

DID WE EXIST IN HEAVEN BEFORE WE WERE BORN ON EARTH?

Mormon belief is that “man is supposedly becoming a god; sin in Eden was necessary to provide parentage to the children of God who were ready and waiting for the experience of earth life”. To this dark counsel without the knowledge of truth, God asks the question, **Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?** Declare to Me, if you have and know understanding (Job 38:4). This question implies that only God knew the answer, so does the rest of the questions asked in the end of the book of Job. God showed Job the limitation of men’s knowledge. If it were for us to know, God would have told Job then. This subject is not mentioned in Scriptures and therefore we must not dig deep into it, so as to fall into the cultic practices. Moses said, The secret things belong unto the Lord our God, but the things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all of the words of this law (Deuteronomy 29:29). Yes, the things revealed to us are for the purpose of obedience. “Declare to Me, if you have and know understanding”. Of course, Job didn’t answer God, because he didn’t know; he didn’t have knowledge and understanding of it.

The pre-mortal existence the Mormon teaches conflicts with the Word of God when they teach that we lived in the counsels of the heavens before the foundation of the world and before we were born. Only God existed before the foundation of the world, according to Scriptures as we read in Ephesians 1:4 – He had to exist before the foundation of the world, to have chosen us; God the Son had to exist before the foundation of the world to have created the world; He had to exist before he came to earth for God the Father to have prepared a body for him. In Hebrew 10:6-7 we read, In burnt offerings and sin offerings You have taken no delight; then I said, Behold, here I am coming to do Your will, O God- [to fulfill] what is written of Me in the volume of the Book. Yahshua was not conceived of a man, but of the Holy Spirit of God, His Father, to receive the body He had prepared for Him. When God created man, he only became a living person when God breathed life in him. His spirit didn’t exist before then, for he was not God, neither the Son of God. Yes, man was created in the image and likeness of God and to him was given the control of every plant, and animals and birds- everything that has breath of life, until he sinned, as we read in Hebrews 2:8, For You have put everything in subjection under his feet. Now in putting everything in subjection to man, He left nothing outside [of man’s] control. But at present we do not yet see all things subjected to him [man].

Someone has justified this belief saying that we had to exist in some form for God to have chosen us before the foundation of the world. This erroneous way of thinking misses the fact that God is all-knowing, unlimited to know someone only if he exists. Before all existed by the word of His mouth, He knew us and planned for us to be created. The spirit of Adam didn’t exist before he was formed, it was not floating in heaven before he was created; it only came through God’s breath of life when He imparted to him after he was created. I believe that our spirit was created at the same time when we were knit together by Him in the womb of our mother; when our frame was formed by Him in secret; and in His book all the days of our life were written before ever they took shape, or when yet there was none of them (Psalm 139:14-16), just as after Adam was formed and was given life through God’s breath. Life didn’t come to Adam independent of God giving it to him. “Then the Lord God formed man from the dust of

the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath or spirit of life, and man became a living being” (Genesis 2:7). God gave life to Adam after he was formed.

Yahshua tells us that is the spirit that gives life (John 6:33). “When the inbreathing of God entered mans’ body, it became the spirit of man, the inbreathing of God produced a twofold life: soulical and spiritual” (Watchman Nee). We must realize that this spirit is not God’s own life; our spirit came from the breath of the Almighty God; His breath was that which gave us life (Job 33:4). Our spirit didn’t co-exist with God in heaven, but it was given us in the form of life as we were created. Then shall dust return to the earth as it was, and the spirit shall return to God Who gave it (Ecclesiastes 12:7); Thus says the Lord, Who stretches out the heavens and lays the foundation of the earth **and forms the spirit of man within him (Zechariah 12:1b)**. We do err for not having the knowledge of Scriptures, as Yahshua said to the authorities of His days.

THINK ABOUT IT!

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