

death. LDS missionaries come from paradise and preach the gospel. Those who respond positively progress toward the Celestial Kingdom, aided by LDS temple work done on their behalf by LDS people still living on earth.

c. *Hell*: That part of the spirit world where wicked spirits go following death to suffer for their sins while awaiting their eventual resurrection. After their resurrection the great majority of these persons will pass into the Telestial Kingdom. Thus, for those who are heirs of some degree of salvation, hell has an end. However, those who have given themselves over wholly to satanic purposes will be cast into outer darkness following their judgment.

2. *Final Judgment*: The time when God assigns all people to their eternal destiny. This occurs at the end of earth history.

3. *Post-Judgment*: Post-Judgment consists of heaven and hell. Heaven is divided into three descending parts: Celestial Kingdom, Terrestrial Kingdom and Telestial Kingdom. Hell consists only of Outer Darkness. These are permanent assignments.

a. *Celestial Kingdom*: The Celestial Kingdom is populated only by those who have accepted LDS doctrines and ordinances. It is divided into three levels in descending order. The highest is for those who have been obedient to the gospel and have been married in an LDS temple. No one goes into the highest level of the Celestial Kingdom single. Males at this level become gods of their own worlds and are worshipped. The Celestial Kingdom is the only place where Heavenly Father resides and governs. The second level is for LDS

who are more active in LDS church positions, but not involved in temple rituals. The lowest level is for those who have received LDS baptism. Both the second and third levels serve those in the highest level.

b. *Terrestrial Kingdom*: The Terrestrial Kingdom is only for those who have not heard the Restored Gospel as taught by the LDS or who have been good and honorable but blinded by the craftiness of men. Jesus will visit the Terrestrial Kingdom to converse, but Heavenly Father will not.

c. *Telestial Kingdom*: The Telestial Kingdom is for the dishonest, liars, sorcerers, adulterers, and whoremongers. It is also for all those who heard but rejected the Restored Gospel as taught by the LDS, including former members of the LDS church. Neither Jesus nor Heavenly Father will ever visit the Telestial Kingdom.

d. *Outer Darkness*: (also called the Second Death): Second Death is the place to which Satan, unrighteous spirits, and extreme cases of apostasy such as Cain and Judas are sent following judgment.

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A Lexicon of Latter-day Saints Terminology – Part One

1. The Godhead

God: There are many gods. Gods have physical bodies, one of more wives and an endless progeny of children. Each man holds the potential of being god of his own world. Our world (earth) relates to and worships “Heavenly Father.” The godhead consists of three separate gods: Heavenly Father, Jesus Christ, and Holy Ghost.

A. *Heavenly Father*: Heavenly Father has a body of flesh and bones and once was mortal. He is a resurrected human being from another earth system and now lives above the earth.

B. *Jesus Christ*: We are all spirit children of Heavenly Father. Jesus is Heavenly Father’s eldest Spirit child (see Pre-Mortal—First Estate). He came to earth in spirit as Jehovah in the Old Testament. In this state he organized earth. He came to earth in a body that came from the sexual intercourse between Heavenly Father and Mary, who was a virgin until that experience. Jesus’ death secured immortality (life after death) for all people and also secured the opportunity for spiritual advancement. The quality of life achieved in immortality is the individual’s responsibility.

C. *Holy Ghost*: The Holy Ghost is separate from Heavenly Father and Jesus, and different from Holy Spirit. The Holy

Ghost is a spirit person (no flesh and bones), can only be in one place at a time but can influence the world, and is the revealer and testifier of truth

D. *Holy Spirit*: Heavenly Father's spirit and extended power.

II. Entities and Events

A. *Adam*: Adam led righteous angels in victorious battle and cast out Lucifer and his rebels. The spirit name of Adam was Michael the Archangel. For his service Adam was placed on earth as an immortal (no blood) and could not have children. Eve succumbed to the serpent and ate fruit from the tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. Adam had to choose whether to become mortal (disobeying Heavenly Father and eating of the fruit) or remain immortal (disobeying Heavenly Father by not being fruitful). Adam chose the better of these two sins and introduced mortality for the whole world. This blessing makes it possible for all people to inherit eternal life. Thus Adam fell up.

B. *Lucifer*: Lucifer is the younger brother of Jesus who led a rebellion against Heavenly Father. He tempted Eve knowing that her eternal progress depended upon her becoming mortal. He unwittingly helped Heavenly Father accomplish his purposes. For his rebellion Lucifer and his followers will never have mortal bodies.

C. *Creation*: Creation is considered to be a re-forming of eternally existent matter, energy, and spirit. Taking these elements Jesus (as Jehovah) formed all worlds

(including earth) under the direction of God the Father.

III. Holy Books

A. *Bible*: The Bible. Old and New Testament, is the first revelation from God, but only one of many. In itself the Bible does not contain sufficient information for salvation. It is to be understood only as correctly interpreted by proper LDS authority, as the Bible is believed to have been corrupted through the centuries. The King James Version is the only acceptable and complete English version of the Bible. To understand the King James Version from a Mormon perspective, Joseph Smith revealed the Inspired Version of the Bible (Joseph Smith's own translation).

B. *Scriptures*: Mormon scriptures include the Bible, *Book of Mormon* (ancient American history as revealed to Joseph Smith in hidden golden tablets), *Doctrine and Covenants* (primarily Joseph Smith's revelations on a variety of subjects, mostly in chronological order from 1823-1901), and *Pearl of Great Price* (a selection of revelations, translations, and narrations from Joseph Smith).

C. *Gospel*: (Restored Gospel): The gospel is atonement as realized in LDS practices and doctrines (tithing, temple work, celestial marriage, rites, authorities, word of wisdom, and moral purity). By obedience to gospel a male achieves godhood with a female. LDS believe that theirs is the restored gospel containing the necessary ordinances for salvation.

IV. Eschatology

Eternal Progression: There is a Pre-Mortality and a Post-Mortality. Between these two is our earthly existence. Together they constitute Heavenly Father's program through which our eternal destiny will be decided.

A. *Pre-Mortal*: (also called First Estate): In this period of human development, God the Father created spirit children. Spirit children are humans without bodies of flesh and bone yet with intelligence, free will, and experience. Spirit children, born to "Heavenly Father," advance to earth (the Second Estate") through righteous pre-earth existence.

B. *Mortal* (also called Second Estate): In this estate, human bodies are provided for worthy spirit children by human sexual intercourse. Life on earth is a testing time that requires all to be separated from Heavenly Father and to prove ability to obey the gospel, which contains Heavenly Father's commands. Obtaining a human body is essential for spiritual advancement.

C. *Post-Mortal*: (also called Third Estate): This is the last stage of development in Mormon theology. Final destiny consists of three parts.

1. *First-Judgment*: Immediately after physical death all human beings go to either Paradise or Spirit Prison where they are held until Post Judgment.

a. *Paradise*: A place righteous LDS go immediately following death until judgment, when they will be invited into the Celestial Kingdom.

b. *Spirit Prison*: The place where all non-LDS people go immediately following