

Chapter 43

How “god” Became “God” / Psalms 81: 5-6 / John 10: 34

We have supposed that God has been “God,” from eternity to eternity, having no beginning and no end. This is ONLY true in the nature of his Spirit and the divine potential of the Spirit to become a “God!” And so, it is with all humanity. Our Spirit has precise gender and potential, we are either male or female for a purpose, and for a reason that “divine potential” will teach us if we embrace it honestly.

This is why Christianity, Buddhism, Hinduism, Judaism, Muslimism, Mormonism, in fact all organized religions fear the truth of how the 1st “god” became “God,” because it explains in the simplest of terms that all men and women are created equal and that “God is no respecter of persons,” race, or religion; [Acts 10:34-35] and that all have the same potential to return back to God in the full sense of the word through faith alone, by the development and manifestation of godly attributes, such as love, patience, virtue, honesty and gratitude, etc., which attributes, are listed as the [“Fruit of the Spirit” [Galatians 5: 22-26]. These divine qualities create no boundaries, walls or partitions, they do not separate any of us from each other or from our divine potential to “become,” [as “God” is].

Since all are created in “Gods” image; [male or female] all, both the “living and the dead” are endowed innately with the same “potential” to “become” in character and attribute as He [God] is. “Potential” not only suggests, but establishes indisputably the fact that mankind’s inherent capacity is to “become” as God is, for there is no mystery here on Earth that children have the “potential” and capacity to become like their parents. On our spiritual side, it is called our divine inheritance and birthright. The power to “become” godly and divine in thought, word and deed is the true spirit and power of Elijah and is the ONLY real way the “hearts of the fathers and the children” [Malachi 4] can “become” one and sealed together through the “oneness” of the “fruits of the Spirit.” There is No other way but this way to “become” “one with God,” and the God of Heaven and Earth have been striving to teach this lesson to His children from the beginning.

Since God is the Father of us all [not the father of our spirits], for we have always existed as “spirit beings,” of light, truth and intelligence (Abraham 3:18) which

puts our Father in Heaven as the example for us all; “the great prototype of all saved beings,” [Lectures on Faith 7: 16] and this makes perfect sense that our greatest “potential” is to become like He is. Therefore, by bringing to fruition that, which we already possess in character and attributes, is what mortality and life is all about. God “created man in his own image,” so that mankind could pattern his life after His, with faith and integrity. “Gods Image,” refers to our “potential to become” as He is [divine, virtuous, and holy].

This thought in the minds of fallen man [that would be all of us at some point] creates accountability [I’m responsible for my own choices] which could create a fear that man generally does not what to face, because it threatens “belief systems and egos;” and places the nature of sin or blame squarely on “self,” and when we make the mistake of sinning against our own “divine potential,” it causes fear, and its train of attendants follow [2 Peter 2:1-22]. Which could be a good thing if we “forgive, repent” and return to our “divine potential.” “Divine Potential” requires personal accountability for one’s own thoughts, words, and deeds. In a fallen state, it’s much easier to let someone else carry the burden or blame of our sins and most of mankind believes in this system. “The scapegoat” [Leviticus 15:30]. Let someone else pay the price for my sins or take the blame for my crimes. Man’s quickness to “blame” someone else comes from his marriage with fear, guilt, pride, greed, anger, immorality or any of the lusts of the flesh. This comes because we have sinned against our own “divine potential,” which is innately apart of who we really are. We have become blinded to our abundance of “divine potential,” and settled for a lesser inheritance that fear, guilt, pride, lust, anger and greed offer us. Such is the nature of fallen man. Welcome to mortality, right! Well, that is why we are here, to overcome our “fallen nature,” and embrace our “divine nature.”

When mankind falls to a level of thinking that caters to the “lusts of the flesh,” God has chosen to speak to man through symbols [including prophets] that has the potential to touch and awaken in us our spiritual birthright and inheritance of “divine potential” so we can “become” one with Him. Without “divine potential,” “god” could never have become a “God.” It is that simple! Take away just one “divine attribute” from “God” and He would cease to be a “God.”

“Fallen man” has taken our “divine potential” and replaced it with a “God” of “brick and mortar,” instead of focusing on “becoming” like Him in character and

attribute, we are taught to worship God through images of organized religion. Hence fallen man has embraced “images” of God to worship through “the gods of nature,” the gods of stone images, statues, temples, churches, crosses, alters, garments of all kinds, “ordinances and ceremonies,” that have no capacity to taste, smell, see, hear, or speak. “Wherefore if ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances, (Touch not; taste not; handle not; which all are to perish with the using;) after the commandments and doctrines of men?” [Colossians 2: 20-23].

All religious ceremonies are symbols of this truth. If religious rituals could speak, they would declare: “It not the ceremonies and ordinances of organized religion that are absolute to salvation in Fathers Kingdom, [Celestial Glory] it is the individual act of ‘becoming’ in character and divine attributes that defines who we are and how the ‘1st God’ actually became “God.” This my friend is exactly what determines the act of “becoming” as He is if we wake up. Religious ceremony’s [the restorations] whole purpose is to teach those who have fallen from “grace,” [grace is our divine potential] and embrace the “will of God” [the “will of God,” is a covenant with godliness and holiness within]. “The kingdom of God is within you” [Luke 17:21]. And you are the true “temple of the living God,” don’t ever forget that! [2 Corinthians 6:16-18]. If you want a relationship with “organized religion” it is all around us. If you want a relationship with “Christ” or “God the Father” you have to go within and “become” one with Him, this is “true worship” [the Samaritan women at Jacob’s Well; John 4: 9-30 is one of the examples for this. It is the longest recorded dialogue with a single person. An example for each of us if we want an experience with Christ and Father “face to face” here in mortality].

The greatest “service” we can ever perform in mortality is within our own soul. It’s called personal accountability to our “divine potential,” by “becoming” a real manifestation of it. “For what shall it profit a man, if he gain the whole world [through religions service] and lose his own soul?” Joseph Smith Translation of Matthew 7: 29-35 is the “key” to understanding “becoming;” “Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father...And many will say unto me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name; and in thy name cast out devils; and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I say, Ye never knew me.” If we personally don’t know the Lord, because we got so caught up in religious service

and neglected a personal relationship of “oneness” with Christ by being absolutely honest, true, chase, benevolent, virtuous patience kind and grateful in our own lives, we didn’t get it. The “will of the Father” is “divine nature,” and when we get to know Him personally, in this way we are in charge of “becoming” like Him and that accountability is yours to own, no one else owns this stewardship. By thinking a ceremony or ordinance as “absolute” to salvation rather than realizing the symbolic journey the ordinance is manifesting and guiding us to, is to separate ourselves from our “divine potential.” by requiring others to do what the 1st God never did to become a God in the first place. This is inconsistent with the whole nature of godliness, being the same yesterday, today and forever. ***“Organized religion” did not create the 1st God, “divine potential” did!*** Organized religion simply suggests to our hearts and mind, if we have the eyes to see and the ears to hear, that we are eternal spiritual beings with “divine potential.”

The “divine mystery” found in our “spirits potential” is true atonement, oneness, and will direct us and guide us to fulfill that “divine potential” and that is how we become “one with God and Christ [John 17]. The personification of every holy, pure and godly attribute is innate to all! It has always been this way. This way, is the way, back to Father! For what other purpose would God [the father of us all] have, in teaching us of his image and his divine nature, if we were not ment to “become” as He is in character and attribute?

The historical conflicts in religions, nations, individuals and families have happened because they have forgotten the true meaning of the words “created in my image,” and that we are to “sanctify ourselves and be holy for He is holy.” To compete for dominance, in the sense of “I’m right and you are wrong” has produced a lot of wars and contentions throughout history. Humanity has left the simplicity of “becoming” in character and divine attribute as God is for lust, greed, pride, ego, power and control over others in the moment of testing.

The “divine potential” of mankind ought to be the main focus of all governments and religions: which if it were, would eliminate all of humanities problems today. The ideal is not to conquer a nation or people with fear, but with the integrity of developing a holy and pure character, personifying the very character of God, in whose image we are created in. If this were the case, men and women of honesty and virtue would be in our leadership roles and the world would change

dramatically for the better. The debate would not be “church and state” nor would it be religion against religion or nation against nation for all decisions would be based on principles of the noblest character of honesty, and virtue.

The obvious would be obvious to all and pride, fear, greed and power and authority to control others, which is characteristic of all organizations on earth would change; and the focus would be in our potential to become divine and holy beings. Laws would then be enacted from that common foundation of equality based on our “potential to become” more honest, virtuous, benevolent and our motto “In God We Trust” would be realized. To be co-equal with God [is our potential in divine nature] and to be co-eternal with God [is to realize we have always existed as a “spirit being” of light, truth and intelligence]. The idea of “becoming” godly in attribute and character as God is, is not taught in religion or schools. Why? Because the only ones who “fear” this belief are the ones who fear losing their control over others because they themselves have lost control of their own “divine potential.” This is the “circle of death,” rather than the “circle of life.”

When our “divine potential” is taught and lived in its fulness [Lectures on Faith 7: 13-18 is another example of “becoming”] and if it became the foundation in our individual lives, in our families lives, in our communities, in our religions, in our politics; it is then nations will war no more. “One Nation Under God,” will take on new meaning because our “divine potential” will be taught everywhere! The scriptures call this “Be Born Again!” [John 3:3-7; 1 Peter 1:22-23; Alma 5:49].

“And let every man esteem his brother as himself, and practice virtue and holiness before me. And again, I say unto you, let every man esteem his brother as himself. For what man among you having twelve sons, and is no respecter of them, and they serve him obediently, and he saith unto the one: Be thou clothed in robes and sit thou here; and to the other: Be thou clothed in rags and sit thou there—and looketh upon his sons and saith I am just? Behold, this I have given unto you as a parable, and it is even as I am. I say unto you, be one; and if ye are not one ye are not mine” (Doctrine and Covenants | Section 38:24 - 27).

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