

Each of us, already a very real extension of Him (for our intelligences are literally *of* Him), could now experience life *jointly* with Him. Each instant of every day of our lives is factually a moment we share wholly with our Father in Heaven. Each of us is an actual extension of Him, living as much for Him as we do for ourselves. Our experiences and the learning we achieve through them *are* His as well, for each of us provides an unimaginable array of choices and circumstances that adds to His omniscience.

This ability, to continue to progress, is divine, as it is, and only can be, accomplished through the actions of God. The experiences God shares with us, however, are truly ours, a result of our free agency; for without our freedom, the variety of action and consequence through which progression is achieved, would be diminished, limited only by the immensity of the mind of God admittedly, but nonetheless limited.

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The world teaches us, and indeed to a certain extent, so does our *now common Latter-day* understanding of agency, that we each are agents unto ourselves; that what we do, as long as it doesn't hurt anybody else, affects us alone. We alone suffer the consequences; this is of itself, a very cornerstone of pride. Common sense tells us this independence of action is not real. None of us can act in any way that does not affect another. We are all interrelated in very real, tangible, physical ways by the laws of this Universe. We are interconnected in civil, political and social ways. We are interconnected through family and by love.

These facts are undeniable, yet because of pride, self-image and inflated self-worth, each of us, in varying degree, choose to ignore these obvious facts each and every day. Here we see, that to these so oft ignored facts, we can add another; we share our lives with a personal God in a most intimate way. In this aspect as well, we are not alone, agents unto ourselves. Our agency is His agency; and one day, we in like manner, will share our agency with our sons and daughters as well.

THAT is what eternal progression is. This is the purpose of life, the reason for Creation, all three of them, and the reason we have come to the Temporal sphere.