

A DIFFERENT GOD

Deuteronomy 13:1-3:

"If a prophet or a dreamer of dreams arises among you and **gives you a sign or a wonder, and the sign or the wonder comes true**, concerning which he spoke to you, saying, '**Let us go after other gods** (whom you have not known) and let us serve them,' **you shall not listen to the words of that prophet** or that dreamer of dreams; for the LORD your God is testing you to find out if you love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul."

False prophecies are not the only reason why we should reject a prophet. If the prophet tells us to follow after other gods, then we are not to listen to that prophet. Have the prophets of the Mormon Church taught us of the God of the Bible? Or have these prophets instead encouraged us to follow after another god?

Mormon View (There are 3 Gods)

The God of Mormonism is not the God of the Bible. In the following quotes from L.D.S. authorities we learn:

There are three separate Gods in the Godhead.

God himself was once a man as we are.

God the Father has a body of flesh and bones.

Encyclopedia of Mormonism, Vol.2, GODHEAD

"On June 16, 1844, in his last Sunday sermon before his martyrdom, Joseph Smith declared that 'in all congregations' he had taught 'the plurality of Gods' for fifteen years: '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 was a distinct personage and a Spirit: and these three constitute three distinct personages and **three Gods**’.”

The Teachings of Spencer W. Kimball, pg.4

“**There are three Gods**: the Eternal Father, Elohim, to whom we pray; Christ or Jehovah; and the Holy Ghost who testifies of the others and witnesses to us the truth of all things.”

(Mormon God was once a man)

Journal of Discourses, Vol.6, pgs.3-4 **(PDF pg. 11)**

“Joseph Smith, April 6, 1844

“In order to understand the subject of the dead, for the consolation of those who mourn for the loss of their friends, it is necessary that we should understand the character and being of God, and how he came to be so; for I am going to tell you how God came to be God. We have imagined and supposed that God was God from all eternity; I will refute that idea, and will take away and do away the veil, so that you may see.

“These are incomprehensible ideas to some; but they are simple. It is the first principle of the Gospel to know for a certainty the character of God and to know that we may converse with him as one man converses with another, and that **he was once a man like us; yea, that God himself the Father of us all, dwelt on an earth the same as Jesus Christ himself did;** and I will show it from the Bible.”

(Mormon God has a body of flesh and bones)

D&C 130:22 (PDF LDS Scripture pg. 831)

“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.”

Christian View

THE BIBLE DOES NOT AGREE WITH THESE MORMON CONCEPTS.

The Godhead of Mormonism contains three Gods; the Godhead in Christianity contains only one God.

God the Father of Mormonism has not always been God; God the Father in the Bible has always been God.

The Mormon God has body of flesh and bones; the God presented in the Bible does not have a body of flesh and bones.

(Christian View, God did not evolve into a God he has always been God)

Psalm 90:1-2: “Lord, Thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were born, or Thou didst give birth to the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, Thou art God.”

Isaiah 43:13:

"Even from eternity I am He; and there is none who can deliver out of My hand; I act and who can reverse it?"

Isaiah 44:6:

"Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: 'I am the first and I am the last, and there is no God besides me.'"

In these three verses we have just seen that God has been God from everlasting to everlasting, even from eternity. He is the first and the last and there is no God besides Him. If that does not mean He has always been God, what does it mean?

If God was once human, like us, and through eternal progression became God, then He certainly changed a lot. You would have to change a lot to be like God, wouldn't you? The Bible says that God has not changed.

Malachi 3:6: "For I, the LORD, do not change; therefore you, O sons of Jacob, are not consumed."

(God is Spirit)

So far we have seen that God has always been God, and He does not change. Now we see that He does not have a body of flesh and bones.

John 4:23-24:

"But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers, '**God is spirit** and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.'"

Luke 24:39:

"See My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself; touch Me and see, for **a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.**"

Jesus made both of the above statements. Speaking of the Father He said, "God is spirit". Jesus also said, "a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." From Jesus we learn that the Father is spirit and that a spirit does not have a body of flesh and bones.

CONFLICTING MORMON VIEWS

The *Book of Mormon* also states that God is Spirit.

Alma 18:26-27: (PDF LDS Scripture pg. 273)

“And then Ammon said: ‘Believest thou that there is a Great Spirit?’ And he said, ‘Yea.’ And Ammon said: ‘This is God.’”

Alma 22:8-11: (PDF LDS Scripture pg. 282)

“And now when Aaron heard this, his heart began to rejoice, and he said: ‘Behold, assuredly as thou livest, O king, there is a God.’ And the king said: ‘Is God that Great Spirit that brought our fathers out of the land of Jerusalem?’ And Aaron said unto him: ‘Yea, **he is that Great Spirit**, and he created all things both in heaven and in earth. Believest thou this?’ And he said: ‘Yea, I believe that the **Great Spirit created all things**, and I desire that ye should tell me concerning all these things, and I will believe thy words.’”

The *Book of Mormon* tells us there are no other Gods.

Alma 11:21-22: (PDF LDS Scripture pg. 253)

“And this Zeezrom began to question Amulek, saying: ‘Will ye answer me a few questions which I shall ask you?’ Now Zeezrom was a man who was expert in the devices of the devil, that he might destroy that which was good; therefore, he said unto Amulek: ‘Will ye answer the questions which I shall put to you?’ And Amulek said unto him: ‘Yea, if it be according to the Spirit of the Lord, which is in me, for I shall say nothing which is contrary to the Spirit of the Lord.’”

Alma 11:28-29: (PDF LDS Scripture pg. 253-254)

“Now Zeezrom said: ‘Is there more than one God?’ And he (Amulek) answered ‘No.’”

(Adam is God)

Brigham Young taught that Adam was God.

The Mormon Church no longer believes that Adam was God. In fact, they try to deny that this was ever taught. However, this doctrine is still in their own records, spoken by their former prophet.

Journal of Discourses, Vol. 1, pgs.50-51 (PDF pg. 58)

Brigham Young, April 9, 1852

“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 Archangel, 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 have to do. Every man upon the earth, professing Christians or non-professing, must hear it, and will know it sooner or later.”

Brigham Young Adam God Adam-God references can also be found in *Journal of Discourses, Vol.5, PDF pg. 339-340*

Mellineal Star, Vol.15, PDF pg. 807, 831; Vol.16, PDF pg 490, 538. ;Vol.17, PDF pg. 203,328

Brigham Young's words are as good as Scripture:

Journal of Discourses, Vol.13, pg.95 (PDF pg. 103)

Brigham Young, January 2, 1870

“The Lord is in our midst. He teaches the people continually. 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.”

(Jesus and Lucifer are brothers)

ANOTHER JESUS

The Jesus of Mormonism is the literal spirit brother of Lucifer and our elder brother.

The Jesus of the Bible is our Creator, and He created angels, including Lucifer.

The Jesus of Mormonism has not always been a God.

The Jesus of the Bible has always been God.

The Jesus of Mormonism was born through sexual relation between God the Father and Mary.

The Jesus of the Bible was born by miraculous conception through the Holy Spirit to the virgin Mary.

Remember that we are warned about false Christs and wrong beliefs about who He is (Mark 13:6-23, Matthew 24:5-24, 2 Peter 2:1-3, 2 Corinthians 11:3-4, John 8:24).

The following L.D.S. quotations are numbered #1-#8 for point of reference to the commentary following.

(Jesus our elder brother)

Mormon View

#1, James R. Clark,

Messages of the First Presidency, Vol.4, pg.266

“He said, ‘**Jesus, our elder brother**, was begotten in the flesh by the same character that was in the garden of Eden and who is our Father in Heaven. Who is our ‘Father in Heaven’? Here is what President

Young said about him; ‘Our Father in heaven begat all the spirits that ever were or ever will be upon this earth and they were born spirits in the eternal world.’”

#2, *Journal of Discourses*, Vol.6, pgs.207-208 **(PDF pg. 215)**

Joseph Young, October 11, 1857

“Who is it that is at the head of this? It is the Devil, the mighty **Lucifer**, the great prince of the angels, **and the brother of Jesus**. He left the province of his Father, and took with him a third part of his Father's kingdom, and there was no other alternative but to banish him.”

#3, *Discourses of Brigham Young*, pgs.53-54 **(PDF pg. 100)**

(Compare to Isaiah 44:24, which states that God created all alone.)

“The Council in heaven said, ‘Let there be an earth, and let there be a firmament above and beneath it,’ and it was so. They said, ‘Let there be heat and cold,’ and it was so. They said, ‘Let there be spring and summer, autumn and winter,’ and it was so. ‘Who will redeem the earth, who will go forth and make the sacrifice for the earth and all things it contains?’ **The Eldest Son** said: ‘Here am I’; and then he added, ‘Send me.’ But the second one, which was ‘Lucifer, Son of the Morning,’ said, ‘Lord, here am I, send me, I will redeem every son and daughter of Adam and Eve that lives on the earth.....’”

#4, *Times and Seasons*, Vol.5, pg.758 **(PDF pg. 378)**

(Mormon publication)

“And again, we exclaim, O Mormonism! No wonder that **Lucifer**, son of the morning, **the next heir to Jesus Christ, our eldest brother**, should fight so hard against his brethren; he lost the glory, the honor, power, and dominion of a God: and the knowledge, spirit, authority and keys of the priesthood of the son of God!”

#5, Bruce R. McConkie, (L.D.S. Apostle)

A New Witness for the Articles of Faith, pg.66

“Our Blessed Lord is the firstborn spirit child of the Father of Spirits; all others are junior to him. His is the eternal birthright and the everlasting right of presidency. ‘I was in the beginning with the Father,’ he says, ‘and am the Firstborn’ (D&C 93:21). Paul says he is ‘the image of the invisible God the firstborn of every creature’ (Colossians 1:15). The body he then possessed was a spirit body, a body made of spirit element, a body like those of all the spirit hosts of heaven. Appearing to the brother of Jared, he said: ‘This body, which ye now behold, is the body of my spirit’ (Ether 3:16). In that spirit state he advanced and progressed until, in power, dominion, and intelligence, he became ‘like unto God’ (Abraham 3:24). It was then that he created all things and was foreordained to be the Savior

(Jesus became God)

#6, Bruce R. McConkie,

A New Witness for the Articles of Faith, pg.382

“This recitation of how **Christ worshipped the Father, thus gaining exaltation for himself**, has been revealed to us in this day for a specific reason. ‘I give unto you these sayings,’ he says — those sayings that set forth how he was saved by worshipping the Father — that you may understand and know how to worship, and know what you worship, that you may come unto the Father in my name, and in due time receive of his fullness. For if you keep my commandments you shall receive of his fullness, and be glorified in me as I am in the Father; therefore, I say unto you, you shall receive grace for grace” (D&C 93:12-20).

Under EXALTATION in *Mormon Doctrine* on pg.257 They inherit in due course the fullness of the glory of the Father, meaning that they have all power in heaven and on earth. (D. & C. 76:50-60; 93:1-40.) **"Then shall they be gods, because they have no end;** therefore shall they be from everlasting to everlasting, because they continue; then shall they be above all, because all things are subject unto them. **Then shall they be gods, because they have all power** and the angels are subject unto them" (PDF pg.95)

#7, Bruce R. McConkie,

A New Witness for the Articles of Faith, pgs.67-68

"All men (Christ included) were born as the sons of God in the spirit; one man (Christ only) was born as the Son of God in this mortal world. He is the Only Begotten in the flesh. God was his Father; Mary was his mother. His Father was an immortal man; his mother was a mortal woman. He is the Son of God in the same literal, full, and complete sense in which he is the son of Mary. There is nothing symbolic or figurative about it. He is God's Almighty Son and as such is distinguished from the Father in the same way any son is a separate person from his father."

#8, Bruce R. McConkie

Mormon Doctrine, pg.546 (PDF pg. 196)

ONLY BEGOTTEN SON

"See BELOVED SON, CHRIST, SON, SON OF GOD. Christ is the Only Begotten (Moses 1:6, 17, 21, 33; 2:1, 26-27; 3:18; 4:1), the Only Begotten Son (Jac. 4:5, 11; Alma 12:33-34; 13:5; D. & C. 20:21; 29:42; 49:5; 76:13, 25; John 1:18; 3:16), the Only Begotten of the Father (Moses 5:9). These name-titles all signify that our Lord is the only Son of the Father in the flesh. Each of the words is to be understood literally.

Only means only; Begotten means begotten; and Son means son. **Christ was begotten by an Immortal Father in the same way that mortal men are begotten by mortal fathers.”**

Christian view (Jesus created all things)

Commentary on the Above Quotations

In #1, #2, #3, and #4, we learned that the Jesus of Mormonism is our elder brother, and the literal brother of Lucifer. ***The Jesus of the Bible is our Creator; yes, even the creator of angels.***

Colossians 1:13-17

“For He delivered us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. And He is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creation. For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities-- all things have been created by Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.”

“All things”: whether visible or invisible, whether thrones or dominions, or rulers or authorities. “All things” is a concrete statement; included as part of “all things” are mankind, and angels (see also John1:3 and Hebrews 1:2).

Satan was created.

Ezekiel 28:13-15

"You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone was your covering: the ruby, the topaz, and the diamond; the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper; the lapis lazuli, the turquoise, and the emerald; and the gold, the workmanship of your settings and sockets, was in you. On the day that you were created they were prepared. You were the anointed cherub who covers, and I placed you there. You were on the holy mountain of God; you walked in the midst of the stones of fire. **You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created, until unrighteousness was found in you.**"

If Jesus created angels, including Lucifer, how can Jesus be the literal spirit brother of His own creation? He cannot; Therefore, this Mormon concept of Jesus is also false. Likewise, Jesus is also the creator of mankind; he cannot be our literal elder brother. Furthermore, Scripture never implies that angels become people or that people become angels.

In #5 and #6, we see that the Jesus of Mormonism is not eternal; He was born just as we were. The Jesus of Mormonism has not always been a God; He achieved this state through exaltation. ***The Jesus of the Bible is eternal and He has always been God.***

Micah 5:2

"But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you One will go forth for me to be ruler in Israel. His goings forth are from long ago, from the days of eternity."

John 1:1 and 14

“1) **In the beginning was the Word**, and the Word was with God, and the **Word was God**....14) And the **Word became flesh, and dwelt among us**, and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.”

Revelation 1:7-8

“Behold, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him. Even so. Amen. ‘I am the Alpha and the Omega,’ says the Lord God, ‘who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.’”

Revelation 22:13-16

“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter by the gates into the city. Outside are the dogs and the sorcerers and the immoral persons and the murderers and the idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices lying. I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things for the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, the bright morning star.”

In the previous quotation under #5, the word “firstborn” is misused from Colossians 1:15. Jesus is not the firstborn child of Elohim as Mormons believe. The correct “firstborn” is word #4416 in *Vine’s Expository Dictionary of Biblical Words*:

“FIRST-BEGOTTEN, FIRSTBORN

“prototokos ^4416^, ‘firstborn’ (from protos, ‘first’, and tikto, ‘to beget’) is used of Christ as born of the Virgin Mary, <Luke 2:7>; further, in His relationship to the Father, expressing His priority to, and preeminence over, creation, not in the sense of being the ‘first’ to be born. It is used occasionally as superiority of position in the OT, se <Exod. 4:22; Deut. 21:16, 17>, the prohibition being against the evil of assigning the privileged position of the ‘firstborn’ to one born subsequently to the ‘first’ child.”

This use of this word, as described in *Vine’s* dictionary, is also shown in the context of the passage.

Colossians 1:18

"And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the **firstborn from the dead**; that in all things he might have the preeminence." (KJV)

Jesus is said to have preeminence, and is called “firstborn from the dead”, showing that the L.D.S. use of the word “firstborn” in this passage is in error.

In #7 and #8, we see that the Jesus of Mormonism was begotten through a sexual relation between Mary and God the Father. ***The Jesus of the Bible was a miraculous conception where a virgin gave birth by the power of the Holy Spirit.***

Luke 1:34-35

“And Mary said to the angel, ‘How can this be, since I am a virgin?’ And the angel answered and said to her, ‘The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the holy offspring shall be called the Son of God.’”
(See also Matthew 1:18-20)

The Jesus of Mormonism was born at Jerusalem.

Book of Mormon, Alma 7:10 (PDF LDS Scripture pg. 242)

“And behold, he shall be born of Mary, at Jerusalem which is the land of our forefathers, she being a virgin, a precious and chosen vessel, who shall be overshadowed and conceive by the power of the Holy Ghost, and bring forth a son, yea, even the Son of God.”

The Jesus of the Bible was born in Bethlehem.

Micah 5:2

"But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you One will go forth for me to be ruler in Israel. His goings forth are from long ago, from the days of eternity."

Matthew 2:1

“Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem...”

A DIFFERENT HOLY SPIRIT

Whether or not the Holy Spirit of Mormonism is a person or a fluid depends upon which Mormon source you choose to quote. The Holy Spirit of Mormonism is only able to be in one place at a time. ***God the Holy Spirit of the Bible is a person and He can be in more than one place at a time.***

Mormon View:

Messages of the First Presidency, Vol.2, pg.237

"Man has been accustomed to associate wisdom, knowledge, love, joy, and all the other faculties and passions, with an organized being or personality. Therefore, when he is informed that the Holy Spirit possesses all these attributes, he, from habit, supposes it to be a person; but there is no necessary connection between these attributes and a personality. Indeed, there is no reason why these attributes may not also belong to a fluid substance."

Reynolds and Sjodahl,

Commentary on the Book of Mormon, Vol. 4, pg.360

"The Holy Spirit. But, according to the Book of Mormon, as well as other scripture, there is also a Holy Spirit, sometimes called the Holy Ghost, which is not a person, but rather a divine essence, a force, or fluid—for want of a better term—which permeates all that exists."

Mormon View:

Bruce R. McConkie,

Mormon Doctrine, pg.358 **(PDF pg. 130)**

"HOLY GHOST

"The Holy Ghost is the third member of the Godhead. He is a Personage of Spirit, a Spirit Person, a Spirit Man, and a Spirit Entity. He can be in only one place at one time and he does not and cannot transform himself into any other form or image than that of the Man whom he is, though his power and influence can be manifest at one and the same time through all immensity. (D. & C. 130:22-23; Teachings, p. 190, 275-276; Gospel Doctrine, 5th ed., pp. 59-62.) (no other image than that of man see Mk.1:10, JN.1:32)."

Christian view

The Holy Spirit is a person. There is not a verse that directly states that the Holy Spirit is a person; however, there are passages that attribute characteristics that are applied only to a person, and not to a force or power.

The Holy Spirit is referred to as "He" and He teaches (John 14:26, 1 John 2:27).

The Holy Spirit is referred to as "He" and convicts the world of sin (John 16:7-8).

The Holy Spirit speaks (Acts 4:8, 8:29, 10:19, 13:2; Hebrews 3:7).

The Holy Spirit intercedes (Romans 8:26).

The Holy Spirit leads and directs (Galatians 5:18, Acts 16:6).

The Holy Spirit appoints men to service (Acts 13:2, 20:28).

The Holy Spirit bears witness of Jesus (John 15:26).

The Holy Spirit can be grieved (Ephesians 4:30).

The Holy Spirit is called God and can be lied to (Acts 5:3-4).

The Holy Spirit can be insulted and blasphemed (Hebrews 10:29, Matthew 12:31).

These types of references are only applied to a person with a personality. These are not references that one would use for a force or power.

The Holy Spirit can be in more than one place at a time. Again, there is not a verse that states this directly, but it is implied.

John 14:16

"And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever..."

John 14:26

"But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.

Jesus told His disciples that the Holy Spirit would be with them forever. Certainly, Jesus knew that all of the disciples would not stay grouped together forever. The only way that the Holy Spirit could do this is to be in more than one place at once. "Omnipresence" is an attribute of God that the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit all possess, as the three constitute only one God.

As far as the Holy Spirit being referred to as a "fluid" there is no passage in the Bible that gives a hint of any such thing. This comes only from the minds and imagination of the L.D.S. authorities.