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PRE-EXISTENCE

As a Mormon, I had been taught that before we became human beings on this earth, we existed elsewhere as spirit beings. This is **NOT** mentioned in the Bible. In fact, Genesis 3:19 says that men came from dust! Here is a case where the Lord actually spoke and said, "In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread till thou return to the ground; for out of it wast thou taken; for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return." Again in Genesis 2:7 it says, it says, "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." He became a living soul **AFTER** God breathed life into him.

Searching further, I came upon another scripture that is really clear, and should settle the issue once and for all. That scripture reads; "Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and **AFTERWARD** which is spiritual.

Since Mormonism teaches that we were spiritual before becoming natural, we have come across a clear contradiction!

In talking to a Mormon, they might try to substantiate their belief by using Proverbs 8:22-31. By only reading that small part of the text, the context is lost. In reading the whole chapter, we can really see that it's talking about wisdom, not pre-existence.

In Romans 4:17, it talks about things that hadn't begun yet. There it says that God "callesh those things that are not as though they were."

Mormons use their scripture in Moses 3:5 to claim that things were created spiritually first, but 1 Corinthians 15:46 states otherwise.

It never ceases to amaze me how God anticipated answers to everything in His word. All we have to do is familiarize ourselves with it. When we study the entire scripture, the meaning always becomes perfectly clear.