

sinner! *When our father Adam came into the Garden of Eden, HE CAME INTO IT WITH A CELESTIAL BODY, and BROUGHT EVE, ONE OF HIS WIVES, WITH HIM. He helped to make and organize this world. He is Michael the Archangel, the Ancient of Days! about whom holy men have written and spoken. HE IS OUR FATHER AND OUR GOD, AND THE ONLY GOD WITH WHOM WE HAVE TO DO. Every man upon the earth, professing Christians or non-professing, must hear it, AND WILL KNOW IT SOONER OR LATER.*" (Discourse in the Tabernacle, April 9th, 1852.)

This doctrine rests to this day in the obscure consciousness of the Mormon people, being emphasized by their great leader Brigham Young. All this is the product and result of immediate and direct revelation and the spirit of prophecy and miracles claimed by the Latter Day Saints. Why was this not revealed to the apostles of Christ?

It is by the power and inspiration of the Holy Spirit that the Church in history has ably withstood and repulsed the attacks of all the heresies that have appeared from the very time of the apostles. The marching onward with the banner of Christ unfolded and aloft to-day, is the fulfillment of the continued and progressive prophetic vision of the Church in history. And as regards the apocalyptic vision of the Church, the only new thing that Mormonism can lay claim to is, that it has powerfully attempted to materialize and sensualize the prospects of the future, held in common by all believers from the days of the apostles. The representatives of Mormonism, for instance, boldly claim that in the celestial kingdom the exalted shall be kings in a family of many wives; caring nothing for the teaching of the Scriptures, that there shall be no marriage in heaven. They boldly claim (as was developed in the teachings of Joseph Morris) that there are millions of Gods, related by intermarriage, and that at present there are men upon the earth who are saviors older and greater than Jesus ("Spirit Prevails," page 10). This doctrine rests in the deification of Adam by Brigham Young. These and many other blasphemies the Christian Church refutes, and protests against to-day, as ever, in the power and light of the Holy

Spirit, defending the simple, the saving faith—the worship in spirit and in truth—as taught by the Savior himself. The day that the Christian Church fails to take a stand against such perversions, it may justly be accused of having lost the spirit of inspiration and truth. At present, it is Mormonism that stands accused along with its pantheistic allies,—accused of attempting to convert the Christian world into materialism and empty forms.

On the same page, in his “Divine Authority,” that Orson Pratt states that miraculous evidence is not infallible, we also find the following statement from him :

“The miracles wrought by Joseph Smith are evidences of no small moment to establish his divine authority.”

This needs no refutation. The contradiction only shows how a man like Orson Pratt,—who in the Christian Church possibly would have been able to do a vast amount of good,—by determining himself for Mormonism, became so mentally entangled in contradictions as to give evidence of it everywhere in his religious writings. That Mormonism necessarily repressed and checked his spiritual life and destroyed his individuality as far as it could, and made him a part of the great machine, to which he had become a slave by yielding up his independent, personal, existential relation with God, is evident from the fact, related by Mr. Stenhouse in his “Rocky Mountain Saints,” that while he at first rebelled against the Adam-God doctrine, as advanced by Brigham Young, he within a week retracted his contrary utterances, and publicly declared from the pulpit in the great tabernacle, on a Sunday morning, that his lips should forever be silent upon that subject. These are deplorable facts, standing against Mormonism as proof that it sought to control the conscience of man, and bend it to its own ends whenever it had an opportunity of doing so.

The claim that the Christian Church has either rejected the Holy Spirit, or has been left without its guidance and power,