for them to come and give birth to the first parents of the people of earth. **Adam in Garden of God before Garden of Eden:** God speaking firsthand in scripture says that He made all but not yet was physical flesh upon earth after the 7 days of creation. The first flesh upon earth is Adam, he's the first live thing other than plants. The earth was here, the seeds of life planted, all planned, that's when the rain comes, he creates Adam, **after Adam he creates the garden of Eden.** That's the chronology the Lord gives. This is important here as it shows Adam was already around before Eden was created. **So where was Adam at this time? In the Garden of God!** This was where he was born and raised. It seems Eve was a bit younger than Adam, as she wasn't introduced into Eden until a bit later after Adam had named the animals, etc. Eastward in Eden is way away from the Garden of God where God sired Adam & Eve, **then** Adam went to Eden in the east. Adam lived 1000 years, he had plenty of time to travel to this ground to where he was taken from, to America. Adam in Eden he was told to till the garden, he would be told as a man not a baby. He wasn't a baby in Eden. Adam then left Eden went to till the ground from whence he

came. Creteciuous period was all animals to come at once; yes they all came at once, Adam named them. 1st Adam is placed in Eden to till it, he was alone which wasn't good, so when Eve was raised, God delivered her to Eden too. When kicked out of the Garden, they ended up back over here where the Garden of God which was in America. Nephites and Jaredites were lead here the most choice land. This God being here was more holy than where the Savior was for that reason. The Garden of God is where the God was, eastward from it is Eden.

#### DIVINE CONCEPTION:

Brigham speaks of Adam being born the natural way with a belly button etc. Correct. Brigham speaks of God coming to Eden and partaking the fruit which allowed him to sire mortals rather than celestials. Brigham speaks of the dust of earth creation and rib both being figurative. Heavenly beings set aside and dedicated a holy area, Eden, to have their children.

When it says from "the dust" that Adam was made, it is referring to how God took the fruit which put that element in his body, "the dust", and this is what made the temporary change in his body to be able to have physical children. God (Heavenly Father and Mother) creates people on the earth's he oversees the creation of. Many quotes show that people aren't made of adobe clay, but are made through the natural process of procreation between two parents.

(Note: Mary the mother of Jesus was, according to the Book of Mormon, "carried away for a time" for her conception; the Holy Ghost transfigured her so she could be in the presence of God in the celestial kingdom for the conception, after which she was brought back to earth with child.)

Heavenly Father and Mother populate planets. They give birth to the first Adam and Eve. Its their right and calling. That is what we do if we become Gods. They planted a garden, the fruit making them able to conceive.

## Jesus Christ is The Jehovah of the Old Testament: Proofs

Note: The February 7 2023 temple endowment changes make this point quite explicit.

Isaiah 53 of Christ being crucified. Jesus said I AM. He was before Abraham. He was the I AM which Moses spoke to, Jehovah.

Christ tells the Nephites how often I would have gathered you as a hen her chickens but you would not.

Old testament passages speak of the coming of Immanuel, God with us.

God becomes flesh.

God himself comes to dwell with man.

Some say that Jehovah was mean and Jesus nice. Ridiculous. There are many scriptures from the Old Testament showing the compassion and tender mercies of God (Jehovah), and there are many from the New Testament showing the strictness and absolute standards of Christ (he curses the fig tree, rebukes the hypocrites, tells sinners to sin no more, etc.)

## Isaiah 43 & 45: Jesus IS Jehovah

Isaiah 43 and 45 says every knee bow and tongue confess Jehovah. This is clearly a reference to Jesus Christ.

## Jehovah as Title for Father and Son

D&C 109 prays to Jehovah (We know we are commanded to pray to the Father in the name of the Son (PoGP), so this is an obvious reference to calling the Father Jehovah.)

D&C 110 Jesus Christ speaks “with the voice of” Jehovah. This could be referring to his speaking with the voice of the Father.

It appears that Joseph Smith and others used Jehovah as a title for God the Father. We also see Christ using Jehovah as a title for himself.

It is generally understood that Christ is who deals with the people, and the Father only introduces the Son. Also the concept of Divine Investiture demonstrates one person being authorized to speak and act on behalf of another, sort of a ‘power of attorney’, to show up and actually call yourself that person, and speak as though you were them, to act in that office in their behalf, according to the people’s ability to receive.

Some have said that God the Father was Jehovah of the Old Testament, then after the Atonement of Jesus Christ, that Jesus became Jehovah for the world. I don’t think this is the case, it is

more apparent that Christ has been Jehovah for the world from the beginning.

## Christ's Appearances to the Prophets – Hyrum Andrus Lecture Highlights

[https://youtu.be/2Gru2-ZF\\_Fc](https://youtu.be/2Gru2-ZF_Fc)

Phillip says to Christ show us the father Christ answers have I been so long with you and you know me not those who have seen me have seen the father. Christ says believest thou not that I am in the father and the father in me.

Christ said the things he says and the things he does are the father doing them through him it is all revelatory

In the first vision Joseph said the two beings looked exactly like each other, but there's more to it than that.

Christ and the father are connected there are two separate people but the power of the father is in Christ and Christ in the father there's a connection between them of Truth and intelligence

By reason of the indwelling of the power and Glory of the divine nature Christ was in the father it wasn't just our older brother that came down to earth it was God it was the father

The fullness of light and glory is transferred from the father to the son



This does not get in the way of the agency of Christ Christ loves truth so much that he is willing to subordinate to the will of the father

Thus he grew up in the father to where the father is in him and he is in the father

John 17 the great high priest prayer of Christ is on the theme of bringing us to be one with them like they are one. Christ prays for the people to be one as the father is in him and he is in the father.

Christ says once this happens we can persuade the world this is because when we have a group of people who are one with God and Christ is in them and they are in Christ they will have the pillar of fire and the cloud on every dwelling Place and the people will marvel and ask. This is radiance light and energy a living power you can feel

Joseph Fielding Smith taught that Elohim the man of holiness has never communicated with people since the fall except to introduce the Son. The father has centered in Christ the fullness of his power and Glory and has established him as his revelatory source as the revelator of the father.

Either 3:14 the pre-earth Christ says I am the father and the son thus we see he is a dual being by means of the divine nature He is revelatorily dual reveals himself as the father and he reveals himself as the son  
He speaks as the father and he speaks as the son

Mormon 9:12

Mosiah 15

In Christ dwells the godhead bodily and through Christ is the

godhead revealed

Thus we can say the father Son and Holy Ghost is one God not  
are one God

As it says in Alma 11

At the judgment bar we don't stand before three people we stand  
before one person it is Christ and Christ is the father Son and  
Holy Ghost

Dc49 the speaker speaks of his divine son, it is Christ speaking  
as the father

A great prophet who knows who God asks the father in the name  
of his son if he'll come again to the Earth he understands the  
divine nature he's addressing the father and the son

Several examples given

Visually the brother of Jared saw Christ in flesh and blood as he  
would be in mortality. He appeared as the son and said he is  
father and son.

The vision of Enoch the focus was the father, he appeared as the  
father. To Enoch he explained he was also the Messiah.

v15 if the brother of Jared account, says never have I shown  
myself unto man, because to Enoch he appeared as the father, to  
the brother of Jared he appeared as the son, it was the first time  
he revealed himself with his primary office as the son.

Enoch was reserved saying, "why did you chose me", brother of  
Jared was forward, "show they self unto me" never had man had  
the level of faith as he did, so he had the revelation of God as the  
Son.

Dc21:5 his words ye shall receive as if from mine own mouth we see that angels and Messengers speak as though they were Christ

Angels can have the revelatory power of Jehovah it's not just power of attorney to have permission to speak in their behalf it's getting the revelation of what he should say at that moment. Prophets can say "I am the Lord Jesus Christ and here is my message" ancient prophets did that all the time

People who do the gospel how they want to instead of how the prophet says they do good works for a time and they're happy with that but eventually they're hewn down and cast into the fire. you have to get the spirit of the Lord

Until you sanctify yourself the body will be a hindrance

When you are born again you don't just get a remission of sins you also begin to have the Divine attributes centered in you. The record of heaven begins to dwell in you the truth and power of all things. It is an actual literal newness of life and you become sons and daughters of Jesus Christ.

There's a priesthood stage of Life DNC 84:6 the sons of Moses according to the holy priesthood. Beginning of verse 33 the spirit sanctifies their body and they become the sons of Moses and Aaron. They become Moses's sons as heirs of priesthood life.

The life light which is the spirit and the power of God are manifest through the priesthood

First gets his priesthood authority from the man of Holiness his father and we get priesthood after the order of the Son of God which is Christ we get priesthood from Christ in the scripture which says no man taketh this honor unto himself but he that is called of God as was Aaron the next verse says just like how

Christ didn't make himself a high priest but was called by the father

Christ became the only begotten when he was ordained to be the one with priesthood from which we would get priesthood

We become joint heirs not with Christ but through Christ

Study the scriptures carefully like a scientific formula

Christ wasn't mortal but he did live in a mortal state

Christ is called the only begotten before he was born in this world multiple times and when Moses encounters Satan Satan claims I am the only begotten notice Satan is not claiming future tense he will be the only but that he is the only. Satan is claiming to be the person whom the father centered his life glory and power in

Jesus is the only begotten in terms of the priesthood

Christ name for the father is "the only begotten" A passage says when one saw Christ it was like the glory of the only begotten. Andrus says to ponder that for a few months. (Yep, I don't get it yet. Perhaps it's about the Father having been an only begotten too? Perhaps it's an order of priesthood? Perhaps it's how creations happen, as it says by the only begotten all the world's were made?)

Jesus utilizing the power of the only begotten created worlds without number

John says we beheld his glory as of the only begotten

Jesus being born in the flesh just adds another element for the

fact that he was already the only begotten

By the word of my power I created them which is my only begotten

Joseph said faith is done by words not physical powers. Faith works by words which are the expression of the power of the soul

Adam was a grandfather before the gospel was revealed to him that is when the angel came and explained why he was offering sacrifices

Don't just pray that you're going to try harder to be better make covenants with God that you're going to rise up and be who you should be then the spirit will be a never-ending continuing flow of Living Water of Revelation to you

Some people say if only I knew what you knew brother Andres that would be enough for me and to this address says if you knew what I knew and you quit learning you would be damned

When you're living by the spirit you live such that if something ever pushes you off the path you get back on really quick

Abraham 3 verse 1 he has the urum and thumb in and by them he sees the stars thus we know that the urum and th are visual tools

Joseph Smith translated as a seer it wasn't just feelings in his heart or ideas in his mind

You can't be a seer without using the urum and

Methuselah was the first person who by the means of the urum and discovered kolob

See Joseph Smith Egyptian alphabet and grammar

In a probably had the You and t but before that he had a situation where he anointed his eyes with clay and was able to see the spirit world and many great things the clay wasn't what did the miracle it was the act of obedience in following instruction to do that

Enoch was told to baptize in the name of the father and the son which is one God

To access the priesthood powers of translation you must build Mount Zion and the temple etc the calling an election must also be made sure see mos7

After the city of Enoch was translated up to heaven those who remain on the earth who became worthy of it were also brought up to the city

Dc76 celestial people are those who have come up to Mount Zion when a people have not built signed they cannot be received by the Lord

That's celestial being is one who has overcome all things including the veil if you have not made it to Zion you've not made it to celestial

Noah thought that after baptism the reception of the Holy Ghost is so you can know the truth of all things there's no limit to this It is the legal channel for access to God and the great teacher. We need to put as much or more emphasis on learning by the Holy Ghost as we do the educational programs and would be much better off if we did

Abraham 311 he sees everything that Christ has made it is extensive and he cannot see it all

The incident where Moses confronts the adversary is after the burning bush episode and before the delivering Israel episode and thus we see that at this point Moses became a seer he had the second comforter he saw God.

In many ways only a seer can preach the gospel and say I have seen I know the rest of us are basically sign post readers. The seer knows from personal experience he has climbed on top of the mountain. And can tell how it's done.

## Joseph Smith is NOT The Holy Ghost: Quotes

Joseph was quoted to have said, "... the holy ghost is yet a Spiritual body and waiting to take to himself a body."

<https://emp.byui.edu/.../Holy%20Ghost%20to%20Get%20a...>

"The Holy Ghost is not a personage with a body of flesh and bones, and in this respect differs from the Father and the Son."  
(Joseph Fielding Smith, Doctrines of Salvation; Vol 3)

## Joseph Smith is NOT The Holy Ghost: Additional Proofs

It is popular among Adam God advocates to call Father as Adam, Son as Jesus, Holy Ghost as Joseph Smith, and to claim that each of these had a dispensation on earth. As I recall Ogden Kraut is a particular advocate of this theory, as is Jacob Vidrine.

It is true that Joseph Smith called himself “the testator”, and that some early leaders saw Joseph as a possible match for the Holy Ghost identity.

However, here is why I think Joseph is not the Holy Ghost.

First, the doctrine of the church is that Joseph is in fact not the Holy Ghost.

Second, Joseph himself supposedly spoke of the future coming of the Holy Ghost to live in flesh on the earth.

Some speak of various people filling the role of the Holy Ghost at various times, but it remains true that there is 1 male spirit being who is the Holy Ghost.

Joseph Smith was influenced by the Holy Ghost.

Joseph Smith was here in person, so the Holy Ghost could not have been influencing people during his lifetime, which it was.

In our hymn we sing “holy spirit keep us till the Savior comes.” This could suggest that when the Savior is here, we won’t need the Holy Ghost’s influence, and that time would be when He comes for His turn on earth. Another scripture supporting this idea is that Christ didn’t send the Holy Ghost until after his departure, they didn’t need it while he was with them.



For the Joseph Smith Holy Ghost theory to work, a person must subscribe to the theory of “role swapping”, of Gods stepping in to do each other’s primary positions when the other is busy doing something else. A remote possibility, but a stretch. Divine investiture, speaking on behalf of another as though you were them (a sort of power of attorney) is similar but still very different than the idea of complete role swapping. This said, there must have been some role swapping done with Christ (Jehovah) came to earth for his 33 year ministry: someone else must have overseen the affairs of earth during that time.

Joseph Smith Holy Ghost advocates are typically Adam God advocates. They speak of 3 dispensations in the earth, 1 for each God. 1st for Adam (Father), next for Christ (Son), and last for Holy Ghost (Joseph). It is reasonable to see how they get this idea, but due to the evidences to the contrary, we dismiss this theory. We honor and praise Adam and Joseph for their righteousness, but we do not worship them.

## Adam Michael is NOT The Holy Ghost: Proofs

Adam was baptized by the Holy Ghost.

Adam had a body.

Adam died and was resurrected at the resurrection of Christ.

It was thought by some that Adam Michael is the Holy Ghost as he was the 3rd person involved in the creation of the earth, but

others have explained that it must have been a different 3 overseeing the creation than the 3 in the Godhead we worship, which is the Father Son and Holy Ghost.

On the off chance that Adam Michael is the Holy Ghost, some special laws must be at play which we know not of. Generally speaking, we don't support theology which requires complex exceptions to the revealed rules we have already received.

## PS - Heavenly Mother is NOT The Holy Ghost

Some have called Heavenly **Mother** the Holy Ghost, suggesting that the Hebrew for spirit is feminine, but this doesn't work, as we know he is a male from scripture, official Church doctrine, and that presiding priesthood bodies consist of males.

This doesn't undermine Heavenly Mother or other women, it's just different jobs that different people have.

The wonder of Heavenly Mother and her roles have not been fully revealed.

It is apostasy to teach that The Holy Ghost is female. This is a popular theory being promoted in our feminist era, but it is not grounded in true doctrine.

## Roles of Adam / Michael

- Presides over his posterity as any father does -Special role as father of all who came to this earth
- Counsels his posterity as any father does
- An arch angel, implying crossing over, bringing truths from heaven.
- A “son of God” as stated in multiple scriptures. This links our genealogy literally to God. -Prayed to God. Worshipped God. Saved by Christ..
- Helped created the earth under the direction of Jehovah and Elohim.
- Born on earth as a baby, did not come here as a resurrected being.
- Died at the end of his life, as attested to in multiple modern and ancient scriptures.
- Did not have a body in pre-mortality.

## Roles of Jesus Christ / Jehovah

- Savior of “the world” as attested in many scriptures
- Presided over Michael in creation of the world
- Answers to Elohim
- No body in pre-mortal

## Roles of Elohim / Heavenly Father

- President of the creation of the world.
- Father of Adams physical immortal body
- Father of Christ's mortal body, the only begotten in the flesh.
- Resurrected being, cannot die.
- Started out as we do and is now an exalted God presiding over his creations and posterity.
- Jesus Christ did only what he say his father do (unsure what that implies)
- Sired Adam & Eve's physical bodies with Heavenly Mother by partaking of fruit of this world.
- Cursed Lucifer for tempting his children Adam & Eve.
- Sent seeds for plants and animals to bring animal and plant life to earth.
- Creates each world over 7k years & each earth then has a 7k year temporal lifespan.
- Every Heavenly Father creates a galaxy, stars revolve around Kolob.

Note: There are other theories. Gods continue to create, their creations would naturally start small in number and grow in

number as time goes on. I don't know that it has been revealed the extent of our God's creations. We do know there are many Gods, but to us 1 God.

## Roles of Us If Exalted

- Joint heirs with Christ
- will get power to make spiritual and physical bodies
- will make worlds
- likely will populate each world, going to each to make an Adam & Eve with the wife to whom that batch of spirit children belong.
- Will resurrect to never die after we've lived 100 years into the millennium.

## Roles of Everyone Generally

- Start on an earth made by one's spiritual father
- Obey Gods law to become an heir to all God has
- Resurrection after mortal to never die.

-Exalted create spirit children, worlds for them, and propagate physical bodies for the 1st two people on that earth.

-One chosen as a savior, one chosen as the Satan, and one chosen as the Adam, and one chosen as the Eve of that earth.

-Each wife of God has a world for their spirit children to go to.

Note: Some say this separation is irrelevant.

-The Savior and Adam help as counselors in the creation of earth. Another person is selected as a Holy Ghost to testify of the Gods.

## Quote on Becoming a Member of a Godhead, Advancing as They Did: What it Does & Doesn't Mean

“Joseph the Seer taught the following principle that the God & father of our Lord Jesus Christ was once the same as the Son or Holy Ghost but having redeemed a world became the eternal God of that world. he had a son Jesus Christ who redeemed this earth the same as his father had a world which made them equal & the Holy Ghost would do the same in his turn & so would all the Saints who inherited a Celestial glory so their would be Gods many & Lords many” [Book of Revelations, 3-4, Wilford Woodruff, Jan. 30, 1841,]

For starters I'm still looking into whether this quote is even legitimate.

Also note that this is second hand, not the words of Joseph himself.

Note that if this quote implies multiple lives it refutes well established doctrine, and there must be an error.

I do not subscribe to the idea that there are multiple mortalities. I believe this life is the time to demonstrate our desire to Godhood. This life is the test, the big leagues, the school of the Gods. I believe much more was accomplished in our pre-mortal stage than we now grasp which is part of this.

I propose that we have gone through the pre-mortal Holy Ghost – like stage, and are now in the mortal Christ – like stage, and in post mortal will be in Father – like stage.

Praise be the the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ for the plan of salvation which brings us to the divine heritage!

Let us always humbly consider how sacred life is, and how wonderful our opportunity is to be a Christian now and forever.

## “Son of Man” (Hebrew for Son of Adam) isn’t Just Jesus

Ezek 37 it says son of man and isn't talking about Jesus, so the case of Jesus as son of man meaning son of Adam is weakened.

## Eldon Watson's Landmark Article Refuting Adam God

Against Adam God by Elden Watson:

<http://eldenwatson.net/7AdamGod.htm>

Summary of Elden Watson's material:

<https://www.latterdaycommentary.com/2008/05/31/adam-god-theory-gets-attentionagain-2/>

## Article Link - Joseph Smith Foundation on God as Literal Father of Adam

[11\) ADAM'S FATHER: Who was the father of Adam? Do we have a Royal heritage? - Joseph Smith Foundation](#)

## Alma Allred, Defender of The Church Against Fundamentalist Claims

Contact Alma Allred, nephew of fundamentalist leader Rulan Allred. Alma knows much about the fundamentalist



claims and how to refute them. He has been called upon in The Church to talk to fundamentalists who want to join The Church. He is very well versed in church doctrine and fundamentalist doctrine.

## Did Joseph Musser Foist a False Reading of a Joseph Smith Quote on the People?

I'm told that Joseph Musser took the quote from Joseph Smith that essentially says "God the Father once dwelt on an earth" and changed it to read "once dwelt on THIS earth". That is indeed a very big change! It was reportedly taught this way in multiple publications of Musser despite this not being how the original sources record the quote.

## What about Quotes that Don't Work with 2 Adam Theory?

I have suggested as others have, that Adam is a name for God, as well as a name for God's 1<sup>st</sup> son on this earth.

But some quotes don't seem to fit into this theory.

So I must confess that there is a possibility that some did think that Adam who fell in Eden was in fact our Heavenly Father (the father of our spirits), and the father of Christ.

Even if they did think this, we must reject the doctrine. It is not supported by scripture, it is not supported by the church, and

many who claim to have taught it also very obviously taught something very different from that.

It seems that if there are those who believed and taught Adam God, that it was based on a misunderstanding, and is rightly no longer part of church teachings.

I must repeat my sincere doubt that Joseph or Brigham believed or taught Adam God, and that their teachings were true, and to be understood on another level than some critics have portrayed or recorded.

[For Fair Reference, Here are Some Adam  
God Quotes that Don't Appear to Fit the  
Adam Sr. & Adam Jr. Theory, &  
Attestations that Adam God May Have Been  
Taught](#)

“The one that gave Joseph the Keys of the Kingdom was his God, which was Peter. Jesus Christ was his God and the God and Father of Jesus Christ was Adam.”

~Heber C Kimball

Journal of Wilford Woodruff, 4/10/1852

In a Meeting of School of the Prophets:

“President Young said that Adam was Michael the Archangel, & he was the Father of Jesus Christ & was our God & that Joseph taught this principle”

Journal of Wilford Woodruff, 12/16/1876

The Wilford Woodruff journal on 19 Feb, 1854:

“He said that our God was Father Adam. He was the Father of the Savior, Jesus Christ. Our God was no more or less than Adam, Michael the Archangel.”

WWJ 4:250, Collier, TPBY p.257

-L. John Nuttall diary where he records Brigham Young explaining his Adam-God teachings in the context of the Temple, written in 1877 the year that Brigham died:

“In the creation the Gods entered into an agreement about forming this earth, and putting Michael or Adam upon it. These things of which I have been speaking are what are termed the mysteries of godliness but they will enable you to understand the expression of Jesus, made while in jerusalem, "This is life eternal that they might know thee, the only true God and jesus Christ whom thou hast sent." We were once acquainted with the Gods and lived with them, but we had the privilege of taking upon us flesh that the spirit might have a house to dwell in. We did so and forgot all, and came into the world not recollecting anything of which we had previously learned. We have heard a great deal about Adam and Eve, how they were formed and etc. Some think 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 shalt thou return." Well he was made of 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. Adam was an immortal being when he came on 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 gained his resurrection and his exaltation, and was crowned with glory, immortality and eternal lives, and was

numbered with the Gods for such he became through his faithfulness, and had begotten all the spirit that was to come to this earth. And Eve our common mother who is the mother of all living bore those spirits in the celestial world. And when this earth was organized by Elohim, 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, and 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. 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 [allegorically] 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. This explains the mystery of Moses' dark sayings in regard to Adam and Eve. Adam and Eve when they were placed on this earth were immortal beings with flesh, bones and sinews. 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 the blood coursing through their veins as the action of life—Adam was not under transgression until after he partook of the forbidden fruit; this was necessary that they might be together, that man might be. The woman was found in transgression not the man—Now in the law of Sacrifice we have the promise of a Savior and Man had the privilege and showed forth his obedience by offering of the first fruits of the earth and the firstlings of the flocks; this as a showing that Jesus would come and shed his blood.... 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. (In his divinity he having gone back into the spirit world[], and came in the spirit to Mary [] and she conceived, for when Adam and Eve got through with their work in this earth, they did not lay their bodies down in the dust, but returned to the spirit world from whence they came[.]’.)”

Witnesses of Adam-God in the Temple, and many disagreeing that it should be taught there as it didn't ring true to them:

Patriarch Arthur Horne

"Brother Horne and I chatted again tonight about the Gospel and the Adam-God Doctrine, as we have done many times before. Brother Horne, who grew up in Salt Lake City and was the son of Richard Horne and grandson of Joseph Horne said, in reference to the Adam-God Doctrine, that when he first went through the Temple for his Endowment in 1902 before going on his mission he was surprised to hear the teachings during the Temple ceremony in the sermon before the veil, that 'Adam was our God' and that 'he came here with Eve, one of his wives.' Also it was taught that 'Eve bore our spirits' (i.e. the spirits of all men). He asked his father about it but he declined to give any opinion about it. After Brother Horne returned from his mission a few years later, in 1905, he noted these teachings had been removed from the Temple ceremony. He feels that they were left over from Brigham Young's influence, but that he himself couldn't believe such doctrine. He thinks perhaps Brigham just got off in his speculation."

- Patriarch J. Arthur Horne, *The Elder's Journal*, v. 1, by C. Jess Groesbeck, p. 291

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Edward Bunker and President Woodruff:

Saturday, November 8th, 1890:

High Council of St. George Stake met in St. George Tabernacle. President Ivins stated that he had learned that Father Edward Bunker of Bunkerville (now in Nevada) in this stake, had been teaching that some of the ceremonies at the Temple were wrong, and erroneous teaching was given in the Lecture at the Veil. As Elder Myron Abbot, 1st Counselor to the Bishop at Bunkerville had given soem information on this matter, it was decided to learn from him , more definitely in relation to this matter (St. George Historical Record, Church Historians Office).

8 Nov. 1890:

...Prest. Ivins said he had heard that Father Bunker had been teaching that the ceremonies in the Temple were wrong and particularly the Lecture at the veil.

Prest. W.S. Snow also referred to the same matter.

Counselor Bleak said these people should be cited to appear before this High Council and answer these charges against them.

The matter was thoroughly ventilated by the Council.

(St. George Stake High Council Minutes 8 Nov. 1890)

Saturday, December 13, 1890:

High Council of St. George Stake met at St. George Tabernacle. In response to invitation of the Presidency of the Stake, Bishop Edward Bunker junr. And Elders Myron Abbott

and Joseph I. Earl were present.

President McArthur invited the brethren named to express themselves on the views said to have been expressed in Bunkerville Ward and which are considered by some to be unsound doctrine.

Myron Abbot, counselor to Bishop Edward Bunker, Junr., stated that for a number of years, questions on church teachings had been agitated in Bunkerville Ward. Bishop Bunker had stated he did not believe that Adam was our God and Bishop Bunker had expressed his opinion that some teachings in the temples were wrong, --notably--part of the Lecture at the Veil-- That Father Bunker had the same views. Father Bunker stated to him a number of years ago that Adoption would be of no avail as administered in the Temple. All such work would have to be done over again.

Bp. Edward Bunker Junr. among other things said: "In regard to the lecture at the veil in the Temple, it is certainly wrong. It teaches that Eve was an immortal being and was brought here by Adam." Did not believe this. "Thought that Adam was not a resurrected being." In answering question of councilor [David] Cannon, expressed his belief that Adam was the Archangel [Michael] and that Jehovah and Michael were persons of Spirit; that Eloheim was a person of Tabernacle; and the Head of all.

After a prolonged second session of the Council Bishop Bunker and his Counselor Myron Abbot felt they had done wrong in contending on the subjects referred to. (St. George Historical Record)

13 Dec 1890

...Matter of preaching erroneous doctrine taken up...

Bro Abbott's views were that our spirits in the eternal world

were begotten in the spirit world [just] the same as we are begotten here, and that Adam is the father of our spirit, and as he is the father of all flesh he is our father and our God and the only God with whom we have any thing to do. And that Adam was the Father of Jesus Christ and that all the ceremonies in the Temple are right. Father Bunker told him that our spirits were not begotten by God, but was created out of the elements on the same principle that Jesus made wine out of water, and that Jesus Christ was the Father of Adam, and that Jesus Christ and God was the same person. He asked him if he thought that Jesus Christ begat himself through the Virgin Mary, and he answered "that is just what i think."

...Bp. Bunker stated that he has found by searching after truth and talking with his brethren, that the views of many of them, he could not reconcile with the Bible. Now with [regard] to Father Bunker advocating that Jesus Christ and God [the Father are] one and the same person, [this] was news to him. He had never said this to him....

(St. George Stake High Council Minutes, 13 Dec 1890)

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Report to Council:

(Autobiography of Edward Bunker pp.31-47 Church Historians Office)

Having been represented before you as not believing certain doctrines as held correct by Myron Abbot and others and not being present at the council when represented because of sickness and having heard the minutes read since and with your permission to answer the charges in writing. I herewith submit to you belief and unbelief.

1st I do not believe that Adam is the father of Jesus Christ and



the God we worship and the God of this earth. The the council has decided on as I believe...

In regard to Adam coming here to this earth in the creation as a resurrected celestial being and a God; having had a second probation on another planet and that his body was of the dust of another planet. I do not believe this item of doctrine...

This is plain to me that Adam came to this earth as a personage of Spirit. He might have been a Celestial spirit because he kepta celestial law in his first estate...

Now if Jesus could come down in the creation [as] a personage of spirit why not Adam also?

I understand that the family of spirits-- Jesus Christ at their head-- had not received a second estate and that was why this earth was created...

Question. Is it possible for a resurrected being having received an exaltation to lay off that body and become a fallen being? To me it is not possible....

Adam will reign and rule on the earth as a mighty prince in the Millennium under Jesus Christ.

Signed: Edward Bunker

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Friday, May 22 1991

“To President Wilford Woodruff and Counselors”

“Brethren: --For some years there has existed a spirit of

division on doctrinal points and Church teachings, in Bunkerville Ward, this Stake of Zion. It was thought that by the gentle corrections and teachings of the Stake Presidency, to certain of the disputants, the division would gradually die out, and be overcome. Such, we regret to state, has not been the case. Finding the evidences of this division more and more manifest, it was reported to the High Council here, at its meeting in November last. By action of the Presidency and High Council, the chief parties to the division were invited to meet us in Council that we might learn more definitely their views.

At our High Council in December last in response to this invitation Bishop Edward Bunker Junr. and his counselors, Myron Abbott and Joseph I. Earl met with us. Father Edward Bunker, being in poor health at the time, could not attend. Bishop Bunker and his first counselor, Myron Abbot, who is also his uncle, being representatives of the diverse and unreconciled views prevailing in the Ward, stated some of their respective differences of belief and teachings.

Upon hearing these brethren it was found that they were each most pronounced in their respective views.

As a result of the investigation the following was passed as the action of the Council: :It is the sense of this Council that it is an error to teach that Adam was not an immortal, or, resurrected being when he came to this earth; also, that we pray to Adam as our God...

This statement, enclosed herewith, sets forth the points upon which the division in Bunkerville Ward is based...

Awaiting your instruction, or decision, in this matter.

We remain dutifully yours,--

Daniel D. McArthur

A.W. Ivins, per DDMA  
Erastus B. Snow

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June 3, 1892

In January 1877, shortly after the lower portion of the St. George Temple was dedicated, President Brigham Young, in following up in the Endowments, became convinced that it was necessary to have the formula of the Endowments written, and he gave directions to have the same put in writing.

Shortly afterwards he explained what the Lecture at the Veil should portray, and for this purpose appointed a day when he would personally deliver the Lecture at the Veil. Elders J.D.T McAllister and L. John Nuttall prepared writing material, and as the President spoke they took down his words. Elder Nuttall put the same into form and the writing was submitted to President Young on the same evening at his office in residence at St. George. He there made such changes as he deemed proper, and when he finally passed upon it said: This is the Lecture at the Veil to be observed in the Temple.

A copy of the Lecture is kept at the St. George Temple, in which President Young refers to Adam in his Creation, Etc.

Signed: L. John Nuttall

For Presidents: W.Woodruff

Geo.Q.Cannon

Jos.F.Smith

(L. John Nuttall Papers, Box 4, Book 4, p.290 BYU Library)

June 11, 1892

President Daniel. D McArthur presiding

Prayer Con. G.F. Whitehead

Roll call. Presidency and 10 members present  
Presidents W. Woodruff and George Q. Cannon visiting.  
Prest. Daniel D. McArthur stated the business of the Council.

...President George Q. Cannon then asked questions of Father Bunker...

Prest. Cannon quoted, "I am the beginning and the end," Jesus speaks for the Godhead, the personages who compose the Godhead, and that must be kept in mind all the time, not speaking for himself, but for his Father. It is overlooking this [point] that leads to confusion. Men thinking that Jesus speaks for himself [cannot understand]. Did the Father of Jesus have a Father? George Q. Cannon thought he had. The same as Abraham, and Jacob, as gods, had Fathers. He then read the written views of Father Bunker, item by item, asking Father Bunker questions upon them.

Prest. Woodruff said Adam stood ahead of this world and Jesus was born long after. Now this is the key to the whole matter...

Prest. Cannon said we are of the earth. Dust we are and to dust we return... But Adam was created like we are. If our Father in Heaven had a father then the Father was created as Jesus was created, [just] as we were created [and just] as Jesus was. Jesus was created through a woman by a God on this earth [just the same] as we [are] created.... Said Father Bunker holds different views and Bro Orson Pratt also held different views from this and as a consequence he nearly went out of the church for it. And he once heard him say, that whenever he contended with Prest. Young his mind was darkened, and said he was going to stop. Testified in the name of Jesus Christ that Adam was born just as we are born. The Lecture at the Veil is true.

Procreation is the gift of Eternal Lives, and if we are faithful we shall created worlds and people them just as Adam has done...

Prest. Woodruff read from the Doctrine and Covenants Section 121; "God shall give unto you knowledge by his Holy Spirit,

yea, by the unspeakable gift of the Holy Ghost, tht has not been revealed since the world was until now; Which our forefathers have awaited with anxious expectation to be revealed in the last times, which their minds were pointed to by the angels, as held in reserve for the fulness of their glory; A time to come in the which nothing shall be withheld whether there be one God or many gods, they shall be manifest... President [Woodruff the said:] "Now when that time comes Father BUnker and I will know about these things."

(St. George take High Council Minutes, Church Historian's Office, 11 June 1892)

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In 1896, Edward Stevenson, one of the Seven Presidents of Seventy, had "a deep talk" with President Lorenzo Snow about the Adam-God doctrine. Afterwards, Stevenson wrote in his diary concerning the Adam-God Doctrine:

"Certainly Heloheim (Eloheim) and Jehovah stands before Adam, or else I am very much mistaken. Then 1st Heloheim, 2nd Jehovah, 3rd Michael-Adam, 4th Jesus Christ, Our Elder Brother, in the other World from whence our spirits come.... Then Who is Jehovah? The only begotten Son of Heloheim on Jehovah's world."

9Edward Stevenson Diary, 3 March and 28 February 1896, Church Archives)

This shows that Lorenzo Snow understood Jehovah to be distinct from Christ

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"Adam is our father and God and no use to discuss it with [the] Josephites [Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints] or any one else."

-President Woodruff

(As recorded in Brigham Young Jr. Journal, April 4, 1897)

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[END OF ATTESTATIONS OF ADAM GOD IN THE TEMPLE]

## Alma Allred about the Woodruff Account & Rogers of JD 1:50, Consistent with Adam Sr. / Jr. Concept

I may have been unclear if I suggested that Woodruff took more notes than George Watts, because Woodruff invariably wrote less, but often included comments left out by other stenographers. That indicates that Watts may have left out sections that Woodruff included--especially in this pivotal paragraph.

We did an analysis of the concepts Woodruff recalled vs. those recorded by Watts and concluded that Elder Woodruff generally

wrote abbreviated comments that represented more material than Watts included.his recollection.

Elden J. Watson, Brigham Young Addresses, Vol. 2, 09 April 1852 (from WW's notes)

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The bolded portions above are what jump out to me:

Adam and Eve had celestial bodies, and ate of the fruit of the ground until they begat children from the earth.

That passage occurs in the discussion about creation and the Garden of Eden. If understood as fundamentalists interpret it, that conflicts with the teachings of Joseph Smith that marriage was "instituted" in the Garden. If Adam (the Adam who fell) already had a celestial body, and was already married, that means marriage wasn't "instituted" in the Garden but before, and that he could not die. The fact that Adam died is aphoristic in the scriptures and teachings of Joseph Smith.

Speaking still of creation, Adam and his wife begat children from the earth--a comment missing from the JD account but present in both Woodruff's and Rogers' notes. The Adam who died was sent out of the garden to till the ground from which he had been taken. A celestial body coming to this earth was not taken from this earth. Those comments are consistent with the Adam Senior/Junior concept but totally at odds with the fundamentalist perspective.

Last of all, note that Woodruff refers, not to Father Adam, but to "the Father Adam."

I'm convinced that the main reason the Adam/God controversy exists was that Brigham Young needed to give budding apostates some kind of ground to leave the church while claiming to believe in Joseph and Brigham. The only people who believe and teach that God has a body of flesh and bones are the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; and fundamentalists. The RLDS adopted the trinitarian model as quickly as they could get rid of Joseph's Nauvoo doctrines. Fundamentalists can't have the true doctrine of God because they have rejected the prophets with the keys. Jesus taught that "This is life eternal, that they might know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ." You can't have eternal life worshipping a false god and fundamentalists had to replace our Father in Heaven with someone else.

I have a book by a Hebrew scholar named, "The God of Old." He affirms that Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob worshipped a



corporeal being. He thinks that's naive and that God doesn't really have a body--but he affirms that is what the ancients believed. I am amazed that the facts are staring so many people in the face; but they can't accept them.

## Analysis of an 1854 Brigham Young Statement

“I will notice another idea touching the Holy Ghost begetting the Son of God. Who was it that spoke from the heaven and said “This is my beloved Son, hear 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 Savior begotten by? O, by his Father or his brother, or some other person. So the Holy Ghost begetting the Savior looks 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 Savior’s 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 spirits, and he is the framer of the body, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Who is he? He is Father Adam. Michael, the Ancient of Days, has he a father? He has. Has he a mother? He has. 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.”

(Wagoner, Complete Discourses of Brigham Young, p.763, 19

February 1854)

I think it was supposed to read "who is he? He is the father of Adam Michael the ancient of days"

Also notice how there's a period after "father Adam". Then it goes on to ask another question, if Michael has a father, and this implies that he is saying that Michael's father is the same father Adam who is Christ's father.

In fact, if Brigham was of the view that Michael is the Holy Ghost, which has been alluded to in the saying that those in the creation of Elohim Jehovah Michael represent Father Son and Holy Ghost, then Brigham in this quote is specifically pointing out how Michael (the Holy Ghost) was in fact NOT the father of Christ.

## God the Genealogical Father of Adam: Brigham Young & The Widtsoe Discourses Publication

Brigham Young taught, "Adam was as conversant with his Father who placed him upon this earth as we are conversant with our earthly parents. The Father frequently came to visit his son Adam, and talked and walked with him; and the children of Adam were more or less acquainted with their Grandfather, and their children were more or less acquainted with their Great-Grandfather;" (Complete Discourses of BY?)

When John A. Widtsoe compiled the book 'Discourses of Brigham Young', Heber J. Grant directed him to leave out the

part saying "and the children of Adam were more or less acquainted with their Grandfather, and their children were more or less acquainted with their Great-Grandfather;".

Sons of Adam knowing their grandfather? Clearly that means sons of Adam being acquainted with God himself. As the New Testament genealogies say, Adam was a son of God!

"This evening Brother Widtsoe read to Brother Ivins and myself some extracts from the sermons of Brigham Young. We made some suggestions as to eliminating certain parts from a book that is to be published of his sermons, for the Priesthood to study. We suggested that some parts be left out as they would create a great deal of discussion, in our judgement." [Heber J. Grant Diaries, 20 October 1925]

## Brigham Young: Sons Always Subject to Their Fathers as God, Fathers Always Entitled to Obedience from Descendants

"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 turn becomes a father and is entitled to the same obedience from the line of his descendants." (Brigham Young, TPBY 5:11/30/62)

Note: It seems reasonable here to add that all 'all Gods are fathers, and all fathers are Gods'. More particularly said, Gods are fathers (and sons), and all (righteous) fathers are (after probation/testing) Gods.

## No Multiple Adams Ever Taught In The Church

Did early church leaders teach that a fleet of exalted beings rather than a single Adam and Eve started earths population?

Seems that would mess up the geneology quite a bit.

That is a modern belief by some fundamentalists and not an early Mormon teaching.

Early leaders taught that we all descend from Adam & Eve.

We are children of God, not children of people adopted into Gods family. We are his descendants, his offspring, as the scripture attests.

## McConkie: No Excuse for Believing Adam God after Book of Moses & Endowment – add

### Why does Brigham say of his teachings on God and Adam, that "blasphemy would be nothing to it"?

I think he says blasphemy will be nothing to it because it's saying that God actually procreated on Earth to make Adam rather than making Adam like an adobe as many thought based on the sheltered view of Genesis.

Blasphemy would be nothing to it - in that one as I recall it's when he is telling Orson that no, the HG isn't the father of Christ. That it would be blasphemy to think such.

## Adam Presiding Over Spirits Doesn't Mean Made Spirits: Analogy of Church President of Christ's Church

Adam presiding over our spirits as Joseph said doesn't mean he is the father of our spirits.

It's like how the church president presides over the church, but it's not his church, it's Christ's church. And the church president isn't our father, unless by some type of priesthood adoption.

## Peter, Not Christ, a Dispensation Head, Puts Christ Above Adam

Peter is a dispensation head, not Christ. Christ is over all. Adam is 7th angel, and is over all dispensations. But Christ isn't even on the list of 7. This would imply that Christ is above everyone on that list.

We see that Peter was one of the messengers that came with other dispensation heads like Moses and Noah (Elias as identified in D&C 27) and Elijah to restore keys to Joseph Smith, these being, as Hyrum Andrus put it, the 4 gospel angels.

## The Keys of Resurrection: Controversial Quotes & Analysis

Temple work /Holy Order called the "order of the Ancient of Days":

"Wednesday, 4.—I spent the day in the upper part of the store, that is in my private office \* \* \* in council with General James Adams, of Springfield, Patriarch Hyrum Smith, Bishops Newel K. Whitney and George Miller, and President Brigham Young and Elders Heber C. Kimball and Willard Richards, instructing them in the principles and order of the Priesthood, attending to washings, anointings, endowments and the communication of keys pertaining to the Aaronic Priesthood, and so on to the highest order of the Melchizedek Priesthood, setting forth the order pertaining to the Ancient of Days, and all those plans and principles by which any one is enabled to secure the fullness of those blessings which have been prepared for the Church of the Firstborn, and come up and abide in the presence of the Eloheim in the eternal worlds. In this council was instituted the ancient order of things for the first time in these last days." (May 4, 1842 , Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith page 237).

“Father in the priesthood implies the Great Head. The term would be proper to Father Adam. Jesus had reference to the same thing when he told his disciples not to call any man on earth their father, for their father was in heaven. The seal of the covenant that I have been speaking of today was what the apostle saw previous to the destruction of the wicked, when the angel was commanded not to pour out the vials of wrath on the wicked until the Saints were sealed in their forehead and when this was done they all became Father Adam’s family.” — Brigham Young (Complete Discourses of Brigham Young <16 February 1847> page 180)

“there was no person except a resurrected body who held the keys of the resurrection. Michael the Ark Angel or Ancient of Days who was Father Adam held the Keys of the resurrection.” (Complete Discourses of Brigham Young <27 December 1847> page 273)

“Michael the archangel or Adam holds the keys of the resurrection and after a man is raised from the dead, has an immortal body and receives an ordination to hold the keys of the resurrection from under the hands of Michael or those having authority [from him], he then has power to raise the dead, and not before. Jesus was the first fruits of the resurrection.” (Complete Discourses of Brigham Young <23 February 1848> page 276)

Note: Michael Adam must have received he keys of resurrection at the time he was resurrected, after Christ was.

Michael Adam over the final resurrection:

“21st Sunday I met at the stand some of the Twelve and the congregation. O[rson] Pratt addressed the congregation upon the subject of the resurrection which was interesting to us all. Some had been teaching the doctrine that the resurrection was by birth or through the womb but brother Pratt showed the folly of such a doctrin, and Proved by many revelations that the dead were raised by the power of God and the Blowing of the Trump of Michael the Ark Angel who was Father Adam and that the graves of the Saints would be opened and their bodies would come forth out of their graves according to the visions of Ezekiel and many of the prophets. He showed that however miraculous it might appear unto us it was just as easy for God to perform this work as it was to turn water into wine or make Bread without flour to feed a multitude. W[ilford] Woodruff followed brother Pratt and bore testimony to what had been said and spoke in the spirit of the Lord.” (Wilford Woodruff’s Journal vol. 3 <21 November 1847> pages 291–292)

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My analysis:

I do wonder whether Christ was the first, then Adam. Adam could do the resurrecting at the last day without having been the one who resurrected Jesus.

When did Michael get those keys? That is the question.

Also we again have the question of whether Brigham meant Father Adam to mean the father of the Adam who fell, or the same Adam who fell. Both of those characters were in the garden.

From Alma Allred:

There's another talk that BY gave called "For This is Life Eternal" where he explains that the Church doesn't have the keys of the resurrection because you cannot have keys for an ordinance that you have not received yet--and he said the only exception is the restoration of the gospel. Joseph performed ordinances and then had someone perform for him that ordinance. In that discourse, he said that even though Jesus had the power to resurrect himself, he did not do so. He said someone who had previously been resurrected is the person who resurrected the Savior. The only person who pertains to this earth who was resurrected before Christ was the Father. Adam (junior) was in the spirit world with Eve when Christ preached to the faithful dead, so he was not resurrected. (D&C 138) If Adam now holds those keys, it's due to the fact that he was resurrected after Christ and then received them.

Another indication that he was not resurrected is Joseph Smith referred to Michael as the spirit of a righteous man who could not go beyond the bounds the Lord had established. (Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith, Section Four 1839–42, p.208)



## Meme & Commentary: On Seeking Unauthorized Doctrines & Practices



Is it possible to learn this doctrine? Not from a prophet.

Is it possible to marry a plural wife? Not in the temple.

I throw some humor in here, but please understand. I'm not trying to make fun of anyone's faith. I'm trying to point out the dangers in going off on our own paths outside of the church parameters.

In the story this meme is based on, the fallen hero seeks power from a deceiver who makes promises he cannot keep in order to turn him over to his side. The lad has good intentions, but goes down a dark path as he takes into his own hands things which are not approved of the council.

As for Adam God: it is most likely false doctrine, interpretations, misquotations, statements taken out of context, at odds with many canonized scriptures, and in general, a perpetuation of a false doctrine as promoted by those who have left the councils of the living church.

As for plural marriage: I understand that plural marriage is authorized when God says so through his prophet, and isn't authorized when he says it isn't. Today, it isn't authorized, and isn't something we ought to seek, even if we believe it is a 'higher law' or more beneficial, which I do believe to be the case in some cases. But God governs, and we recognize that, we do things how he conducts them, and at this stage, it aint perfect.

### Resource: Spencer W Kimball: That Ye May Not Be Deceived

<https://speeches.byu.edu/talks/spencer-w-kimball/may-deceived/>

### Resource: Controversial Quotes to Analyze (add from other doc)

Resource (or paste full) 1st pres father son  
<https://emp.byui.edu/SatterfieldB/PDF/Godhead/FatherSonTwelveExposition.pdf>

## Resource: Book on Israel's Second God

The great angel- a study of Israel's second God by Margaret Barker (shows El and Jehovah are different beings)

## **Related Topic: FALSEHOODS OF REINCARNATION & MMP MULTIPLE MORTAL PROBATIONS**

## Salvation by Temple Work, not Multiple Mortalities

Returning as a Christ doesn't work because we do work for ordinances for the dead. Jesus was the chosen one to use the power of the Father.

Our ancestors don't need to come live on earth again, they need their ordinances done by proxy. The ordinances are what must be done during mortality, by yourself or vicariously.

All of this goes to show that coming to earth a second time as a mortal is completely unnecessary. We also know the resurrection is permanent, as scripture attests.

## MMP Multiple Mortal Probations: Why It's Wrong Logically

It is wrong to suggest that we all had to pass through being bad before we could be good.

It is wrong to suggest that anyone who is good in this life must have gone through several lives of being bad in order to get here.

## Joseph Smith Against Reincarnation

“I resumed conversation with Matthias, and desired him to enlighten my mind more on his views respecting the resurrection. He said that he possessed the spirit of his fathers, that he was a literal descendant of Matthias, the Apostle, who was chosen in the place of Judas that fell; that his spirit was resurrected in him; and that this was the way or scheme of eternal life—this transmigration of soul or spirit from father to son. I told him that **his doctrine was of the devil**, that he was in reality in possession of a wicked and depraved spirit, although he professed to be the Spirit of truth itself; and he said also that he possessed the soul of Christ. He tarried until Wednesday, 11th,

when, after breakfast, I told him, that my God told me, that his god was the devil, and I could not keep him any longer, and he must depart. And so I, for once, cast out the devil in bodily shape, and I believe a murderer.” (Joseph Smith, History of the Church, volume 2, page 307.)

## Widstoe: Reincarnation was Taught Anciently, but is False

John A Widtsoe

Reincarnation, often known as metempsychosis, is an ancient doctrine. It dates from the earliest corruption of truth, from the very dawn of human history, when mankind first departed from the simple principles of the gospel. (Evid. & Recon., 1960 ed., p. 365)

## Bruce McConkie Against Reincarnation

Reincarnation “is a false doctrine originating with the devil. It runs counter to the whole system and plan of salvation whereunder spirits are born in pre-existence, are permitted to pass through a mortal probation, and then in due course become immortal, incorruptible, and eternal in nature.” (Bruce R McConkie)

## No Multiple Mortal Probations (MMP): This Life Is the Time

The Book of Mormon says this life is the time to prepare. This is a genius test, we don't need another. Some think it's harsh, it's just accurate.

The gospel Joseph Smith taught is so complete it doesn't need MMP.

The Book of Mormon talks about the resurrection of the damned.

But since you can't die after resurrection, that means there's no do overs after that.

God is merciful in that he gives us every opportunity to ascend as much as possible before that time of resurrection and final judgement at the end of the 1000 year millennium, all of which lie ahead of us at this time.

Perhaps some of the ancient ones who rose with Christ have an earlier judgement and blessing if they are ready for it. We can also have an earlier pre-judgement the “calling and election made sure”, but there’s more time if needed. The door is not yet shut.

This life is the big leagues, this is the school of the Gods. The time is now. This life is a perfectly calculated time for testing and growth. How this test could be so masterfully coordinated, planned, and purposeful is a mystery to us, this is truly one of

the great mysteries of God, but so it is, and it is one of the great manifestations of the supreme genius of God, and the power of Him and his agents to influence the lives of mankind.

## Eliza Snow Smith Didn't Teach Reincarnation

Kim Smith shares:

Eliza R Snow NEVER taught reincarnation. Orson F Whitney was deceived for a time by the false revelations of Charles Strayner and gave a false witness and second hand account alleging he heard that Eliza believed in “reincarnation” but she never taught it or even hinted at a belief in reincarnation. Orson F Whitney himself admitted he had been deceived, repented. And signed a written statement correcting his false beliefs in reincarnation.

If you want to know what Eliza R Snow taught and believed. Read her discourses. The church published over 300 of her discourses given to the Relief Society. Don't listen to gospel rumors. go to the source and read her words for yourself.

## Peter James John Visiting Adam as Titles

The title version makes sense, and is vindicated by the February 7 2023 endowment update, that the beings who visited Adam

weren't Peter James and John, but were beings we don't know the names of, who are represented by the titles of Peter James and John.

This answers a question I've had a very long time: how could premortal spirits shake Adams hand... The point is they didn't, those who shook his hand obviously did have bodies, and were not the same beings we read of in the New Testament.

## Being Born Again isn't Literal (Not A Multiple Mortal Probation)

Jesus dispelled the notion that we'd be born again into a woman's womb when he was speaking to Nicodemus on the topic.

Can you describe yourself as fitting scriptures of those who have been born again? If not, you haven't experienced it.

Some advocates of multiple mortal probations suggest this scripture for their

## No MMP - Fallen Angels, Jude, etc.

Ogden Kraut in his book "Pre-Existence" points out:



The one third fallen angels are clearly spirits not resurrected beings who fell

Jude says these are fallen Angels who kept not their first estate  
It also says they are reserved in chains of darkness until their judgment which means they did not live on a prior world, they are waiting judgment on this one

### MMP Cons:

I've already been through the pains of life, what would I learn from doing it again?

Isn't premortal valiance the great leveler? Some don't need certain experiences based on what they showed their character to be before this life?

### Reincarnation a Doctrine of the Devil – Joseph Smith Quote (insert)

### Plenty of chances for continued practice, no need for mmp

I just don't know that future probations have to be reruns of life.

Perhaps they are more jobs, more missions, etc. More worlds to

help make, more mortals to tutor, who knows, it seems possibilities are vast. Maybe we work as such and such in the celestial, working at it, we learn the trades, we learn to raise kids, etc.

But they wouldn't have to entail the mortal condition and another veil...

I too feel perfection is far off, but it seems like a 1000 yr millennium is plenty of time to practice things.

Intelligence

Premortal spirit

Mortal

Postmortal spirit

Millennium

Resurrection

Working with Jesus as joint heirs

These seem like lots of chances to grow, without mmp.

It seems certain things, like baptism and other temple ordinances, and the atonement, are to be done by a mortal, and having already been through that, it does not seem reasonable to return to do that later, when we have people doing work for those that didn't receive it while in life.

The only small possible allowance for another mortal life would perhaps be for a very wicked person who is getting another opportunity to try it all again. But even this could be heretical, as it implies that this life isn't so important. There's the potters clay returning to the mold teachings, which leave a possibility for this, but it is most strange and unlikely to be the case as we think of it.

## Satan Didn't Used to Have a Body: Scripture, etc.

Abraham 3:22-28:

"22 Now the Lord had shown unto me, Abraham, the intelligences that were organized before the world was; and among all these there were many of the noble and great ones; 23 And God saw these souls that they were good, and he stood in the midst of them, and he said: These I will make my rulers; for he stood among those that were spirits, and he saw that they were good; and he said unto me: Abraham, thou art one of them; thou wast chosen before thou wast born.

24 And there stood one among them that was like unto God, and he said unto those who were with him: We will go down, for there is space there, and we will take of these materials, and we will make an earth whereon these may dwell;

25 And we will prove them herewith, to see if they will do all things whatsoever the Lord their God shall command them;

26 And they who keep their first estate shall be added upon; and they who keep not their first estate shall not have glory in the same kingdom with those who keep their first estate; and they who keep their second estate shall have glory added upon their heads for ever and ever.

27 And the Lord said: Whom shall I send? And one answered like unto the Son of Man: Here am I, send me. And another answered and said: Here am I, send me. And the Lord said: I will send the first.

28 And the second was angry, and kept not his first estate; and, at that day, many followed after him."

Neither Lucifer nor those that followed him kept their first state. The Lord God says that they were spirits. Christ, the only one who was "like unto God", tells us what happens with them. He also did not have a body until he was born here, which we know through scripture as well.

A friend of mine put it well, "The scriptures always prevail over any other teachings of man. The Lord doesn't give us his word in scripture and then contradict that through private revelation to anyone else. All of God's truth is consistent with itself."

Also either 3:8-16, Christ has no body before either:

8 And he saith unto the Lord: I saw the finger of the Lord, and I feared lest he should smite me; for I knew not that the Lord had flesh and blood.

9 And the Lord said unto him: Because of thy faith thou hast seen that I shall take upon me flesh and blood; and never has man come before me with such exceeding faith as thou hast; for were it not so ye could not have seen my finger. Sawest thou more than this?

10 And he answered: Nay; Lord, show thyself unto me.

11 And the Lord said unto him: Believest thou the words which I shall speak?

12 And he answered: Yea, Lord, I know that thou speakest the

truth, for thou art a God of truth, and canst not lie.

13 And when he had said these words, behold, the Lord showed himself unto him, and said: Because thou knowest these things ye are redeemed from the fall; therefore ye are brought back into my presence; therefore I show myself unto you.

14 Behold, I am he who was prepared from the foundation of the world to redeem my people. Behold, I am Jesus Christ. I am the Father and the Son. In me shall all mankind have life, and that eternally, even they who shall believe on my name; and they shall become my sons and my daughters.

15 And never have I showed myself unto man whom I have created, for never has man believed in me as thou hast. Seest thou that ye are created after mine own image? Yea, even all men were created in the beginning after mine own image.

16 Behold, this body, which ye now behold, is the body of my spirit; and man have I created after the body of my spirit; and even as I appear unto thee to be in the spirit will I appear unto my people in the flesh.

Note:

Cutting hand off and slitting his throat, as spoken of in the ancient texts (the discourse of Abbaton), must his been the hand of his spirit body.

(See also the enthronement of the arch angel Michael)

## [Adam God Rebuttal Resources](#)

See Hyrum Andrus Pearl of Great Price commentary, p.352-3, where he shows the high role of Adam, yet contrasts it with the higher role of Christ.

See Alma Allred essay, "Supposed Adam God"

## **Related Topic: LIVING AGAIN AS JESUS NOT NECESSARY FOR EXALTATION**

### How we become a god without living again: the strength was a gift to Christ, and will be a gift to us

Perhaps Jesus had great strength because of being born half God. This it isn't up to us to do as he did for we have not the capacity. He did his best, we do our best.

Joseph says we must get salvation the same way Christ did, by obedience. We need to perfect our characters so that we will fit in in heaven.

Jesus forgives past sins but we must have the purified character developed.

## Michael Ness essay against returning as a Christ (look further into)

See article "Saviors on Mount Zion" at [lightandtruth.online](http://lightandtruth.online)

Note: Michael Ness is a fundamentalist but does not subscribe to MMP teachings and defends the standard of 1 mortal probation and joint heirship with Christ based on faith and works manifest in the test of this life.

## Perspectives on The Troublesome Quote of Joseph Smith

"Joseph the Seer taught the following principl[e] that the God & father of our Lord Jesus Christ was once the same as the Son or Holy Ghost but having redeemed a world became the eternal God of that world[.] he had a son Jesus Christ who redeemed this earth the same as his father had a world which made them equal & the Holy Ghost would do the same in his turn & so would all the Saints who inherited a Celestial glory so their would be Gods many & Lords many[.] their were many mansions even 12 from the abode of Devils to the Celestial glory[.]" (Wilford Woodruff, 30 January 1842, "Book of Revelations," pages 3-4, LDS Archives.)

Analysis:

That quote is passed around. But what is the Book of Revelations it comes from? Is this a good source?

Also, it could be interpreted differently, that we are going through our redeeming stage, helping with that effort, that we already did our Holy Ghost stage in premortality, and that we will go on in the next life to Celestial glory.

## My overview of why I don't like "Multiple Mortal Probations" (MMP)

Obviously we aren't coming back all the time to this earth, but the idea of coming back to each new earth, that is the strange idea.

We've already got our bodies, and them resurrected once the resurrection occurs, so we are disqualified from a mission as a spirit being, namely the Holy Ghost.

We've already been through mortality and been on probation, so we can't live as Jesus and do an atoning sacrifice.

In the next life we are joint heirs to all the father has with Christ, so it looks like we will be doing what father is doing after this life.

I've long felt that in the pre-mortal life we were fulfilling our callings as Holy Ghost, in this life we fulfill our callings as Saviors, and in the next we fulfill our callings as Fathers, and you don't get higher than that (the glory continues to grow, but father is the highest station, unless there's something different about a grandfather station).



## Live Again as a Jesus Not Needed for Exaltation: A Few Points

- Would require another birth
- Would require another death
- Resurrections are eternal
- We gain all experience and knowledge in another way
- We are joint heirs to the father via Christ
- Christ isn't a shortcut, it's the path.
- Christ received glory from the Father, and through Christ, we receive glory of the father also.
- Some jobs are for certain phases only. Example: temple work only for mortals.

-Not living as a Christ isn't a shortcut anymore than a child getting its mothers milk is a shortcut. Must I go on to be a mother? No, I go on to be a father. That is the economy of heaven. And when I grow up will I have gone through sufficient to know the depths without having done that specific job? Sure.

## The Father Suffered Too

He gave his son, this hurts too. And he endured the crimes committed against him from the beginning of the world. Is this not deep anguish?

Perhaps the spirit of God which sustained Jesus Christ enabled the Father to equally feel the suffering of his son, for by the spirit, the father knows all things, as this spirit fills all things, and communicates all information to him. Indeed, it could be said that every hurt of humanity is also felt by its father. This is evidence that we can go on to be as God the father, being joint heirs with Christ, even though we have not yet performed an ultimate sacrifice.

The father has more experience than the son. Whatever we are called to do in heaven, it will give us plenty of preparations for our lives of Eternal Life just like our heavenly parents who we are growing up to become like.

## We Don't Need to Live Again as Jesus: Impressions

I also feel this may not be necessary, that it may undermine the atonement.

Now is the time to be a Christ (not in a supposed next life)

Against the idea that after this life we come to an earth to be the savior of it:

By the grace of Christ, we are joint heirs to all the father has, including that position, power, glory, etc.

Yes we suffer in this life, we serve, we do hard things. By the grace of Christ, we get to start a new when needed. But in this life, we are living like Christ. We are becoming Christs. "When he returns we shall see him as he is for we shall be like him."

The time to be a Christ is now. The time to master your character is now. The time to become perfect is now. The time to save others and do for them what they cannot for themselves is now. Become a savior on mt Zion.

If you're going to return to earth and be perfect, what's the point of this life? Why are we doing temple work if it's just all going to reset?

Praise the Lord Jesus Christ, he saves the soul, and brings us up to do the work that he does. The gospel of Christ is the school of the gods. This life is the time to prepare to meet (and become) God. Meet him as he is.

The ultimate sacrifice we make is that we live a new life in Christ, we take up our cross and follow him. We lay down our lives for our friends, whether in life or death. The purpose of having a savior is that we are saved by him, not that we live again and do what he did. The gospel of Christ is Gods plan for our salvation and exaltation. It is how we become God's. We don't save ourselves by some future life.

There will be some learning and progress yet to make after this life if we have not reached a fullness by the time we exit this mortal probation, but what follows is not another mortal probation. If we have taken Christ seriously in this life as evidenced by repentance of sin and true dedication to real improvement and service to one's fellow beings, we are on the path to Godhood, our calling and election is sure, and we like our father Abraham, will shortly sit up on thrones and enter into eternal life and exaltation.

Climbing up to Godhood with the help of Christ is just and true. Christ who is our brother and our Lord, was more

advanced than us when it came time to orchestrate this world and foreordain it's inhabitants. He was therefore selected as the savior to help us return to God, not just as sons, but as qualified heirs of the Father.

When the elect of God have become God's themselves, they will tutor their spirit offspring, and select one who is ready and willing to be a savior for that cohort of spirits. This is a blessed plan, as it allows for the progress of spirit beings to enter mortality as soon as one in their cohort qualifies themselves for the role of savior.

Each person before coming to earth made commitments to serve one another in their own capacity. We must do our best, even as Christ did his best. Those two "bests" look different, but they both represent the perfect sacrifice of putting oneself and heart on the altar of God in complete submission. Regardless of what other training and exposure is needed beyond this mortal probation, the candidate is qualified for exaltation in his successful passing of the test of life.

This life is the test. Then it is onward and upward, advancing in knowledge power posterity influence and glory, following the path of the gods. The path to enter the highest celestial glory, which is the place of the gods, is to obey the law of Christ. We look to no other in our qualifications for the work of God.

So ultimately, we are as powerful, as compassionate, etc as Christ. As knowledgeable, as experienced, etc. But we need not think that this training involves redoing the phase we call mortal life.

How did Christ successfully perform his sacrifice in the first place? It was by the spirit of God the Father which dwelt in him. Christ had advanced such in the life before that he was

qualified to be born as the heir apparent of God the Father in whom the power and Glory of God would reside. A careful reading of the book of Mormon shows that Christ had the glory of his father during his mortal ministry here.

As the firstborn Christ was given the added measure of God's power to help those the rest of us and this is common in keeping with the patriarchal laws of scripture that the firstborn is to help the other sons.

Christ did nothing of his own power but by the power of the father and similarly we do nothing by our own power but by the power of the Son. The end result is the same: we all access the power of the father unto eternal life and exaltation. This is the plan of the great God for the salvation and exaltation of his children.

If you insist on living a life as Christ consider the following: in the life before this you lived similarly as the Holy Ghost and in this life you live similarly as Christ and the next life you live similarly as the father and when you have advanced as far as he has you will be as he is and this advancement is through the power which we received through Christ even as Christ received power from the father.

Christ will always be our Lord and our leader worlds without end. His father is always his leader. We will always be the leaders of our children we are having now on this Earth which are in reality the children of our Father in heaven. When we have advanced to be a father in heaven with Spirit offspring they will always Revere us they will additionally always Revere our firstborn will be their savior.

We ought not to envy the firstborn and we ought not to think that we can never attain unto his leadership abilities and power because it is through the power of God that he attained these

things and we threw him attain that similar power.

The atonement of Christ was only the beginning. We are eternally grateful for it. But through the means of that sacrifice we are enabled to go on to much bigger and better things. Christ is now involved in bigger and better things, and we will be too. We will advance to such a state that an atonement of that kind appears a relatively small thing. We will work for the salvation of an endless posterity worlds without end and our position influence and saving power will grow beyond all comprehension. To be a God is to work, to weep, to have pain and pleasure, to create and redeem worlds without end.

But again, it is not ordained that we qualify ourselves for godhood by doing a mortal sacrifice akin to what Christ did. By Christ and the works of faith we qualify for Godhood. It is a blessed state, but not one without toil. The type of toil is different: it is toil such that we save others rather than ourselves, and there's great peace of mind in that.

What was the incentive for Christ to advance and to perform the role of Savior in this world? It is the same incentive for us as we lay down our lives for the gospel for the kingdom. The sooner a person progresses the better. The better for himself and the better for everyone else. A person full of love wishes to progress just as fast as he can.

Do we not know also that the pain of a son is felt by a father? Then as you go onward as a father to many worlds, you will know their pain. You'll know the pain of your children as they son, and you'll know the pain of your firstborn as he redeems those sins. You are the father and Lord of all, there is nothing save you know it.

But this pain will not disuade or discourage you any more than

it did Christ. Christ was mortal and did not know the breadth and depth of these things. As the father, you do, and you press on, and your strength grows, and the cycle of life continues, to the blessing of yourself and all. As the father, you've seen the commission of sins, you've watched your innocent children suffer, you've sent judgements upon the earth, and you know all things. What the son learned in his sacrifice, the father already knew. If you don't know yet the depth of this anguish, you will as you are a father, and oversee all things of Earth's from their beginning. Christ went for eard for the joy that was set before him. Similarly as a father, great joy is before and abiding in you. This life is the test, the blindfold, and in that way for all of us, Christ and the rest, this life is in a way the most difficult season.

As sin by sin incurs a debt, who is aware of it? Is not the first to be aware of it even the one to whom the due is owed? Yes, the father knows fully well of the pain the sins are causing, and of what it would cost to repair them. The father feels every sin, and is pained by them, and knows the calculations of the misery that they will bring, and he feels it all. Then in the meridian of time, his firstborn appears in the world, endowed with his glory, prepared from the foundation of the world, and lo, he atones for them all! The father knows what the son doeth. The creditor knows the weight the debtor carries, and the cost of the payment. Of a truth, when the firstborn redeems mankind, it is an act of learning what the father already knows. When you are a father, you'll know just the same suffering which Christ learned. You'll know, and you'll go onward through eternity, embracing the noble calling, the joy and pain, of being a God. There is nothing higher, and none can know more. You'll advance in station as your posterity grows as your stations require increased management, and you learn increased difficulty, but you also learn increased joy, if these things are possible. But let not your mind be troubled as to think that you

cannot know what Christ does without another mortal probation as a savior. The role of savior is needed, but it is a temporary and introductory role when compared to the role of an eternal father. The father knows all things, and you are a joint heir to this state. In all your works there are joy, and we anticipate these operations with utmost felicity. To have knowledge is to be saved, and with knowledge, we can endure all things.

Christ has always been ahead of us. He was ahead of us before we came to this life, he's ahead of us in this life, and he will be ahead of us in the next life. We are joint heirs with him, but of course we'll have things to learn which he already knows. That is all good and well, and if we are wise we will learn it as fast as we can. We will repent as fast as we can and start living the good life. This is the way of joy, of wholeness, of redemptive holiness, worlds without end. As we come unto Christ, we are given added measures or endowments of the spirit of God, and we go onward to perfection, which is where Christ now is. We need not wait for a life to come for these things to begin, indeed we are commanded to make haste, and once we arrive to our next station, there will be no sense in coming back to this one. It is inheritance, glory, riches, knowledge, and the eternal balance that we will learn and administer with joy for all time, and eternity upon eternity.

What? Is the son more involved than the father? God forbid! The son is learning what the father has long known, and has long endured. Our Father is more involved than we could possibly imagine!

Christ was willing and able to take the accelerated version of the class and at an earlier age so to speak. Why did he do this? There were obvious benefits, and he had the capacity, so he went ahead. We can only presently marvel at his feats, but by and by, we too shall master the subject of godhood, and as



Christ has, become as God. Christ is all the better off for being what he is and doing as he has. And when we have some sense, we will join him. We won't be coming back here, the work is all done, and we shall have passed our tests by his grace. What then? Then we join him yonder just as we did here, and it's onward, onward to glory. Onward to the next step in the school of the gods, with all the powers of the resurrection and the redemption. Onward to fatherhood, and Godhood. Onward to things we now cannot comprehend. And who is happier to see is treading this path than our god and our Christ? They rejoice, and we have joined the family business.

Could we do this without Christ? No, we were not called so to do, we were not given that endowment of the spirit to have that as our capacity. Our lot was a weary one indeed, to live in a depraved condition of vast ignorance, which made our pain all the greater, and we were want to cast it off and join the blessedness of Christ, whose yoke is easy, whose burden is light. But come to earth we did, and with him we did sojourn, and by him we are heirs of salvation with him!

Once we gain this capacity will we go backwards has already been done? No, as Joseph taught we go onward and upward, not backward. And what do we go on to, what is the next step,? It is to people the heavens, to suffer their progress, to instruct them in the plan of salvation, to ensure their opportunity to advance as you have. To train up and provide a savior for them, to ordain that son with the fullness of the power of your spirit, and to join hand in hand all the way through their journey, and to rejoice together, to weep together, and grow together, to the ever growing glory of the eternal Gods!

## “Kingdom Advancement” Doesn’t Happen

- Church against it
- McConkie quote in deadly heresies lecture
- Damnation is serious
- This life is the perfect test, it truly shows our character and what we want for the long haul.
- God’s judgement will have lots of mercy built into it.
- If you don’t want it now, you never will
- The millennium works out preferences, plenty of time before permanent judgement.
- There is some amount of repentance allowed in the spirit world before the resurrection and final judgement, where one is permanently (eternally) assigned a kingdom of glory.
- There have been some early brethren who said kingdom advancement is possible, but this does not align with scripture and accepted church doctrine.

## **BLOOD ATONEMENT**

## Alma Allred (LDS Institute Teacher) on Blood Atonement from Discussion with Presbyterian Pastor Series Part 13

Part 13 Blood Atonement

<https://youtu.be/H8ZDIRMQNyw>

Bruce McConkie in Mormon doctrine says claims of blood atonement that dissenters were killed to help atone for their sins are false, that there are no instances of blood atonement in this dispensation.

The shed blood of an apostate or a murderer is not efficacious to remediate their sins.

People chose firing squad over hanging as it's quicker.

Capital punishment for murder is a just punishment for that crime.

When Brigham spoke of executing apostates he was referring to people who are seducing young women, etc.

Brigham lamented there was not a union of church and state so they could not practice blood atonement.

Brigham got ideas about blood atonement from the Bible which says “he who sheds blood his blood should be shed” in the Book of Genesis, but surely Brigham would agree that someone who is a murderer who strangles someone has still shed blood (despite no actually blood coming out) and is worthy of his blood being shed.

There is no evidence that blood atonement was ever practiced in the church, only false reports.

The church always denied the oaths of vengeance in the temple to avenge Joseph Smith, and Wilford Woodruff denied that. Woodruff said it was a vague quotation from The Book of Revelation that they prayed that the blood of the martyrs would be avenged.

Ervil LeBaron, his groups were the only ones that actually thought it was okay to murder 'sinners'. There are people who break off from the LDS Church who adopt destructive erroneous doctrines which were never part of Mormonism.

Capital punishment doesn't mean blood atonement.

The LDS church teaches that the only blood atonement is that of Jesus Christ.

Genesis says those who shed man's blood their blood should be shed by man, and that commandment is still in force, but it does not equate to blood atonement.

Brigham Young had a group of people called 'marauders' keep the enemies of the saints away from the valley for a year, he said do anything you can to keep them out, burn their crops, scatter their cattle, just don't kill anyone. This was a military operation and they confiscated much ammunition etc. and all of this without killing a single person.

People talked about blood atonement but it never actually took place.

People often spoke in hyperbole when they called for the

killing of someone.

It was claimed that the Danites killed apostates but they did not.

The adopted son of Brigham Young who was a murderer wasn't someone raised by Brigham, Brigham spiritually adopted many people. And the Book of the memoirs of this murderer didn't come out until after his death. There are many questionable things about this source.

Brigham Young referencing putting a javelin through adulterers is directly out of the Bible.

The Journal of Discourses was never published by the Church, we don't know how accurate it is.

There are certainly some problems that have been verified.

1856 and 7 in the Mormon Reformation, this is the only time that we hear of blood atonement teachings.

Anytime something was said which goes beyond scripture is not our doctrine.

The mountain Meadows massacre was an account of war. There was a real threat that an army was coming to kill them, and a group who was going to join that army and kill them. Certainly the church did not approve of it but these were people concerned about war, acts of war.

Brigham insisted that the amnesty for the Utah War not cover the Mountain Meadows Massacre.

Brigham was not hiding information about mountain Meadows, he was reporting to the government information that was told to him from John D Lee that the Indians were the cause of it,

which was not true.

Brigham insisted that John D Lee be brought to trial.

One woman called in to the show claiming that there was instruction in the temple celestial room about blood atonement for revealing the secret tokens, but Alma catches this lie as there is *never* instruction given in the celestial room of temples!

Whether or not someone is executed has no bearing on the status of the remission of their sins.

The book of Hebrews says for some people there is no remission of sin.

Bruce R McConkie speaks for 1<sup>st</sup> Presidency  
on Blood Atonement in Letter to Mr.  
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Dear Mr. McAfee:

This is in reply to your letter of September 20, 1978, to  
President Spencer W. Kimball of The Church of Jesus Christ of

Latter-day Saints in which you asked some questions about the so-called

doctrine of blood atonement. I have been asked, by President Kimball and the First Presidency to respond to your inquiries.

You note that I and President Joseph Fielding Smith and some of our early church leaders have said and written about this doctrine and you asked if the doctrine of blood atonement is an official doctrine of the Church today.

If by blood atonement is meant the atoning sacrifice of Christ, the answer is Yes. If by blood atonement is meant the shedding of the

blood of men to atone in some way for their own sins, the answer is

No.

We believe that the blood of Christ, shed in the Garden of Gethsemane and on the cross of Calvary, cleanses all men from sin on condition of repentance. As expressed by a Book of Mormon scripture: "Salvation was, and is, and is to come, in and through the atoning blood of Christ, the Lord Omnipotent." (Mosiah 3:18.)

We do not believe that it is necessary for men in this day to shed-their own blood to receive a remission of sins. This is said with a

full awareness of what I and others have written and said on this subject

in times past.

In order to understand what Brigham Young, Heber C. Kimball, Charles W. Penrose and others have said, we must mention that there are some sins for which the blood of Christ alone does not cleanse a person. These include blasphemy against the Holy Ghost

(as defined by the Church) and that murder which is the unlawful killing of a human being with malice. However, and this cannot be stressed too strongly, this law has not been given to the Church at any time in this dispensation. It has no application whatever to anyone now living whether he is a member or a nonmember

of the Church.

There simply is no such thing among us as a doctrine of blood atonement that grants a remission of sins or confers any other benefit upon a person because his own blood is shed for Mr. Thomas B. McAfee

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sins. Let me say categorically and unequivocally that this doctrine can only operate in a day when there is no separation of Church and State and when the power to take life is vested in the ruling theocracy as was the case in the day of Moses. From the day of Joseph Smith to the present there has been no single instance of so-called blood atonement under any pretext.

Anything I have written or anything said by anyone else must be understood in the light of the foregoing limitation. Brigham Young and the others were speaking of a theoretical principle that

operated in ages past, and not in either their or our day. As I recall, Brigham Young's illustrations were taken from the day of Moses and the history of ancient Israel and could not be applied today.

There is no such a doctrine as blood atonement in the Church today nor has there been at any time. Any statements to the contrary are either idle speculation or pure fantasy. It is certainly not the current teaching of the Church and I have never in over 60 years of regular church attendance heard a single sermon on the subject or even a discussion in any church class.

You asked if the statements of our leaders of the past, including those found in the Journal of Discourses, represent the official stand of the Church. The answer, as indicated in the comments above set forth, is that they do not. The statements pertain to a theoretical principle that has been neither revealed to nor practiced by us.

If by blood atonement is meant capital punishment, then any proper analysis of the subject would call the matter by the name capital punishment and not by the name blood atonement. To use this latter term is wholly misleading and stirs up the idea that



we believe in that which we most emphatically do not believe. We believe in capital punishment. In a revelation to Joseph Smith, on February 9, 1831, the Lord said: "And now, behold, I speak unto the church. Thou shalt not kill; and he that kills shall not have forgiveness in this world, nor in the world to come. And again, I say, thou shalt not kill; but he that killeth shall die." (D. & C. 42:18-19.)

In answering some false and scurrilous charges published against the Latter-day Saints, the President of the Church, who then was Wilford Woodruff, on January 9, 1891, wrote to the editor

of the Illustrated American. President Woodruff referred to the doctrine herein being considered as "the blood atonement fiction,"

and as "the false theory of blood atonement copied by the writer in the American from old newspaper fiction."

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Then he recites what the doctrine of the Church is when the term blood atonement is used simply as a synonym for capital punishment.

"It is a fundamental doctrine of our creed that a murderer cannot be forgiven; that he 'hath not eternal life abiding in him'; that if a member of our Church, having received the light of the Holy Spirit, commits this capital crime, he will not receive forgiveness in this world nor in the world to come. The revelations of God to the Church abound in commandments forbidding us to shed blood."

With specific reference to capital punishment as practiced by the State and not the Church he said: "It is part of our faith that the only atonement a murdered can make for his 'sin unto death' is the shedding of his own blood, according to the fiat of the Almighty after the flood: 'Whoso sheddeth man's blood by man shall his blood be shed.' But the law must be executed by the lawfully appointed officer. This is 'blood atonement,' so much

perverted by maligners of our faith. We believe also in the atonement wrought by the shedding of Christ's blood on Calvary; that it is efficacious for all the race of Adam for the sin committed by Adam, and for the individual sins of all who believe, repent, are baptized by one having authority, and who receive the Holy Ghost by the laying on of authorized hands. Capital crime committed by such an enlightened person cannot be

condoned by the Redeemer's blood. For him there is 'no more sacrifice for sin'; his life is forfeit, and he only can pay the penalty. There is no other blood atonement taught, practiced or made part of the creed of the Latter-day Saints."

I repeat: Except for the atonement of Christ, which is or should be a part of the creeds of all Christian churches; and except for the use of the term "blood atonement" as a synonym--nothing more--of "capital punishment" where "enlightened" members of the Church are concerned, there is no such a doctrine in this dispensation as blood atonement.

I have in my file a letter dated February 12, 1971, signed by Presidents Joseph Fielding Smith and Harold B. Lee as and for the First Presidency which shows that the theoretical principle of blood atonement has no application in any dispensation when there is a separation of Church and State. They refer to the death of Christ by Jewish hands as a "capital crime," and then quote the following from the third chapter of Acts:

"And now, brethren, I wot that through ignorance ye did  
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it, as did also your rulers . . .

"Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;

"And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you."

Then they say: "From the above it is understood that this is a matter which must be left in the hands of the Lord, not for man

to determine."

Now, as to your final question--whether blood atonement, "if" it is "a valid doctrine," would have any affect on the mode imposing the death penalty, I need only say:

1. Since there is no such thing as blood atonement, except as indicated above, the mode of execution could have no bearing on the matter of atoning for one's-sins; and

2. If we are speaking simply of capital punishment (and falsely calling it blood atonement), still I can see no reason for supposing that it makes the slightest difference how an execution is accomplished.

As far as I can see there is no difference between a firing squad, an electric chair, a gas chamber, or hanging. Death is death

and I would interpret the shedding of man's blood in legal executions as a figurative expression which means the taking of life. There seems to me to be no present significance as to whether

an execution is by a firing squad or in some other way. I, of course, deleted my article on "hanging" from the Second Edition of

Mormon Doctrine because of the reasoning here mentioned.

As far as I am concerned you are at liberty to quote from or use this letter in any way you deem proper.

Sincerely,

Bruce R. McConkie