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## A HISTORY OF THE ADAM-GOD DOCTRINE

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*"For he that diligently seeketh shall find; and the mysteries of God shall be unfolded unto them, by the power of the Holy Ghost, as well in these times as in times of old, and as well in times of old as in times to come; wherefore, the course of the Lord is one eternal round." (1 Nephi 10:19)*

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## INTRODUCTION

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The subject of the Adam-God Doctrine is one that fascinates both scholars of Mormon history as well as students of Mormon theology. Those who are interested in this unique doctrinal teaching of 19<sup>th</sup> century Mormonism have numerous questions and research interests about it such as: When did Adam-God start to be believed and taught? Did the Adam-God Doctrine come from Joseph Smith? How long was it taught for, and when was it disavowed?

This paper attempts to explore the history of Joseph Smith's teachings about Adam, as well as the genesis of the Adam-God Doctrine and its integration into LDS belief and worship in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. It explores which apostles supported the Adam-God Doctrine and who opposed it. It also dives into the demise of the Adam-God Doctrine as it began to be de-emphasized and ultimately disavowed by later Church leaders.