**The Creation of Adam**

**Luke 3:38 –** Christ’s pedigree traces his lineage back to "Adam, which was the son of God.

**Moses 6:22 –** This is the genealogy of the sons of Adam, who was the son of God, with whom God himself conversed.

**Moses 6:9 –** In the image of his own body created he them.

**Moses 6:59** – (The Lord speaking to Adam) ... as ye were *born into the world by water, and blood, and the spirit*, which I have made, and *so became of dust a living soul*, even so ye must be born again into the kingdom of heaven, of water, and of the Spirit, and be cleansed by blood, even the blood of mine Only Begotten.

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“…man, as a spirit, was begotten and born of heavenly parents, and reared to maturity in the eternal mansions of the Father," that man is the "offspring of celestial parentage," and that "all men and women are in the similitude of the universal Father and Mother and are literally the sons and daughters of Deity." (Joseph F. Smith, John R. Winder, and Anthon H. Lund. Quoted in Man: Origin and Destiny, pp. 348-355.)

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The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, basing its belief on divine revelation, ancient and modern, proclaims man to be the direct and lineal offspring of Deity. (Joseph F. Smith, John R. Winder, Anthon H. Lund), "THE ORIGIN OF MAN," *Improvement Era,* Vol. 13, November 1909, pg. 75-81. [Also in Joseph Fielding Smith, *Man: His Origin and Destiny*, pp. 348-355; James R. Clark, *Messages of the First Presidency*, 4:199-206.])

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stated:But President Young went on to show that our Father Adam—that is our earthy father—the progenitor of the race of man, stands at the head being 'Michael the Archangel, the Ancient of Days,' and that he was not fashioned from earth life and adobe but begotten by his Father in Heaven." (“In a letter to Samuel O. Bennion, February 26, 1912, in Melvin A. and M. Garfield Cook, *Science & Mormonism* [SLC: Deseret Book Company, 1973], p. 156; in*Messages of the First Presidency* 4:266.)

**Joseph Smith**

      [The Prophet Joseph Smith] taught us that God was the great head of human procreation--was really and truly the father of both our spirits and our bodies. ***(***Benjamin F. Johnson, Letters to Gibbs, 1903 in E. Dale LeBaron, (1967), pp. 340-341.)

**Brigham Young**,

Thus you may continue and trace the human family back to Adam and Eve, and ask, "are we of the same species with Adam and Eve?" Yes, every person acknowledges this; this comes within the scope of our understanding. But when we arrive at that point, a vail [sic] is dropt, and our knowledge is cut off. Were it not so, you could trace back your history to the Father of our spirits in the eternal world. He is a being of the species as ourselves; He lives as we do, except the difference that we are earthly, and He is heavenly. He has been earthly, and is of precisely the same species of being that we are....

Things were first created spiritually; the Father actually begat the spirits, and they were brought forth and lived with Him. Then He commenced the work of creating earthly tabernacles, precisely as He had been created in this flesh Himself... (*Journal of Discourses,* 4:217-218.)

 When you tell me that father Adam was made as we make adobes from the earth, you tell me what I deem an idle tale. When you tell me that the beasts of the field were produced in that manner, you are speaking idle words devoid of meaning. There is no such thing in all the eternities where the Gods dwell. Mankind are here because they are the offspring of parents who were first brought here from another planet, and power was given them to propagate their species, and they were commanded to multiply and replenish the earth. (*JD* 7:285-286.)

Man is the offspring of God.... We are as much the children of this great Being as we are the children of our mortal progenitors. We are flesh of his flesh, bone of his bone, and the same fluid that circulates in our bodies, called blood, once circulated in His veins as it does in ours. As the seeds of grains, vegetables and fruits produce their kind, so man is in the image of God. (*JD* 9:283.)

[God] created man, as we create our children; for there is no other process of creation in heaven, on the earth, in the earth, or under the earth, or in all the eternities, that is, that were, or that will ever be. (*JD*11:122.)

 Some say, "We are the children of Adam and Eve." So we are, and they are the children of our Heavenly Father. We are all the children of Adam and Eve, and they are the offspring of him who dwells in the heavens, the highest Intelligence that dwells anywhere that we have any knowledge of. ( **D***iscourses of Brigham Young*, pg. 222; *JD* 13:310.)

 And when our spirits receive our bodies, and through our faithfulness we are worthy to be crowned, we will then receive authority to produce both spirit and body. (*JD* 15:137.)

Adam was made from the dust of an earth, but not from the dust of this earth. He was made as you and I are made, and no person was ever made upon any other principle. (*Journal of Discourses* 3:319.)

**Lorenzo Snow** -- We have a mother in heaven. We are the offspring of God. He is our Father, and we have a Mother in the other life as well. (9 October 1898, CR, p. 56.)

**Joseph F. Smith**

 I know that God is a being with body, parts and passions and that His Son, Jesus Christ, grew and developed into manhood the same as you or I, as likewise did God, His Father, grow and develop to the Supreme Being that He now is. Man was born of woman; Christ, the Savior, was born of woman, and God, the Father, was born of woman. Adam, our earthly parent, was also born of woman into this world, the same as Jesus and you and I. (delivered Dec 7, 1913 at Mesa, AZ, *Deseret Evening News*, Dec. 27, 1913, Sec. 3, p. 7.)

God was and is our Father, and his children were begotten in the flesh of his own image and likeness, male and female....God originated and designed all things, and all are his children. We are born into the world as his offspring; endowed with the same attributes. The children of men have sprung from the Almighty, whether the world is willing to acknowledge it or not. He is the Father of our spirits. He is the originator of our earthly tabernacles. (*Gospel Doctrine,*pg. 25, 62.)

**Joseph Fielding Smith**,

This is from one of the discourses of Brigham Young: "We are all the children of Adam and Eve, and they are the offspring of Him who dwells in the heavens, the Highest Intelligence that dwells anywhere that we have any knowledge of...." He also taught that, literally, God is our Father; than men are of the same race--the race called humans; and that God, the Progenitor, or Creator, is the Father of the human race.... *(Doctrines of Salvation*1:101-103.)

Man has descended from God: In fact, he is of the same race as the Gods. His descent has not been from a lower form of life, but from the Highest Form of Life; in other words, man is, in the most literal sense, a child of God. *This is not only true of the spirit of man, but of his body also.* There never was a time, probably, in all the eternities of the past, when there was not men or children of God. This world is only one of many worlds which have been created by the Father through His Only Begotten. (cited in *Deseret News: Church Section*, Sep. 19, 1936, p. 8)

**Marion G. Romney**

The truth I desire to emphasize today is that we mortals are in very deed the literal offspring of God. (*Conference Report,* April 1973, pp. 133-136.)

 **Melchizedek Priesthood Manual**

 Luke 3:38. What does this verse reveal about the origin of Adam’s physical body? "As to the manner in which **Adam** was placed on the earth, the First Presidency of the Church ... has given us this plain statement: ‘He took upon him an appropriate body, the body of a man, and so became a "living soul."... All who have inhabited the earth since Adam have taken bodies and become souls in like manner.’"

(1980-81, pg. 36.)

 **George Q. Cannon**

      He [Brigham Young] unmistakably declares man's origins to be altogether of a celestial character–that not only is his spirit of heavenly descent, but his bodily organization, too–that the latter is not taken from the lower animals, but from the original celestial body of the great Father of humanity. (**George Q. Cannon**, *Millennial Star*, 23:654, 12 Oct 1861.)

(**Orson F. Whitney**,      Man is, in the most literal sense, a child of God. This is not only true of the spirit of man, but of his body also.... One of the important points about this topic is to learn, if possible, how Adam obtained his body of flesh and bones. There would seem to be but one natural and reasonable explanation, and that is, that Adam obtained his body in the same way Christ obtained his -- and just as all men obtain theirs -- namely, by being born of woman. ("Divine Mission of the Savior,"*Course of Study for the Quorums of the Priesthood,* 1910, pp. 35, 37.)

**Bruce R. McConkie** – Father Adam, the first man, is also a son of God (Luke 3:38; Moses 6:22, 59), a fact that does not change the great truth that Christ is the Only Begotten in the flesh, for Adam's entrance into this world was in immortality. He came here before death had its beginning, with its consequent mortal or flesh-status of existence. (MD 2d ed., p.742)

**Bruce R. McConkie**

From other sacred sources we know that Jehovah-Christ, assisted by "many of the noble and great ones" (Abr. 3:22), of whom Michael is but the illustration, did in fact create the earth and all forms of plant and animal life on the face thereof. But when it came to placing man on earth, there was a change in Creators. That is, the Father himself became personally involved. All things were created by the Son, using the power delegated by the Father, except man. In the spirit and again in the flesh, man was created by the Father. There was no delegation of authority where the crowning creature of creation was concerned. (McConkie, Promised Messiah, p. 62.)

**Bruce R. McConkie** – Those natural elements that make up the physical earth are sometimes referred to in the scriptures as dust. Thus Adam was created from the dust of the ground meaning that the physical body which he received was created from the elements of the earth (Gen 2:7; Moses 3:7; Abra 5:7; D&C 77:12). Similarly all men are created from the dust of the earth; that is, the elements organized into a mortal body are assembled together through the birth process (MD, "Dust).

**Boyd K. Packer**,

      Since every living thing follows the pattern of its parentage, are we to suppose that God had some other strange pattern in mind for His offspring? (General Conference Address, *Ensign,* Nov. 1984, pp. 66-69.)

**B. H. Roberts**

 [Adam was] brought forth by the natural laws of procreation... in some other world.  (*The Gospel, An Exposition of Its First Principles & Man’s Relationship to Deity*, 8th ed. [SLC: Deseret Book Co., 1946], p. 282)

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**Robert J. Matthews**,

 I believe that Adam's physical body was the offspring of God, literally (Moses 6:22); that he was begotten as a baby with a physical body not subject to death, in a world without sin or blood; and that he grew to manhood in that condition and then became mortal through his own actions. I believe that Adam's physical body was begotten by our immortal celestial Father and an immortal celestial Mother, and thus not into a condition of mortality, a condition which would have precluded Jesus from being the Only Begotten of the Father in the flesh (D&C 93:11)–*flesh*meaning *mortality.* Jesus’ physical body was also begotten of the same celestial Father but through a mortal woman and hence into mortality. (*A Bible! A Bible!,* SLC: Bookcraft, 1990 pg. 188-189, 193-194.)

**Delbert L. Stapley**,

The scriptures teach us that we are descended from the lineage of the Gods; therefore, we are created in their likeness and image, in both spirit and body...( BYU, May 5, 1964 in R. Wayne Shute, *His Servants Speak,* pg. 3.)