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BRIGHAM YOUNG'S GOD EXAMINED AND REFUTED
BY THE SCRIPTURES OF TRUTH.

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If Adam and Eve came down from heaven and were Gods, as Brigham Young says, they were not formed from the dust of the ground, as Joseph Smith, the great prophet of the last Dispensation, has said in his Inspired Translation, which he commenced in the month of June, 1830. He there says: "The Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living soul; the first flesh upon the earth, the first man also. And out of the ground, I the Lord God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air, and commanded that they should be brought unto Adam, to see what he would call them, and they were living souls, and it was breathed into them the breath of life:" Gen. 2 c. of the Inspired Translation. We learn from this Inspired Translation that the first tabernacles of flesh and bones of man and animals were formed out of the dust of the ground. This is more fully described in the Book of Abraham: "And the Gods formed the man from the dust of the ground (he was not begotten as Cain and Abel, by a father and mother), and they took his spirit (that is the man's spirit), and put it into him, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living soul. And the Gods placed a garden eastward in Eden, and there they put the man whose spirit they had put into the body which they had formed. And the Gods said, let us make an help meet for the man, for it is not good that the man should be alone, therefore we will

form (not beget) an help meet for him. And the Gods caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept, and they took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof, and the rib which the Gods had taken from Man formed they a Woman, and brought her unto the man. And Adam said this was bone of my bone, and flesh of my flesh, now she shall be called woman, because she was taken out of man." (Book of Abraham, translated through the gift and power of the Holy Ghost by Joseph Smith.) We learn from this revelation that the first woman was not begotten and born of parents, but created out of the rib of Adam, by the power of God's word. Moroni, the son of Mormon, tells us the same, for he says: "By the power of his (God's) word man was created of the dust of the earth:" Book of Mormon, 4 c., page 521. The prophet Alma is of the same opinion, for he says: "Behold after the Lord God sent our first parents forth from the garden of Eden to till the ground, from whence they were taken:" Book of Alma, 19 c., page 329. Here we have four witnesses, Joseph Smith, Abraham, Moroni, and Alma; all bearing testimony that Adam and Eve were from the dust of the ground, and not begotten and born of parents, as Brigham Young says. It is no wonder that Brigham Young denies this plan of God in creating Adam and the animals out of the dust of the ground, for he says, in one of his sermons published in the *Deseret News*, in 1853: "It is idle talk to me for the people to say that God created the beasts of the field, and so forth." If God did not, or could not, create the first tabernacles, or bodies of man, and of the animals, out of the dust of the ground, as the prophets have said, I ask how is God going to bring about the resurrection of millions of human beings, even all mankind, and also animals who have crumbled into dust? Will Brigham Young inform us? In proof that Adam's body was formed from the earth, and that it did not come down from heaven, as Brigham Young says in his great revelation, St. Paul says, when speaking of the creation of Adam's body: "That was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural, and afterward that which is spiritual:" 1 Cor. 15: 46. Paul does not mean to say that the spirit was not formed in heaven first, but he means that the earthly body had to be formed first, before the spirit could be put into it. The meaning of this Abraham explains, for he says: "The Gods formed the man from the dust of the ground, and took his spirit (that is, the man's spirit), and put it into him, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living soul." Paul says, the first man (Adam) is of the earth, earthy; the second man is the Lord from heaven. This is a plain contradiction to Brigham Young's revelation, for *he* says: "Adam came down from heaven with Eve, one of his wives, into the garden of Eden, and eat and drank of the corporeal

fruits of the earth, until the grosser matter was diffused sufficiently through their celestial bodies, to enable them to beget mortal bodies." According to this, the first man and second man are both from heaven, but who will the people believe, Brigham Young or Joseph Smith, Moses, Abraham, Moroni, Alma, and St. Paul? who all declare that Adam was formed from the *dust* of the ground, and not changed by the *fruits* of the ground, as Brigham Young says. See Star, as referred to.

If Adam came down from heaven and was a God, he varied and changed from an immortal God to a mortal man, and the Bible and Book of Mormon, "which contains the truth and the word of God (see B. of C., Sec. 44, par. 3), positively says that God is the same yesterday as to-day and forever, and in him there is no variableness, neither a shadow of changing. "And now, if ye (Brigham Young and his adherents), have imagined up unto yourselves a god who doth vary, and in him there is a shadow of changing, then have ye imagined up unto yourselves a god who is not a God of miracles. But behold, I will show unto you a God of miracles, even the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob; and it is that same God who created the heavens and the earth, and all things that in them are. Behold, he created Adam." Book of Mormon, 4 c., page 521. This is what Brigham Young calls idle talk. See his sermon in the *Deseret News*, 1853, some time I think about August or September, if I mistake not.

O all ye Latter Day Saints who are honest in heart, and who wish to obtain eternal life, I beseech you in the name of the true and only God, and of the holy angels, to come out against such a doctrine and such a god, and such a prophet, who has set up for you a false god to worship, and says if you do it not, it will be to your damnation. O be idolaters no longer! Rise up, in the strength of Israel's God, and fellowship them no longer, and rouse all the faculties of your bodies and minds against such a principle, which is idolatry, and be no longer led by seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; for Nephi says: "wo unto those who worship idols (or false gods), for the devil of all devils delighteth in them:" 2 Nephi, 6 c., page 81. O foolish Brigham Young, and a great many Mormons! Who hath bewitched you that ye should not obey the truth, and worship the true and only God, who is Jesus Christ, and not Adam. For Jude also proves that Adam is not God, for he says: "Michael the Archangel (or Adam), when contending with the devil, he disputed about the body of Moses, does not bring against him a railing accusation, but said: "the Lord rebuke thee." Now, if Adam is the true and only God with whom we have to do, as Brigham Young says, would he not have rebuked the devil? undoubtedly he would.

O ye Latter Day Saints, well might Jesus say: "many false prophets shall arise, and deceive many, and because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold:" Mat. 24: 11. I ask has not Brigham Young deceived his thousands by his false revelation, in which he says Adam is the only God with whom we have to do, and made idolators of them? for they really believe that Adam is the true God whom they ought to worship. And is not the love of many waxed cold who were strong in the faith of the latter day work, and did they not turn their backs on the work when they heard and read this revelation of Brigham Young? And Brigham Young has the boldness to say that it will prove their damnation if they make light of it, or treat it with indifference. (See his own words as referred to.) This was a trick of the devil, from whom he got the revelation to lead mankind into his snare, or trap, or net, to catch them, by getting them to worship the creature Adam, instead of the Creator God. But thanks be to God, who has said through his servant, the prophet Joseph: "Do [all things with prayer and thanksgiving, that ye may not be seduced by evil spirits, or doctrines of devils, or the commandments of men, for some are of men and others of devils. Wherefore beware lest ye be deceived," (B. of C., Sec. 16, par. 3, 4,) and "earnestly contend for the faith which was delivered unto the saints;" (Jude, 3 v.) and believe not every spirit (that cometh out of the vallies of the mountains of Great Salt Lake City), but try the spirits whether they are of God; because many false prophets are gone out (of Great Salt Lake City) into the world (and more will come). See 1 John 4: 1. For "there were false prophets also among the people even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that brought them (and set up Adam as a God, instead of the Lord), and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways, by reason of whom (false teachers) the way of truth shall be evil spoken of." See 2 Peter 2: 1, 2. "For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ; and no marvel, for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness, whose end shall be according to their works:" 2 Cor. 11: 13. And their word (or false doctrine) will eat as doth a canker (which continues to corrupt the whole body if not stopped). Such is the influence of false doctrine. It plants its destructive seed in the soul, and will continue to corrupt the whole Church if not stopped by the pure word of God, being used by the ministers of righteousness, for God has given it as a standard for the saints to go by. See B. of M. Brigham Young and his adherents concerning the truth have erred,

saying Adam is the only God with whom we have to do; and have overthrown the faith of a great many. It may be truly said of Brigham Young as it is said in the Acts of the apostles: He is a setter-forth of a strange god: Acts 17: 18. "If ye forsake the Lord, and serve strange gods, then he will turn and do you hurt; and consume you, after that he hath done you good:" Josh. 24: 20. The prophet "that shall speak in the name of other gods, even that prophet shall die. And if thou say in thine heart, how shall we know the word which the Lord hath not spoken. When a prophet speaketh in the name of the Lord, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the Lord hath not spoken, but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously, thou shalt not be afraid of him:" Deut. 18: 20. "O the wise, and the learned, and the rich, that are puffed up in the pride of their hearts, and all those who preach false doctrines, and all those who commit whoredoms, and pervert the right way of the Lord; wo, wo, wo, be unto them saith the Lord God Almighty, for they shall be thrust down to hell:" 2 Nephi, 12 c. Again, we learn that many of the Nephites became idolators. See B. of M., 22 c. of Alma, page 355. Perhaps they thought as a great many Mormons do that Adam is God, and worshiped him, which is idolatry.

Yours truly,

A STONE IN THE MOUNTAIN.

For the Herald.

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UTAH HERDBOYS.

BY JOHN ATLAS.

DIALOGUE.—First, enter Tom, Jim, and Johnny, with a Sister.—Subject:
"Do as your are told."

Scene—*Provo Bench.*

Jim—Tom, O Tom, what is the hurry? Why are you running so?

Tom—Why! don't you see my cattle getting mixed with that herd going south; unless I hurry quick, they will all be gone.

Jim—Johnny, as all the north is moving south, and herds continually passing, we had better stay between our cattle and the road, or else they will get mixed again; and besides, we shall have the privilege of seeing the people moving. O what a sight of wagons! The road is lined with teams.