

through their celestial bodies to enable them, according to the established laws, to produce mortal tabernacles for their spiritual children. This is a key for you. The faithful will become Gods, even the sons of God; but this does not overthrow the idea that we have a father. Adam is my father; (this I will explain to you at some future time;) but it does not prove that he is not my father, if I become a God; it does not prove that I have not a father. I am on the way to become one of those characters, and am nobody in the world but Brigham Young."—Brigham Young, *Journal of Discourses*, vol. 6, p. 275.

"After the death of the Prophet, the world and the Devil thought that they had once more destroyed the attempt of the Almighty to reveal the law of exaltation, as only part of the work of rearing the Temple was then done. . . .

"By and by the Devil discovered that Brother Joseph's blood was not spilled before the Lord had said, 'You have done enough, you may rest from your labors.' He had conferred upon others the knowledge of the priesthood; and God raised up another man to be a Prophet unto Israel, to be a President, a Ruler, and Instructor. . . . The Lord in mercy to us has given us a great Prophet and a wise Ruler in Israel, that we may exert our powers, influence, and wisdom, under his direction, to prepare for the revelation of the law of exaltation which has been so long promised."—George A. Smith, March 18, 1855, *Journal of Discourses*, vol. 2, p. 218.

#### Adam God.

Brigham was true to his promise in explaining to them how "Adam is my father"; read his explanation: "Now hear it, O inhabitants of the earth, Jew and Gentile, Saint and sinner! When our father Adam came into the Garden of Eden, he came into it with a *celestial body*, and brought Eve, *one of his wives*, with him. He helped to make and organize this world. He is MICHAEL, the Archangel, the ANCIENT OF DAYS! about whom holy men have written and spoken—HE is our FATHER and our God, and the only god with whom we have to do. Every man upon the earth, professing Christians or nonprofessing, must hear it, and will know it sooner or later. They came here, organized the raw material, and arranged in their order the herbs of the field, the trees, the apple, the peach, the plum, the pear, and every other fruit that is desirable and good for man; the seed was brought from another sphere, and planted in this earth. The thistle, the

thorn, the brier, and the obnoxious weed did *not* appear until after the earth was cursed. When Adam and Eve had eaten of the forbidden fruit, their bodies became mortal from *its effects*, and therefore their offspring were mortal. 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, and so on in succession. . . . Now, let all who may hear these doctrines, pause before they make light of them, or treat them with indifference, for they will prove their salvation or damnation.

"I have given you a few leading items upon this subject, but a great deal more remains to be told. Now remember from this time forth, and for ever, that Jesus Christ was not begotten by the Holy Ghost."—Brigham Young, in *Journal of Discourses*, vol. 1, pp. 50, 51; *Millennial Star*, vol. 15, pp. 769, 770.

"Though we have it in history that our father Adam was made of the dust of this earth [Genesis 2:7], and that he knew nothing about his God previous to being made here, yet it is not so; and when we learn the truth we shall see and understand that he helped to make this world, and was the chief manager in that operation. He was the person who brought the animals and the seeds from other planets to this world, and brought a wife with him and stayed here. You may read and believe what you please as to what is found written in the Bible. Adam was made from the dust of an earth, but not from the dust of this earth. He was made as you and I are made, and no person was ever made upon any other principle."—Brigham Young, in *Journal of Discourses*, vol. 3, p. 319.

"Concerning the item of doctrine alluded to by Elder Caffall and others, viz, that Adam is our Father and God, I have to say do not trouble yourselves, neither let the Saints be troubled about that matter. . . . If, as Elder Caffall remarked, there are those who are waiting at the door of the church for this objection to be removed, tell such, *the prophet and apostle Brigham has declared it, and that it is the word of the Lord.*"—Franklin D. Richards, in *Millennial Star*, vol. 16, p. 534.

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every tongue confess that he is the God of the whole earth. Then will the words of the Prophet Brigham, when speaking of Adam, be fully realized—'He is our Father and our God, *and the only God with whom we have to do.*' Having now observed how Adam the first man became a God, we inquire why may not millions of his children receive the same godlike knowledge and power?"—Franklin D. Richards, in *Millennial Star*, vol. 17, p. 195.

#### Man will Become a God and Create Worlds.

"I will continue the point I am now at. The Lord created you and me for the purpose of becoming Gods like himself; when we have been proved in our present capacity, and been faithful with all things he puts into our possession. We are created, we are born for the express purpose of growing up from the low estate of manhood, to become Gods like unto our Father in heaven. That is the truth about it, just as it is. The Lord has organized mankind for the express purpose of increasing in that intelligence and truth, which is with God, until he is capable of creating worlds on worlds, and becoming Gods, even the sons of God."—Brigham Young, in *Journal of Discourses*, vol. 3, p. 93.

"It is stated that those who attain to this highest degree will be blessed with eternal increase; they who enter into a lower degree see the end of their kingdom—a stop is put to increase."—Manual, 1901-02, p. 57.

"I have learned by experience that there is but one God that pertains to this people, and he is the God that pertains to this earth—the first man. That first man sent his own Son to redeem the world, to redeem his brethren; his life was taken, his blood shed, that our sins might be remitted. That son called twelve men and ordained them to be apostles, and when he departed the keys of the kingdom were deposited with three of those twelve, viz: Peter, James, and John. Peter held the keys pertaining to that Presidency, and he was the head."—Heber C. Kimball, in *Journal of Discourses*, vol. 4, p. 1.

"Celestial Glory: They who have obeyed the laws of the gospel, received the Holy Ghost, obtained and honored the priesthood, and lived lives of righteousness, remaining faithful in spite of persecution and earthly tribulation, shall be admitted to the celestial glory. Here they will enjoy the personal presence and glory of the Father and the Son; they will be kings and priests of the most high, (Revelation 20:6); those in the highest degree of this glory shall have thrones, dominion, and endless increase; they shall be gods,