

## IMPORTANT QUOTES FROM LATTER-DAY PROPHETS THAT I HAVE WRITTEN INTO MY SCRIPTURES:

### Quotes from Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith:

"I believe all that God ever revealed, and I never hear of a man being damned for believing too much; but they are damned for unbelief." (Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith, Selections by Joseph Fielding Smith, 2002 Covenant Communications edition, p. 387.) - Hereafter "TPJS."

"Thus we behold the Keys of this Priesthood consisted in obtaining the voice of Jehovah..." (TPJS, p. 175.)

"...it is the doctrine of the devil to retard the human mind." (TPJS, p. 247.)

"The world always mistook false prophets for true ones, and those that were sent of God, they considered to be false prophets and hence they killed, stoned, punished and imprisoned the true prophets." (TPJS, p. 211.)

"What! new revelations in the old churches? New revelations would knock out the bottom of their bottomless pit." (TPJS, p. 197.)

"If there is no change of ordinances there is no change of Priesthood. Wherever the ordinances of the Gospel are administered, there is the Priesthood." (TPJS, p. 161.)

"Elijah was to come and prepare the way and build up the Kingdom before the coming of the great day of the Lord, although the Spirit of Elias might begin it." (TPJS, p. 352.)

"That which is wrong under one circumstance, may be, and often is, right under another... ...Whatever God requires is right." (TPJS, p. 263.)

"This first Comforter or Holy Ghost has no other effect than pure intelligence." (TPJS, p. 151.)

"...then let him continue to humble himself before God, hungering and thirsting after righteousness, and living by every word of God, and the Lord will soon say unto him, Son, thou shalt be exalted. When the Lord has thoroughly proved him, and finds that the man is determined to serve Him at all hazards, then the man will find his calling and his election made sure, then it will be his privilege to receive the other Comforter... ...Now what is this other Comforter? It is no more nor less than the Lord Jesus Christ Himself;" (TPJS, p. 152.)

"They then would want that more sure word of prophecy, that they were sealed in the heavens and had the promise of eternal life in the Kingdom of God. Then, having this promise sealed unto them it was an anchor to the soul, sure and steadfast." (TPJS, p. 307.)

"Angels desire to look into it, but they have set up too many stakes." (TPJS, p. 333.)

"I want to come up into the presence of God, and learn all things; but the creeds set up stakes, and say, 'Hitherto shalt thou come, and no further; which I cannot subscribe to.' " (TPJS, p. 338.)

"I have tried for a number of years to get the minds of the Saints prepared to receive the things of God; but we frequently see some of them, after suffering all they have for the work of God, will fly to pieces like glass as soon as anything comes that is contrary to their traditions: they cannot stand the fire at all." (TPJS, p. 343.)

"Salvation cannot come without revelation;" (TPJS, p. 162.)

"Our heavenly Father is more liberal in His views, and boundless in His mercies

and blessings, than we are ready to believe or receive; and, at the same time, is more terrible to the workers of iniquity, more awful in the executions of His punishments, and more ready to detect every false way, than we are apt to suppose Him to be." (TPJS, p. 264.)

"There are a great many wise men and women too in our midst who are too wise to be taught; therefore they must die in their ignorance, and in the resurrection they will find their mistake." (TPJS, p. 319.)

"What is the rule of interpretation? Just no interpretation at all. Understand it precisely as it reads. I have a key by which I understand the scriptures." (TPJS, p. 285.)

"The offering of sacrifice has ever been connected and forms a part of the duties of the Priesthood. It began with the Priesthood, and will be continued until after the coming of Christ, from generation to generation. We frequently have mention made of the offering of sacrifice by the servants of the Most High in ancient days, prior to the law of Moses; which ordinances will be continued when the Priesthood is restored with all its authority, power and blessings." (TPJS, p. 175.)

"These sacrifices, as well as every ordinance belonging to the Priesthood, will, when the Temple of the Lord shall be built, and the sons of Levi be purified, be fully restored and attended to in all their powers, ramifications, and blessings... ...It is not to be understood that the law of Moses will be established again with all its rites and variety of ceremonies; this has never been spoken of by the prophets; but those things which existed prior to Moses' day, namely, sacrifice, will be continued. It may be asked by some, what necessity for sacrifice, since the Great Sacrifice was offered? In answer to which, if repentance, baptism, and faith existed prior to the days of Christ, what necessity for them since that time?" (TPJS, p. 176.)

"Eloheim is from the word Eloai, God, in the singular number; and by adding the word heim, it renders it Gods." (TPJS, p. 385.)

"God himself was once as we are now, and is an exalted man, and sits enthroned in yonder heavens! That is the great secret." (TPJS, p. 357.)

"Many have supposed that the doctrine of translation was a doctrine whereby men were taken immediately into the presence of God, and into an eternal fulness, but this is a mistaken idea. Their place of habitation is that of the terrestrial order, and a place prepared for such characters He held in reserve to be ministering angels unto many planets, and who as yet have not entered into so great a fulness as those who are resurrected from the dead." (TPJS, pp. 173-174.)

### Quotes about Michael the Archangel:

**Joseph Smith:** "The Priesthood was first given to Adam; he obtained the First Presidency, and held the keys of it from generation to generation. He obtained it in the Creation, before the world was formed, as in Genesis 1:26,27,28. He had dominion given him over every living creature. He is Michael the Archangel, spoken of in the scriptures. Then to Noah, who is Gabriel." (TPJS p. 159.)

**Joseph Smith:** "The keys have to be brought from heaven whenever the Gospel is sent. When they are revealed from heaven, it is by Adam's authority."

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**Joseph Smith:** "Daniel in his seventh chapter speaks of the Ancient of days; he means the oldest man, our Father Adam, Michael, he will call his children together and hold a council with them to prepare them for the coming of the Son of Man. He (Adam) is the father of the human family, and presides over the spirits of all men, and all that have had the keys must stand before him in this grand council... ... The Son of Man stands before him, and there is given him glory and dominion. Adam delivers up his stewardship to Christ, that which was delivered to him as holding the keys of the universe, but retains his standing as head of the human family." (TPJS, p. 160.)

**Joseph Smith:** "The spirit of man is not a created being; it existed from eternity, and will exist to eternity... ... The Father called all spirits before Him at the creation of man, and organized them. He (Adam) is the head, and was told to multiply. The keys were first given to him, and by him to others. He will have to give an account of his stewardship, and they to him." (TPJS, p. 160.)

**Joseph Smith:** "Commencing with Adam, who was the first man, who is spoken of in Daniel as being the 'Ancient of Days,' or in other words, the first and oldest of all, the great, grand progenitor of whom it is said in another place he is Michael because he was the first and father of all, not only by progeny, but the first to hold the spiritual blessings, to whom was made known the plan of ordinances for the salvation of his posterity unto the end, and to whom Christ was first revealed, and through whom Christ has been revealed from heaven, and will continue to be revealed from henceforth. Adam holds the keys of the dispensation of the fulness of times; i.e., the dispensation of all the times have been and will be revealed through him from the beginning to Christ, and from Christ to the end of the dispensations that are to be revealed." (TPJS, pp. 170-171.)

**Joseph Smith:** "...therefore He set the ordinances to be the same forever and ever, and set Adam to watch over them, to reveal them from heaven to man, or to send angels to reveal them." (TPJS, p. 171.)

**Joseph Smith:** "This, then is the nature of the Priesthood; every man holding the Presidency of his dispensation, and one man holding the Presidency of them all, even Adam;" (TPJS, p. 172.)

**Brigham Young:** "Father Adam would never cease his labours to redeem his posterity & exalt them to all the glory they were capable of receiving. He did not doubt but that Father Adam knew in the beginning how many of his posterity would receive A Celestial glory & who they were & also a Terrestrial & a Celestial." (Brigham Young, May 6<sup>th</sup> 1855, Waiting for World's End, the diaries of Wilford Woodruff, p. 166.) - *Hereafter "Waiting for World's End"*

**Brigham Young:** "Adam & Eve had lived upon another Earth. Were Immortal when they came here. Adam assisted in forming this Earth & agreed to fall when he came here." (May 6<sup>th</sup> 1855, Waiting for World's End, p. 166.)

**Brigham Young:** "We have heard a great deal about Adam and Eve. How they were formed & some think he was made like an adobie and the Lord breathed into him the breath of life, for we read 'from dust thou art and unto dust thou shalt return.' Well he was made of the dust of the earth but not of

this earth. He was made just the same way you and I are made but on another earth. Adam was an immortal being when he came on this earth. He had lived on an earth similar to ours, he had received the Priesthood and the keys thereof and had been faithful in all things and gained his resurrection and his exaltation and was crowned with glory immortality and eternal lives and was numbered with the Gods for such he became through his faithfulness... [False Adam-God ideas omitted:] ...And when Adam and those that assisted him had completed this Kingdom our earth he came to it, and slept and forgot all and became like an infant child." (L. John Nuttal Journal, pp. 20-24, copied from original at B.Y.U. Library, Special Collections.)

#### Quotes about Iüh from Joseph Smith:

"...namely, the Soul—the mind of man—the immortal spirit. Where did it come from? All learned men and doctors of divinity say that God created it in the beginning; but it is not so:.... We say that God himself is a self-existent being. Who told you so? It is correct enough; but how did it get into your heads? Who told you that man did not exist in like manner upon the same principles? Man does exist upon the same principles. God made a tabernacle and put a spirit into it, and it became a living soul... ...The mind or the intelligence which man possesses is co-equal (co-Eternal) with God himself." (TPJS, p. 365.)

"I am dwelling on the immortality of the spirit of man. Is it logical to say that the intelligence of spirits is immortal, and yet that it had a beginning? The intelligence of spirits had not beginning, neither will it have an end. There never was a time when there were not spirits; for they are co-equal [co-eternal] with our Father in heaven." (TPJS, p. 366.)

"Intelligence is eternal and exists upon a self-existent principle. It is a spirit from age to age, and there is no creation about it.... The first principles of man are self-existent with God." (TPJS, p. 367.)

#### Quotes about the Gathering:

**Joseph Smith:** "It was the design of the councils of heaven before the world was, that the principles and laws of the Priesthood should be predicated upon the gathering of the people in every age of the world. Jesus did everything to gather the people, and they would not be gathered, and He therefore poured out curses upon them." (TPJS, p. 318.)

**Brigham Young:** "Some may ask the question why may we not seal & give Endowments abroad? Because it would destroy the object of the gathering." (December 26<sup>th</sup> 1866, Waiting for World's End, pp. 285-286.)

#### Quotes about the Lambs:

**Brigham Young:** "If we are Ever Exhalted and Crowned in the presence of God we shall become Saviors of a world which we shall Create & People." (May 12<sup>th</sup> 1867, Waiting for World's End, p. 290.)

**Joseph Smith:** "Would to God brethren I could tell you who I am! Would to God I could tell you what I know! But you would call it blasphemy and want to take my life." (In Life of Heber C. Kimball, p. 333.)

### Quotes about Multiple Mortal Probations:

Orson Pratt: "I heard brother Young say that Jesus had a body of flesh and bones, before he came [to earth and] he was born of the virgin Mary,..." (5<sup>th</sup> of April 1860, Brigham Young Papers.)

Heber C. Kimball: "What I do not to-day, when the sun goes down, I lay down to sleep, which is typical of death; and in the morning I rise and commence my work where I left it yesterday. That course is typical of the probations we take. But suppose that I do not improve my time to-day, I wake up to-morrow and find myself in the rear... ... This day's work is typical of this probation,..." (Journal of Discourses 4:334-340.) -Hereafter J.D.

Heber C. Kimball: "Then of course, we are conducted along from this probation to other probations, or from one dispensation to another, by those who conducted those dispensations." (J.D. 6:63-69.)

### Quotes about the Priesthood:

Brigham Young: "But Even A man Holding the office of a deacon may magnify that Calling so that he would be more worthy & have a higher Exaltation than many High Priest[s]. It is not so much the office a Man Holds as it is of the magnifying of that portion of the office. He does hold." (December 11<sup>th</sup> 1869, Waiting for World's End, p. 299.)

Brigham Young: "Many get their endowments who are not worthy but this is the way devils are made." (June 14<sup>th</sup> 1857, Waiting for World's End, p. 194.)

### Quotes about Marriage:

Mosiah Hancock: "Me thought I was taken away Somewhere to Oh! such a Glorious Realm. I saw He whom at that time we Reverently spoke of as The Great Eternal. I saw the females at his right side. I have no idea of their number. I there saw the Savior; and calling me by name He said, 'Mosiah, I have brought you here that you may know how it was before you went to yonder earth.' Thinks I, what earth? for it seemed to me that I had no knowledge of an earth. He said, 'As it is written in the Beginning, God created man, male and female, created He them.' 'And know you that no man is man without female, and that in the Lord. And no female is female without the male, and that in the Lord.' I shall not attempt to tell how they were formed... suffice it to say, they were created in pairs, the male and his female." (Autobiography of Mosiah Hancock, typescript, BYU Special Collections.)

Brigham Young: "It is the word of the Lord, and I wish to say to you, and all the world, that if you desire with all your hearts to obtain the blessings which Abraham obtained, you will be polygamist at least in your faith, or you will come short of enjoying the salvation and the glory which Abraham has obtained." (August 19<sup>th</sup> 1866, J.D. 11:268-269.)

Brigham Young: "A Man may Embrace the Law of Celestial Marriage in his heart & not take the Second wife & be justified before the Lord." (September 24<sup>th</sup> 1871, Waiting for World's End, p. 303.)

Joseph Smith as quoted by John Taylor: "A man obeying a lower Law is not qualified to preside over those who keep a higher Law." (October 14<sup>th</sup> 1882, Waiting for World's End, p. 358.)