to tell a story, except they put into the
interstices of that story lies of their own
manu facturing. Do you not see that
destroys? They make a practice of it.
They cannot transact business except
they must lie a little. How long, do you
suppose, it will take that man to get to
heaven and to enter into celestial glory,
where lies or anything that is impure
cannot exist? It will take him as many
millions of years as there will be millions
of years to come.

Perhaps some people may think that
if we do lie and are dishonest, and so
forth and so on, when we die, the death
that comes upon us and the change that
comes upon us will change and take
away those lies, and we shall find our-
selves basking in truth. No such thing. I
may tell a lie to you—I may be dishon-
est to my neighbors and ungodly, then
I may get up and go out of doors; and I
want to know what better am I when I
go through that door than I was this side
of it? Has it changed my nature? No—
not one particle.

I will refer to brother Morley’s words.
He says, "The mind makes the man." That is true. What is the mind? It is that
character that was made and fashioned
after the image of God before these bod-
ies were made—that is, our spirits. What
is the mind? It is the spirit that was
made before this body. Do you know it?
Well, now let me tell you, it is that spirit
that makes the man. I care not how
humble he is—if his nose is three feet
long and all his body was disfigured—
I will tell you, if there is a good spirit
in that man, and that spirit cultivates
wholesome doctrine and lives to God,
you love him. It is the spirit that is in
the man that makes the man, which is
the mind that you were speaking of, fa-
ther Morley. You meant so, did you not,
father Morley? ["Yes."] Well, you did.

Well, our change from this state of
existence does not change our character.
The character must be made and formed
before it goes through the veil, if he is go-
ing to continue with the servants of God,
the Prophets.

Now, brethren, you have got a spirit
in you, and that spirit was created and
organized—was born and begotten by
our Father and our God before we ever
took these bodies; and these bodies were
formed by him, and through him, and
of him, just as much as the spirit was;
for I will tell you, he commenced and
brought forth spirits; and then, when he
completed that work, he commenced and
brought forth tabernacles for those spir-
its to dwell in. I came through him, both
spirit and body. God made the elements
that they are made of, just as much as he
made anything. Tell me the first thing
that is made on earth that God did not
organize and place here in this world.
Not a thing.

Well, it is the mind or spirit that is in
the man that makes the man. Was that
spirit a wicked spirit when it was orga-
nized and brought into existence? No—
no more than our little children are sin-
ners. But we have been led—that is, per-
verted, or rather led away from these
true principles—led into evil principles
by others. Well, then, of course, we are
not exactly as we were when we were or-
ganized. No; we have taken other men’s
books and reasonings, and fell into other
principles—led away from nature—some
say, "nature’s darkness." I do not know
anything about such a thing as nature’s
darkness. If we were as we were in our
first creation, we should be as innocent
as little children, every one of us. Per-
haps you do not see these things as I do;
but I have not any notion of my own to
communicate unto you.

You see I am the simplest fellow
there is. I wish to God I was more