

FIRESIDE - INTELLIGENCE OF GOD

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Sometimes we ask the question in our lives, what's it all about. What's life all about. Where did we come from and where are we going. You get your sleeping bag out in the back yard and sleep under the stars. And you say, really, what's the ball game all about. As you look at the manner of light of the whole thing, we're essentially merely just kind of a termite on a little spinning orb out here on the other side of space. As far as the size of things are concerned with, we are very, very dismal, we are very small. But in regard to the plan of things, that's another ball game. We are as big as anything you can conceive. The day will come when a faithful person, for example, will have more than one galaxy. Under your direction as part of your spiritual exaltation to even greater things than that. The prophet spoke and referred to it as heavenly things, the heavens could not contain the Father, so if he decided to retire and move on to greater things. So in regard to the whole plan of things, there's a lot of significance to man in regard to the size and order of things you see of him.

One of the greatest statements in fact, in my opinion, probably the greatest statements made concerning the whole order of things is found in Section 93. In my opinion this is the revelation for excellence. There are several great revelations in the Doctrine and Covenants. We all know Section 76 regarding the three degrees of glory. We all know, when we get romantic, Section 132. We get stars in our eyes and anticipate that all is going to last forever. We know some of the great priesthood sections, but the one revelation that gives us more insight into the nature of man in relationship to God, tells us the basic things of concerning who we are, and what our program is in relation to God. It begins on a very high plane, talking about blessings of the second comforter. (D&C 93)

1 VERILY, thus said the Lord: It shall come to pass that every soul who forsaketh his sins and cometh unto me, and called on my name, and obeyeth my voice, and keepeth my commandments, shall see my face and know that I am.

Then he goes on and says other things.

2 And that I am the true light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world;

That begins to tell us something about the whole ball game. Somehow Christ is a part of our being. Without Him there would be no life. Without Him you couldn't move from here to the door. In Him, you live and are a being.

3 And that I am in the Father, and the Father in me, and the Father and I are one

Now that's a little more difficult. I am in the, that means, well, getting in. I am in the Father and the Father is in me. Not in a physical sense, but in a very real, and more real sense than physical. And you will also note he says: "the Father and I are one" and then to explain what one means, He say this: In other words I (Christ) and the Father are one. I am the Father in me, verse 4:

4 The Father (Eloheim) because he gave me of his fulness, and the Son because I was in the world and made flesh my tabernacle, and dwelt among the sons of men.

5 I was in the world and received of my Father, and the works of him were plainly manifest.

Now in Section 93 there are some key concepts and key ideas, that are necessary for us to see, they are kind a like keys in that they open doors. They open doors of understanding and insight, not to where you're given revelation, but you can know what the revelation is talking about. For example, in Section 93, the word intelligence is used two times. More particularly, two ways, for example verse 29:

29 Man was also in the beginning with God.

That tells something the sectarian world doesn't know anything about. They believe that when you are born, that everything of life within you, is formed by God at that moment. And that's it. There's not pre-earth existence in the sectarian world. Now, this revelation says: "man was also in the beginning with God." Then it explains:

29 Intelligence, or the light of truth, was not created or made, neither indeed can be.

Intelligence here means light of truth. Intelligence then is as old as God. This is the basic thing in you, the basic ego, how old are you? You are just as old as God. Now in respect for the primal life, I call it the PCI, the central primal of intelligence. That basic principle of life within you had no beginning. You can not make it, it's non creatable, and it was in the beginning with God. And it's called by that term intelligence, because that appropriately describes something about it. Intelligence means what? And applies what? If basic ego of your being is called intelligence, what does that imply? Power of

life, the ability to perceive, the ability to understand, the ability to reach out and acquire things, the ability to apply it's self in progress and development. Those basic things within your ego, the central ego, are vital, they're inherent within it, they were there by nature. God didn't put them. They were simply there. They were there as part of the stuff of space. Now there's another term and use of the word intelligence and that's in verse 36: (D&C 93)

36 The glory of God is intelligence, or, in other words, (here a synonym again) light and truth.

Now the primal life of man is called what? Intelligence or the light of truth. This kind of stuff, whatever it is, intelligence or light and truth. It doesn't say that this is non createable, it doesn't say that. The truth is, that it is createable, you can make it. In terms of the commercial world it's manufactured product. It's something that God makes, It's light and truth and that He continuously acquires and simulates to Himself and grows and progresses in. He's a progressive being in glory, i.e., intelligence, i.e., light and truth. Now there's another important term. We have two terms now, (1) Intelligence or light of truth, (2) Intelligence or light and truth. Now there's another term I'd like to draw your attention in order and it's kind of a foundation for what we are saying here. This other one is called the spirit of truth. Let's turn to the Testimony of John concerning Christ: (D&C 93)

8 Therefore, in the beginning the Word was, for he was the Word, even the messenger of Salvation -

9 The light and the Redeemer of the world; the Spirit of Truth, who came into the world, because the world was made by him, and in him was the life of men and the light of men.

He's the creator and there's something we get from Him, by which it can be said, not only was the world made by Him, but in Him, is the life of man, there's a principle of life that you get from Christ. Now there's this primal principle of life that is non-createable. We are a composite, more than one element of life, we are a make-up or composite of more than one element of life.

9 the Spirit of truth, who came into the world, because the world(s) were made by him.

10 The worlds were made by him; men were made by him; all things were made by him; and through him and of him.

11 And I, John, bear record that I beheld his glory, as the glory of the Only Begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth, even the Spirit of Truth, which came and dwelt in the flesh, and dwelt among us.

Now what is the Spirit of Truth? It's kindly related to this second kind of intelligence we talked about. The first kind of intelligence is light of truth; now there's a kind of intelligence that's called light of truth, that's the primal life; now there's the kind of intelligence that we call light and truth, and this is glory, it's the glory of God. And the spirit of truth is all tied in there, it's a part of it.

QUESTION: Where does the spirit fit into it, is it all part of the spirit?

ANSWER: Well, when you say spirit, you have to look at it like, how many elements are there in the physical world? When I was going to school there was only considered to be 92. Now how many do we know of? About 104, something like that. So when you talk about physical elements, these 104 elements, they are all elements, but they have different properties. The same is true with this stuff that we call spirit. This is spirit of truth, but this identified with another kind spirit, it's a little more complex. It would take another evening to discuss it.

The Glory of God is intelligence, so we call this glory. What is glory? When we say the glory of God is intelligence, what does that mean? To the kids on BYU Campus it means that God takes glory in being intelligent, and it means that he ought to walk across campus with a book under his arm. See me, see my library, now maybe he does and maybe he doesn't. But that's not really what it's talking about. Let's turn to the Prophet Joseph Smith's statement of the First Vision. You recall on that beautiful morning the spring of 1820. He tells us about going into the sacred grove and praying. And then after he has this little bout with the devil, he says this: (Joseph Smith - History 1)

16 I saw a pillar of light exactly over my head, above the brightness of the sun,

Now how bright would that be? Pretty bright! Have you ever been out in the desert in the middle of July, and looked up into the sun, you'd go stone blind. He saw this brilliance of light above his head, which really eclipsed the light of the sun, this is an understatement and this isn't pushing it. Actually, God's glory was turned down, he turned the rheostat down. He had to, because no man we are told in the first chapter of the Book of Moses can behold all of God's glory, his brilliance of light and still remain in

the flesh, the experience would have such an effect on you, physically, that it will be not possible for you to stay in mortality thereafter. And so Joseph the prophet, did not see the full brilliance, but he says, (Joseph Smith - History 1)

16 I saw a pillar of light exactly over my head, above the brightness of the sun, which descended gradually until it fell upon me.

17 It now sooner appeared than I found myself delivered from the enemy which held me bound. When the light rested upon me I saw two Personages, whose brightness and glory defy all description, standing above me in the air. One of them spake unto me, calling me by name and said, pointing to the other - This is My Beloved Son. Hear Him!

Now who were these two personages? Well, the Father and the Son. Did they both have physical bodies? Accordingly, to what the prophet said, they had bodies of flesh and bones, as tangible as mans. What else did they have? They had glory. They're glorified beings. See the prophet puts it this way here in Section 130. He's talking about eternity and how it is over there. And he says the same sociality. Now the word sociality is a big one, it means the same social order, the same kind of things we do here. We meet together in firesides and we have homes and families and inter-relationships with each other. The same sociality, which exists among us here, will exist among us there. Only, it will be coupled with eternal glory. Which glory we do not now enjoy. So it's not going to take anything away, it will just add, this thing that we are talking about. The glory of God, this thing that eclipsed the light of the sun at noonday. In Christ's second coming the veil is going to be taken off and His glory will be made manifest. What will happen? The sun will fade into relative insignificance, the elements will melt with fervent heat, the waters will boil, the mountains will go down into pieces and the wicked will be like bed bugs in a bonfire and they will be burned. And the earth will be renewed and cleansed. All because of the power in one person.

The design of things is to take this first kind of intelligence, this intelligence or light of truth, and organize it, because there are benefits that come from organization. And to expand it, develop it, until eventually each person can be made a recipient of the fulness of God's glory. And that glory is what? It's intelligence, it's intelligence or light and truth. You can see from a person in form and stature, about his size of man, but whose filled with the powers, the principles of divine intelligence to the point that when he just made them manifest it would literally just eclipse the light of the sun. What kind of thinking does that person do? What does he think about in his idle moments? What

are the depths of his power to probe and to analyze? What kind of joy does he experience by the proper application of an intelligence? Where are the feelings of his heart by the expression that kind of intelligence? Now, when you get to the point that you can match him, thought for thought, power for power, joy for joy, then you know Him, that's what eternal life is. How far down the tube are we?

Moses, for example, was raised as a prince in Egypt. And he had his free agency too. He was a great guy, and then he got run out of Egypt, run out into the desert. And when the Lord finally called him to go back into Egypt and redeem the Israelites. At that time he took Moses on a high mount, and the record says, that Moses was enveloped in the glory of God. And he began to see little things in that likeness. (Book of Moses 1)

2 And he saw God face to face and he talked with him, and the glory of God was upon Moses; therefore Moses did endure his presence.

Then God began to show him a little bit of how he functions. Moses with part of this divine intelligence from God, in him, took a look at the earth. And the record says he beheld the earth, yea even all of it and there was not a particle of it that he did not behold discerning by the spirit of God. Now you take a look at the floor, and you tell me that in one square inch, how many particles are there, there? You imagine in mind, a person so in tuned with God and filled with divine intelligence, so that he can begin to see and experience things like God. That he can see every particle of the earth at one time. And it goes on to say: And he beheld the inhabitants there and there was not a soul which he beheld not, and he discerned by the spirit of God and their numbers were great. Can you see what it would be like to be like God? It's not just to be good, to be filled with love. It's to partake of his glory, to be filled with his glory. That why the scriptures teach us; that if a man would gain the whole world, and yet loose his soul, come out at the other end without getting what you can get, he would be a measurable creature. The design is to finally give every working man and every working woman a fulness of his glory. What kind of life could you create for yourself with that? Let me tell you of a life resort down in Florida were it costs you a \$1,000.00 a day to stay there. Everything is provided. If you sat there alone, you'd say I have all this stuff, but I'm alone, and I'm really not happy, regardless of that. So you would want the love of your life there. Then you would want someone else there wouldn't you? And that would cost an extra thousand dollars a day. What I am saying now is, even with all your loved ones and that kind of plane of living, what is that in comparison with what you could do, if you had the kind of intelligence that God has got?

We have said there two kinds of intelligence, one is the primal life within you, and the other, or second, is that thing we call glory. What is this thing called glory? How does it relate to the spirit? Let's turn to the scripture on it, the scriptures are full of vital and important things, for example, here in chapter 1 of Moses, it says: (Moses 1)

9 And the presence of God withdrew from Moses, that his glory was not upon Moses; and Moses was left unto himself. And as he was left unto himself, he fell to the earth.

This was an overwhelming experience, then he gave this classic statement:

10 and he said unto himself: Now, for his cause (reason) I know that man is nothing, which thing I never had supposed.

Before this experience he thought that he was great, but when he matched it up with God, man is nothing. The glory withdrew and Moses fell. Lucifer came alone and wanted Moses to worship him. And Moses' record says this:

15 Blessed be the name of my God, for his Spirit hath not altogether withdrawn from me, or else where is thy glory,

What was it that withdrew in verse 9? His glory. And what did Moses say was withdrawn from him? The spirit. So what's the relation between glory and the spirit? They are one in the same, for example over here in Section 67 of the Doctrine and Covenants. The Lord is talking about the conditions under which man can behold God. (D&C 67)

11 For no man has seen God at any time in the flesh, except quickened by the Spirit of God.

So what is glory? Moses was quickened by the glory of God. Glory is the spirit of God. Now we have all had experiences with the spirit of the Lord. When you have it in a marked degree, where does it affect you in your life? There's a sense of peace, there's a sense of strength, there's a sense of vitality, there's a zealating sense that things begin to pulsate or percolate, your mind is enlightened, and you feel great. Now you concentrate that in you, of those affects, to the point you'd be as brilliant as the sun, you can take it, you would feel great, now that's the thing the Lord has in store for us.

Let's go to another theme, to get back to some of the ideas. Let this line present the life line of life, we'll put an arrow there (onward and upward) and we'll put an arrow down there, what does it mean? It doesn't have any beginning that way. This presents

the life line of man's life, we've said, for example, this kind of intelligence we call the light of truth. It's as old as God, it was in the beginning with God. It was clear back there, at what was called the beginning and then some. Then when some third grader says, what's on the other side of it, well you say for beginning. Let's take this section of it and we'll call it mortality, that's mortal. And we'll call this section pre-mortal. And we'll call this section post-portal.

Here in mortality what kind of persons are we? Well, we are a spirit with this primal intelligence as part of it, in a physical body. Some of us are better tabernacled than others. Some of us are getting a little saggy and bulgy....But you have a spirit and a body, part of that spirit is primal intelligence. After this life you have the spirit world, and after the spirit leaves your body it goes to the spirit world, and we call it a disinbodied spirit. And there are various grades of existence there, there's paradise and others places. Then in the resurrection there are various kingdoms of life, how many are there? Three of glory and one without glory. So there's a Celestial, a Terrestrial, a Telesstial, and outer darkness or a no good place.

In pre-mortal existence, just before we came here to mortality, what kind of persons were we? We were spirit beings, and what did we look like? We had two hands, we had a face, but the features you have now, you got from your folks, you get something that modifies you. But there is a spirit back here, pre-earth life, just alone.

QUESTION: How much intelligence or knowledge did we have, we know we didn't have the tangible knowledge, that we have knowing sadness, how much knowledge did we have?

ANSWER: Well, that depends, that depends upon the individual. Over here in Abraham three, for example, he gives us this statement (Abraham 3)

19 And the Lord said unto me: These two facts do exist, that there are two spirits, one being more intelligent than the other; there shall be another more intelligent than they; I am the Lord thy God, I am more intelligent than they all.

This was Christ. See, Christ was Jehovah, the pre-earth Christ. And as B.H. Roberts defined that, more intelligent than they all doesn't mean just the smartest one, he is more intelligent than all of them combined. Christ was Jehovah, the God of Abraham, Isaiah, and Jacob. He created the earth back here in the pre-earth state as a spirit, he created the earth and knew all the details of it. That's pretty bright! And from there on down, Abraham tells us there were many noble and great ones. You run that

spectrum clear on down until you get to the grunt stage.

QUESTION: When he is speaks of intelligence there, I am more intelligent than they all, is he speaking of the light of truth or light and truth?

ANSWER: He's talking about the primal life, and its ability to acquire this other type of life. That's the point I want to get to. That by proper organization and development, light of truth can acquire light and truth.

COMMENT: But the law of eternal progression, as we know it here, existed with us while we were there in our pre-existent state. And exists with us now. As fast as we obey the teachings and commandments we progress. We progress no faster here than we did there. So like you say, in the beginning, the intelligence was kind of equal, but through our disobedience, some become better and equal, and we were told Abraham thou was one of them, he was chosen before thou was born, through our disobedience there, the way I understand it, we earned our time to come here to mortality, and this is why the earth was organized and formed, because we progressed as far as we could there in that pre-mortal state.

Hyrum continues: Let me disagree with you of two things, in the spirit of brotherhood and love. Number one, we were not all born equal. And number two, we had not all progressed there as far as we could. Otherwise, we would all be like Christ. He got more intelligence than I got back there. Therefore I didn't get as much as I could have got, or I could have got more there. I got to a kind of a leveling off stage there.

Let me turn to Section 93 with you and get into this picture and see things in regard to the plan of life, in light of some of the things we have already said. When we come back here to this eternal part, what do we call this eternal part back here? This is what we call intelligence. (D&C 93)

29 Man was also in the beginning with God. Intelligence, or the light of truth (primal intelligence), was not created or made, neither indeed can be.

Now what does the next verse say? One of the great classic statements concerning the order of life.

30 All truth is independent in that sphere in which God has placed it, to act for itself, as all intelligence also; otherwise there is no existence.

All intelligence includes the intelligence of the person it's about, otherwise, there's no existence. That basic principle has several applications. "All truth is

independent in that sphere in which God has placed it, to act for itself, as all intelligence also; otherwise there is no existence.” To take just one application, as it applies to the primal life of man, that primal life had to be independent. Now was it independent of God? No. It’s independent in the sphere in which God had placed it. There’s a distinction there. This intelligence is as old as God, but was independent of Him back here? No. It was independent in the sphere in which He placed it. What does that mean? That means there’s an order of life.

QUESTION: If God is old as we are, how did he get over us?

ANSWER: He got out of that sphere before we did.

There was this development, He moved out of it first. And when you get up here into the enteral marriage thing, there are three kingdoms in the celestial are there not? Three basic ones, there’s more than that, They had power to beget spirit children, so what do they do? They go back into the realm of primal intelligence and organize spirit to become their children, and take them through the program.

COMMENT: It started somewhere!

Hyrum - There’s a beginning of a program, we don’t know much about this, but we do know God ordained laws for it. There were various laws ordained according to the state and level of perception and power to perceive, to apply, simulate, and all of that. So it’s kind of in the sphere that God has placed it. Now, for example, the Book of Mormon talks about Christ, and it says that he was the chosen of the Father from the beginning. The Book of Moses chapter four says that also. The chosen from the beginning. Chosen in what sense? Chosen to be the first born. So out of these intelligences, then Christ got a head of us, to start with. He was chosen to be the first born, and chosen to be the only begotten, and chosen to be the creator, chosen to be the Redeemer in the mind of the Father clear back here (primal state).

QUESTION: Is this something that he earned at that point or was it because he was born first?

ANSWER: It is something that he merited. Section 93 tells us that even Christ, who lived perfectly, received grace for grace, he merited it by obedience, but it’s a grace ball game all the way. We do not earn, but we merit.

QUESTION: I was kind of wondering, why and how did Christ become the first, how did he become a first intelligence and not one of us. Did He just go and pick a perfect intelligence. or....?

ANSWER: Let me just suggest to you, that this role of being the first born is a very select thing. You don't pick out just anyone and say hay! I want you to be my first born, because that person has to have independence here, and that principle of independence carries through. He's got himself and has all the qualities that relate to independence, so when it comes to the time of laying down his life, as a sacrifice for sin, he's going to go through with it.

We move from here to here to a birth process, and that's as literal a process of birth as what we have now. It involves the sacred congenial relationships of marriage. It's a conception process. That's part of Celestial marriage is all about, it's a vital part of it. Somehow, that primal intelligence then became identified with our Father in Heaven. And in that birth process, issued from Him and his eternal mate combined together, and not only organized, there were two things that happened: One, there was an organization, and the other there was a fusion of qualities of men. In both cases there were great benefits that derived by it. For example, when you have individuals who are free, mature, and responsible, and you organize them together. One and one equals three.

QUESTION: Why's that?

ANSWER: Because there's a benefit that comes from concerted union, over and above, the combined benefit that could be achieved by the two individuals separately alone. If you don't believe that just look at your wife and see what's you've got here. You've got all these kids and they are part of a union, that would not have been possible. One and one has become more than three as I look around. One and one can become a multitude.

This primal intelligence, I don't know what shape it is in, let's just draw a circle on board. That primal intelligence is associated with that kind of substance that we call spirit. Spirit is matter, it's a substance, it's stuff. There is not such thing as immaterial matter. A part of that matter is a plus sign, it's spirit, so then this is intelligence, so the quality that is inherit in it, is intelligence.

QUESTION: So is the primal intelligence a building block?

ANSWER: Yes,

In other words intelligence is an inherit property within the substance called spirit. In here, what does inherit mean? Just in there, it's in there, it's not put there, it's in there period. If spirit is eternal, how old is intelligence? It's eternal.

In this conception process your spirit body is made up of many, many elements of spirit. I have a little finger and it's got a spirit finger to it. That spirit finger is made up of elements of spirit. Each element has inherit within it a property of life. Take the elements of my arm they are the same. I take the elements of my head, hopefully, there's a higher quality of them up there. Sometimes that's not always true.

COMMENT AND QUESTION: Now back a while, you mentioned, Jehovah as the first born was strictly back here in primal intelligence. Are those primal intelligence identifiable as individual?

ANSWER: If they are independent they are individual.

QUESTION: So, Elohim can go and find a primal intelligence and he select the ones he wants to put in.....?

ANSWER: There are some that have the capability of being the number one boy of the spirit body. Then there's others here who have the property of life that are organized in union with it. So that when you get that person (end of tape, missing data) Somewhere up here there's that central primal intelligence that is organized in union with the whole organized being, which is composed of spirit with different properties of life and they are all subordinate to it. Now what does that do? We said that one plus one equals three. Can that central primal intelligence up there as it moves over here progress in ways that it couldn't back here? Why? Because there are benefits that come certainly. Do you see that?

COMMENT: As you just said in answer to that question. For those individuals that intelligence was born in them they didn't earn it or achieve it. It comes along with them.....

ANSWER: The central primal intelligence is there. It comes with them. That's why I say I disagreed with you a minute ago. Because that primal intelligence is different from another and when you get the spirit body they are not all equal.

Let me develop another feature of this.

COMMENT: I've got a book home that says in the beginning we are all equal.

Well, that's not the doctrine of scripture. I don't want to upset the doctrine of the church but that is not doctrine.

COMMENT: Now that's interesting that gets me thinking that a person never earns his estate or station in this life. If that comes along with part of his being.

I'm saying that the organization of the spirit body is the process of the organization itself gives power. Power derives from organization. That's one of the great fundamentals, power derives, You see that all through. You organize a Model T and it's not really well organized. It goes down the road 60 mph 20 up, 20 down, and 20 forward. Sometimes that last 20 is lacking. You organize a Rolls Royce and what do you get? A higher organism, a greater power. Now power derives from organization. That's just a basic principal to make things work.

COMMENT AND QUESTION: If we organize ourselves in the intelligent world, where we started feeling we needed to go somewhere, we needed someone to lead us, to carry us onward, we chose Christ, that's the chosen one you've been talking about. You say Christ was chosen, did we chose him ourselves to be our leader?

ANSWER: The Father chose Him and we sustained the action.

COMMENT: You said, that God also came out of our intelligent being who created us.

We are starting to talk about a one legged creature and I want to put the other leg on. I want to get the full animal there so we can look at it. We've said, for example, that there was an organization of spirit elements and it was done through conception of birth process. And one significant thing that comes out of that is the benefits of union. Another thing that comes out of it, is that birth is not merely an organization. Birth is the passing on of traits and characteristics. You are what you are because of your dad and mother, in many ways, weather you want to believe that or not. Your looks, our height, whether you get fat or skinny. You are also in many ways even in personality, you inherit family traits.

I was talking one hundred miles an hour up in Idaho once, a good sister came up to me afterwards and said: "I knew your folks before you were born. You look like your mother and act like your dad." There's a lot to that, she had pretty well pegged it. But birth is a passing on traits. Now, when we were born as children of our Father in Heaven were we just organized like, for example, he would go out to his favorite work shop and get his lathe out, and bring out a little creature, and hold him up there and say: Hey! that looks like me, I think I'll take him as my son. Now that's a trinket. We are NOT trinkets, we are children of God. In the conception process there were two things that happened. First, there was an organization in the born stature as God, this primal intelligence up here didn't have arms and legs, this comes in spirit birth. And second thing that

happened is what I call the fusion doctrine of principle. God fused into us the characteristics of His being, of His character, of His nature. And in order for us to receive those then, it's what again, I call another term I like to use, that's the mixing principle. You can't mix something with a vacuum. You got to have something there with which something can be mixed. You got to add light to light, truth to truth, intelligence to intelligence, and capability to capability. So that in spirit birth, then, God did two things, we were organized and also had fused into us through the conception and birth process the character and qualities of God, our Father and our Mother.

What you got depended on what you had to start with, what you could bring to that preexistence. Christ was of such a nature in His progress in primal intelligence, back here, that when He came to the conception and birth process as a spirit, there was not restriction of what the Father could use Him. He gave Him the fulness. The term fulness is a relative term. You can have a full pint, a full quart, a full gallon, and a full barrow. When I say fulness here, I mean that He gave Christ all that you can put into a spirit, in the way of qualities of character at spirit birth, at that moment. He had no limitations, no restriction, no deficiencies. He had a fulness at that point.

COMMENT AND QUESTION: progress that far Christ in that position, can an individual now, I'm say: from mortal life and then coming back, no life could progress both physically and mentally from which we take from that, in other words, your looks, you could have been beaten up by a mob, your face is gone. Take your intelligence, start drinking boos or a lot of stuff, you start to loose your marble up here and they start to falling out. Back in the pre-mortal life can you progress with the intelligence you are talking of, can you loose some of those and start going back down?

ANSWER: Sure. The second born spirit, by following Lucifer. He died a spiritual death and lost the whole ball. game. There's a third part, and that doesn't mean a third of the spirit children of the Father. A third part is a division, not a fraction. There's a third part that went with him.

COMMENT OR QUESTION: Our eternal parents must have some ability to select this primal intelligence in that relationship. In mortal life we cannot control what's thrown at us, is that right?

ANSWER: But God does. He determines sex and the whole body. He has control of life. He has more knowledge, past, present and future.

Now, this is my opinion, and not as doctrine, and that is Christ was chosen from

the beginning. And as you read the scriptures concerning Christ, we are told that He is full of grace and truth. And in that sense then, when it came to spirit birth, He got what I would call a fulness, which is simply all that the Father could forge into or infuse into a spirit at that point. When we came to spirit birth, that was not the case. Some of us were different, some short legged as I could use that as a symbol, some of us were deficient because of the mixing principle. The Father and mother could not infuse and mix into us the fulness. That's just a basic fact. There was only one who had the fulness and that was Christ. Now that created a problem, because if the Father had gone ahead and begotten the rest of us, without making some provisions, it would be a feudal work on his part. Because if I was born with a short leg, the first thing I would do going down the track of life would be to stumble and fall on my nose. I would break one of His commandments. Believe me, the law of His justice is just as exact there as it was in the Garden of Eden or anywhere else. Transgression requires spiritual death and if there had been no provision made, we would have gone down the road, transgressed, and then we would have been faced divine justice. And you would have no alternative, but to say: Well, toddle do, and be cast out of His presence. As far as He is concerned, his work up to that point would have been feudal. Knowing that beforehand. He came to His first born, in whom the fulness centered, and said this: I've got a problem with the rest of my kids, and they are great kids, they are great intelligences, but we have to do something to help them along. Now, you have the fulness and therefore have the capability to live perfectly my law and commandment. And if you'll do that I'll continue to build light and truth or glory in you, intelligence or light and truth, I'll continue to do that to you.

But let me present you a proposition, that is simply this. These other intelligences are going to need a little help on the way and I propose to you two things: Number one, that I continue to develop my glory in you. Secondly, you then as a part of your growth and development, as a part of this whole ball game, you play a nurturing role for them which will include paying the debt of divine justice. And if you'll pay the debt of divine justice, and if you'll give the truth that I give to you to them, and develop my glory in them. See we don't get glory directly from the Father, we get it from Christ. He is Alpha and Omega, He is the Beginning and the End, everything centers in Him. Like we read in Section 93, that He is the light and life of man. You develop in them and pay the debt of justice for them, if you'll do that, then I'll give them to you. Jesus in His great high priestly prayer, in John 17, says: "Thine they were and thou gavest them to me." The

Apostle Paul tells us that the whole family of heaven is named after Christ. We were given to Christ even before we were born as spirit children. Under what circumstances? That Christ lived perfectly the law of the Father, that Christ then played a nurturing role, paying the debt of justice, and extending the glory of the Father to us and on that basis when you finally end up in the Celestial Kingdom, here in Section 76 it talks about those who really make it here in the highest estate: (Section 76)

59 Wherefore, all things are theirs, whether life or death, or things present, or things to come, all are theirs and they are Christ's, and Christ is God's.

So, while Christ is our elder brother, who does He then become? Our God and our Father. Does that nullify our relationship to the Father, the Man of Holiness? No, it's an extension of it.

So, we come back to spirit life and this primal intelligence has been organized so that here we are down here and Christ then is our elder brother, but we have also been given to Him. He then is the chosen from the beginning. He is the light and life of the world. He is Alpha and Omega. He is the Beginning and the End. He is the creator, and the redeemer, and everything relating to us, everything centers in Him. What is it's purpose then? Let's go to Section 93 again. He's talking about Christ himself. He had a fulness in the sense that He had all that He could get at that point. But He didn't have a fulness in the sense that He had all that the Father had. There's a full pint and then there's a full quart. He had a full pint, but He didn't have the full program as the Father has.

QUESTION: Does the Father have the fulness of the fulness?

ANSWER: Well, that gets into something of eternal progression.

QUESTION: Does the Father have more than Christ has?

ANSWER: His Father has more than He's got. And as the Prophet Joseph taught, intelligence exist one upon another and there is not end to it, and you go right on up.

Section 93 gives this statement concerning the two kinds of intelligence. It talks about Christ and His glory is also called the spirit of truth. Note, for example, let me insert this (Section 93)

23 Ye were also in the beginning with the Father; that which is Spirit, even the Spirit of truth;

Now, what's He talking about there? He's not talking about the primal intelligence of man. The spirit of truth is what? It's this divine thing we call glory or spirit, it's inner property is truth, so it's called the spirit of truth. And Jesus gets it first and gives it to us. And so we give Him the name title "Spirit of Truth," that's one of his names. The light and redeemer of the world the spirit of truth who came into the world. He's called the spirit of truth, why? Because He has this thing called glory, light and truth, which is the spirit of truth and to us He's the center of it, so He becomes the spirit of truth. But now of the Lord is talking of us in relationship to the spirit of truth.

23 Ye were also in the beginning with the Father; that which is Spirit, even the Spirit of truth;

So even back here then, we had this thing called the spirit of truth. We said this primal intelligence is independent, we said it had the ability to acquire something. Now what did it acquire even before spirit birth? It acquired the spirit of truth. So the Lord taking another view and opening another door in His sight into our pre-earth life and our primal being, says, that we were in the beginning with the Father, not intelligence alone, but this time He is talking about the relationship to this added quality, this added feature of life, which is called the spirit of truth.

QUESTION: At what point did God the Father received His physical body, we've talked about Him having spirits, and talked about those spirits progressing?

ANSWER: He had a father that took him from the beginning clear on through. And he dwelt on a earth like us in a fallen state. And sometimes 50 generations down someone is going to talk about you as their Father in Heaven, and say when did he get a body? Well, this is the program. Basically saying is, number one, we don't know all of the big picture. I've invented a new scripture: Believest thou, that thou doesn't know all things, Yea barely I know." Another thing I am saying is we do know basic principles. We know that this intelligence here was independent. We know that added to it is this thing called the spirit of truth. When you read the scripture, don't just read them, study them! Now, for example, in verse 23 of Section 93, it reads:

23 Ye were also in the beginning with the Father; that which is Spirit, even the Spirit of truth;

What does this semi-colon (;) mean? They haven't got through with the idea.

24 And truth is knowledge of things as they are, and as they were, and as they are to come;

Now let's stop right there. The truth, we ask what is truth. And what is the answer. We quote this passage. We kind a put it in scientific context, what is truth, well truth is knowledge of things as they are, as they were, and will be. Let me put it in human context. The definition of truth there is of the spirit of truth, which is man. This is talking about man. It's not talking about scientific facts. Let's go back and read it again.
(Section 93)

23 Ye were also in the beginning with the Father; that which is Spirit, even the Spirit of truth;

And truth, i.e., the truth, the spirit of truth, which is me in the beginning. Truth in that frame work and context is knowledge of things as they are, as they were, and are to come. To come doesn't mean everything in the future. To come is an open ended thing. To come depends on what God has ordained. God, for example, says yesterday I'm going to make a world over there. That becomes truth, because it is something that is going to come. There's no more truth to it than that. I don't know what it's going to be made of. I don't know who's going to be put on it. I don't know if it's a Telestial, Terrestrial or Celestial sphere. I don' know any of that. Now, the next day He ordains this world I'm going to create or there is going to be Celestial in the final analysis, now that's another truth to come, it hasn't happened yet. So to come, is an open ended thing, it depends on what God ordains. It's not everything for the future. It's all that's ordained and appointed for the future and that's different. And that leaves Him free to ordain something tomorrow and refine things tomorrow. And not just say He knows everything for the future, He doesn't care about everything yet for the future. Because He's going to create a whole new galaxy down there ten billion eternities away and He's not even thinking about it for now, but when He gets to it and ordains it, it will be truth to come. Now this definition of truth, I was talking about man. and He goes on and says this:
(Section 93)

25 And whatsoever is more or less than this is the spirit of that wicked one who was a liar from the beginning.

So again, it's not talking about scientific context, it's talking about truth in me, through Christ as against something is more or less than that coming from the wicked one.

24 And truth is knowledge of things as they are, and as they were, and as they are to come;

QUESTION: Were we born all at the same time?

ANSWER: No. We were born over a long period of time. Nor were we equal in that birth. Some of us are older and some of us are younger.

Back in the pre-earth life the older spirits were more beautiful. Why. Because you add light and truth. An older spirit has more time to acquire, simulate and develop it. So it acquires more of the substance of life, it's more manly, it's more womanly, it's more beautiful, it's more of that the older it gets. (Section 93)

26 The Spirit of truth is of God.

He's talked about man back here, being in the beginning, and having acquired the spirit of truth. And that truth is knowledge of things as they are, as they were, and are to come.

26 I (Christ speaking) am the Spirit of truth,

Because He's the center of it, God gave us to Him. Everything we get of life and truth we get through Christ. And for that reason He is called and given the name of Spirit of truth.

26 and John bore record of me, saying: He received a fulness of truth, yea, even of all truth.

27 And no man receiveth a fulness unless he keepeth his commandments.

28 He that keepeth his commandments receiveth truth and light, until he is glorified in truth

And what is glory then? It's truth and light. What's our objective then, what's our great purpose, what's our destiny? It's to finally get the fulness.

28 He that keepeth his commandments receiveth truth and light, until he is glorified in truth and knoweth all things.

Now how do you know all things? It's not merely an intellectual process. We know a lot about computers these days. And you can put a lot of stuff in a memory bank, and you can pull it out and retrieve it. God invented that stuff a long while ago. He has a Celestial computer and it's called the record of Heaven. And into it is feed everything that happens, and it's instantly retrievable. And when you finally come in union with God, through Christ you are fully wired up, can I put it that way? to the record of Heaven. And everything past, present, and that which is ordained to come, is immediately, instantly, available to you. That's not just an academic process, it's a

process that requires, you know, to start with this primal intelligence, to get a spirit body, because you can't get a fulness of glory without an organism, it's what I call the doctrine of organisms. You can't put glory in a vacuum! You've got to put it in a organism that is properly organized and then expanded and purified. So you start back here and you organize that and you can put part of the glory in that. Do we get a fulness back here? Not in the sense of the Celestial, but you can put part of it in there. And Christ back here had enough so with the powers of the spirit in Him He organized this whole milky way galaxy. The whole cotton picken thing He organized.

COMMENT: In the Section 88:7-9, it says He is in the sun, moon, stars and also the earth.

It's all Christ, that's what it's talking about,

7 Which truth shineth. This is the light of Christ. As also he is in the sun, and the light of the sun, and the power thereof by which it was made.

All centered in Him. And it's centered in Him clear back when the Father gave us to Him. He created the whole thing. So there was quite a lot that you can acquire there, and we did acquire there. You can't get the fulness in the spirit, you just can't hold it. It's not organized and designed so that the fulness can be centered in it. Section 93 tells us:

33 For man is spirit. The elements are eternal, and spirit and element (matter) inseparably connected,

that's not in mortality. It's in the resurrection.

33 receive a fulness of joy.

The fulness of joy is merely what you get from the fulness of glory, it's the by product. In another way of saying it is you cannot have a fulness of glory in a person or a being, until you have spirit and matter inseparably connected. Now that requires to go through mortality and get a physical body, which is a very vital thing. But it requires also that we sanctify that physical body, that we master it, that we learn what it is to be born again, to get the spirit in our lives, and over come through faith. And those who do then, will finally come up into the highest degree in the Celestial Kingdom. They will have the powers of eternal increase, they will be able to produce both a physical and spirit body through the process of conception and birth. Both! They will have the power to go back in the realm of intelligences and organize them. And bring them on through and then provide an only begotten son in the flesh. There first born back here, will become the only begotten, and will be the redeemer of all the worlds that he creates. A sanctifier

and present them back to the father.

If you become an heir of God and a joint heir with Christ and receive the fulness, then you will have power to do everything that our Father in Heaven does. In this eternal ball game you will have power of life and of death and all things that relate to that. There will be a graduation in the sense even at that level. There are as many different degrees in the highest degree of the Celestial Kingdom as there are men that inherit it. But never the less, each person will have that fulness in the sense of capability to go back and do the whole ball game.

Christ becoming the first born and our God and our Father, will be the one through whom we get that fulness. In the eternal world then, He will still be our head. (Ether 3)

14 In me shall all mankind have life, and that eternally,

The whole process of moving on up you will receive life eternally through Christ. Yes, while He's up there and has a higher exaltation, all the people who get a fulness through Him will become His sons and daughters. I'm over here in one of those corners, I get the fulness, I can do the whole ball game, but I don't have all that He's got. Because He's got a pyramid under Him who concentrate to Him. In the mean time I can finally develop to a comparable state where He is, although I don't become a savior and redeemer in that sense. Let me just conclude. Let's go back to Section 93, for an important point; John gives us here the testimony of Christ. And he says, in the sense of this ultimate fulness, that he did not receive the fulness at first, but received grace for grace; Grace is something that's unearned. That's why I hate the word earned. It's unearned, not necessarily unmerited. You don't give an equivalent for it. You don't go out and say: okay it's in value worth that much gold and I put this much down, and therefore I get that. You don't earn a remission of sins. You don't earn the gift of the Holy Ghost. You don't earn a resurrection. You don't earn the endowment of Celestial Glory. YOU MERIT IT! And it's given to you, by grace are ye saved through faith. And that is a true statement. Now the sectarians have perverted it, some of them have so much grace it's a disgrace. He received grace for grace. (Section 93)

12 And I, John, saw that he received not of the fulness at the first, but received grace for grace;

13 And he received not of the fulness at first, but continued from grace to grace, until he received a fulness;

Now grace for grace means: You've got to give grace to get grace. And that means service. Doing the will of the Father is the way He did it. He gave grace and the Father gave Him grace. The great last gift of grace that He gave was to make the atonement and gave His whole being for the payment of the debt of justice. And what did the Father give Him back? The resurrection and the fulness in the Celestial World. You see grace for grace, and went from grace to grace, that's a step ladder thing. And John goes on:

16 And I, John, bear record that he received a fulness of the glory of the Father; Now He finally came up to where He's on that same plain. And it was given to Him.

17 And he received all power, both in heaven and on earth, and the glory of the Father was with him, for he (the Father) dwelt in him.

Not His physical being, but His divine intelligence, the mind, the intelligent properties, the full power mentally of the intelligence and power of the Father was extended to center in Christ. So, it's the Father that's in him in His fulness. And He goes on:

19 I give unto you these sayings that you may understand and know how to worship,

Now, what's the flip side of that coin? If you don't understand this statement then what? You don't know how to worship. If you don't understand Section 93 you don't know how to worship. You can go to church and feel good, but that's really not knowing how to worship.

19 I give unto you these sayings 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 fulness.

What's the great objective then? To get the fulness directly from the Father? No! But through Christ.

20 For if you keep my commandments you shall receive of his fulness, and be glorified in me as I am in the Father; therefore, I say unto you, you shall receive grace for grace.

Once we have a remission of our sins does that get us into the Celestial Kingdom. No! The Telestial world gets a remission of sins. Now what gets us to the

Celestial Kingdom. The remission of sins plus receiving grace for grace, until finally, one step upon another, one endowment upon another, you finally come in the resurrection to where you get the fulness that the Father has given to Christ, and are glorified in Him. And the primal intelligence back there will not only have an organization that is superb, it will have infused in it all the intelligence and attributes and character of the Father through Christ. Now that's the great ball game of life. That's just opening the door and there's so much to it. But it's a beautiful thing and it begins to show us then who we are. As I said to begin with in respect to the size of the universe we are infinitesimal. In respect to the plan, then you can become yourself a creator of all things. Now the Lord bless us, I pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.