

SYLVIA'S CORNER

SO YOU WANT TO BECOME GOD!

"You can become a god or goddess, have your own planet and raise spirit children," they said.

Wow, I thought. That sounds **important!** It appealed to MY sinful, prideful nature. The idea of becoming a God is as old as time. Do you know who the first creature was that came up with this idea? If you recall, it started in Genesis 3:5 when the serpent told Eve that if she ate the forbidden fruit she would be like God. How enticing!

This concept still appeals to man's desire for control. Steeped in pride, it has continued to attract humans to this day. New Agers have re-packaged this lie as well. In one of Shirley McLaine's books, she declares that she is god.

Mormons spend their entire lives doing good works and going to the temple in order to achieve godhood in the Celestial Kingdom when they die. I found an interesting scripture in Psalm 96:5. It says all of the gods of the earth are idols. Hmm---interesting! Then if we look in the book of Isaiah, over and over again it says that He, (meaning God) is the only God. In Isaiah 48:12 He says that He is the first and the last. In Isaiah 43:10 the Bible says that before Him was no god formed, neither will there be one after Him. Other scriptures to check would be Deuteronomy 4:35, Isaiah 40:25, Isaiah 44:6, Isaiah 45:21-22, Isaiah 46:9, and more!

Over and over God tells us who He is. I think that He's trying to get His point across! Are we listening? God is not a man that achieved godhood. He has always existed as God. I Chronicles 16:36 says that they praised the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

Come on now. Do you really think that man, a created being, could create the earth? Could a man create all life forms, stars, angels, and people? And could a finite being be omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipre-

sent? Are any of us sinless like Jesus? Scripture tells us in Hebrews 4:15 that Jesus Christ was the only one who lived on the earth without sin.

Now let's turn our attention to the attributes of God, the Father, for a minute. Joseph Smith said, As man is, God once was. As God is, man may become. But is this what the Bible says? In John 4:24, Jesus says that God, the Father, is **spirit** and we must worship Him in spirit and in truth.

I am content to dwell with Jesus in heaven for eternity. I long to fellowship with all that have gone before me. I don't need to be a goddess. I will have an eternity to worship the Lord and experience the glory of heaven. That's going to be plenty for me!