Name: Dallin Williams SG God, the Eternal Father

1. Read [God the Father](https://eom.byu.edu/index.php/God_the_Father), an entry in the Encyclopedia of Mormonism
2. Share below 5 interesting things you learn about God, the Eternal Father, as taught in this article. Be sure to explain (3-5 sentences) what you find interesting or important or even confusing.
3. What questions do you have about God the Father? At the bottom of this SG share at least two questions you have based on what you have studied.

Character of God:

* God the Father, or Elohim, Ahman, or Heavenly Father, was once a man that lived on “an earth”. Through deification, or “eternal progression”, which included his union with the goddess Heavenly Mother, he became the being that he is now. God the Father is a separate individual from the other members of the “Godhead”.
* God the Father is also attributed with omnipotence and omniscience. He is not, however, all-powerful. Instead, he is limited to the natural laws of reality. He is the most powerful being because of his knowledge and mastery of these laws.
* God the Father, together with Yeshua, created all things through manipulation of the natural laws of reality. His purpose for creating all things is explained as allowing men to become gods with the power to create and rule over worlds like him, and women to become like goddesses like Heavenly Mother.
* God the Father is the literal spiritual father of all men that have lived, currently live, and will live. He loves every one of his “children”, regardless of their religious beliefs or actions. Despite loving each of his spiritual “children” equally, he reserves the best blessings for those who are devout followers of the teachings of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.
* God the Father, although powerful, will not force anyone to follow the path of exaltation. This is because God the Father respects individual agency and free will. It is the sacrifice of free will that is the highest offering in the religion.

Questions:

1. If God the Father was once a mortal man on “an earth”, what gods did he worship to receive “exaltation”?
2. If the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints does not teach or believe in predestination, what is the purpose of the second anointing?