

The Law of Eternal Progression

“As man is, God once was, and as God is, man may become.” --prophet Lorenzo Snow

God the Father has a physical body

“The Father has a body of flesh and bones as tangible as man’s; the Son also; but the Holy Ghost has not a body of flesh and bones, but is a personage of Spirit. Were it not so, the Holy Ghost could not dwell in us.”

[Doctrine and Covenants 130:22]

Answers:

I Timothy 6:16—NOT changed by Smith in “IV”

John 4:24—changed by Joseph Smith in “IV” to “For unto such hath God promised his Spirit”

Matthew 16:17 KJV—NOT changed by Smith in “IV”

Alma 18:28 “And Ammon said: This is God. And Ammon said unto him again: Believest thou that this Great Spirit, who is God, created all things which are in heaven and in the earth?”

Father God was created by another God

"Some people are troubled over the statements of the Prophet Joseph Smith.... The matter that seems such a mystery is the statement that our Father in heaven at one time passed through a life and death and is an exalted man. This is one of the mysteries.... The Prophet taught that our Father had a Father and so on. Is not this a reasonable thought, especially when we remember that the promises are made to us that we may become like him?" (*Joseph Fielding Smith, Doctrines of Salvation, vol. 1, pp.10, 12*).

"We were begotten by our Father in Heaven; the person of our Father in Heaven was begotten on a previous heavenly world by His Father; and again, He was begotten by a still more ancient Father; and so on, from generation to generation, ... we wonder in our minds, how far back the genealogy extends, and how the first world was formed, and the first father was begotten" (*Orson Pratt, The Seer, p.132*).

First God himself, who sits enthroned in yonder heavens, is a man like unto one of yourselves, that is the great secret. If the veil was rent today, and the great God, who holds this world in its orbit, and upholds all things by his power; if you were to see him today, you would see him in all the person, image and very form as a man... I am going to tell you how God came to be God. We have imagined that God was God from all

eternity. These are incomprehensible ideas to some, but they are the simple and first principles of the gospel... The head God called together the Gods, and set in grand council. The grand counsellors sat in yonder heavens, and contemplated the creation of the worlds that were created at that time.

[Joseph Smith, Times and Seasons, Volume 5, No. 15, p. 613]

Answer:

Isaiah 43:10-11—NOT changed by Smith in “IV”

Isaiah 44:6-8—NOT changed by Smith in “IV”

Isaiah 45:21-22—NOT changed by Smith in “IV”

Alma 11:26-31; “And Zeezrom said unto him: Thou sayest
there is a true and living God?

And Amulek said: Yea, there is a true and living God.

Now Zeezrom said: Is there more than one God?

And he answered, No.

Now Zeezrom said unto him again: How knowest thou
these things?

And he said: An angel hath made them known unto me.”

God has evolved from man to exalted man

“God himself was once as we are now and is an exalted man.”

[Joseph Smith, Journal of Discourses vol. 6 p. 3]

Answer: Malachi 3:6; “For I am the Lord, I change not.”

Psalms 90:2; “from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.”

Man has the potential to become like God

“You have got to learn how to be Gods yourselves; to be kings and priests to God, the same as all gods have done; by going from a small degree to another, from grace to grace, from exaltation to exaltation, until you are able to sit in glory as doth those who sit enthroned in everlasting power...” [Joseph Smith, *Times and Seasons*, Vol. V. no. 15, p. 614]

Answer:

Isaiah 43:10—NOT changed by Smith in “IV”

Isaiah 46:9—NOT changed by Smith in “IV”

**Should we pray for the burning in the bosom to confirm
the testimony of the LDS?**

Answer:

Deuteronomy 18:20-22—test of a prophet

Deuteronomy 13:1-5—test of a prophet

**Acts 17:11—We should be like the Bereans and confirm
teaching by comparing it to Scripture**

Times and Seasons Vol 3 no. 1 p. 580:

“But there are some that say, show us a sign and we will believe. We answer; that Christ, and the apostles, never worked miracles to gratify the curiosity of any man. When Satan tempted Jesus, saying, make bread out of stones, he said get behind me Satan, &c. A set of wicked priests afterwards sought a sign of him; but he said, "a wicked and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign and none shall be given unto it," &c.-This is the only rule that is laid down in the scriptures, by which we can judge of the character of sign-seekers”—[E. Snow and B. Winchester]