

A Snapshot of Mormon Religion

Obviously, you have good news to share with Mormons seeking some solution for their own sin

The Mormon Story in a Nutshell

God came to life as a man in an existence much like ours on earth today. Through obedience and intelligence, through salvation, death, and resurrection, he eventually became a god. Then he and his wife, long before the Creation, had their first child, Jehovah, now known as Jesus. (Exactly how Jehovah was made is not clear in Mormon church publications.)

Billions of children followed, including all who would live on earth. All grew to adulthood, some more intelligent, talented, or diligent than others, some, including Lucifer, more devious or mischievous. Despite any personal failures as children in heaven, however, most proved themselves worthy enough to leave heaven for better opportunities. But there were three problems.

Three Problems

First Problem: No Bodies. Although the heavenly parents had resurrected bodies, their children were only spirits. Without bodies the children could not experience mortality, death, and resurrection, all necessary if they were to become like the Mother and Father—Gods and heavenly parents. They needed mortality and an earth.

Second Problem: No Earth. Uncreated, eternal materials existed when God became a god, but they had to be organized into an earth, where God's offspring could experience mortality. A council of Gods supervised Jesus and the others who helped Him, and called it Creation.

Third Problem: No Sin. Only with opportunities to sin could God's offspring be tested and prove themselves worthy to return to heaven, and, for the most worthy, to become a new generation of almighty Gods and heavenly parents. Adam and Eve celebrated their failure in the Garden of Eden because it activated their procreative powers through which their spirit siblings in the premortal heaven could over the millennia enter mortality. It also introduced sin, which was necessary to test and strengthen each child of God.

The Mormon Solution

Mormon church publication, "The Purpose of Life," 1983.

"While on earth you also have an opportunity to live by faith, away from the presence of God, and to thereby prove yourself. ...The law God gave Adam, 'in the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread,' applies not merely to physical sustenance; it is also a law for the salvation of the soul. You harvest what you sow. ... [After mortal life] men will live forever, gaining the reward which they have earned in God's program for his children's progression."

A Solution: the Church's Own Words

<https://www.lds.org/manual/old-testament-student-manual-genesis-2-samuel/genesis-1-2-the-creation?lang=eng>

1. "God the Father...is the father of our spirits and is our God. The existence of other Gods cannot alter that fact."
2. "The heads of the Gods appointed one God for us." That view of the subject "sets one free to see all the beauty, holiness and perfection of the Gods."
3. "The head God called together the Gods and sat in grand council to bring forth the world. The grand councilors sat at the head in yonder heavens and contemplated the creation of the worlds which were created at the time. ...[T]he council of the Gods...supervised the Creation..."
4. "God had materials to organize the world out of chaos—chaotic matter, which is element, and which dwells in all the glory. Element had an existence from the time he had.... They had no beginning, and can have no end."
5. "It is true that Adam helped form this earth. He labored with our Savior Jesus Christ. I have a strong view or conviction that there were others also who assisted them. Perhaps Noah and Enoch, and why not Joseph Smith, and those who were appointed to be rulers before the earth was formed?"
6. "If it hadn't been for Adam, I wouldn't be here; you wouldn't be here; we would be waiting in the heavens as spirits."
7. "Adam exclaimed: 'Blessed be the name of God, for because of my transgression my eyes are opened, and in this life I shall have joy....' " Eve "was glad, saying: 'Were it not for our transgression we never should have had seed, and never should have known good and evil, and the joy of our redemption, and eternal life.' "

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