

12. Aren't these contradictions significant?

Brigham Young declared: *"Adam was made of the dust of an earth, but not from the dust of this earth."* (J.O.D., Vol. 3, p. 319). But Joseph Fielding Smith said that Adam was created from the dust of this earth (Doctrines of Salvation, Vol. 1 p. 90).

Teachings of the prophet Joseph Smith (p. 170) tell us that Enoch was 365 years old when he was translated, but D.&C. 107:49 and Moses 8:1, says he was 430 years.

Jacob 2:24 has the Lord saying that it was abominable for David and Solomon to have many wives and concubines, but D.&C. 132:1 has him saying just the opposite!!

13. Brigham Young declared: *"Adam and Eve are the parents of all pertaining to the flesh, and I would not say that they are not also the parents of our spirits."* (J.O.D., Vol. 7, p. 290)

Note: The double negative cancels. The two "nots" eliminate one another! Do you need more proof concerning Adam-God doctrine? Read J.O.D., Vol. 1, pp. 50, 51 (This is apparently Brigham's first sermon on the subject), Vol. 4, p. 271, Vol. 5 pp. 331, 332; Vol. 6, p. 275, Vol. 8, p. 208. If you feel that Brigham may not have been speaking as a prophet in all these sermons, or that somehow he may have been misrecorded, consider this:

A. Brigham declared, *"I have never yet preached a sermon and sent it out to the children of men, that they May not call Scripture. Let me have the privilege of correcting a sermon, and it is as good Scripture as they deserve."* (Journal of Discourses, Vol., 13, P. 95, cf. p. 264).

B. *"This book was made possible because Brigham Young secured stenographic reports of his addresses... All that he said was recorded... The public utterances of few great historical figures have been so faithfully and fully preserved... The corrections for the printer, as shown by existing manuscripts, were few and of minor consequences."* (From preface to Discourses of Brigham Young, compiled by John A. Widtsoe).

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Honest Questions for Honest L.D.S.

Brigham Young laid down this challenge: *"I say to the whole world, receive the truth, no matter who presents it to you. Take up the Bible, compare the religion of the Latter-day Saints with it, and see if it will stand the test."* (Journal of Discourses, Vol. 16, p.46). **Please do that now. All quotes given in this document from L.D.S. sources may be checked in the context, in the Historical Department, L.D.S. Office Building, Salt Lake City. Are you honest enough to test your religion with the Bible (Acts 17:11, 2 Timothy 3:16).**

1. Why is the L.D.S Church against tea and coffee? Brigham Young declared in 1857 (as recorded in the Journal of Discourses, Vol. 5, p. 98): *"Should not I take my tea and coffee, my beef and pork, and every other good thing, and put it into the hands of the men who sweat over the rock for the Temple, instead of feeding men, women, and children, who do not strive to do all they are capable of doing?"*. NOTE: The "Word of Wisdom" came out before this sermon. Furthermore will you compare this what Jesus taught in Matt 15:16-20.

2. Why did Joseph Smith BOAST that he did more than JESUS CHRIST? *"I have more to boast of than ever any man had. I am the only man that has ever been able to keep a whole church together since the days of Adam. A large majority of the whole have stood by me. Neither Paul, John, Peter, nor Jesus ever did it. I boast that no man ever did such as work as I."* (History of the Church, Vol. 6, pp. 408,409). However, in the latter days, some, not all, will depart from the faith (1 Timothy 4:1). Joseph Smith made this boast on May 26, 1844, and was murdered on June 27, 1844. According to Proverbs 16:18, what does pride precede?

3. The Deseret News, June 18th, 1873 has a very revealing sermon of Brigham Young's
It read in part:

How much unbelief exists in the minds of the Latter-day Saints in regard to one particular doctrine which I revealed to them, and which God revealed to me---namely that Adam is our father and God---I do not know, I do not inquire, I care nothing about it. Our Father Adam helped to make this earth, it was created expressly for him, and after it was made he and his companions came here. He brought one of his wives with him, and she was called Eve, because she was the first woman upon the earth. Our Father Adam is the man who stands at the gate and holds the keys of everlasting life and salvation to all his children who have or who ever will come upon the earth... "Well," says one, "Why was Adam called Adam?" He was the first man on the earth, and its framer and maker. He, with the help of his brethren, brought it into existence. Then he said, "I want my children who are in the spirit world to come and live here. I once dwelt upon an earth something like this, in a mortal state, I was faithful, I received my crown and exaltation. I have the privilege of extending my work, and to its increase there will be no end. I want my children that were born

to me in the spirit world to come here and take tabernacles of flesh, that their spirits may have a house, a tabernacle or a dwelling place... "

But if Brigham taught that Adam is the FATHER OF OUR SPIRITS (see question #13), then Brigham's "Adam" is the same one that the L.D.S. church today calls "ELOHIM" that is, OUR HEAVENLY FATHER (See Articles of Faith, Talmage, pp. 472, 473). Isn't the L.D.S. Church trying to cling to Brigham as a true prophet, while rejecting the very doctrine that he taught? It should be obvious that Brigham was a false prophet (see Deuteronomy 13:2-5, Isaiah 8:20). Adam is not our god, and he never will be !! (Isaiah 43:10). (Skeptical? Write to the address on back for a free "photo-reprint" of Adam-God material.)

4. How much does it take to shake you? Brigham Young declared on August 13, 1871: *"Well now, examine the character of the Savior, and examine the characters of those who have written the Old and New Testaments; and then compare them with the character of Joseph Smith, the founder of this work---the man whom God called and to whom he gave the keys of Priesthood, and through whom he has established his Church and kingdom for the last time, and you will find that his character stands as fair as that of any man's mentioned in the Bible."* (Journal of Discourses, Vol. 14, p.203--Do you really think that Joseph's character was "as fair as" that of JESUS, the sinless Son of God? (See John 8:46, Numbers 23:19).

5. Why did Joseph Deny parts of the Book of Mormon? For example: 2 Nephi 31:21, and Alma 11:44, declare the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, to be ONE GOD. But Joseph said: *"I have always declared God to be a distinct personage, Jesus Christ a separate and distinct personage from God the Father, and that the Holy Ghost. . .these three constitute three distinct personages and three Gods."* (Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith, p. 370). Moroni 8:18 says: *"For I know that God is not a partial God, neither a changeable being; but he is unchangeable from all eternity to all eternity."* But in April of 1844, Joseph said: *"We have imagined and supposed that God was God from all eternity. I will refute that idea, and..."* (ibid., p.345). He just refuted Moroni 8:18 if plain English means anything!! Why did he do this? Whatever the reason(s), Joseph was an evolutionary "prophet" who changed his ideas about God as time went on.

6. Are you an elder of the L.D.S. Church? If you are, are you regarded as a king on your throne, by either the people inside your church, or outside of it? In 1856, Brigham Young predicted, *"In the days of Joseph, it was considered a great privilege to be permitted to speak to a member of Congress, but twenty-six years will not pass away before the Elders of the Church will be as much thought of as the Kings on their thrones."* (Journal of Discourse, Vol.4, p.40). The 26 years was up on August 31, 1882, but on March 22, 1882, the Edmunds Act was passed against polygamy in the territories. Obviously the L.D.S. Church wasn't too popular at

this time. Do you really think this prophecy was fulfilled? (It only takes one false prophecy, to make a false prophet---see Deuteronomy 18:20-22).

7. Just how reliable is the Book of Abraham? Concerning the facsimiles shown in this book; the late Dr. John Wilson, professor of Egyptology at the University of Chicago wrote: *"... From the standpoint of the Egyptologist the explanations given with these illustrations are incorrect."* (March 15,1966).

8. The Book of Mormon is supposed to contain the FULLNESS OF THE EVERLASTING GOSPEL (D. & C. 27:5, 135:3). According to Doctrines of Salvation, Vol. 1, p. 160: *"By fullness of the gospel is meant all the ordinances and principles that pertain to the exaltation in the celestial kingdom..."* Celestial marriage is an essential requirement to gain this exaltation, but where does the Book of Mormon mention CELESTIAL MARRIAGE? Or where for that matter, does it mention the Word of Wisdom, men can become Gods, baptism for the dead, etc.??

9. How can Jesus be a SPIRIT-BROTHER OF LUCIFER like the L.D. S. Church teaches (cf. Gospel Through the Ages, Milton Hunter, p. 15), when *"for by him (that is, Jesus) were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, . . . or principalities, or powers..."* (Colossians 1:16)? Jesus created all the angels, including Lucifer, before he fell. How can the creator (namely Jesus), possibly be the Spirit-brother of his own creation? Impossible!!!

10. The Department of Anthropology of the Smithsonian Institution (Washington D.C. 20560), has a written statement concerning the Book of Mormon(Feb. 1978). It reads in part:

1. The Smithsonian Institution has never used the Book of Mormon in any way as a scientific guide. Smithsonian archaeologists see no direct connection between the archaeology of the New World and the subject matter of the book... 5. ...steel, glass, and silk were not used in the New World before 1942... None of these claims has stood up...

Isn't it worth noting, on the other hand, that the Bible has a wealth of archaeological data to back it up?

11. The Mormon Church claims that the Garden of Eden was in Missouri(The Articles of Faith, Talmage, p.474). But how can this be, when Genesis 2:10 tell of a river there, that became four heads (or rivers): one of which is called the Euphrates (vs. 14)? Do you really think that the Euphrates might be the Mississippi River?