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President Joseph F. Smith
Dear Bro

One of our recently returned
missionary from the North Western
States is advocating the doctrine
that Adam is the very eternal Father
in the Godhead and the Father of
Jesus Christ and that Pres Ketch
so taught the Elders in that mission
I say the doctrine is False
and while every person enjoying
the spirit of the Lord may know
of a doctrine whether it is true or
false; but that they have no right
(Except the President of the Church)
to advance any doctrine not clearly
set forth and defined in the written
Law, and in doing so they stand
on obnoxious grounds and until
we are able to live up to the revealed
Law in the spirit thereof can we hope
to enjoy sufficient of the spirit
of the Lord to understand fully
the plan of life and salvation
as a Bp is my position and
if not where in am I in error.

your answer through the medium
of the Journal instructor as
other wise will be greatly appre-
ciated by your Brethren in the
Gospel

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