

In LDS Theology do women become Goddesses?

Posted by: [itsgettingbetter543](#) ()

Date: April 14, 2017 10:53PM

When I was a mormon, I think I always pictured that I would be a goddess equal to my husband after i died. Upon reflection, after realizing the church was not true, I realized that Heavenly Mother seemed to have no power to answer prayers, or doing anything other than make spirit babies. So is she actually a god too, or are only men gods?

So my questions are:

- 1) What do you think Mormon theology actually is/was on this topic? (I know it changes sometimes)
- 2) What was your perception of a women's role in the highest level of the celestial kingdom when you were a believer?
- 3) If women don't think they will be gods what do you think the appeal of mormonism is?

Re: In LDS Theology do women become Goddesses?

Posted by: [rebeljamesdean](#) ()

Date: April 14, 2017 11:50PM

My understanding is that the Church teaches God is married. I know of no other doctrine than that.

You should try praying to her, women are generally better listeners, therefore more likely you will get an answer. Lol

Re: In LDS Theology do women become Goddesses?

Posted by: [peculiargifts](#) ()

Date: April 15, 2017 12:09AM

I don't know what Mormon theology used to teach on the subject. All that I was aware of was that women would be mothers, over and over, for freaking ever.

As far as the appeal of Mormonism to women members --- I have always suspected that the appeal was that they would have husbands who were gods. And therefore, were about as high in status as a woman could get, in the Mormon world.

Status was everything.

As to the little details such as being forced to share hubbygod with multiple wives and the whole babies beyond numbering forever, all of the devoted Mormon women whom I knew simply chose to ignore the whole issue. "It will all be worked out and we will understand it all so beautifully well. There will be no problems." That was how the believing Mormon women whom I knew dealt with it.

And then they took another hit of valium.

Re: In LDS Theology do women become Goddesses?

Posted by: **badassadam** ()

Date: April 15, 2017 12:24AM

I actually like the idea of God being a woman, every therapist or counselor I have are women for a reason they are just better and smarter in a lot of fields than men mostly medical related no offense but men are terrible at certain things like one on one counseling and correct diagnosing things from my experience. For example I went through hell with male doctors wrongly diagnosing me for years until I went to a woman who quickly and correctly diagnosed me so now we can actually make some progress. For the most part I just don't get along with men either not sure why but it probably has to do with church, the workforce, and the medical profession, everybody is a jackass or a high and mighty I'm something special, or a dickhead. Sorry but you are all nobodies.

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Re: In LDS Theology do women become Goddesses?

Posted by: **Breeze** ()

Date: April 15, 2017 12:33AM

They become "Matrons."

That's the official title for a Mormon Temple President's wife

Re: In LDS Theology do women become Goddesses?

Posted by: **EM10** ()

Date: April 15, 2017 01:26AM

I was told that after this life, you and your spouse get to be god and goddess of your own universe and theoretically do whatever you want, and our heavenly parents had just agreed that she would stay in the dark because he loved her soo much. This was one of the things that boggled my mind and confused me so much that I started questioning thd church. Thank goodness!

Re: In LDS Theology do women become Goddesses?

Posted by: **NeverMoJohn** ()
Date: April 16, 2017 12:33AM

Thank goddess!

Re: In LDS Theology do women become Goddesses? ABSOLUTELY YES Posted by: **paintinginthewin** ()
Date: April 15, 2017 02:29AM

however the Mormon theology does not incorporate neat things such as bilocation or instant translation of foreign languages or healing or building mountains or trees or time lapse photography stuff like speeding up time or slowing down time or even, changing the time line (such as through prayer)

And I don't think Mormon theology professes a Wonder Woman goddess strong woman warrior problem solver fixer with or without tech archetype.

It seems to be spending eternity pregnant possibly meeting or mingling with uh, children? without bodies they might slip through walls or away from the planet so they'd be sort of hard to keep of track of, perhaps twinkles or trails of star dust or something and special spirit eyes (its hard to enhance the nonvisual since, uh, the spirit children won't have bodies, but you might be a resurrected body goddess type. lol that wasn't spelled out)

Any way on your planet where time collapsed or lapsed there would be like your husband the god and the other goddesses. And um I'm not sure about that. How does that fit into goodness?

is the planet a trap? is it like a fence in eternity wouldn't that rule out any other adventures learning and possibilities.

I think little tiny teenager Joeseph Smith's mind was too limited to metaphysically even imagine what a goddess could be.

Re: In LDS Theology do women become Goddesses?

Posted by: **nonsequiter** ()

Date: April 15, 2017 03:35AM

1) What do you think Mormon theology actually is/was on this topic? (I know it changes sometimes)

Well, a woman is much like another step towards godhood for the men. I was taught at institute and seminary that a marriage with one man and one woman was a requirement for the highest degree of the celestial kingdom. In other words, you need a temple marriage if you want to be the best of the best, no matter how good you are otherwise.

2) What was your perception of a women's role in the highest level of the celestial kingdom when you were a believer?

I believed that the women would indeed produce the babies. It was their role after all and they "chose" it. I believed that she would likely be involved in the creation of worlds, maybe her god husband consulted her? But ultimately I knew the man would be making all the decisions.

3) If women don't think they will be gods what do you think the appeal of mormonism is?

For women it structures their men's lives. The church preoccupies the (loyal) priesthood holder. It also constantly reminds him of his duty to his family, her and her children.

I think a lot of women have found comfort in the strong armed message of the church. Do your duty to your family or be damned. I dont really know how true that may be in reality but the message is definitely there.

Personally, as a male, Im not sure why the women arent typically more questioning of the authority bias within the lds church. Even as a teenager and then young adult myself I could plainly see that the males did all the important stuff and the women were just another "hoop" to jump through towards godhood.

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Re: In LDS Theology do women become Goddesses?

Posted by: **Aquarius123** ()

Date: April 15, 2017 05:46AM

It was in my patriarchal blessing that I was to become a goddess. Yeah, whatever dumba\$\$\$. Lololol Now, many years after being out the whole thing sounds like a big fortune cookie.LOLOL

Re: In LDS Theology do women become Goddesses?

Posted by: **PasserBy** ()

Date: April 15, 2017 07:38AM

I believe women can become goddesses, in LDS theology, as well as men. The best theology is that there is a Creator God and Goddess, who are in eternal Union- which union is usually just called God. They are called The Unbegotten Ones. Begotten deities are like their Sons and Daughters. Only-Begotten Son Of God, as an epithet of Jesus, is not really correct- the early gospel writers were addressing the less learned masses, and also were interested in establishing the religion as supreme. Well-Beloved or Begotten Son is correct...

I do not believe a woman who becomes a goddess is necessarily with someone there, in the Otherworld.

Re: In LDS Theology do women become Goddesses?

Posted by: **canary21** ()

Date: April 15, 2017 10:10AM

I sat in Institute and apparently, women do become goddesses and priestesses.

Re: In LDS Theology do women become Goddesses?

Posted by: **Chicken N. Backpacks** ()

Date: April 15, 2017 10:20AM

D&C 132 is still in effect, so what do you do with one god married to several goddesses? Do you give each one a planet of her own and spend different weeknights at each one?

Re: In LDS Theology do women become Goddesses?

Posted by: **rhgc** ()

Date: April 15, 2017 02:27PM

I guess each goddess has her own tribe or race or subrace – so they can be distinguished. lol.

I was taught Gods and Goddesses

Posted by: **cl2** ()

Date: April 15, 2017 10:33AM

Somewhere along the line came polygamy, which I was NOT in favor of.

What did I want? Status? No!!!! My husband to be a God? No.

I wanted my family with me. I never wanted to lose my husband or children. I actually wanted my siblings and parents with me, though my sisters drive me insane. My niece and nephews (only 1 niece). That's it. That was my most important reason for being mormon other than fear of what I would become if I didn't stay mormon.

Re: In LDS Theology do women become Goddesses?

Posted by: **samwitch** ()

Date: April 15, 2017 11:22AM

It's in the endowment ceremony that women will become goddesses and priestesses (unless that part has been removed).

Re: In LDS Theology do women become Goddesses?

Posted by: **Shineahbeam** ()

Date: April 15, 2017 11:48AM

The endowment says "king and queens, priests and priestesses", but goodhood is implied. I never really understood why heavenly mother was the hidden, silent partner though. I never really thought women would be pumping out babies for eternity. I wasn't aware of some of the stupid crap Brigham Young said. I had read some of what Joseph Fielding Smith wrote about intelligences, etc... I didn't understand how Elohim and Eloher were our literal parents if we always existed as intelligences and god just organized us somehow. Make more sense when you accept that past "prophets" were just making shit up.

Re: In LDS Theology do women become Goddesses?

Posted by: **Amyjo** ()

Date: April 15, 2017 06:13PM

"I never really understood why heavenly mother was the hidden, silent partner though."

To this I was taught was because God was protecting her from having her name being taken in vain, and subjected to ridicule.

Out of respect for his beloved, she became the silent partner, but was credited for weeping over her children as the occasion rose. So when I'd hear the heavens wept, it would trigger images of heavenly mother watching over her children.

Re: In LDS Theology do women become Goddesses?

Posted by: **nonsequiter** ()

Date: April 15, 2017 09:52PM

I also heard this same exact argument

Re: In LDS Theology do women become Goddesses?

Posted by: **quatermass2** ()

Date: April 15, 2017 12:25PM

Back in the '70s we were always taught that a 'goddess' (ie, the wife of a Righteous Priesthood Holder (caps intended)) had, basically, two functions:

1: to churn out endless 'spirit bodies'

2: to be "an helpmeet' (sic) ... which basically translates as being a skivvy for the all-important males.

but try to point out any forms of logical inconsistencies to Mormons and all you will get back is "this is something we won't understand until the next life"

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At the risk of tainting a good thread with humor,

Posted by: **caffiend** ()

Date: April 15, 2017 02:52PM

This bit of choice dialogue from Dr. Strangelove came to mind, and I couldn't resist posting it:

General "Buck" Turgidson: Doctor, you mentioned the ratio of ten women to each man. Now, wouldn't that necessitate the abandonment of the so-called monogamous sexual relationship, I mean, as far as men were concerned?

Dr. Strangelove: Regrettably, yes. But it is, you know, a sacrifice required for the future of the human race. I hasten to add that since each man will be required to do prodigious...service along these lines, the women will have to be selected for their sexual characteristics which will have to be of a highly stimulating nature.

Russian Ambassador: I must confess, you have an astonishingly good idea there, Doctor.

Sure--they'll be goddesses in the same sense that

Posted by: **schweizerkind** ()

Date: April 15, 2017 02:58PM

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Re: In LDS Theology do women become Goddesses?

Posted by: **slskipper** ()

Date: April 15, 2017 05:01PM

But only if their husbands let them.

Re: In LDS Theology do women become Goddesses?

Posted by: **Amyjo** ()

Date: April 15, 2017 06:15PM

The ones that are on track for becoming Goddesses in the eternities are those who have honed the art of being Mormon American Princesses here on earth.

Re: In LDS Theology do women become Goddesses?

Posted by: **GNPE1** ()

Date: April 15, 2017 07:00PM

All / most of the 'good stuff' from LDS theology has become AWOL/MIA &/or diluted to the point of no useful purpose.

they decided that the LDS 'simple minds' can't process anything other than Pray Pay Obey.

Re: In LDS Theology do women become Goddesses?

Posted by: **poopstone** ()

Date: April 15, 2017 08:36PM

Well they don't create worlds, that's mens work, they don't organize universes, men again, I guess they tend the babies? Did you know that spiders can have thousands of babies at once?

This is what women have to look forward to...

Re: In LDS Theology do women become Goddesses?

Posted by: **Brother Of Jerry** ()

Date: April 15, 2017 10:21PM

They become Goddesses in the CK. Nameless, faceless, voiceless Goddesses who are not allowed to interact with their spirit children in any way, shape, or form. A very peculiar form of motherhood.

So being a Mormon goddess, plus \$1, will get you a cup of coffee at McDonalds, provided there is a male around to order it for you.

IOW, it's bull****, worlds without end.

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