

After men have got their exaltations and their crowns—have become Gods, even the sons of God—are made Kings of kings, and Lords of lords, they have the power then of propagating their species in spirit; and that is the **FIRST OF THEIR OPERATIONS WITH REGARD TO ORGANIZING A WORLD**. Power is then given to them to organize the elements, [38] and then commence the organization of tabernacles. How can they do it? Have they to go to that earth? Yes, an Adam will have to go there, and he cannot do without Eve; he must have Eve to commence the work of generation, and they will go into the garden, and continue to eat and drink of the fruits of the **CORPOREAL WORLD**, until this grosser matter is diffused sufficiently 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 [the God he worshiped]; (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....If I improve upon what the Lord has given me, and continue to improve, I shall become like those who have gone before me; I shall be exalted in the celestial kingdom, and be filled to overflowing with all the power I can wield; and all the keys of knowledge I can manage will be committed unto me. What do we want more?

(*Deseret News*, Sept. 18, 1852)

(*J. of D.*, Vol. 6, pp. 275, 276)

This was the priesthood understanding of the order pertaining to godhood. It was what was required to bring into existence spiritual children, build worlds, and people them. An Adam and Eve would then go forth [39] into the earthy or corporeal world with their celestial (resurrected) bodies into a garden spot where they would partake of fruits of the earth which would become diffused into their bodies, bringing about a condition to commence the propagation of mortal tabernacles. The words "**ADAM**" and "**EVE**" are priesthood terms; they are "titles" applying to the gods and goddesses who are sent forth to commence the generation of mankind on new worlds. Adam and his wife, Eve, with other wives, had carried on the work of spiritual generation of children until they had a spiritual posterity sufficient to send them upon an earth. This earth was created under the direction of Eloheim, Jehovah and Michael. Such were some of the teachings declared before great Mormon congregations, and later carried to all the stakes of Zion, and to various portions of the world through the *Deseret News* and *Millennial Star*.

Even before these teachings, on April 9, 1852, nearly six months previous to the day that the Church announced their belief in plural or celestial marriage to all the world, President Young had declared to his congregation the following:

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 Arch-angel, 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** [40] **HAVE TO DO**. Every man upon the earth, professing Christians or non-professing, 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 [world], 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**.

(J. of D., Vol. 1, p. 50)

President Young had said to another audience, subsequent to the quotation just mentioned, the following:

Though we have it in history [Bible] that our father Adam was made of the **DUST** of this earth, 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 [41] **THIS** earth. He was made as you and I are made, and no person was ever made upon **ANY OTHER PRINCIPLE**.

Do you not suppose that he was acquainted with his **ASSOCIATES**, who came and helped to make **THIS EARTH**? Yes, they were just as familiar with each other as we are with our children and parents.

(J. of D., Vol. 3, p. 319)

Before a massive congregation, President Heber C. Kimball, a counselor to President Young, said:

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**.

(*Deseret News*, Aug. 20, 1856)

Now, the reader is acquainted with the fact that this first man was Adam. St. Luke, in giving the family line of Jesus Christ, traces it back to the beginning, saying:

(Cainan was a son of)...Enos, and of Seth, and of Adam, who was formed of God, and the first man upon the Earth.

(Luke Ch. 3, vs. 45; Bible, Inspired Translation)

These teachings went to the whole Church; they were presented to all general authorities, and among the stake and ward officers. It was new doctrine, something the Saints had never heard explained in just that manner before. It was deep doctrine; doctrine pertaining to godhood, and many of the people could not comprehend it; many others would not and could not endorse it. It is a doctrine which has largely been repudiated by the [42] present body of Mormon people and priesthood. The general authorities in those early days came into contact with the reaction from the Saints, and President Young followed up his teachings further along this line, as follows: