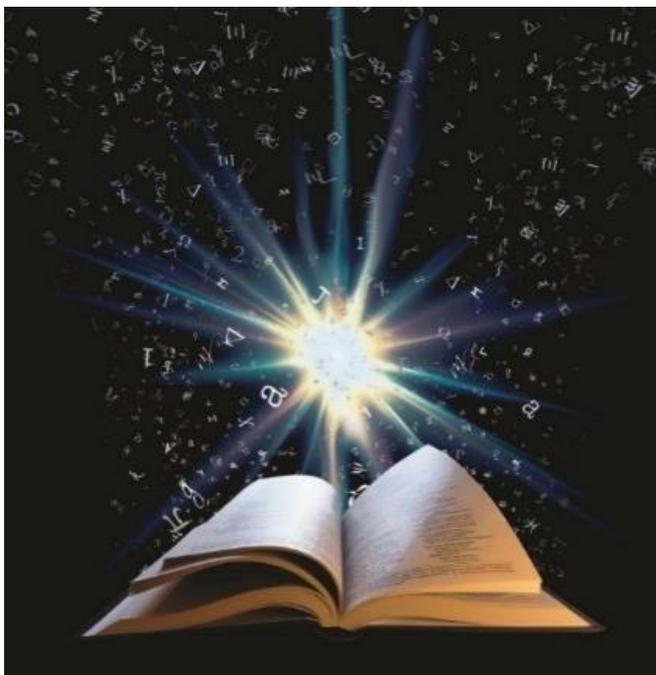


Creation Doctrines



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Eternal Intelligences in Element Identity Creation Justice & Salvation – Meat of the Gospel - Cleon Skousen Notes

Many of these teachings are found in quotes of the early brethren. Cleon Skousen teaches them, and some of his ideas related thereto. More of the quotes of the early brethren on this topic are forthcoming.

GOD, HONORED COMMANDER OF INTELLIGENCE:

-God made the world by speaking to the elements, telling them what to do.

-D&C 29:38 my honor is my power. Means because he upholds justice, intelligences honor him and do as he says.

-D&C my power is from beneath. Means its his constituents who respect him as the source of his power. The righteous dominion causing a flow to him without compulsory means.

-If God ceased to be just, he would lose the respect of the intelligences in all things, and cease to be God, lose his power and honor.

-Christ's atonement was that he suffered so much, that the intelligences say "yes, allow mercy to compensate this man for what he went through"

-God commands, element driven by intelligence obey.

-Element and intelligence are eternal. God awakes and assigns them, he doesn't create them.

-Intelligence assigned to element.

MAN, IN TRAINING:

-Each person is a universe. Each atom a galaxy.

-We command the intelligences, an army of them, which constitute our bodies.

-Our spirits show which type of body we can inherit. The spirit shows all wounds, all things.

INTELLIGENT ELEMENT HAS AGENCY:

-Element/atoms get their energy and movement from the intelligences inside them.

-Intelligences are the things to act, elements are the things to be acted upon.

-When your body heals, it is intelligence arranging, discriminating, making decisions for how to repair.

-Some atoms use their agency to not obey, and they do strange unpredictable things, contrary to their best interest. But generally, they obey. Scripture says dust is better than man as dust obeys God.

SONS OF PERDITION, WILL LOSE IDENTITY:

-Sons of Perdition including Lucifer will go back to native element and intelligences, stripped of their personal identity. Sons of Perdition get a resurrection, but then the second death they lose those bodies. Fear God who can kill both body and soul says the scripture. Satan can't kill your spirit, only God can.

Inquiry on Intelligence vs Element

Some have identified that

Things to act = intelligence

Things to be acted upon = element

Therefore

Chemistry = study of element

Physics = study of intelligence

Or

Physics is just the movement of element, not what actually causes the element to move.

Perhaps

The electron of each atom is the intelligence manipulating that element. After all, the electron/electric nature of atoms is what causes them to bond, etc. The power component of the atom is the electron.

More to come on this.

Summary of Why Christ is Savior of MANY Worlds

D&C says inhabitants of many worlds were made and saved by Christ.

PoGP speaks of worlds without end, innumerable, all made by the son.

Hebrews speaks of Christ making many worlds, and we would assume he saves the inhabitants of the worlds he makes.

Brigham Young said the sun revolves around Kolob, which would put Kolob at the center of the galaxy. Then the question is Kolob is throne for who: Jehovah (Christ) or Elohim (Heavenly Father, the Father of Christ)? Another idea is that Kolob could be a base of operations, but not the only base of operations, just the headquarters of this system.

One Satan Per One Christ

Lucifer appears to be the bad guy not just of this world, but of this system of worlds, those of the order upon which thou standest as God said to Moses.

Brigham Young writes that there was “a devil in heaven, and he strove to possess the birthright of the Savior”.

So what does Lucifer want? He wants the birthright. Once that birthright was given to Christ, there’s no more point for other devils to rise up and try and take it, its already given away. This would suggest that for every system with its Christ, there is an arch-opposer who tries to unrighteously take Christ’s place. Once Christ gets the position/calling, its decided, no one else would rise and try to get it after that point.

Firstborn Theory

Was Lucifer the firstborn, unworthy, and Jehovah given the job, given the birthright? Maybe the birthright was more about qualifications than birth order.

Many accounts of younger brother being the more righteous and the older falling from grace in the major scripture families. The younger becomes the firstborn, receives the birthright.

Perhaps Satan was so bold to attack God etc. because perhaps he was the firstborn literally, and Jesus the second born? So Satan was supposed to step up but he knows he can't do it and doesn't desire to do it, so all eyes on him in desperation he comes up with a counter plan, and he always wanted the glory of father as he was the firstborn.

He was a son of the morning, right up there. He may be the first. He may have been insisting that it should have been his right as he was "first" born, but therein fell, and Christ became the firstborn.

Brigham Young writes that there was "a devil in heaven, and he strove to possess the birthright of the Savior". This suggests that it was awarded to Christ. It suggests that Christ always had it. This may be so, unless there was a doctrinal misunderstanding in merely ASSUMING that Christ was the rightful heir.

We wait for more to be revealed on this.

Hyrum Andrus: The Creations of God, Worlds Without Number – Lecture Highlights



<https://youtu.be/rZIEFtmWG3A>

As always, there's much more to this lecture than my notes here, be sure to check it out.

Here we cover ideas such as length and location of an eternity, center of Milky Way Galaxy as Kolob, young earth, succession of the Gods, and many other exciting ideas taught by the prophets.

Kolob is nearest to throne of god, could mean nearest in sense of communication and order

Earth will become second to size of Kolob

You can know your pre earth life role and scene like God has shown others

Evolution isn't in alignment with revealed doctrine

The Noble and great ones are those who went down to create with God. It says the gods created. So those Noble and great ones were gods in pre earth life.

So being married and procreating are part of being a god but those premortal beings were gods too.

Godhood centers in the gospel process, the creative process is added to that. JS called this the key of endless lives.

JS says **the grand council was on Kolob**, there earth was planned etc, JS was part of that council (note JS was surely a god in pre earth as some of us may have been, though in a lesser function than Elohim and Jehovah of course) In that council the creation took place. The blueprint planning phase.

The fall of Lucifer, the grand council, these involved those for all of this eternity, which the evidence points to being of this galaxy. The council at Kolob, the creation, these are for all of Jehovah's work, not just this world.

This system, not just this world, has been going on **2.55 billion years**.

Earth was made on Kolob time. Same with the fall, Adam dies in "the time" he eats the fruit, it's Kolob time 1000 years. (Note a time must mean 1 day)

From eternity to all eternity (as in temple promises of eternal family etc.) means **all eternities past, all present, and all future eternities**.

An eternity is a finite number of years. JS verified that.

An eternity begins when a firstborn is born, and is later selected as the only begotten, and helps create.

Pre-mortality was a while being raised in father's presence, later a first test the first estate (on this spirit Earth I think he said).

When this eternity is over Heavenly Father goes up and Jesus becomes the father. Eventually it keeps going on, and **exalted beings have more firstborns to have more eternities**. Those who qualify for these **keys of endless lives** will do likewise.

The 12 fields the Lord visits are parable of worlds. The Lord withdraws from them, this means their mortal test stage.

[Note: Some would interpret this to mean Christ is over 12 worlds, but that doesn't have to be the case, they could be representative of many more; in fact, scripture says these saved by Christ are "innumerable to man"]

Says this earth the one the atonement was done on, is the **last** earth of this eternity (if I understand correctly)

(Note perhaps the 7000 years of creation was the whole galaxy being made, but that would contradict the idea of 2.5 billion years in this system)

Adam is a title denoting pre fall to fall state.



This eternity, this galaxy, is Christ's work. Christ's ballgame.

Enoch is over all terrestrial planets of this eternity. Many planets reached translation, and they awaited thus for the resurrection, for none were resurrected until Christ was.

The **ten tribes** are outcasts, not the scattered. **Not all over** the nations. They're as a body.

Baptism for the dead and other ordinance work began after the resurrection.

Enoch over the translated beings, they're still mortal and can do temple work. They can, after Christ's resurrection, chose to be resurrected or to remain mortal translated to save their worlds by the ministry for the dead (which can only be done by mortals).

Christ ministered to all worlds of this universe aka this eternity galaxy. They call him God and Savior also. He did the atonement for all worlds of this eternity on this world.

Abraham's account of the creation is blueprint plus creation.

Moses' account is creation after the fact.

Moses' record points out that all was made spiritually first. Abraham's doesn't need to because the back story makes it obvious.

There was no life on the first 6 days of the creation. There was no water up to that point.

The Earth without form and void should read empty and desolate.

Earth didn't start in this solar system, organizing the lights is in preparation for the fall.

Earth was **born out of a watery womb**, it was baptized later, it'll be cleansed by fire, it'll die and be resurrected.

They went down on **day 6** getting ready. "**We will**" do such and such. Means they **hadn't yet**.

Scriptural Evidence that that 1st 6 Days of Creation Were Spiritual NOT Temporal

Both the book of Abraham and the book of Moses indicate that the creation was spiritual in the 1st 6 days.

They indicate that Adam was first flesh on the earth, even before any other flesh on land water or air (ref).

Humans don't live in water or air, so we know this indicates animals as well.

The texts also indicate that God created life in the spirit world and gave them instructions there. He told them to multiply etc.

Moses 2:28 says that God gave instructions to multiple people and animals to multiply. This was before Eve and even the animals came on scene. This must have been pre-mortal instruction! It was not until Moses 3:22 that Eve was introduced to Adam in Eden!

Moses 3:5 specifically says that the aforementioned creation events of the first 6 days were spiritual organization. It says God had made all men, yet not yet a man.

Then in Moses 3:6 it says the mists started. So here we are in day 7 and the dry lands finally start getting water onto them. Obviously plant and animal life, not to mention human life, could not have existed without water.

Moses 3:8 proves that Adam was posterity of God, not formed out of clay like a sculpture/adobe. It says God planted Eden eastward, then placed the man he had made there. In other words, Adam wasn't made out of dirt in Eden. He was made elsewhere then transported to Eden. Where was he? In the garden of God (westward in Missouri, then he gets put eastward into the Garden of Eden.)

Moses 3:9 cannot get any clearer about the creation being spiritual in the first 6 days. God says how in day 7 the plant is made "naturally" and becomes "a living soul" which man "could see", then he makes it painfully obvious: "for it was spiritual in the day I created it"!

Abraham 4 speaks of Gods organizing things in the days of creation. This hearkens to a spiritual creation.

Abraham 5 is when we get to day 7 of creation. Abe. 5:2 specifically says that the 1st 6 days of creation were times of planning, of “counsel”. The temporal execution of those plans, of those organized spirits, had not yet been set into operation. Abe. 5:4 says then they are coming down and implementing their plans, and this is in day 7.

Abe. 5:5 again makes it clear: we are in day 7, and there has not yet been any rain! The plants and animals and humans were not temporally on earth yet! THEN in Abe. 5:6 the mists came. So the mists could not have watered the plants in earlier days of creation, there weren’t any back then!

We have Moses 3:6 and Abraham 5:6 both saying no mists came until day 7. Also Abe. 5:5 says there was no rain until day 7. So day 7 must have been the time temporal life was brought to earth.

Abe. 5:8 shows again that Eden is Eastward from the original creation place of man, which was, as Joseph Smith taught, westward in the Garden of God at Missouri where Heavenly Father and Mother sired man and woman.

The only time that the time after the manner of Kolob is mentioned in relation to the creation, other than the facsimiles, is that the “day” in which Adam ate the fruit he would die would mean 1000 years within that time (Abe. 5:13).

Abraham 5:20 again we are in day 7 and God says he is making the animals then bringing them to Adam.

It is a Hebraic structure that the 7th is the culmination of the 6 before it. That is the case for the days of creation, and other themes in scripture such as seals trumpets and bowls in the book of Revelation. For a good presentation on culmination of sevens in the book of Revelation, see propheticappointments.com by the Pickerings.

Scriptural Evidence that the World was formed from Water NOT Molten Magma

This is plain in the text.

It says that the dry land appeared AFTER the waters were already there.

Abraham 4:2 speaks of deep waters. Not until Abe. 4:9 does the dry land come.

Also recall that the earth in the beginning was “without form”. Which state of matter is without form? Liquid, not solid.

Moses 2:9 says that there were waters BEFORE there was dry land.

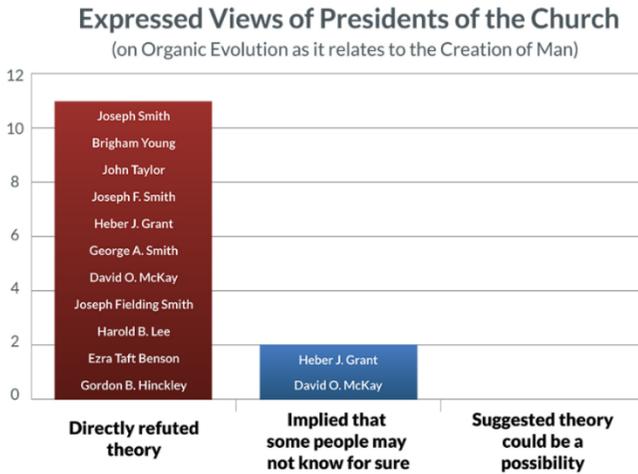
Moses 2:10 continues to teach that the elements in the creation were those of water and land, not molten lava/magma.

Moses 3:6 says again that there wasn't MISTS until day 7 of the creation, which means plants and other lifeforms could not have existed temporally before that time, only spiritually.

Another passage in Job 38:8-16 speaks of water in the beginning of creation of the world.

It is interesting that the Egyptian legends of the creation of the world also indicate land coming forth from out of the water.

Chart of Which Prophets Condemned Evolution, & Which Said Some Unknown




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Evolution: The Great Fraud of Our Time: Anti-Christ & Anti-Science Dogma



“O that cunning plan of the evil one! O the vainness, and the frailties, and the foolishness of men! When they are learned they think they are wise, and they hearken not unto the counsel of God, for they set it aside, supposing they know of themselves, wherefore, their wisdom is foolishness and it profiteth them not. And they shall perish.” (2 Ne. 9:28)

Evolution is a false Satanic theory without solid scientific evidence. The lies and deception to uphold evolution are many and deep. This theory would be dead by now if it weren't upheld relentlessly by tax dollars.

A belief in evolution is belief in a fairy tale. Somewhere a long long time ago, animals changed into totally different kinds of animals. You'll never observe it, but believe them, it happened! No actually, it didn't. The magical ingredient of this fairy tale is time. The time keeps getting longer according to the evolutionists, because we keep proving them wrong within the parameters they set.

Evolution teaches a false view on who man is, what his purpose in life is, his divine nature, his divine destiny, his ability to exercise self restraint, an absolute right and wrong, and many other aspects of Christian life and the religious world view. Communism and other godless philosophies sing the song of evolution as they destroy human agency, and destroy all that is good in this world.

Evolution teaches that death came into the world before sin, directly opposing the repeated scriptural teaching. The resurrection is another impossibility according to evolution. Evolution was designed as a way to explain life without God, and it is laughable to try and squeeze God into those

equations. Die hard evolutionists insist that man invented God, not the other way around.

Some church leaders have wrongly believed in evolution. BYU, a church owned university, dogmatically teaches evolution as the single method of creation. It's name sake Brigham Young was against evolution, and started the school for the express purpose of having a place of learning where the philosophies of men would not be mingled in with the teaching of scripture. The overwhelming dogmatic teaching of evolution in our schools has lead many of the elect to be lead astray in this issue. Still, many have seen through the propaganda. Church leaders like President Joseph Fielding Smith, Elder Bruce R McConkie, and many others faithfully witnessed against the pernicious doctrines of evolution. President Nelson, our current church president, boldly has taught that it is ridiculous to think that one kind of animal can change into another.

Equipped with the teachings of the prophets and studies of some sound scientists, we can finally get to the bottom of how the creation unfolded and see its implications our lives. This book not only exposes evolution but teaches doctrines of creation which fill us with understanding.

Evolution of one species morphing into another is not observed in nature or the rock/fossil records. God created various species with the ability to adapt to their surroundings as needed. Life did not form from chance, or from eons of microscopic events in lifeless environments. Man should not be categorized with animals, but is a distinct intelligent species, even the offspring of the creating race of Gods. Evolution in science leads to a myriad of false social doctrines, & away from scientific truth.

“We [must] measure every teaching to be found in the world of book learning by the teachings of revealed truth, as contained in the gospel of Jesus Christ. **If we find in a school text claims that contradict the word of the Lord as pertaining to the creation of the world, the origin of man, or the determination of what is right or wrong in the conduct of human souls, we may be certain that such teachings are but the theories of men.**” (Harold B. Lee, Stand Ye In Holy Places, Salt Lake City: Deseret Book Company, 1975. p. 73)

“Evolution is a carefully protected state religion.” -Kent Hovind

“Be instructed more perfectly...Of things both in heaven and in the earth, and under the earth;” (D&C 88: 78-79)

“If thou shalt ask, thou shalt receive revelation upon revelation, knowledge upon knowledge, that thou mayest know the mysteries and peaceable things—that which bringeth joy, that which bringeth life eternal...unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom, but unto the world it is not given to know them.” (D&C 42:61, 65)

"the simple truth is that we cannot fully comprehend the Atonement and Resurrection of Christ and we will not adequately appreciate the unique purpose of His birth or His death—in other words, there is no way to truly

celebrate Christmas or Easter—without understanding **that there was an actual Adam and Eve who fell from an actual Eden, with all the consequences that fall carried with it.** I do not know the details of what happened on this planet before that, but I do know **these two were created under the divine hand of God,** that for a time **they lived alone in a paradisiacal** setting where there was **neither human death nor future family,** and that through a sequence of choices they transgressed a commandment of God which required that they leave their garden setting but which allowed them to have children before facing physical death." (Elder Jeffrey R Holland, April 2015 General Conference, Where Justice Love and Mercy Meet <https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/general-conference/2015/04/where-justice-love-and-mercy-meet?lang=eng>)



President Nelson & Other Prophets Against Evolution

To start, here is President Russel M Nelson, a great scientist (and yes he is a pioneering scientist not just a technician), teaching that evolution of species is incomprehensible and false, “to think that man evolved from one species to **another is, to me, incomprehensible... Man has always been man.** Dogs have always been dogs. Monkeys have always been monkeys. It’s just the way genetics works...We have this doctrine, recorded in the Doctrine and Covenants, Section 101: “When the Lord shall come again, he shall reveal all things, things which have passed, hidden things which no man knew, things of the earth by which it was made and the purpose and the end thereof, things most precious, things that are above, things that are beneath, things that are in the earth, upon the earth, and in heaven.” So as I close that quotation, I realize that there are just some things that we won’t know until that day.” (Russel M Nelson <https://bycommonconsent.com/2007/05/20/elder-nelson-doesnt-believe-in-evolution/>)

“Obviously, the whole doctrine of the fall, and all that pertains to it, is diametrically opposed to the evolutionary assumptions relative to the origin of species.” (Bruce R. McConkie, A New Witness for the Articles of Faith [Salt Lake City: Deseret Book Co., 1985], xv)

"Diversity of opinion does not necessitate intolerance of spirit, nor should it embitter or set rational being against each other. The Christ taught kindness, patience, and charity. Our religion is **not hostile to real science.** That which is **demonstrated,** we accept with joy; but vain philosophy, human theory and mere speculations of men, we do not accept nor do we adopt anything contrary to divine revelation or to good common sense. **But everything that tends to right conduct, that harmonizes with sound morality and increases faith in Deity,** finds favor with us no matter where it may be found." (from "WORDS IN SEASON FROM THE FIRST PRESIDENCY": Deseret Evening News December 17, 1910, part 1 p.3) (excerpt from the BYU packet on evolution

<http://biology.byu.edu/DepartmentInfo/EvolutionandtheOriginofMan.aspx.>)

“I remember when I was a college student there were great discussions on the question of organic evolution. I took classes in geology and biology and heard the whole story of Darwinism as it was then taught. I wondered about it. I thought much about it. But I did not let it throw me, for I read what the scriptures said about our origins and our relationship to God. Since then I have become acquainted with what to me is a far more important and wonderful kind

of evolution. It is the evolution of men and women as the sons and daughters of God, and of our marvelous potential for growth as children of our Creator.” — (President Gordon B. Hinckley, “God Hath Not Given Us the Spirit of Fear,” Ensign, Oct. 1984, 5.)(<http://www.lds.org/new-era/2004/05/my-answer-to-evolution?lang=eng>)

"There is no salvation in a system of religion that rejects the doctrine of the Fall or that assumes man is the end product of evolution and so was not subject to a fall. True believers know that this earth and man and all forms of life were created in an Edenic, or paradisiacal, state in which there was no mortality, no procreation, no death. In that primeval day Adam and Eve were “in a state of innocence, having no joy, for they knew no misery; doing no good, for they knew no sin.” (2 Ne. 2:23.) But in the providences of the Lord, “Adam fell that men might be; and men are, that they might have joy.” (2 Ne. 2:25.) By his fall, Adam introduced temporal and spiritual death into the world and caused this earth life to become a probationary estate." (The Caravan Moves On by Elder Bruce R McConkie) (<https://www.lds.org/general-conference/1984/10/the-caravan-moves-on?lang=eng&query=evolution#watch=video>)

President Eyring said he doesn't know what happened before Adam but he knows that Adam fell and because of that we need a redeemer, whom is Jesus Christ. Elder Holland repeated this sentiment.

"even a four-year-old knows that a chick will not be a dog, nor a horse, nor even a turkey. It will be a chicken. It will follow the pattern of its parentage. She knew that without having had a course in genetics, without a lesson or a lecture." (General Conference Adress "The Patturn of Our Parentage" by Elder Boyd K Packer of The Quorum of The 12 Apostles) (<https://www.lds.org/general-conference/1984/10/the-pattern-of-our-parentage?lang=eng&query=evolution>)

"No lesson is more manifest in nature than that all living things do as the Lord commanded in the Creation. They reproduce “after their own kind.” (See [Moses 2:12, 24.](#)) They follow the pattern of their parentage. Everyone knows that; every four-year-old knows that! A bird will not become an animal nor a fish. A mammal will not beget reptiles, nor “do men gather . . . figs of thistles.” ([Matt. 7:16.](#)) In the countless billions of opportunities in the reproduction of living things, one kind does not beget another. If a species ever does cross, the offspring cannot reproduce. The pattern for all life is the pattern of the parentage. This is demonstrated in so many obvious ways, even an ordinary mind should understand it. Surely no one with reverence for God could believe that His children evolved from slime or from reptiles. (Although one can easily imagine that those who accept the theory of evolution don't show much enthusiasm for genealogical research!) The theory of evolution, and it is a theory, will have an entirely different dimension when the workings of God in creation are fully revealed. Since *every living thing* follows the pattern of its parentage, are we to suppose that God had some other strange pattern in mind

for *His* offspring? Surely we, His children, are not, in the language of science, a different species than He is?" (<https://www.lds.org/general-conference/1984/10/the-pattern-of-our-parentage?lang=eng&query=evolution>)("The Pattern of Our Parentage by President Boyd K Packer)

"Man is the child of God, formed in the divine image and endowed with divine attributes, and even as the infant son of an earthly father and mother is capable in due time of becoming a man, so that undeveloped offspring of celestial parentage is capable, by experience through ages and aeons, of evolving into a God." ("MORMON" VIEW OF EVOLUTION: A Statement by the First Presidency of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints) (<http://biology.byu.edu/DepartmentInfo/EvolutionandtheOriginofMan.aspx>)

"As to this man, Joseph Smith, let us say—
Here is a man who was chosen before he was born, who was numbered with the noble and great in the councils of eternity before the foundations of this world were laid. Along with Adam and Enoch and Noah and Abraham, he sat in council with the Gods when the plans were made to create an earth whereon the hosts of our Father's children might dwell. Under the direction of the Holy One and of Michael, who became the first man, he participated in the creative enterprises of the Father." (Ensign, May 1976, 94, see also <https://www.lds.org/general-conference/1976/04/joseph-smith-the-mighty-prophet-of-the-restoration?lang=eng>)

"God Himself was once as we are now, and is an exalted man, and sits enthroned in yonder heavens! That is the great secret. If the veil were rent today, and the great God who holds this world in its orbit, and who upholds all worlds and all things by His power, was to make Himself visible,—I say, if you were to see Him today, you would see Him like a man in form—like yourselves in all the person, image, and very form as a man; for Adam was created in the very fashion, image and likeness of God, and received instruction from, and walked, talked and conversed with Him, as one man talks and communes with another. . . ." (Joseph Smith [manual], 40, see also <https://www.lds.org/manual/teachings-joseph-smith/chapter-2?lang=eng>)

"All men and women are in the similitude of the universal Father and Mother and are literally the sons and daughters of Deity." (Messages of the First Presidency, 4:203, see also <https://www.lds.org/ensign/2002/02/the-origin-of-man?lang=eng>)

“The creation occupied certain periods of time. We are not authorized to say what the duration of these days was” (Discourses of Brigham Young, sel. John A. Widtsoe [1954], 100).

-Elder Bruce R. McConkie of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles explained that a day “is a specified time period; it is an age, an eon, a division of eternity; it is the time between two identifiable events. And each day, of whatever length, has the duration needed for its purposes. ...

“There is no revealed recitation specifying that each of the ‘six days’ involved in the Creation was of the same duration” (“Christ and the Creation,” Ensign, June 1982, 11).

Russell M. Nelson: “The entire Creation was planned by God. ...I testify that the earth and all life upon it are of divine origin. The Creation did not happen by chance. ... The Creation itself testifies of a Creator” (“The Creation,” 84–85).

“All human beings—male and female—are created in the image of God. Each is a beloved spirit son or daughter of heavenly parents, and, as such, each has a divine



nature and destiny. Gender is an essential characteristic of individual premortal, mortal, and eternal identity and purpose” (Ensign or Liahona, Nov. 2010, 129).

“The Lord [brought] together Adam and Eve, his first male and first female on this earth, and perform[ed] a holy marriage ceremony to make them husband and wife. They were quite different in their makeup, with different roles to play. Hardly had he performed the ceremony than he said to them: ‘Multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion’ (Gen. 1:28)” (Teachings of Presidents of the Church: Spencer W. Kimball [2006], 192).

-“Grand as it is, planet Earth is part of something even grander—that great plan of God. Simply summarized, the earth was **created that families might be**” (“The Creation,” by Elder Russell M Nelson 85).

President Joseph Fielding Smith: “There is no account of the creation of man or other forms of life when they were created as spirits. There is just the simple statement that they were so created before the physical creation. The statements in Moses 3:5 and Genesis 2:5 are interpolations thrown into the account of the physical creation, explaining that all things were first created in

the spirit existence in heaven before they were placed upon this earth” (Doctrines of Salvation, comp. Bruce R. McConkie, 3 vols. [1954–56], 1:75–76). (see also <https://www.lds.org/manual/old-testament-seminary-teacher-manual/introduction-to-the-book-of-genesis/lesson-9-moses-3-genesis-2-abraham-5?lang=eng>)

D&C 93:16 teaches Christ’s wasn’t a perfect understanding from the get go of his mortal life either; and the bible speaks of him increasing in wisdom and stature before God and man in Luke 2:52.

Prophetic teachings are at times symbolic; there are many examples, like Isaiah saying the stars would fall out of the sky when really the earth is moving. But maybe the stars will fall out of the sky, other stars moving along with the earth, being ready for their progression to another kingdom as well, and there could be some small objects impacting the earth as well. Also consider Isaiah seeing our day and saying that our chariots are without end, referring to modern day cars (see “A Marvelous Work and a Wonder” by Elder LeGrand Richards).

“We all need to take a careful inventory of our performance and also the performance of those over whom we preside to be sure that we are teaching the “great plan of the Eternal God” to the Saints. Are we accepting and teaching what the revelations tell us about the Creation, Adam and the fall of man, and redemption from that fall through the atonement of Christ?” (Ezra Taft Benson, The Teachings of Ezra Taft Benson [Salt Lake City: Bookcraft, 1988], 28 – 29)

“So now, in the twentieth century, the doctrines of the critics of the Bible and the teachings of the organic evolutionists, have gained the ascendancy in the scientific world. It is true that in former years we lived in a Christian nation, the fact persists that now many Christian ministers, so-called, have been caught in the web of **modernism and organic evolution and have rejected the fundamental doctrines of Christianity; and they, like the Christians in the days of Rome, have mingled their religious views with these modern (pagan) teachings.** Because of the influence of destructive criticism and these theories of the descent of man, many ministers have rejected the fall of Adam, the atonement of Jesus Christ, and the resurrection of the dead. In fact they have come to the point where they have discarded the doctrine of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, and that he is the Only Begotten Son of God. Their Christianity, filled with abundant errors before, has sunk to a lower level. These advocates of modernism and evolutionary teachings, glory in the fact that their influence has helped to eliminate from Christianity, the “dogma of Adam’s fall,” and the “legendary husks and rinds of our sacred books.” In One day, when they come to the judgment, they will have to give an accounting for all

this mischief they have done. It may be imagined how they will feel, when they are forced to confront the thousands who have been turned away from faith in God and acceptance of his divine plan of salvation, because these enemies of truth were **eager to destroy the scriptures and the mission of Jesus Christ**. If great joy will be felt by the individual who has, through his humble effort, saved one soul, then how great must be the remorse of these learned men when they discover that their efforts have been the means of **destroying thousands of souls**? This brings us to the discussion of what I believe to be **the most pernicious doctrine ever entering the mind of man: the theory that man evolved from the lower forms of life**. For its source we must go beyond the activities and research of mortal man to the author of evil, who has been an enemy of truth from the beginning before the earth was formed.” (Joseph Fielding Smith, *Man, His Origin and Destiny* [Salt Lake City: Deseret Book Co., 1954], 132 – 133.)

“IF EVOLUTION IS TRUE, THE CHURCH IS FALSE. **If life began on the earth, as advocated by Darwin, Huxley, Haeckel (who has been caught openhanded perpetrating a fraud), and others of this school, whether by chance or by some designing hand, then the doctrines of the Church are false. Then there was no Garden of Eden, no Adam and Eve, and no fall. If there was no fall; if death did not come into the world as the scriptures declared that it did—and to be consistent, if you are an evolutionist, this view you must assume—then there was no need for a redemption, and Jesus Christ is not the Son of God, and he did not die for the transgression of Adam, nor for the sins of the world. Then there has been no resurrection from the dead! Consistently, logically, there is no other view, no alternative that can be taken. Now, my brethren and sisters, are you prepared to take this view?**” (Joseph Fielding Smith, *Doctrines of Salvation*, 1:143.)

“Is it any wonder, under such circumstances, that churches are deserted; that more than half of the population of this country has become indifferent, if not antagonistic, to religion? This, also, is just as true of other lands.” (Joseph Fielding Smith, *Doctrines of Salvation*, 1:315.)

“Another thing I wish to say. A man cannot serve God and mammon. Organic evolution is destructive of faith in God. It is rebellion against him. Those who accept this pernicious doctrine cannot consistently believe in the fall of Adam. If they do not believe in the fall of Adam they cannot believe in Jesus Christ, for if Adam had not transgressed the law under which he was placed on this earth, there would have been no occasion for a redemption. **How could Adam be redeemed from something that never happened.** We are taught that

had not Adam partaken of the forbidden fruit all things would have remained in the condition in which they were before the fall... The first death, spiritual death, came upon him at the time of his transgression. The mortal death did not overtake him for many many many years, for the Lord granted unto him a time of probation in which he was taught and instructed in the principles of the gospel and given a chance to repent, to show through his faithfulness his worthiness of redemption, and to be brought back again into the presence of God his father. The great honor to come here and be the first parents of all men was given to Adam and Eve. They were placed by the Father in the Garden of Eden where there was no death. Adam and Eve in the condition in which they were when placed in the Garden of Eden could have lived there forever if they had not broken a law, but they would have lived alone and would have had no children. (2 Nephi 2:22–25); Moses 5:11 The Lord told them they could eat the fruit of every tree in the garden except the fruit of the “tree of the knowledge of good and evil,” and if they did eat this fruit they would surely die. Satan tempted them and they ate this fruit and broke this commandment. By doing this a change came over their bodies and they became subject to death, as the Lord has said, and they were driven out of the garden. After they were driven out children were born to them and they have spread over all the earth. All the children inherited death from our first parents, so we will all have to die as our ancestors have done before us. This made it necessary that something be done to redeem us from death and restore us to life again where there would be no death, for this transgression of Adam and Eve, placed all of us subject to Satan’s power after death.” (Your Question by Joseph Fielding Smith, Improvement Era, 1954, Vol. Lvii. August, 1954. No. 8.)

“From this we learn that there were neither deserts, barren places, stagnant swamps, rough, broken, rugged hills, nor vast mountains, covered with eternal snow; and no part of it was located in the frigid zone so as to render its climate dreary and unproductive, subject to eternal frost, or everlasting chains of ice. The whole earth was probably one vast plain, or interspersed with gently rising hills and sloping vales, well calculated for cultivation.” He is describing what he surmises may have been the glory of the Creation.” (A Voice of Warning [Salt Lake City: Deseret Book Co., 1978], pp. 83, 84)

“We [must] measure every teaching to be found in the world of book learning by the teachings of revealed truth, as contained in the gospel of Jesus Christ. If we find in a school text claims that contradict the word of the Lord as pertaining to the creation of the world, the origin of man, or the determination of what is right or wrong in the conduct of human souls, we may be

certain that such teachings are but the theories of men.” (Harold B. Lee, *Stand Ye In Holy Places*, Salt Lake City: Deseret Book Company, 1975. p. 73)

“In the twentieth section of the Doctrine and Covenants, the Lord devotes several verses to summarizing the vital truths which the Book of Mormon teaches. (D&C 20:17–36) It speaks of God, the creation of man, the Fall, the Atonement, the ascension of Christ into heaven, prophets, faith, repentance, baptism, the Holy Ghost, endurance, prayer, justification and sanctification through grace, and loving and serving God. We must know these essential truths. Aaron and Ammon and their brethren in the Book of Mormon taught these same kinds of truths to the Lamanite people (Alma 18:22–39) who were “in the darkest abyss”(Alma 26:3) After accepting these eternal truths, the Book of Mormon states, those converted Lamanites never did fall away. (Alma 23:6 .)” (Ezra Taft Benson, *A Witness and a Warning: A Modern-Day Prophet Testifies of the Book of Mormon* [Salt Lake City: Deseret Book Co., 1988], 11)

Origin of Life on Earth: Transplanted

When visiting the temple we might pay attention to how it says the plant animal and human life came to being. Here are some additional statements and ideas related to transplanting life to earth in its beginning:

Noah's Ark analogy: Noah's Ark could be typical and symbolic of how life comes to be on an earth.

Brigham Young: "When you tell me that father Adam was made as we make adobes from the earth, you tell me what I deem an idol tale. When you tell me that the beasts of the field were produced in that manner, you are speaking idle words devoid of meaning. There is no such thing in all the eternities where the Gods dwell. **Mankind are here because they are the offspring of parents**...and power was given them to propagate their species, and they were commanded to multiply and replenish the earth" (Journal of Discourses [of Brigham Young], 7:285; Discourses of Brigham Young, 104-5)

Joseph Fielding Smith: "**Life did not commence upon this earth spontaneously. Its origin was not here.** Life existed long before our solar system was called into being....The Lord has given us the information regarding his creations, and how he has made many earths...and **when the time came for this earth to be peopled, the Lord, our God, transplanted upon it from some other earth, the life which is found here**" (Doctrines of Salvation 1:139-40).

“... so they guess that once many millions of years ago, life must have come on the earth spontaneously. They have no proof, they can discover no proof, and before any court where justice is dispensed and evidence is required, their case would have to be thrown out of court. In all seriousness, their case has been thrown out of court before the Just Judge who rules both on earth and in the heavens; and the day is not far distant when the advocates of this pernicious doctrine will have to answer for the countless souls they have blinded by their craftiness and turned away from worshipping the Living God!” (Joseph Fielding Smith, Man, His Origin and Destiny [Salt Lake City: Deseret Book Co., 1954], 160 – 161.)

What of the rib from man to make woman? It is figurative: “the story of the rib, of course, is figurative” (Quoting Spencer W. Kimball, “The Blessings and Responsibilities of Womanhood,” Ensign, Mar. 1976, 71). “The rib, coming as it does from the side, seems to denote partnership. The rib signifies ... a lateral relationship as partners, to work and to live, side by side” (Elder Russell

M Nelson “Lessons from Eve,” Ensign, Nov. 1987, 87). (see also <https://www.lds.org/manual/old-testament-seminary-teacher-manual/introduction-to-the-book-of-genesis/lesson-9-moses-3-genesis-2-abraham-5?lang=eng>)

As you can see, all forms of life, plant animal and human, were transplanted to this earth from other earths.

We should not think that “the creation” was a single event which occurred at one place and time. God continually creates, and the order for creating life is well established.

Some say dinosaur fossils were placed here for our use and that dinosaurs didn’t live on this earth, but I don’t subscribe to this theory. I believe they each original species was “placed” on this earth, but alive and well.

Death was eventually introduced at the fall (2 Ne. 2:22). This was death of people, animals, etc.

Birth was introduced at the fall, and animals existing before the fall must have been the prototype species brought here from elsewhere. The fall was, of course, part of Gods plan of salvation. Joseph Fielding Smith expounds:

“Perhaps it will be profitable to list a few of the basic, revealed truths concerning the origin and destiny of man and of all life — truths which are not taken into consideration by evolutionists in their theorizing and which, in most instances, are diametrically opposed to the speculative conclusions reached by them. . . . **Before the fall there was neither death *nor procreation*. Plants, animals, and man would have continued living forever unless a change of condition overtook them; and in their then immortal condition they could not have reproduced, each after its own kind. Death and procreation pertain to mortality, that is, to the status and type of existence attained by all forms of life subsequent to the fall.** Lehi said: “If Adam had not transgressed he would not have fallen, but he would have remained in the garden of Eden. **And all things which were created must have remained forever, and had no end.** And they **would have had no children**; wherefore they would have remained in a state of innocence, having no joy, for they knew no misery; doing no good, for they knew no sin. But behold, all things have been done in the wisdom of him who knoweth all things. Adam fell that men might be; and men are, that they might have joy. And the Messiah cometh in the fullness of time, that he may redeem the children of men from the fall.” (2 Nephi 2:22–26) **Eve expressed the same truth in this language: “Were it not for our transgression we never should have had seed**, and never should have known good and evil, and the joy of our redemption, and the eternal life which God giveth unto all the obedient.” (Moses 5:11) Adam’s fall brought temporal (natural) and spiritual death into the world. The temporal or natural death means that body and spirit separate, the spirit going to a world of waiting spirits to await the day of the resurrection, the body returning to the dust, the primal element, from which it was taken. The effects of this fall passed upon all created things. “**Adam was**

appointed Lord of this creation,” Orson Pratt says, “a great governor, swaying the scepter of power over the whole earth. When the governor, the person who was placed to reign over this fair creation, had transgressed, all in his dominion had to feel the effects of it, the same as a father or a mother, who transgresses certain laws, frequently transmits the effects thereof to the latest generations.” (Joseph Fielding Smith, *Man: His Origin and Destiny*, p. 395)

Life was brought to earth in its complete form. The earth was made from parent earths, so animals and humans would come from parents of their kind likewise. Here is what Joseph Smith said in relation to the earth coming from parent earths: "this earth was organized or formed out of other planets which were broken up and remodeled and made into the one on which we live." (Ehat and Cook, *Words of Joseph Smith*, 60) (see also “Discourse, 5 January 1841, as Reported by William Clayton,” josephsmithpapers.org; spelling and punctuation standardized).

Origin of Life on Earth: Clone Theory (Unlikely)

Was Adam a clone? I don't think so but here's the theory just in case.

Some have suggested that Adam was made as a clone of Heavenly Father, with the rib verse being a clue to that idea, that Eve was then made from Adam. It is only very recently that we have discovered cloning, and earlier prophets have not have known how to describe such a thing. A clone would have ensured that the actual DNA of Heavenly Father was the perfect beginning of the human race. Adam would have had his own body spirit and soul, just the same DNA as Father.

When we read Moses 3:7, the idea of cloning does come to mind: "And I, the Lord God, formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul, the first flesh upon the earth, the first man also; nevertheless, all things were before created; but spiritually were they created and made according to my word."

Another interesting point of clone theory is that it might answer the "Adam God" confusion – of course Heavenly Father and Adam are two different people, but this exact DNA copy could answer how Brigham perhaps thought they were the same. President Kimball, Elder McConkie and others have assured us that "Adam God" doctrine is not true. Joseph's teachings on this which Brigham reported were misunderstood or otherwise incomplete.

Christ may have also been a clone. The account says he was born by the influence of the Holy Ghost overshadowing Mary, making her a surrogate mother. This could mean implanting her in vitro fertilization (IVF) with the DNA of Heavenly Father Himself. Christ said "if ye have seen me ye have seen my father." Mary would have been the surrogate mother of Christ.

Christ hinted at cloning potential when he said that God could of these stones raise up children unto Abraham.

Death Began at the Fall for Humans & Animals Alike

“And now, behold, if Adam had not transgressed he would not have fallen, but he would have remained in the garden of Eden. And all things which were created must have remained in the same state in which they were after they were created; and they must have remained forever, and had no end.” (2 Ne. 2:22)

“The first marriage performed was the marriage of two immortal beings.” (Ezra Taft Benson, *So Shall Ye Reap*, p. 117-118)

Moses 3:16–17 “And I, the Lord God, commanded the man, saying: Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat, But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it, nevertheless, thou mayest choose for thyself, for it is given unto thee; but, remember that I forbid it, for in the day thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.” (NOTE: Adam did die the day he ate of it, as a day to God is 1000 years, and Adam indeed died before reaching 1000 years.)

“Our first parents, Adam and Eve, disobeyed God. By eating the forbidden fruit, they **became mortal**. Consequently, they and all of their descendants became subject to both mortal and spiritual death (mortal death, the separation of body and spirit; and spiritual death the separation of the spirit from the presence of God and death as pertaining to the things of the spirit). In order for Adam to regain his original state (to be in the presence of God), an atonement for this disobedience was necessary. In God’s divine plan, provision was made for a redeemer to break the bonds of death and, through the resurrection, make possible the reunion of the spirits and bodies of all persons who had dwelt on earth. For **as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.**” (1 Corinthians 15:22)” (Spencer W. Kimball, *The Teachings of Spencer W. Kimball*, 15.)

“I am deeply concerned about what we are doing to teach the Saints at all levels the gospel of Jesus Christ as completely and authoritatively as do the Book of Mormon and the Doctrine and Covenants. By this I mean teaching the “great plan of the Eternal God,” to use the words of Amulek [75]. Are we using the messages and the method of teaching found in the Book of Mormon and other scriptures of the Restoration to teach this great plan of the Eternal God? There are many examples of teaching this great plan, but I will quote just one. It is Mormon’s summary statement of Aaron’s work as a missionary: And it came to pass that when Aaron saw that the king would believe his words, he began from the creation of Adam, reading the scriptures unto

the king-how God created man after his own image, and that God gave him commandments, and that because of transgression, man had fallen. And since man had fallen he could not merit anything of himself; but the sufferings and death of Christ atone for their sins, through faith and repentance. (Alma 22:12–14) The Book of Mormon Saints knew that the plan of redemption must start with the account of the fall of Adam. In the words of Moroni, “By Adam came the fall of man. And because of the fall of man came Jesus Christ . . . and because of Jesus Christ came the redemption of man.” (Mormon 9:12) **Just as a man does not really desire food until he is hungry, so he does not desire the salvation of Christ until he knows why he needs Christ. No one adequately and properly knows why he needs Christ until he understands and accepts the doctrine of the Fall and its effect upon all mankind.** And no other book in the world explains this vital doctrine nearly as well as the Book of Mormon. We all need to take a careful inventory of our performance and also the performance of those over whom we preside to be sure that we are teaching the “great plan of the Eternal God” to the Saints. Are we accepting and teaching what the revelations tell us about the Creation, Adam and the fall of man, and redemption from that fall through the atonement of Christ? Do we frequently review the crucial questions which Alma asks the members of the Church in the fifth chapter of Alma in the Book of Mormon?” (Ezra Taft Benson, *The Teachings of Ezra Taft Benson* [Salt Lake City: Bookcraft, 1988], 28)

“The gospel can be viewed from two perspectives. In the broadest sense, the gospel embraces all truth, all light, all revealed knowledge to mankind. In a more restrictive sense, **the gospel means the doctrine of the Fall, the consequences of the fall of man that brought into the world physical and spiritual death**, the atonement of Jesus Christ which brings to pass immortality and eternal life, and the ordinances of salvation.” (Ezra Taft Benson, *The Teachings of Ezra Taft Benson* [Salt Lake City: Bookcraft, 1988], 30.)

“Adam and Eve . . . exercised their agency and of their own volition had partaken of the fruit, of which they were commanded not to eat; thus they had become subject to the law of Satan. In that disobedience, God was now free to visit upon them a judgment. **They were to learn that besides God being a merciful Father, he is also a just Father, and when they broke the law they were subject to the receiving of a penalty** and so they were cast out of that beautiful garden. They were visited by all the vicissitudes to which mortals from that time since have been heir. They were to learn that by their disobedience they received the penalty of a just judgment. They were forced to earn their bread by the sweat of their brow, for now they had

become mortals... **Pain, misery, death, all now came in their wake,** but with that pain, quite like our own experiences from that time to this, there came knowledge and understanding that could never have been gained except by pain... **Besides the Fall having had to do with Adam and Eve, causing a change to come over them, that change affected all human nature, all of the natural creations, all of the creation of animals, plants—all kinds of life were changed. The earth itself became subject to death.** . . . How it took place no one can explain, and anyone who would attempt to make an explanation would be going far beyond anything the Lord has told us. But **a change was wrought over the whole face of the creation, which up to that time had not been subject to death.** From that time henceforth all in nature was in a state of gradual dissolution until mortal death was to come, after which there would be required a restoration in a resurrected state.” (Harold B. Lee, Teachings of Presidents of the Church: Harold B. Lee, 2000, p. 20)

“Adam and Eve were first created with **bodies of flesh and spirit, without blood,** and were **unable to die or beget children.** Thus, we might describe this as a paradisaical creation.” (Russell M. Nelson, “Standards of the Lord’s Standard-Bearers,” Ensign, Aug. 1991, 5; references 1. Elder Bruce R. McConkie, April 1985 General Conference. 2. Elder Bruce R. McConkie, April 1985 General Conference.)

“That by reason of transgression cometh the fall, **which fall bringeth death,** and inasmuch as ye were born into the world by water, and blood, and the spirit, which I have made, and so became of dust a living soul, even so ye must be born again into the kingdom of heaven, of water, and of the Spirit, and be cleansed by blood, even the blood of mine Only Begotten; that ye might be sanctified from all sin, and enjoy the words of eternal life in this world, and eternal life in the world to come, even immortal glory.” (Moses 6:59)

Moses 6:48, 59 “And he said unto them: Because that Adam fell, we are; and **by his fall came death;** . . . and we are made partakers of misery and woe. That by reason of transgression cometh the fall, which fall bringeth death. . .”

1 Corinthians 15:22 “For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.”

Moses 5:11 “Were it **not for our transgression we never should have had seed,** and never should have known good and evil, and the joy of our redemption, and the eternal life which God giveth unto all the obedient.”

“**[In the Garden of Eden] Adam and Eve, as an organized, intelligent man and woman, were here in “unmortality,” as we might say,** for the purpose of becoming mortal and, through the plan of

salvation, eventually returning back to the presence of the Lord. To become mortal required the interplay of free agency. Having partaken of the forbidden fruit, which was to eventually bring about the dissolution of their bodies, **they became subject to death—not immediately, but after the span of their life.** Now **with mortal blood they beget children.** Without mortality, they could not have had children and the great plan of salvation by which spirit children would come to tabernacles in the flesh would have been nullified.” (Harold B. Lee, 9/14/67)

“Since flesh often means mortality, Adam is spoken of as the “first flesh” upon the earth, meaning he was the first mortal on the earth, all things being created in a nonmortal condition, and becoming mortal through the fall of Adam. Jesus is the “Only Begotten of the Father” in the flesh, meaning he is the only one begotten of the Father into mortality” (Moses 3: 7). (Bible Dictionary: Flesh)

“The process by which mankind became mortal on this earth. The event is recorded in Genesis 2, 3, 4 ; and Moses 3, 4 . The fall of Adam is one of the most important occurrences in the history of man. Before the fall, Adam and Eve had physical bodies but no blood. There was no sin, no death, and no children among any of the earthly creations. With the eating of the “forbidden fruit,” Adam and Eve became mortal, sin entered, blood formed in their bodies, and death became a part of life. Adam became the “first flesh” upon the earth (Moses 3: 7), meaning that he and Eve were the first to become mortal. After Adam fell, the whole creation fell and became mortal. Adam’s fall brought both physical and spiritual death into the world upon all mankind (Helaman 14: 16–17). **Latter-day revelation supports the biblical account of the fall, showing that it was a historical event that literally occurred in the history of man.** Many points in latter-day revelation are also clarified that are not discernible from the Bible. Among other things it makes clear that the fall is a blessing, and that Adam and Eve should be honored in their station as the first parents of the earth. Significant references are 2 Nephi 2: 15–16 ; 2 Nephi 9: 6–21 ; Mosiah 3: 11–16 ; Alma 22: 12–14 ; Alma 42: 2–15 ; D&C 29: 34–44 ; Moses 5: 9–13 .” (Bible Dictionary: Fall of Adam)

“Thus when man fell the earth fell together with all forms of life on its face. Death entered; procreation began; the probationary experiences of mortality had their start. Before this fall there was neither mortality, nor birth, nor death, nor — for that matter — did Adam so much as have blood in his veins (and the same would be true for other forms of life), for blood is an element pertaining only to mortality.” (Joseph Fielding Smith, *Man: His Origin and Destiny*, pp. 362-365; *Doctrines of Salvation*, vol. 1, pp.

76-77)

“Then what is meant by the “first flesh”? It is simple when you understand it. Adam was the first of all creatures to fall and become flesh, and flesh in this sense means mortality, and all through our scriptures the Lord speaks of this life as flesh, while we are here in the flesh, so Adam became the first flesh. **There was no other mortal creature before him, and there was no mortal death until he brought it . . .**” (Joseph Fielding Smith, Seek Ye Earnestly [Salt Lake City: Deseret Book Co., 1970], 281.)

“The mortal death passed upon all men through the transgression of Adam, and every man is subject to death. Being subject to death and to sin, it is impossible for us by any act of ours to redeem ourselves from death or from our own individual sins. We are absolutely helpless. Every man that has been born into the world since the days of Adam, save the Lord Jesus Christ, has been subject to death, and under the transgression of his own sins, without the power in and of himself to redeem himself from either situation.” (Joseph Fielding Smith, Faith and Works: The Clearing of a Seeming Conflict, Improvement Era, 1924, Vol. Xxvii. October, 1924. No. 12)

“As in Adam all die, so in Christ shall all be made alive. Adam and Eve transgressed a law and were responsible for a change that came to all their posterity, that of mortality. Could it have been the different food which made the change? Somehow **blood, the life-giving element in our bodies, replaced the finer substance which coursed through their bodies before.** They and we became mortal, subject to illness, pains, and even the physical dissolution called death.”(Spencer W. Kimball, The Teachings of Spencer W. Kimball, 44.), (Spencer W. Kimball, “Absolute Truth”, Ensign, September 1978, p.)

“When Adam intentionally and wisely partook of the forbidden fruit in the Garden of Eden, he brought upon all of us, his descendants, two deaths-the physical or “mortal death,” and the spiritual death or the banishment from the presence of the Lord.” (Spencer W. Kimball, The Teachings of Spencer W. Kimball, 68.)

“God has given us a plan. He has sent us all to earth to obtain bodies and to gain experience and growth. He anticipated the fall of Adam and Eve and the consequent change in their mortal condition and provided his Son Jesus Christ to redeem man from the effects of the fall.” (Spencer W. Kimball, The Teachings of Spencer W. Kimball, 25)

“Jesus of Nazareth was the one who, before the world was created, was chosen to come to earth to perform this service, to conquer mortal death. This voluntary action would atone for the fall of Adam and Eve and permit the spirit of man to recover his body, thereby

reuniting body and spirit.” (78-06) (Spencer W. Kimball, *The Teachings of Spencer W. Kimball*, edited by Edward L. Kimball [Salt Lake City: Bookcraft, 1982], 16.)

When our first parents fell from their paradisaical state, they were brought in contact with influences and powers of evil that are unnatural and stand in opposition to an endless life. So far as mankind yield to these influences, they are so far removed **from a natural to an unnatural state—from life to death**” (President Brigham Young, *Journal of Discourses*, 26 vols. [London: Latter-day Saints’ Book Depot, 1854-1886], 9: 304)

“It is very true, **had not sin entered into the world, and opposition been introduced, death would not have entered**” (Brigham Young, *Journal of Discourses*, 1:235)

“Sin came through the fall, and death by sin” (Brigham Young, *Journal of Discourses*, 26 vols. [London: Latter-day Saints’ Book Depot, 1854-1886], 8: 127 – 128)

“they transgressed a command of the Lord, and through that transgression sin came into the world. . . . **Then came the curse** upon the fruit, upon the vegetables, and upon our mother earth; and it came upon the creeping things, upon the grain in the field, the fish in the sea, and **upon all things pertaining to this earth**, through Man’s transgression.” (Brigham Young, *Journal of Discourses*, 10:312)

“Now, restoration signifies a bringing back, and must refer to something which existed before . . . when a prophet speaks of the restoration of all things, he means that all things have undergone a change, and are to be again restored to their primitive order, even as they first existed. . . . “First, then, **it becomes necessary for us to take a view of creation**, as it rolled in purity from the hand of its Creator; and if we can discover the true state in which it then existed, and **understand the changes that have taken place since, then we shall be able to understand what is to be restored. . . the beasts of the earth were all in perfect harmony with each other**; the lion ate straw like the ox—the wolf dwelt with the lamb—the leopard lay down with the kid—the cow and bear fed together, in the same pasture . . . all was peace and harmony, and nothing to hurt nor disturb, in all the holy mountain. . . the earth yielded neither noxious weeds nor poisonous plants, nor useless thorns and thistles; indeed, every thing that grew was just calculated for the food of man’ beast, fowl, and creeping thing; and their food was all vegetable. . . . This scene, which was so beautiful a little before, had now become the abode of sorrow and toil, of death and mourning: the earth groaning with its production of accursed thorns and thistles; man and beast at enmity . . . Soon man begins to persecute, hate, and murder his fellow; until at length the earth is filled

with violence; all flesh becomes corrupt, the powers of darkness prevail . . . But men have degenerated, and greatly changed, as well as the earth." (John Taylor, The Government of God." [Liverpool: S. W. Richards, 1852], 105.)

"We acknowledge that through Adam all have died, that death through the fall must pass upon the whole human family, **also upon the beasts** of the field, the fishes of the sea and the fowls of the air and **all the works of God**, as far as this earth is concerned." (Teachings of Presidents of the Church: Wilford Woodruff, 2000, p. 20) (Wilford Woodruff, Journal of Discourses, 26 vols. [London: Latter-day Saints' Book Depot, 1854-1886], 23: 126)

"In the day that thou eatest thereof, thou shalt surely die," and **this penalty was to follow upon all flesh**, all being as helpless and dependent as he was in this matter."(Joseph F. Smith, Gospel Doctrine: Selections from the Sermons and Writings of Joseph F. Smith, compiled by John A. Widtsoe [Salt Lake City: Deseret Book Co., 1939], 202)

The death of the body, or **natural death, is but a temporary circumstance to which all were subjected through the fall**, and from which all will be restored or resurrected by the power of God, through the atonement of Christ." (Joseph F. Smith, Gospel Doctrine: Selections from the Sermons and Writings of Joseph F. Smith, compiled by John A. Widtsoe [Salt Lake City: Deseret Book Co., 1939], 16)

"As we understand it the term ' **first flesh**,' does not have reference to Adam as being the first living creature of the creation on the earth, but that he, through the ' fall ' became the first ' flesh,' or mortal soul. The term ' flesh ' in reference to mortal existence is of common usage. We find it so used in the scriptures. **Adam having partaken of the fruit became mortal and subject to death, which was not the condition until that time.** We are taught in the Temple as well as in the scriptures that **man was the last creation placed upon the earth, before death was introduced. Adam was the first to partake of the change and to become subject to the flesh.**"(Review Committee to President Grant, in The Truth, The Way, The Life, 2nd edition, Provo: BYU Studies, 1996, pp.292-293. George Albert Smith was chairman of the committee, and David O. McKay, Joseph Fielding Smith, Stephen L. Richards, and Melvin J. Ballard were committee members.)

"The Lord pronounced the earth good when it was finished. Everything upon its face was called good. There was no death in the earth before the fall of Adam. **I do not care what the scientists say in regard to dinosaurs and other creatures upon the earth millions of years ago, that lived and died and fought and struggled for**

existence. When the earth was created and was declared good, peace was upon its face among all its creatures. Strife and wickedness were not found here, neither was there any corruption.” (Joseph Fielding Smith, *Doctrines of Salvation*, Volume 1, p. 108)

“Adam, our first parent,—and I believe that doctrine very firmly, which is now discounted in the world—through his transgression brought into the world death, and through death came suffering and sin. **The first death that was pronounced upon him was banishment from the presence of the Lord.** For Adam died two deaths, a spiritual death, or banishment from the presence of God, which is the first death, and which is like the second death which will be pronounced upon the wicked when they are cast out of the presence of the Lord; and he also died the mortal death. **Modern education declares that there never was such a thing as the “fall” of man, but that conditions have always gone on in the same way as now in this mortal world. Here, say they, death and mutation have always held sway as natural conditions on this earth and everywhere throughout the universe the same laws obtain. It is declared that man has made his ascent to the exalted place he now occupies through countless ages of development which has gradually distinguished him from lower forms of life. Such a doctrine of necessity discards the story of Adam and the Garden of Eden, which it looks upon as a myth coming down to us from an early age of foolish ignorance and superstition. Moreover, it is taught that since death was always here, and a natural condition prevailing throughout all space, there could not possibly come a redemption from Adam’s transgression, hence there was no need for a Savior for a fallen world.”** (Melchizedek Priesthood, Joseph Fielding Smith, *Improvement Era*, 1937, Vol. XI. May, 1937. No. 5)

“Did Adam bring death into the world? Are we laboring under a misapprehension? Are we wrong? Is it true that millions of years before Adam came into the world death was here? . . . **Are these scriptures true?** Are these brethren true—and I have quoted three of the Presidents of the Church, including the Prophet [Joseph Smith] himself? Are they true, or are we to **discard their teachings and the teachings of the scriptures because the philosophies of men today declare a contrary doctrine?**” (Joseph Fielding Smith, *Doctrines of Salvation*, 3 vols., edited by Bruce R. McConkie [Salt Lake City: Bookcraft, 1954-1956], 1: 116.)

“**Any theory that presents as a fact a statement that man has evolved from other forms, and has not always been a sentient being, capable of thought, of reasoning, is in conflict with the word of the Lord,** as has been pointed out already by Elder Taylor in his

remarks here yesterday. Any doctrine that presents a view contrary to that which has been given by revelation, that Adam was placed in the Garden of Eden, that **by violation of the law he brought death into the world**, and through that death sin and all the vicissitudes of mortality have come,—such a doctrine is in conflict with the revealed word of God. **Any doctrine that declares that man has always been a fallen creature, or in other words, subject to the mortal conditions as we find them today, strikes at the vitals of the Christian faith.** Any doctrine that will say there was no Garden of Eden, no need of Adam, no transgression by our first parents, also teaches that there is no redemption from the fall and that the need of Jesus Christ as the Redeemer is unnecessary. **If there had been no fall there would have been no redemption; there would have been no need of Jesus Christ** coming, as he declared he did come, and as it has been declared by the prophets, to repair a broken law and to restore again that which was lost and to redeem men from the fallen condition. I think **what I say is logical, reasonable, and above all, it is scriptural.**” (Joseph Fielding Smith, Conference Report, October 1934, Second Day—Morning Meeting 64)

“When Adam and Eve were placed in the Garden of Eden, they did not have to die. They could have been there to this day. They could have continued on for countless ages. There was no death then. But it would have been a terrific calamity if they had refrained from taking the fruit of that tree, for they would have stayed in the Garden of Eden and we would not be here—nobody would be here except Adam and Eve. So Adam and Eve partook. **Eating of that forbidden fruit subdued the power of the spirit and created blood in their bodies. No blood was in their bodies before the Fall. The blood became the life of the body. And the blood was not only the life thereof, but it had in it the seeds of death.** And so we grow old and we die. But it would have been a dreadful thing if Adam and his posterity had been forced, because of the Fall, to die and remain dead; that would have been the case had there been no redemption.” (Joseph Fielding Smith, Conference Report, April 1967, Afternoon Meeting 122)

“If death was always here, then Adam did not bring it, and he could not be punished for it. If Adam did not fall, there was no Christ, because the atonement of Jesus Christ is based on the fall of Adam. And so we face these problems. If there is **anybody here that believes that death has always been going on, and that sin was always here, he will have a difficult time to explain Adam and the fall, or the atonement.** You see from these writings what a dreadful state these men get in when they do not believe in the fall and the introduction of sin into the world.” (Joseph Fielding Smith, Doctrines of Salvation,

1:119-120.)

“At this season of the year the attention of Christians everywhere is centered on the **resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ**. It is well that it is so; for this is the **most important event that ever occurred in our fallen world**. When **Adam and Eve were placed in the Garden of Eden, there was no death. It was by the violation of a commandment that brought mortality and death upon them**. The Lord said to them: ‘. . . Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.’ (Gen. 2:16-17) After they had eaten the Lord cursed the ground for their sakes and said: ‘In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the round; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.’ (Gen. 3:19)” (Joseph Fielding Smith, Conference Report, April 1956, Afternoon Meeting 125)

No Pre-Adamites

Moses 3:7: “And I, the Lord God, formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul, the **first flesh upon the earth**, the **first man** also; nevertheless, all things were before created; but spiritually were they created and made according to my word.”

Abraham 1:3: “It was conferred upon me from the fathers; it came down from the fathers, from the beginning of time, yea, even from the beginning, or before the foundation of the earth, down to the present time, even the right of the firstborn, or **the first man, who is Adam, or first father**, through the fathers unto me.”

"Ammon said unto him: I am a man; and **man in the beginning was created after the image of God**, and I am called by his Holy Spirit to teach these things unto this people, that they may be brought to a knowledge of that which is just and true;" (Alma 18:34)

Harold B Lee: “I was somewhat sorrowed recently to hear someone, a sister who comes from a church family, ask, “What about the pre-Adamic people?” Here was someone who I thought was fully grounded in the faith. I asked, “What about the **pre-Adamic people?**” **She replied, “Well, aren’t there evidences that people preceded the Adamic period of the earth?”** I said, “**Have you forgotten the scripture that says, ‘And I, the Lord God, formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul, the first flesh upon the earth, the first man also....’**” (Moses 3:7) I asked, “**Do you believe that?**” She wondered about the creation because she had read the theories of the scientists, and the question that she was really asking was: **How do you reconcile science with religion? The answer must be, If science is not true, you cannot reconcile truth with error.**” (Harold B. Lee, “First Presidency Message: Find the Answers in the Scriptures,” Ensign, Dec. 1972, 2.)

Marion G. Romney: “The writings of Abraham, Moses, and Enoch as recorded in the Pearl of Great Price and the writings of Lehi and Nephi as recorded in the Book of Mormon are a great asset in understanding the purpose and intent of the earliest Old Testament writings. For example, they make very clear the **origin and nature of man**. For many years I had an assignment from the First Presidency to serve on what was known as the Church Publications Committee. We were expected to read and pass upon material submitted for use in the study courses of our auxiliary organizations. In reading these materials my spirit was sometimes offended by the use of language which expressed the views of those who did not believe in the mission of Adam. I have reference to words and

phrases such as **“primitive man,” “prehistoric man,” “before men learned to write,”** and the like. Sometimes these terms are used in ways which evidence a misunderstanding of the mission of Adam. The connotation of these terms, as used by unbelievers, is **out of harmony with our understanding** of the mission of Adam, as taught by such teachers as Enoch, Moses, and Nephi. Adam fell that men might be” (2 Ne. 2:25). There were **no pre-Adamic men in the line of Adam**. The Lord said that Adam was the first man (see Moses 1:34, Moses 3:7; D&C 84:16). The Lord also said that Adam was the first flesh (see Moses 3:7), which, as I understand it, means the first mortal on the earth. I understand from a statement made by Enoch, in the book of Moses, that there was **no death in the world before Adam** (see Moses 6:48; 2 Ne. 2:22). Enoch also said that a record of Adam was kept in a book which had been written under the tutelage of the Almighty himself...I am not a scientist. I do not profess to know much about what they know. My emphasis is on Jesus Christ, and him crucified, and the revealed principles of his gospel. **If, however, there are some things in the strata of the earth indicating there were men before Adam, then they were not the ancestors of Adam.** And we should avoid using language and ideas that would cause confusion on this matter. (President Marion G Romney, <https://www.lds.org/ensign/1980/09/records-of-great-worth?lang=eng>)

Joseph Fielding Smith: "It is held by some that **Adam** was not the first man upon this earth and that the original human being was a **development from lower orders of the animal creation**. These, however, are **the theories of men**. The word of the Lord declared that Adam was “the first man of all men” (Moses 1:34), and we are therefore in **duty bound to regard him as the primal parent of our race**. It was shown to the brother of Jared that all men were created in the beginning after the image of God; whether we take this to mean the spirit or the body, or both, it commits us to the same conclusion: **Man began life as a human being, in the likeness of our Heavenly Father.**

True it is that the body of man enters upon its career as a tiny germ embryo, which becomes an infant, quickened at a certain stage by the spirit whose tabernacle it is, and the child, after being born, develops into a man. **There is nothing in this, however, to indicate that the original man, the first of our race, began life as anything less than a man**, or less than the human germ or embryo that becomes a man." ("The Origin of Man" by The First Presidency of the Church, then being Joseph F. Smith, John R. Winder, and Anthon H. Lund, Improvement Era, Nov. 1909, 80) (<https://www.lds.org/ensign/2002/02/the-origin-of-man?lang=eng>)

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Spencer W. Kimball: “Adam and Eve were the progenitors of the race. They were **the first father and mother, and all the children of mortality are the offspring of this couple**” (President Spencer W. Kimball “The Lord’s Plan for Men and Women,” Ensign, Oct. 1975, 4).

Bruce R McConkie: "In Eden we will see all things created in a paradisiacal state - without death, without procreation, without probationary experiences. We will come to know that such a creation, now unknown to man, was the only way to provide for the Fall. We will then see **Adam and Eve, the first man and the first woman, step down from their state of immortal and paradisaical glory to become the first mortal flesh on earth.** Mortality, including as it does procreation and death, will enter the world. And because of transgression a probationary estate of trial and testing will begin. Then in Gethsemane we will see the Son of God ransom man from the temporal and spiritual death that came to us because of the Fall.. And finally, before an empty tomb, we will come to know that Christ our Lord has burst the bands of death and stands forever triumphant over the grave. **Thus, Creation is father to the Fall; and by the Fall came mortality and death; and by Christ came immortality and eternal life. If there had been no fall of Adam, by which cometh death, there could have been no atonement of Christ, by which cometh life.** (Bruce R. McConkie, Mormon Doctrine, 2d ed. [Salt Lake City: Bookcraft, 1966], 250)

Joseph Fielding Smith: “Then Adam, and by that I mean the first man, was not capable of sin. He could not transgress, and by doing so bring death into the world; for, according to this theory, death had always been in the world. If, therefore, there was no fall, there was no need of an atonement, hence the coming into the world of the Son of God as the Savior of the world is a contradiction, a thing impossible. Are you prepared to believe such a thing as that? Do you believe that the first man was a savage? That he lacked in the power of intelligence? That he has been on the constant road of progression? These are the teachings of such theorists.” (Joseph Fielding Smith, Doctrines of Salvation,

1:142)

Skulls & Neanderthals: Con Science

Some say the skulls of various humanoids have been found. These always turn out to be, upon closer research, just various primates, pygmies, and children.

Some suggest that the elongated skulls being found indicate an ancient alien race. These however are likely just warped from human practices, as is seen by Chinese foot binding, African neck stretching, etc.

We have various Neanderthal skulls the artists could make them look anyway they wanted they were instructed to make them look ape-like. The eyebrow ridge never stops growing so if you live to be a long time your skull would look a good deal different. Further if you use the chewing muscles a lot it pulls on the bones and changes the shape of the skull this is seen among some aborigine populations today perhaps these ancients use their mouths as tools or perhaps they ate a lot of vegetables which requires a lot of chewing.

Nebraska Man

Nebraska man was used as evidence for evolution for a long time all they had of him was one tooth.

Later they found the tooth was from a pig.



(Nebraska Man. Image: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nebraska_Man)

Hilton Man

Hilton Man the jaw was broken and the teeth filed down to fool people but it was in textbooks for decades until proved a fraud in the 50s.

Lucy (1974, Africa)

The person who discovered the **Lucy** skeleton was 2 weeks away from running out of grant money to discover the missing link of evolution. Lucy was obviously a chimpanzee of some kind. They named it Lucy because they were listening to The Beatles song Lucy in the sky with diamonds which stands for LSD. They found a bone a mile and a half away that they called the knee joint of Lucy. They say that knee joint was the best evidence of Lucy becoming human. Actually the type of femur was just indicative of it being a tree climbing monkey. They say the bones of Lucy are slightly bigger than normal which proves it's becoming human but this is not good logic there are various animals with certain breeds having larger bones than others.

St Louis zoo put human feet bones on The Lucy but not one foot or hand bone was found for Lucy.

The foot of apes has a tow coming off on the side to grip like a thumb. Often they brush this under the table and just to pick these evolution drawings as having human-like feet.



(Lucy pieces. Image: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lucy_\(Australopithecus\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lucy_(Australopithecus)))



(Lucy reconstruction. Image: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lucy_\(Australopithecus\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lucy_(Australopithecus)))

But the Lord is clear on this: Moses 3:7: “And I, the Lord God, formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul, the **first flesh upon the earth**, the **first man** also; nevertheless, all things were before created; but spiritually were they created and made according to my word.”

Adam Was 1st Flesh on Earth (Before Animals or other People): Scriptural Analysis

Thesis: Adam was on Earth before animals. All were created spiritually, but Adam was the first with a body.

The following by Dennis Isaacson is shared with permission:

“The word, flesh, is used several times to describe the animals and Adam and Eve. Harold B. Lee specifically teaches that it means Adam was the first life and man, and that the thought that there were Pre-Adamites is not scriptural. So while Joseph Fielding Smith made [a] comment (about first flesh meaning the first mortal), we have to look at it in context to see if it fits.

The Lord is using it in Moses 3:5-7 to make a point. He doesn't just state that Adam was the first flesh, but "the first man also". His use of the word "also" is telling. Look at his use of the word "flesh" in this scripture:

"And every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew. For I, the Lord God, created all things, of which I have spoken, spiritually, before they were naturally upon the face of the earth. For I, the Lord God, had not caused it to rain upon the face of the earth. And I, the Lord God, had created all the children of men; and not yet a man to till the ground; for in heaven created I them; and there was NOT YET FLESH upon the earth, neither in the water, neither in the air;"

Would man live in the water or in the air? He's obviously not using the word "flesh" in this instance to refer to mortal man, so why would we try to apply that meaning to Adam when he next describes him as "the first flesh upon the earth, the first man also;"?

On the flip side, looking logically at this; even if the Lord would've been referring to Adam's future mortal nature in this statement, then he was definitely stating that there was not mortal flesh in the previous statement where he said there was "NOT YET FLESH upon the earth, neither in the water, neither in the air;"

In either case, he makes it quite clear that there was no mortal flesh upon the Earth. Thus, there was no death whatsoever before the fall of Adam and Eve.

It is especially important that he parenthetically encloses the spiritual creation (and a time and a place being designated here) of all life on earth with the commencement of the physical creation of all life on earth by using a key mechanism here. What is that mechanism? The watering of the earth. Directly after this, Adam is created.”

Note: So we see the 1st 6 days of creation were the spiritual, and the 7th the temporal was placed on the earth. It says it had not rained yet in the first 6 days; the rain is likely when the mists and downpour started which caused the vegetation to start growing. This would also be near the time when Heavenly Father and Heavenly Mother would come to the Garden of God to bare Adam and Eve, and later, they would send them eastward to the Garden of Eden to begin their probation (see the Garden of God essay for more on that theory). In Eden, Adam names the animals. It stands to reason that this naming of the animals is when the animals were brought to the scene. Animals, like humans, are not formed from the dust. That is symbolic language. Prototypical parent animals of each type must have also been brought to the Garden of Eden. After naming the animals, Eve was ready to be introduced into Eden. She may have been a bit younger than Adam, or just kept for extra training. The naming and marriage could have taken place in a very short period of time, in a day as it says. The naming was likely a powerful series of revelations to Adam in that he performed quickly what would take us some time.

7th Day Creation of Adam & Animals?

dc77:12 suggests it was only adam who was made 7th day not the animals, but some suggest that that verse isn't about that

Dividing Light from Darkness: People Theory

The following by Dennis Isaacson is shared with permission:

“What is dividing the light and darkness about? We know that the creation of our sun and moon hadn't been mentioned yet when this occurred, so what is this referring to? Let's examine this:

"And the earth was without form, and void; and I caused darkness to come up upon the face of the deep; and my Spirit moved upon the face of the water; for I am God.

And I, God, said: Let there be light; and there was light.

And I, God, saw the light; and that light was good. And I, God, divided the light from the darkness." -- Moses 2:2-4

Before we jump right in an attempt to analyze this, let's also show what the Book of Abraham has to say about this same part of the creation account:

"And the earth, after it was formed, was empty and desolate, because they had not formed anything but the earth; and darkness reigned upon the face of the deep, and the Spirit of the Gods was brooding upon the face of the waters.

And they (the Gods) said: Let there be light; and there was light.

And they (the Gods) comprehended the light, for it was bright; and they divided the light, or caused it to be divided, from the darkness." -- Abraham 4:2-4

So the Mosaic account makes us think that the earth was without form, but the Abrahamic account shows us the the earth did have form (a sphere).

We would know nothing about what the light and darkness meant if it wasn't for revealed knowledge about Satan rebelling against God and being cast down to earth.

I think there is merit in the idea that Satan and his hosts were here and that the darkness mentioned referred to them. Also, the "let there be light" command could be a calling together of the hosts that were with the Savior to assist in organizing the world. Therefore, the division of the light and darkness could be

casting out Satan from the Heavenly host. Satan on one side (or in another realm) of earth oblivious to what was happening on the other side by Christ and his assistants.

BTW, I love the fact that both accounts mention the earth as having waters upon its surface. The earth as a hydro-planet is scriptural, whereas, the earth as a magma-planet is without mention.”

The Watchers Nephilim Supernatural/Extra-Terrestrial Theory Exposed as False Doctrine

A case could be made for these “Watchers” being extra-terrestrials. Here, however, is a case for them being normal humans, strong and mighty etc. in that they had the priesthood.

-One must understand what is an angel, what is a human, what is a God. They are all human, but in different stages of progression.

stage 1 of human: angel without body (not yet come to earth to get a body)

stage 2 of human: mortal being with a body on earth (being tested to see if will advance higher by passing the test of faith)

stage 3 of human: angel without a body (came to earth for a body and died, and now awaits the resurrection)

stage 4 of human: angel with a body (the body was dead but is now resurrected to forever remain alive, for “in Christ are all made alive”)

stage 5 of human: God (the resurrected (re-embodied) angel has reached perfection)

Note: the term “angel” is not really an essential term in this context; the angel is not a different breed from the human or the God; they are all the same breed, it's us. The main thing to pay attention to is that our stages of progression are defined by whether or not our spirits are clothed in bodies. Angel comes from Hebrew melak and Greek angelos, both merely meaning “messenger.” In that sense of the word, a human mortal on God's errand can be termed an angel as well.

-“There is a prevailing doctrine in the Christian world that these sons of God were heavenly beings who came down and married the daughters of men and thus came a superior race on the earth, the result bringing the displeasure of the Lord. This foolish notion is the result of lack of proper information, and because the correct information is not found in the Book of Genesis Christian peoples have been led astray. The correct information regarding these unions is revealed in the inspired interpretation given to the Prophet Joseph Smith in the Book of Moses. Without doubt when this scripture was first written, it was perfectly clear, but scribes and translators in the course of time, not having divine inspiration, changed the meaning to conform to their incorrect understanding. These verses in the Prophet's revision give us a correct meaning, and from them we learn why the Lord was angry with the people and decreed to shorten the span of life and to bring upon the world the flood of purification.” (Answers to Gospel Questions, 5 vols. [Salt Lake City: Deseret Book Co., 1957-1966], 1: 136.)

-“It is stated that the iniquity of man was great, and God brought a flood on the earth. Now, to understand that correctly we have to know what kind of position those persons were in, and why they were called the “Sons of God.” Those men were in the same position as the Latter-day Saints. They were heirs to the Priesthood. They were the sons of God. They had obeyed the holy covenants. They had received the word of the Lord. They were consecrated to the Almighty. But they went outside of their covenants and their engagement with the Lord, and took wives of the daughters of men that were not in the covenant, and thus transgressed the law of God. The law of God in relation to this has been the same in all ages, and has been given to this people—that the sons of Israel shall wed the daughters of Israel, and shall not go out to wed with the stranger. These men did that, and God was displeased, as He is to-day with Latter-day Saints, who are called out of the world to be His servants, to be holy unto the Lord, to be clean because they bear the vessels of the Lord, when they go outside and wed with the stranger.” (Journal of Discourses, 26 vols. [London: Latter-day Saints’ Book Depot, 1854-1886], 25: 228 – 229.)

-“Because the daughters of Noah married the sons of men contrary to the teachings of the Lord, his anger was kindled, and this offense was one cause that brought to pass the universal flood. . . . The daughters who had been born, evidently under the covenant, and were the daughters of the sons of God, that is to say of those who held the priesthood, were transgressing the commandment of the Lord and were marrying out of the Church . Thus they were cutting themselves off from the blessings of the priesthood contrary to the teachings of Noah and the will of God. . . . Today there are foolish daughters of those who hold this same priesthood who are violating this commandment and marrying the sons of men; there are also some of the sons of those who hold the priesthood who are marrying the daughters of men. All of this is contrary to the will of God just as much as it was in the days of Noah” (Pearl of Great Price Student Manual – Religion 327)

-Gen. 6 etc. says there were giants in those days, Hebrew Nephilim. “giants” could mean powerful men, as will be seen later in this article.

-nephilim can be translated as giants, bullies, etc. (see strong’s exhaustive concordance at <http://biblehub.com/interlinear/genesis/6.htm>)

-nephilim is plural referring to pre and post flood ppl; ones (see strong’s exhaustive concordance at <http://biblehub.com/hebrew/5303.htm>)

– nephilim comes from naphal meaning fallen or fellers as in those who cause trees to fall meaning strong ones or fallen

-There could have historically been humans with larger skeletons than we have now, but that doesn’t imply supernatural mystery as people like to entertain with the whole Watchers / Nephilim narrative.

-One must understand the correct doctrine of humans: there are Gods (perfected humans), there are angels without bodies (humans who haven’t come to earth

yet), and there are angels with bodies (humans who already came to earth, and have been resurrected).

-the Enoch texts call these people “sons of God” these are righteous men, not some other race. A tangent but true also is that angels are not a different race than humans! Gods men and angels are all the same race, but are in different stages of progression.

– “Nephilim” is not easily translated. The word can mean “fellers” (like those who fell a tree, or a person) and thus are a type of bully; or it can mean “fallen ones.”

It is the Joseph Smith Enoch which gives the most convincing solution: the beings who fell were not angels but men who had become sons of God. From the beginning, it tells us, mortal men could qualify as “sons of God,” beginning with Adam. Moses 6:68 How? By believing and entering the covenant. Moses 7:1 Thus when “Noah and his sons hearkened unto the Lord, and gave heed ... they were called the sons of God.” Moses 8:13 In short, the sons of God are those who accept and live by the law of God. When “the sons of men” (as Enoch calls them) broke their covenant, they still insisted on that exalted title: “Behold, we are the sons of God; have we not taken unto ourselves the daughters of men?” Moses 8:21 (Hugh Nibley, “A Strange Thing in the Land: The Return of the Book of Enoch, Part 8,” Ensign, Dec 1976, 73)

-Further study with Hugh Nibley on the Nephilim and the Book of Enoch:
<https://www.lds.org/ensign/1976/12/a-strange-thing-in-the-land-the-return-of-the-book-of-enoch-part-8?lang=eng>

-The elongated skulls being found are not an alien species, but represent rather a common technique of wrapping or framing a portion of a body to deform it to some cultural value as is seen historically in China and elsewhere.

Earth Made from Parent Earth's

Joseph Smith said "this earth was organized or formed out of other planets which were broken up and remodeled and made into the one on which we live." (Ehat and Cook, Words of Joseph Smith, 60)(see also "Discourse, 5 January 1841, as Reported by William Clayton," josephsmithpapers.org; spelling and punctuation standardized).).

"... In the translation 'without form and void' it should read 'empty and desolate.' The word 'created' should be formed or organized" (Joseph Smith in "Discourse, 5 January 1841, as Reported by William Clayton," josephsmithpapers.org).

"God brought forth material out of which he formed this little terra firma upon which we roam. How long had this material been in existence? Forever and forever, in some shape, in some condition" (Discourses of Brigham Young, sel. John A. Widtsoe [1954], 100).

Joseph Smith said "You ask the learned doctors why they say the world was made out of nothing, and they will answer, "Doesn't the Bible say he created the world?" And they infer, from the word create, that it must have been made out of nothing. Now, the word create came from the word baurau, which does not mean to create out of nothing; it means to organize; the same as a man would organize materials and build a ship. Hence we infer that God had materials to organize the world out of chaos—chaotic matter, which is element, and in which dwells all the glory. Element had an existence from the time He had. The pure principles of element are principles which can never be destroyed; they may be organized and re-organized, but not destroyed. They had no beginning and can have no end." (History of the Church, 6:308-9; see also D&C 93:33, see also <https://www.lds.org/ensign/1971/04/the-king-follett-sermon?lang=eng>).

Joseph Smith teaches a sermon saying matter is eternal see "The King Follett Sermon" at <https://www.lds.org/ensign/1971/04/the-king-follett-sermon?lang=eng>

The Kolob Circumference Theory & Inquiry

Earth around sun at 30,000 km/hr (67,000mi/hr).

In 1000 years (a day to God), it goes:

30,000 km/hr (24hr/day) (365day/yr) (1000yr/1k yr) =

262,800,000,000 km / 1000 yrs

Question:

We know on Kolob that 1 day is 1000 of our years.

We can use this conversion to calculate the circumference of Kolob.

The circumference of Kolob must be equal to the distance our earth travels in 1000 years.

In 1 year, Earth travels this to orbit the sun:

940 million km (584 million mi)

So in 1000 years: 940 billion km

So God's planet/Kolob has a circumference of 940 billion km.

This is around 1 trillion km, which is around 7000x solar units (the distance from earth to sun).

Now the question which allows us to find Kolob:

Are there stars at the center of the MWG with that circumference, or need we look deeper into space, beyond the MWG? I've not yet figured that out. Help?

God's Time

First, consider these scriptures stating that 1 year in God's time is 1000 years in mans time:

“But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.” (2 Peter 3:8)

“For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night.” (Psalms 90:4)

“3 And the Lord said unto me: These are the governing ones; and the name of the great one is Kolob, because it is near unto me, for I am the Lord thy God: I have set this one to govern all those which belong to the same order as that upon which thou standest. 4 And the Lord said unto me, by the Urim and Thummim, that Kolob was after the manner of the Lord, according to its times and seasons in the revolutions thereof; that one revolution was a day unto the Lord, after his manner of reckoning, it being one thousand years according to the time appointed unto that whereon thou standest. This is the reckoning of the Lord's time, according to the reckoning of Kolob.” (Abraham 3:3-4)

“Kolob, signifying the first creation, nearest to the celestial, or the residence of God. First in government, the last pertaining to the measurement of time. The measurement according to celestial time, which celestial time signifies one day to a cubit. One day in Kolob is equal to a thousand years according to the measurement of this earth, which is called by the Egyptians Jah-oh-eh.” (Facsilime 2, Fig. 1)

Another evidence of the 1000:1 conversation being actual is the lifespan of Adam. God said in the day you eat the fruit you'll surely die, Well, Adam died before reaching 1000 years of age, which to God is a day, and Adam indeed died within that day. Adam didn't drop dead when he bit the apple, he continued to live, but in the same “day” he bit the apple, he indeed died. We know of no one living more than 1000 years, though some got close. Some apocryphal texts claim Adam was the longest living man, who lived even longer than Methuselah, but still under 1000 years.

Adam's death being within 1 of God's days is verified by the following scripture: Abraham 5:12–13: “And the Gods commanded the man, saying: Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat, But of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it; for **in the time that thou eatest thereof, thou shalt surely die**. Now I, Abraham, saw **that it was after the Lord's time**, which was after the time of Kolob; for as yet the Gods had not appointed unto Adam his reckoning.”

Time “Slower” on God’s Planet

“Abraham learned that bodies in space have different periods of revolution and that they move in their own time frames of reference (Abr. 3:4). Each planet, or star, operates according to a time base which is set by its location from a central, governing body. ... To further clarify, let us consider a moon explorer who is faced with an extended stay on the moon’s surface. After a while, he finds it more convenient to redefine his time base in terms of the sun’s motion across the moon sky (his new environment). Following the method he remembers from his experiences on earth (the old environment), he defines the moon day as beginning when the sun rises at one place on the horizon and ending when the sun sets on the opposite horizon. ... Long after the moon days, months and years are well established for the intrepid moon voyager, he compares his moon system to the earthly calendar. He finds that one full moon day (complete rotation) corresponds to approximately 29 earth days. ... The moon observer agrees that his day passes much slower than the days that are reckoned on the earth” (Fred Holmstrom, “Astronomy and the Book of Abraham,” Sidney B. Sperry Symposium, 1982: *The Pearl of Great Price* [1982], 110–11). (<https://www.lds.org/manual/the-pearl-of-great-price-student-manual/the-book-of-abraham?lang=eng>)

Days of Creation

"Q. What are we to understand by the sounding of the trumpets, mentioned in the 8th chapter of Revelation? A. We are to understand that as **God made the world in six days, and on the seventh day he finished his work, and sanctified it, and also formed man out of the dust of the earth, even so, in the beginning of the seventh thousand years will the Lord God sanctify the earth,** and complete the salvation of man, and judge all things, and shall redeem all things, except that which he hath not put into his power, when he shall have sealed all things, unto the end of all things; and the sounding of the trumpets of the seven angels are the preparing and finishing of his work, in the beginning of the seventh thousand years—the preparing of the way before the time of his coming." (D&C 77:12)

As D&C 77:12 speaks of 7 days of creation, then 7000 years of life on earth, it could be interpreted to mean that the creation was actually in 7 days according to our reckoning. I don't believe this theory but it should be mentioned. I believe there is other scientific evidence, such as tree ring dating, which suggests that the day of the creation of plants was in fact back just as far as we would calculate it based on which day it was of the creation based on a 1000 years per day of creation. Read more in the Universal Model textbooks for specifics on the science.

This excerpt from the Old Testament manual highlights some resources of scholars who taught a 7000 year creation (they also highlight possibilities of evolutionarily old earth theories, which I do not subscribe to, so I will not bring them up here): "Although the majority of geologists, astronomers, and other scientists believe that even this long period is not adequate to explain the physical evidence found in the earth, there are a small number of reputable scholars who disagree. These claim that the geologic clocks are misinterpreted and that tremendous catastrophes in the earth's history speeded up the processes that normally may take thousands of years. They cite evidence supporting the idea that thirteen thousand years is not an unrealistic time period. Immanuel Velikovsky, for example, wrote three books amassing evidence that worldwide catastrophic upheavals have occurred in recent history, and he argued against uniformitarianism, the idea that the natural processes in evidence now have always prevailed at the same approximate rate of uniformity. These books are *Worlds in Collision*, *Ages in Chaos*, and *Earth in Upheaval*. Two Latter-day Saint scientists, Melvin A. Cook and M. Garfield Cook, have also advocated this theory in their book *Science and Mormonism*. A short summary of the Cooks' approach can be found in Paul Cracroft's article "How Old Is the Earth?" (Improvement Era, Oct. 1964, pp. 827–30, 852). (Old Testament Manual of the Church ch. 1) (<https://www.lds.org/manual/old-testament-student-manual-genesis-2-samuel/genesis-1-2-the-creation?lang=eng>)

I see creation as either 7 days or 7000 years as 1 day to God is 1000 years to man. My personal opinion is the 1000 years per day of creation.

Then we have Adam and Eve at around 4000 BC as most bible chronologies will tell.

Earth's 7000 Year Lifespan

The Doctrine & Covenants states that the earth has a 7000 year temporal lifespan: “6 Q. What are we to understand by the book which John saw, which was sealed on the back with seven seals? A. We are to understand that it contains the revealed will, mysteries, and the works of God; the hidden things of his economy concerning this earth during the seven thousand years of its continuance, or its temporal existence. 7 Q. What are we to understand by the seven seals with which it was sealed? A. We are to understand that the first seal contains the things of the first thousand years, and the second also of the second thousand years, and so on until the seventh.” (D&C 77:6-7)

Earth's Glorious Future

So, the earth may well be 7,000 years in the making plus 6,000 years gone by, making a total of 13,000 years old by now. But whether or not you agree with the 7,000 year creation, we do know that just over 6,000 years have passed since the creation. This means the final millennium is now upon us, and the coming of the Lord is neigh! Why didn't he arrive at year 2000 or thereabouts? The D&C states clearly that there would be a little season between the time of the opening of the 7th seal, and the coming of the Lord (Revelation 8:1; D&C 38:11-12; 77:12-13; 88:95). That little season would be a time of preparation.

In that 6,000 years have passed from the beginning of temporal life on earth with Adam, we are now in the remaining 1,000 years of earth's temporal lifespan. In other words, the 7th seal.

Soon Christ will come to reign on earth. The D&C states that shortly after the opening of the 7th seal (the beginning of the 7th thousand year period), the Lord will return.

That little season, that half hour of silence, perhaps is now coming to an end. A half hour equates to, if we convert it to the Lord's time of 1,000 years to make being a day to God, about 21 years. Hence, we could suppose, as many great thinkers have (including Elder Bruce R McConkie in his work "The Millennial Messiah (ref)"), that these great calamities could be in their climax in the season after the first score of years into this millennium, around year 2021. Of course, give or take a bit.

Earth was created, baptized by immersion via the flood, and will be baptized by fire and the Holy Ghost when Christ returns. Eventually it will die, and, as it has obeyed the laws of its creation, will be resurrected to the glory of a celestial world, where celestial saints will inhabit it forever.

Brigham Young taught that the Earth literally fell at the time off the fall, being hurdled in space away from its original location of creation. He further said that it would eventually return. (ref) So what is the next geological phase for the earth? We know there will be a great fire when the Lord returns. Is this radiation of His presence from the Earth moving its physical location in space, perhaps being en route to the presence of the home planets of the Gods, near Kolob? At the end of the millennium, there will be another great fire. Is this the earth making its physical movement again, this time reaching home to the "celestial shores"?

Exciting things are certainly in store! When you hear geologists say millions of years, you might well take of a set of zeros, and have an idea for what actually happened! Likewise, when they predict calamity in the distant future, know that these things are neigh at hand!

Language Families & Origins

We have no record of writing before the tower of Babel around 2200BC, near the time of the flood. Dates of cave wall writings are only speculative.

The Adamic language was spoken all the way until the Tower of Babel. Then there were 3 major languages, all pictographic as this was their only way to communicate. The 3 major languages were:

Cuneiform for the Europeans

Hieroglyph for the Africans

Chinese for the Chinese

There may have been a remnant that retained the Adamic language, or Hebrew which is like unto it, such as the Mulekites which left Babel with a preserved language, whose record is found in The Book of Mormon.

See Universal Model by Dean Sessions vol. 2 for more information on origins of language and societies.

Some rumor Sumerian as far antiquating biblical records, but these arguments are hearsay without dated written texts to verify dates.

The Flood of Noah: Worldwide: Introductory Quotes & Resources

“I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy **all** flesh, wherein is the breath of life, from under heaven; and **every thing** that is in the earth shall die” (Gen. 6:17)

“19 And the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth; and all the high hills, that were under the whole heaven, were covered. 20 Fifteen cubits upward did the waters prevail; and the mountains were covered.” (Gen. 7:19-20)

It was prophesied that in the last days, secular scientists would use the false theory of uniformitarianism to claim that no major events shaped history, but that rather all things happen at a steady consistent rate, without divine intervention. This philosophy is at the core of denying the creation, the flood, etc. “3 Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, 4 And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation. 5 For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: 6 Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: 7 But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.” (2 Peter 3:3-7)

“The Old Testament unfolds the story of the creation of the earth and mankind by God. Should we now disregard this account and modernize the creation according to the theories of the modernists? Can we say there was no Garden of Eden or an Adam and Eve? Because modernists now declare the story of the flood is unreasonable and impossible, should we disbelieve the account of Noah and the flood as related in the Old Testament? Let us examine what the Master said when the disciples came to him as he sat on the Mount of Olives. They asked him to tell them of the time of his coming and of the end of the world. Jesus answered: “But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only. But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before **the flood** they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that **Noe entered into the ark**, and knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.” (Matthew 24:36–39) In this statement **the Master confirmed the story**

of the flood without modernizing it. Can we accept some of the statements of the Lord as being true and at the same time reject others as being false? When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, and they discussed the matter of the death of her brother and the resurrection. Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live.” [87] Both of these statements, the one regarding Noah and the fact of the flood and the one in which he declared himself to be the resurrection and the life, were made by the Lord. How can we believe one and not the other? How can we modernize the story of the flood, or refer to it as a myth, and yet cling to the truth of the other? **How can we modernize the Bible and still have it be a guiding light to us and a vital influence in our beliefs? There are those who declare it is old-fashioned to believe in the Bible. Is it old-fashioned to believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of the Living God? Is it old-fashioned to believe in his atoning sacrifice and the resurrection? If it is, I declare myself to be old-fashioned and the Church to be old-fashioned.** In great simplicity, the Master taught the principles of life eternal and lessons that bring **happiness to those with the faith to believe.**” (Howard W. Hunter, *That We Might Have Joy*, p. 23.)

Donald Parry, now a BYU Hebrew Professor and prolific author, taught of the literal flood in the January 1998 Ensign. He addresses many who disbelieve in the flood, then says, “There is a third group of people—those who accept the literal message of the Bible regarding Noah, the ark, and the Deluge. Latter-day Saints belong to this group. In spite of the world’s arguments against the historicity of the Flood, and despite the supposed lack of geologic evidence, we Latter-day Saints believe that Noah was an actual man, a prophet of God, who preached repentance and raised a voice of warning, built an ark, gathered his family and a host of animals onto the ark, and floated safely away as waters covered the entire earth. We are assured that these events actually occurred by the multiple testimonies of God’s prophets.”

He then cites scriptures in support of Noah’s flood: “These include Enoch (see Moses 7:42–43), Abraham (see Abr. 1:19), Amulek (see Alma 10:22), Moroni (see Ether 6:7), Matthew (see JS—M 1:41–42), Peter (see 2 Pet. 2:5), Joseph Smith (see D&C 84:14–15; D&C 133:54), and Joseph F. Smith (see D&C 138:9, 41). The Lord Jesus Christ himself spoke to the Nephites of the “waters of Noah” (3 Ne. 22:9).”

<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/ensign/1998/01/the-flood-and-the-tower-of-babel?lang=eng>

Parry continues to explain more scriptural evidence for the flood being universal over the whole earth.

In recent times, the doctrine of the flood has become much more controversial, even than it was in the late 20th century. I maintain that it was universal.

Dean Sessions' Universal Model volume 1 "The Earth Model" has over 100 pages loaded with scientific evidence for the universal flood. Visit universalmode.com for a copy and to learn more. We aren't limited to rain causing the flood (as Widtsoe perhaps thought)! Fountains from deep breaking forth are more understandable when we understand a more water based earth. This is treated extensively in UM. They demonstrate that the magma model of earth is unfounded and unproven, and replace that theory with a water planet model, similar to so many other planets. Genesis 7:11 speaks of both rain from above, and fountains from beneath earths surface contributing to the flood waters, "the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened." Further, UM demonstrates that the formation of many rocks and minerals would have required some 5 miles of flood water pressurizing those materials. More of UM's Universal Flood model is treated elsewhere in this text.

Fair Mormon and other apologists try to compromise in claiming the flood did happen, but was just local phenomenon, perhaps exaggerated by Moses, Noah, or others involved in the retelling of the event. I don't subscribe to this view. Earth was baptized by immersion, and we need not faun for ideas of how to justify our religious views with the limited views of the fallen world and their lost scientists.

Another strong case for the flood is the many flood myths which permeate cultures around the world. Scientists must learn to use history as a form of science. Of course, the greatest of these records is the bible. Surely future ancient records coming forth will also vindicate the fact of Noah's flood.

Creation & The Eternal Line of Gods

Some ask “where does it all begin?” The answer of course is that it doesn’t, and neither does it end. Our finite minds cannot currently understand that as they operate on a telestial level, rather than comprehending the physics of the celestial realms, which are different and higher than our own.

God hasn’t always been God. Consider these words of Joseph Smith which suggest He started around 2.5 billion years ago: "Well, now, Brother William, when the house of Israel begins to come into the glorious mysteries of the kingdom, and find Jesus Christ, whose going forth, as the prophets said, have been from of old, from eternity: and that eternity, agreeably to the records found in the catacombs of Egypt, has been going on in this system, (not this world) almost two thousand five hundred and fifty-five millions of years: . . . it almost tempts the flesh to fly to God, or muster faith like Enoch to be translated and see and know as we are seen and known!" (William W. Phelps, *Times and Seasons*, January 1, 1845, Vol 5, No. 24)

Elder McConkie repeated Joseph Smith’s teaching of the 2.5 billion year ago appointment, "The life that God lives is named *eternal life*. His name, one of them, is "Eternal," using that word as a noun and not as an adjective, and he uses that name to identify the type of life that he lives. God's life is eternal life, and eternal life is God's life. They are one and the same. Eternal life is the reward we shall obtain if we believe and obey and walk uprightly before him. And eternal life consists of two things. It consists of life in the family unit, and, also, of inheriting, receiving, and possessing the fullness of the glory of the Father. Anyone who has each of these things is an inheritor and possessor of the greatest of all gifts of God, which is eternal life. Eternal progression consists of living the kind of life God lives and of increasing in kingdoms and dominions everlastingly. Why anyone should suppose that an infinite and eternal being who has **presided in our universe for almost 2,555,000,000 years**, who made the sidereal heavens, whose creations are more numerous than the particles of the earth, and who is aware of the fall of every sparrow—why anyone would suppose that such a being has more to learn and new truths to discover in the laboratories of eternity is totally beyond my comprehension. Will he one day learn something that will destroy the plan of salvation and turn man and the universe into an uncreated nothingness? Will he discover a better plan of salvation than the one he has already given to men in worlds without number? The saving truth, as revealed to and taught, formally and officially, by the Prophet Joseph Smith in the *Lectures on Faith* is that God is omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent. He knows all things, he has all power, and he is everywhere present by the power of his Spirit. And unless we know and believe this doctrine we cannot gain faith unto life and salvation." (Bruce R. McConkie, "The Seven Deadly Heresies")

(<http://speeches.byu.edu/?act=viewitem&id=658>)

The process of people becoming Gods continues today. That's why we're here on this earth. **Some from this earth Abraham etc. already are exalted Gods:** This indicates that the process of deification is not as long as many have thought, and further builds the case of a divine continually growing family of Gods. **D&C132:37:** "37 Abraham received concubines, and they bore him children; and it was accounted unto him for righteousness, because they were given unto him, and he abode in my law; as Isaac also and Jacob did none other things than that which they were commanded; and because they did none other things than that which they were commanded, they have entered into their exaltation, according to the promises, and sit upon thrones, and are not angels **but are gods.**"

Elohim is a title, not a personal name. "Ahman" is Heavenly Father's personal name based on D&C 78:15, 20 and Elder Orson Pratt, is a name of the Father (JD 2:342). The Egyptians had fragments of gospel truth (from Noah, Abraham, Moses, and others) and variations of Ahman are featured as names of their chief deities.

God used to be a human, and went through life just like us. Joseph Smith said, "God the Father is an exalted man, native of another planet, who has acquired his divine status through a death similar to that of human beings, the necessary way to divinization (cf. TPJS, pp. 345-346)."

Brigham Young said that "there never was a time when there were not Gods and worlds and when men were not passing through the same ordeals that we are now passing through." (Deseret News, 16 Nov. 1859, page 290) See also Revelations 1:6.

The fact that Heavenly Father even has a father is well established by Joseph Smith and his successors. Joseph Smith taught, "If Jesus Christ was the Son of God, and John discovered that God the Father of Jesus Christ had a Father, you may suppose that He had a Father also. Where was there ever a son without a father? And where was there ever a father without first being a son? Whenever did a tree or anything spring into existence without a progenitor? And everything comes in this way. Paul says that which is earthly is in the likeness of that which is heavenly, hence if Jesus had a Father, can we not believe that He had a Father also? I despise the idea of being scared to death at such a doctrine, for the Bible is full of it. I want you to pay particular attention to what I am saying. Jesus said that the Father wrought precisely in the same way as His Father had done before Him. As the Father had done before? He laid down His life, and took it up the same as His Father had done before. He did as He was sent, to lay down His life and take it up again; and then was committed unto Him the keys. I know it is good reasoning." (Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith page 373, meeting of June 16, 1844)

Joseph Fielding Smith also taught of Heavenly Father's Father, and how Jesus Christ is the prototypical example of how to become a God: "God himself was once as we are now, and is **an exalted man**, and sits enthroned in yonder heavens! ... It is the first principle of the Gospel to know for a certainty the Character of God, and to know that we may converse with him as one man converses with another, and that **he was once a man like us; yea, that God himself, the Father of us all, dwelt on an earth, the same as Jesus Christ himself did.**" (Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith, sel. Joseph Fielding Smith, Salt Lake City: Deseret Book, 1938, pp. 345–46.) (<https://www.lds.org/ensign/1982/02/i-have-a-question?lang=eng>)

Multiple Systems with Constituent Gods

Hugh Nibley points out that the Pearl of Great Price doesn't say that Kolob is at the center of the universe, but that it is the center of God's creations, after that order of things. The order of things pertaining to our order. The bible says God is at the center of all things, and that Kolob is near God's home planet.

Joseph Smith taught that Heavenly Father has a Father, and so on. Therefore, when we say "universe", we can define that term as either meaning all God has created, or all things that exist everywhere forever.

A few of the brethren have made statements that perhaps indicate each galaxy as the operation for different gods.

Joseph Fielding Smith said "the great universe of stars has multiplied beyond the comprehension of men. Evidently each of these great systems is governed by divine law; with divine presiding Gods, for it would be unreasonable to assume that each was not so governed." (Joseph Fielding Smith, Answers to Gospel Questions 2:144, 1980)

We know that Joseph Smith plainly taught that Heavenly Father has a father. Brigham Young taught of there always being people going through the process of exaltation, generations and worlds without end. It makes sense there would be various systems for this to take place in.

Theory: Visible Universe All Made by Heavenly Father & The Planar Universe Stacking Theory

Perhaps all we can observe (with the Hubble deep space images, etc.) are the creations of our Father in Heaven, and that His Fathers' work lies in further outer reaches.

I've written elsewhere demonstrating one galaxy is an "eternity", and that each would have its own savior.

But how many "eternities"/galaxies has our Father in Heaven created/overseen? Perhaps all of the visible universe are his creations.

Then what of the other Gods, as in God's Father, and His Father, and so on? Lets look at the planar universe stacking theory:

Planar Universe Stacking Theory:

Is the entire visible planar universe belonging to one God, with other universes potentially stacked above and below?

It seems the pattern of creation is planar, meaning disk-like. Solar systems, galaxies, and perhaps the observable universe are all shaped like this. Perhaps they go ever outward, and, like temple mirrors looking endlessly forward and back.

It could be that other systems are above and below our system of what we can observe.

One way to look at it is like a case of compact disks (CDs). What we can see is 1 disk. It remains in disk shape, but is ever growing in its size. Then we also have other disks which are above and below the central disk. As Gods progress in eternity, additional disks are created, and existing disks expand further outward. The view of such an organization would be something like a sphere overall.

Theory: Jesus Christ Over Only Our Galaxy

Brigham Young said the sun revolves around Kolob (ref). If this is the case, that would obviously place Kolob at the center of our galaxy.

What is Kolob? It is the planet near the throne of God (ref).

Perhaps Kolob is the base of operations for Heavenly Father in this eternity, and he has a base of operations at the center of each galaxy, or each “eternity”. Perhaps Father travels from one galaxy to the next to govern each of them in their turn. Perhaps he manages multiple at a time.

Something to ponder is eternal/celestial/plural marriage: we know this is the order of God, and perhaps each system / batch of spirit children assigned to a galaxy is from one of the Queens of Heaven, and therefore we could contemplate multiple of these systems simultaneously occurring. It was not uncommon for the various wives to have their own homes, with the father visiting them each in turn. Of course God’s glory allows him to see and comprehend all that takes place, not just what is immediately near him.

Some suggest the Milky Way Galaxy as the center of God’s operations, and each galaxy being governed by its constituent God. This view may be too narrow however, as God’s creations may be much greater than one galaxy, however massive a galaxy is. The pattern we see in space is that of many galaxies, not of super huge galaxies. If each galaxy were limited to one deity, we would see super massive galaxies in different regions which are governed by very ancient rulers. But what we actually observe are galaxies with a fairly regular size, occurring all throughout space. All of this said, we still have very little information on this, and it remains speculative.

This statement could support the one god per galaxy theory: Joseph Fielding Smith said “the great universe of stars has multiplied beyond the comprehension of men. Evidently each of these great systems is governed by divine law; with divine presiding Gods, for it would be unreasonable to assume that each was not so governed.” (Joseph Fielding Smith, Answers to Gospel Questions 2:144, 1980)

Theory: Heavenly Father Near Kolob at Center of Milky Way Galaxy

It could be that Heavenly Father's kingdom is the Milky Way Galaxy. Scripture says Kolob is nearest Gods throne, and Brigam Young said Kolob is what our Sun revolves around, which would put Kolob at the center of our galaxy.

Theory: 1 Christ Per 1 World

The next question: are ALL of Heavenly Father's creations saved by the same savior? It would make sense that for each "batch/cohort" of Heavenly Fathers created spirit children, there would be a Savior and a Devil among them. One what level are these to apply: one per galaxy, one per handful of planets/solar system/local system, or even one per world?

Many times in the scriptures Christ is called the Savior of THE world (singular, not plural). However, we know we generally only get an account of this world, not of others.

Scripture says those who minister to this world are those who did or will live on this world. Therefore, would Christ minister to other worlds he did not live on? Wouldn't fit the pattern. Some say Enoch isn't just over terrestrial beings of this world, but of others of "this eternity/galaxy" also, but again, it violates the principle.

Here is Brigham Young saying each world has its own Christ and its own Satan:

"Sin is upon every earth that ever was created, and if it was not so, I would like some philosophers to let us know how people can be exalted to become sons of God, and enjoy a fulness of glory with the Redeemer. Consequently every earth has its redeemer, and every earth has its tempter; and every earth, and the people thereof, in their turn and time, receive all that we receive, and pass through all the ordeals that we are passing through." [Brigham Young July 10, 1870 JOD Volume 14 Page 71 Verse 1]

Look carefully at this verse: "that by him, and through him, and of him, the worlds are and were created, and the inhabitants thereof are begotten sons and daughters unto God." (D&C 76:25)

This shows that Christ was involved in creating multiple worlds, but it doesn't say he saves those people, it says that the people on those worlds are children of God.

There are anywhere from 100 billion to 1 trillion spirit children assigned to one earth, that's certainly enough to merit a savior and an infinite atonement to cover all of them!

When Christ shows Moses the creations of worlds without end, we know that is divine investiture, Christ is speaking in the place of Father, as mankind are not worthy of the presence of Father generally speaking (Father only comes in person at the very beginning (to Adam) and the very end (to Joseph Smith)). Christ is representing the Father, speaking as though he were the Father.

If the Christ of this world applies to other worlds, then we won the lottery, as there are estimated to be 100-400 billion stars in this galaxy.

This world the only wicked enough to crucify God? That verse could be meaning to the Jews at the time of Christ being the only wicked enough nation of this earth.

Knowing that there is only 1 Satan per world shows that there is also only 1 Christ per world. Otherwise why would Satan rise against Christ if the birthright was unavailable? Like we see in scripture, there are battles over birthrights, and they are awarded not always to the firstborn. Once Christ was called and chosen, no more Satans would come and want this.

Christ was sent to this earth. Here we watched him, and we can stand where he stood. Perhaps other worlds have the same privilege.

Perhaps the verses in Hebrew and D&C about Christ making and saving multiple worlds are divine investiture.

The following quote is questionable, it isn't firsthand, but is Wilford saying that Joseph said this (did Wilford HEAR Joseph say this? Since it wasn't public was it private speculation?):

"Joseph the Seer taught the following principle that the God & **father** of our Lord Jesus Christ was once the same as the Son or Holy Ghost but having **redeemed a world became the eternal God of that world**. He had a son Jesus Christ who redeemed this earth the same as his father had a world which made them equal & the Holy Ghost would do the same in his turn & so would all the Saints who inherited a Celestial glory so their would be Gods many & Lords many. [Wilford Woodruff, Jan. 30, 1842, "Book of Revelations," 3-4]

I don't like the idea in the above quote that some would suggest of multiple mortalities, but it does communicate the idea of saving 1 world at a time. My understanding is that we become joint heirs with Christ through valiant faith in Christ which includes taking up our crosses and following Him, not through actually going through another mortality, which is an absurd idea as we know in scripture that once resurrected always resurrected.

Where was Pre-Mortality?

Parly Pratt in key to theology says we were nurtured near father for a time then transplanted to spirit Earth's, and on those is where the 1st estate was and the war in heaven was.

It is noteworthy here to say that the book of Abraham's reference to intelligences organized before the world was is referring to spirits, as we can tell by the context. It was not referring the primal element of intelligence which was apparently organized into spirits.

How long is an Eternity? & Where, Who...

Brigham Young, Joseph F Smith, and many prophets have spoken of multiple eternities.

A long but finite time. Phelps mentioned this at a temple dedication and Joseph Smith said yes that's true.

Hyrum Andrus (a Joseph Smith scholar) speaks of Joseph's teachings, that eternities begin with the birth of a firstborn, and so on. Further he said an eternity is when you get a kingdom. He says based on the King Follet sermon of Joseph Smith and other writings of Joseph Smith that when Christ completes his kingdom he completes that eternity and moves on to another one where he is now taking the place of The Father, and he sires an only begotten and another eternity takes place, etc. What does the Father do when Christ takes his place? He makes another eternity, siring another only begotten. Further, all who become joint heirs with Christ take equal part in this process and can do anything Christ and Father do. He says the Godhead was called the presiding ones of that eternity.

Recall Phelps and Bruce McConkie mentioning that Joseph Smith knew from Egyptian records that God has been in his position for 2.5 billion years, not that an eternity is that long, but it could be. It includes a premortal, mortal, and postmortal phase.

Perhaps the issue of beings on old Earth's having to wait a long time to be resurrected until Christ is (was) is this resolved: the phase of mortals living in planets could be a relatively short and close together amount of time during an eternity. Another suggestion (which may be couched in teachings of the prophets) is that people on older Earth's are translated while waiting for their resurrections.

An eternity could be what takes place in a galaxy. One galaxy per eternity. Andrus and many prophets have said Kolob is at the center of the Milky Way Galaxy. Brigham Young for example said that our sun revolves around Kolob (and we know our sun revolves around the Milky Way Galaxy). To carry the analogy further for fun, we could say the planets represent Israel who follow Christ the Sun who follows the Father who resides at the center of the Milky Way Galaxy.

Perhaps the contending done in premortality was in that Christ visited the various spirit Earth's introducing himself as the savior in Father's plan (for that

eternity), and on each spirit earth there was a prideful person who wanted that position instead, who then of course became the Devil of that world. There would also be a righteous man and woman who would be first on that planet who would be the Adam and Eve of that planet.

See this Hyrum Andrus lecture for some of the ideas shared here:

<https://youtu.be/rZIEFtmWG3A>

Christ The Savior for Multiple Worlds (subsections change into single essays)

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Introduction

Each galaxy has 1 Christ.

Ancient texts also verify that Christ is the savior to whom multiple worlds look. The Kolob Theorem book has much insight on this topic as well including quotes etc. of the Milky Way Galaxy being the operation of this eternity, the center of such being the place of Kolob and the Father's operations for this eternity.

Christ is the Savior of this eternity, this batch of spirit children.

Hyrum Andrus, a Joseph Smith scholar who taught at BYU, is also a great resource to learn about these things.

Resurrection of Ancient Worlds: When?

No one on this earth or other earths of this system (galaxy) can be resurrected until the savior is resurrected.

Those who qualified have entered into a state of terrestrial translation. Enoch presides over these spheres. They await the resurrection of Christ. Some went on to resurrection when Christ arose, others stayed in a translated state similar to John the Revelator and the Three Nephites so they could remain in a mortal condition and perform work for the dead in temples, etc.

It is likely that the premortal stage, mortal stage, and resurrection take place at a similar time throughout the galaxy. This would make it so people weren't waiting around forever from 'ancient' worlds for Christ to be resurrected so they could be. Perhaps the creations of Father are more recent than once thought, which wouldn't leave them waiting so long.

Atonement: How Much Suffering, For Who? Not Without End

How could Christ suffer for an ongoing number of people? He doesn't. He saves those of this eternity, of this galaxy, this system, the system after the order of which this planet stands. All the Father hath put into his hands. The number he is the savior for is large but finite.

Ted Callister in his book *The Infinite Atonement*, suggest that an infinite amount of suffering could have occurred in a finite time. I don't think this is possible. Singularities are not a reality, but are only a false unprovable idea of modern black hole physics closely related to atheistic and evolutionary pseudosciences. Endless isn't the same thing as infinite. Time is the test of all things and it cannot be manipulated as postulated by theoretical physicists such as Einstein.

Some suggest that Christ has some sort of ongoing suffering forever and ever to pay the debt for an infinitely growing posterity of Heavenly Father. This flies in the face of all revealed gospel principles, and saps the joy of the hope for exaltation and being a joint heir with Christ.

Only World Wicked Enough to Crucify the Savior

“Wherefore, as I said unto you, it must needs be expedient that Christ—for in the last night the angel spake unto me that this should be his name—should come among the Jews, among those who are the more wicked part of the world; and they shall crucify him—for thus it behooveth our God, and there is none other nation on earth that would crucify their God.” (2 Ne. 10:3)
Brigham's statement about this passage indicated that we are the world in this eternity wicked enough to crucify God.

“Wherefore, I can stretch forth mine hands and hold all the creations which I have made; and mine eye can pierce them also, and among all the workmanship of mine hands there has not been so great wickedness as among thy brethren.” (Moses 7:36)

Some have taught that those who came to this earth are not only the worst, but also the best. Christ certainly is the best. Hyrum Andrus draws upon scripture to suggest that others of this world have functions serving the entire system/galaxy/eternity, such as Enoch presiding over all terrestrial translated worlds of this eternity.

Christ as Example for Locals & Others

Christ came to this earth. It is a historically established fact. We know where he lived, what he did. We know of his life, the conditions in which he lived, and so forth. This makes it easy for us to have a clear example of how we should live. But what of other earths? Christ did not live on those earths. Nevertheless, Christ visited those worlds in turn, and many prophets and wonders were shown the people. Just as we can look to and hope for someone we have not yet met, so can they.

The Nephites are an example. Christ appeared to them and is their savior, despite Christ not having done his mortal ministry among them. Nephites who lived in a different nation than the Jews, were taught of a Savior which came and died for them, on the other side of the world. This other side of the world may as well have been another world, they knew little about it, and had nothing to do with it.

Messengers have been sent to these other worlds, including the messenger of the covenant Jesus Christ himself, pre and post mortal, to declare the good tidings of salvation.

One Satan Per World?

I don't think this is yet revealed, whether there be one Satan per world or one for the many.

I think its one per earth. Satan was cursed when giving fruit to Adam on this world, claiming to be doing what was already done elsewhere, indicating he hadn't been doing it prior to that occasion, lest he would have received the curse earlier. Satan isn't a god. He is insignificant in the grand scheme, as Isaiah says, we will narrowly look upon him and be puzzled at how he caused so much sorrow.

Perhaps he is the tempter of many worlds. We now look at the premortal counsels. It makes sense that a leader for good and a leader for evil would rise out of the group of spirits in pre-mortality. In other words, one who would be the engine of the Father's plan, and one who would lead those who opposed it. Elder Bednar has recently pointed out that it wasn't two plans presented in heaven of Jesus and Satan, but rather there was one plan presented. It was the Father's Plan. Jesus accepted the plan. Satan rebelled against the plan. Jesus wasn't presenting his own plan. Father wasn't saying "what do ya'll think we should do?"

Another possibility is that Christ visited each premortal world declaring that he would be the engine of fathers plan, and that on each spirit world he visited with this message, one rebelled, and became the devil of that world.

Pre-Mortal Counsel

Before coming to this earth, we were with Father on his home planet a while, then sent to a spirit world, which became the first estate, the first test/probation. That spirit world was of course the spirit of this world. People go to the respective spirit world which will become the telestial mortal world they will reside on for their second estate.

Another proof for this is that the spirit world is even now on this earth. The wicked spirits are here in the spirit prison, and the righteous spirits are here in the spirit paradise. It is here.

Those of the premortal counsel were a finite number. There are more counsels and worlds that take place as more children are born and organized into their spirit condition.

To where were Satan and his followers cast down? They were cast from spirit paradise to spirit prison.

We know that for a post-mortal spirit to enter spirit paradise baptism is required, but that is a stipulation for post-mortals, nor pre-mortals.

God has many wives according to the holy order and celestial law which are intended for raising up seed, which is a large part of what God does. It would make sense that those of each earth or rather each eternity (galaxy) are from one wife in particular. The Family Proclamation mentions a universal Father and Mother in heaven, but universal there could mean pertaining to this earth. Some ancient Jewish texts are said to indicate that God(s) has (have) thousands of wives, as far less men qualify for exaltation than women. Other factors such as the biological nature of the male vs female reproductive systems also indicate plurality as the original and perhaps eternal system. Perhaps one reason the title for God (Elohim) is plural is due to the nature of this marriage relationship. Naturally we strictly follow Gods instructions to the living prophet in these regards, and plurality is not currently legal here, in or out of the church.

The Only Begotten

Each eternity has a firstborn who becomes the savior. Christ is the firstborn of this batch, this eternity, this galaxy, and saves all the father puts into his power in this system. There is only one savior per system, and each system entails many worlds.

The scripture says the worlds are without number in the sense of their grand quantity, but it also specifically says that they ARE numbered, and each known to God.

How was Christ conceived? Mary was transfigured by the Holy Ghost so she could come to the celestial kingdom, marry Ahman our God, and conceive, then she was returned to earth. Hyrum Andrus Joseph Smith scholar explains this drawing upon teachings of the prophets. Nephi says Mary was “carried away” for a time.

Sacrificing the Son: A Pattern

Abraham offering Isaac in obedience to God was symbolic of Father offering Christ.

Father’s have a firstborn for each system, which then is the savior for the worlds of that system.

Others have key roles as well. Each person who so desires can and should be a savior on mount zion, living life to the fullest in service to God.

[Note: Some claim that ancient records say Abraham actually did kill Isaac, and Isaac was then brought back to life, which makes the Abrahamic test even closer to reality. This is a possibility, as several have been risen from the dead before the resurrection in that they were risen back into a state of mortality, not a state of immortality. Christ was and had to be the first to be risen into immortality, breaking the bands of death. This Isaac slaying theory being said, God can discern the heart, and could have known Abraham would obey before the final moment of execution, which would make the death unnecessary.]

Clones:

In one sense of the word, we are clones of our Heavenly Parents. They made Adam, and the genealogical tree shows that we all come from Adam. We are all children of God.

Further, a special endowment of divinity is given to the firstborn. Christ had a life of what it would have been like before the fall of Adam, he came directly from the Father. Both his mind and body were more powerful than that of a human. Note that Book of Mormon prophets NEVER call Christ human. It is also inappropriate to merely refer to Christ as our brother. He is our God, and is the God of this and many similar worlds. Christ is the father of our spiritual rebirth. In a lesser but still real way, our earthly fathers can become our spiritual fathers as well as they initiate us into the program of rebirth through the gospel of Christ.

Astronomy

Our planet rotates around the sun. This is highly symbolic. Our earth is the only place in the solar system with human life (likely the only place in the system with any life, though there are hollow planet theories to the contrary).

“the great universe of stars has multiplied beyond the comprehension of men.

Evidently **each of these great systems is governed by divine law; with divine presiding Gods**, for it would be unreasonable to assume that each was not so governed.” (Joseph Fielding Smith, Answers to Gospel Questions 2:144, 1980)

No Multiple Mortalities

Eternal lives means eternal, innumerable posterity.

We are given scriptures about resurrection that go against teachings of living multiple lives.

I do not believe multiple mortality theories. Such an idea is another falsehood perpetuated in the Adam God teachings which have been dismissed by modern prophets as incorrect understandings.

Multiple mortalities are not necessary. God the father has gone through his moral probation, and is not required to do so again. Now it is the turn of the next generation for their probation and sacrifices.

I do not believe each person must perform “an atonement”. Obedience to the gospel is sufficient, it is all we can do. Christ did all he can do, and we must also do all we can do. Joseph Smith said each person is saved in the same way Christ was, namely obedience. Fortunately for us, part of that contract is (sincere) repentance. Joseph Smith also taught that it would be insane to think that we can go live with and become like the Gods if we haven’t gone through hard things. Elder Holland echoed this in the 2020 October General Conference, teaching that we should not ask God to spare us from the very trials that will aid us to become as He is. Suffer we must, and it may well be said that suffering is the school of the Gods, but this life is the time. This life is the test, as Alma taught (ref). Yes, as Joseph Smith said, we will continue to learn (and serve) after this life and we have a ways to go before we reach the culmination, but we do know that some from this earth such as Abraham Isaac and Jacob are already exalted Gods on thrones (ref). It is not difficult to understand now, Christ’s words that the way is straight, and few there be that find it (ref). Salvation is a gift from Christ, but exaltation stems from using Christ’s gifts to truly become Christlike. In other words, our salvation is Christ’s gift to us, and our exaltation comes as a reflection of the gifts we give to others. This is why I tremble in my boots when

people ask questions like, “but if I don’t serve a mission / drink coffee / marry in the temple / ..., can’t I still go to heaven?” Sure, but if you’re heart isn’t fully committed to serving God at all hazard, you will not reach the highest level of the celestial kingdom, which is the only place of exaltation (the fullness of salvation).

Many Lords, but to us, One

“5 For though there be that are called gods, whether in heaven or in earth, (as there be gods many, and lords many,) 6 But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him.” (1 Cor. 8:5-6)

Therefore, each system has its own presiding Gods.

Scriptures & Modern Prophets Which Indicate One Savior for Many Worlds

“that by him, and through him, and of him, the worlds are and were created, and the inhabitants thereof are begotten sons and daughters unto God.” (D&C 76:25)

(shows Christ involved in making multiple worlds but doesn’t explicitly say he saves them, just says people on them are children of God)

“27 And it came to pass, as the voice was still speaking, Moses cast his eyes and beheld the earth, yea, even all of it; and there was not a particle of it which he did not behold, discerning it by the Spirit of God. 28 And he beheld also the inhabitants thereof, and there was not a soul which he beheld not; and he discerned them by the Spirit of God; and their numbers were great, even numberless as the sand upon the sea shore. 29 And he beheld many lands; and each land was called earth, and there were inhabitants on the face thereof. 30 And it came to pass that Moses called upon God, saying: Tell me, I pray thee, why these things are so, and by what thou madest them? 31 And behold, the glory of the Lord was upon Moses, so that Moses stood in the presence of God, and talked with him face to face. And the Lord God said unto Moses: For mine own purpose have I made these things. Here is wisdom and it remaineth in me. 32 And **by the word of my power, have I created them, which is mine Only Begotten Son**, who is full of grace and truth. 33 And worlds without number have I created; and I also created them for mine own purpose; and by **the Son** I created them, which is mine Only Begotten. 34 And the first man of all men have I called Adam, which is many. 35 But only an account of this earth, and the inhabitants thereof, give I unto you. For behold, there are many

worlds that have passed away by the word of my power. And there are many that now stand, and innumerable are they unto man; but all things are numbered unto me, for they are mine and I know them.” (Moses 1:27-35)

(the only begotten son is how God makes these worlds, but is Only Begotten a title, or a single person? Perhaps the ‘only begotten’ which God has on each world is the person who holds that title, and who creates and saves that world. Perhaps OBS is a title for each who are to save that constituent world.)

Speaking of “the earth and all the planets” (?): “58 And thus they all received the light of the countenance of their lord, every man in his hour, and in his time, and in his season— 59 Beginning at the first, and so on unto the last, and from the last unto the first, and from the first unto the last; 60 Every man in his own order, until his hour was finished, even according as his lord had commanded him, that his lord might be glorified in him, and he in his lord, that they all might be glorified. 61 Therefore, unto this parable I will liken all these kingdoms, and the inhabitants thereof—every kingdom in its hour, and in its time, and in its season, even according to the decree which God hath made.” (D&C 88:58-61)

John Taylor: When earth “was first organized, near the planet Kolob.” (Taylor, *The Mormon*, Aug. 29, 1857)

Kolob is the planet nearest to God (Abe. 3:3, Fac. No. 2 Fig 1)

Brigham Young: earth “was banished from its more glorious state or orbit of revolution for man’s sake.” (Smith, *Words of Joseph Smith*, 84, note 12)

Brigham Young: “When man fell, the earth fell into space, and took up its above in this planetary system...This is the glory the earth came from, and when it is glorified it will return again unto the presence of the Father.” (*Journal of Discourses* 17:143; cf. *JD* 9:317)

Bruce R McConkie: “When Adam fell, the earth fell also and became a mortal sphere.” (McConkie, *Mormon Doctrine*, 211; see also *Times and Seasons* 3: (1 Feb. 1842) 672.)

Bruce R McConkie: “Our Lord’s jurisdiction and power extend far beyond the limits of this one small earth on which we dwell. He is, under the Father, the Creator of worlds without number. (Moses 1:33.) And through the power of his atonement the inhabitants of these worlds, as the revelation says, ‘are begotten sons and daughters unto God’ (D&C 76:24), which means that the atonement of

Christ, being literally and truly infinite, applies to an infinite number of earths.” (McConkie, Mormon Doctrine, 65)

[again I would say infinite can mean a very large number, namely residents of this massive galaxy]

Marion G Romney: “Jesus Christ, in the sense of being its Creator and Redeemer, is the Lord of the whole universe. Except for his mortal ministry accomplished on this earth, his service and relationship to other worlds and their inhabitants are the same as his service and relationship to this earth and its inhabitants.” (Romney, Jesus Christ, Lord of the Universe” 46)

[but what is the universe, how big? I suggest these type of statements aren’t referring to all visible galaxies, but our own.]

The poetic version of D&C 76 by (or at least approved by) Joseph Smith: “And I heard a great voice, bearing record from heav’n, He’s the Saviour, and only begotten of God – By him, of him, and through him, the worlds were all made, Even all that career in the heavens so broad, Whose inhabitants, too, from the first to the last, are sav’d by the very same Saviour of ours; and, of course, are begotten God’s daughters and sons, by the very same truths, and the very same pow’rs.” (Holzapfel, “Eternity Sketch’d in a Vision.” 145)

Lorenzo Snow: “Thousands of years before He [the Savior] came upon earth, the Father had watched His course and knew that He could depend upon Him when the salvation of worlds should be at stake; and He was not disappointed.” (Teachings of Lorenzo Snow, 93)

Russell M. Nelson: “The mercy of the Atonement extends not only to an infinite number of people, but also to an infinite number of worlds created by Him.” (Nelson, The Atonement, 35)

Hugh Nibley quoting the Gospel of Truth: “All the other worlds look to the same God as to a common sun” Hugh Nibley: “The crucifixion is effective in worlds other than this one.” (Nibley, Old Testament and Related Studies, 142)
1 Clement: “God is the Father of all the worlds.... As the Father of greatness is in the glorious world, so his Son rules among those cosmoses as first chief lord of all the powers.” (Nibley, Old Testament and Related Studies, 143)
Orson Pratt: “He withdraws. What for? To fulfill other purposes; for he has other worlds or creations and other sons and daughters, perhaps just as good as those dwelling on this planet, and they, as well as we, will be visited, and they will be ade glad with the countenance of their Lord. Thus he will go, in the time and in the season thereof, from kingdom to kingdom or from world to world,

causing the pure in heart, the Zion that is taken from these creations, to rejoice in his presence.” (Journal of Discourses, 17:332)

Joseph Fielding Smith: “His presence was needed here because of the extreme wickedness of the inhabitants of this earth.” (Smith, Signs of the Times, 10)

Joseph Fielding Smith: “Perhaps this is the reason Jesus Christ was sent here instead of to some other world, for in some other world they would not have crucified him.” 27

Joseph Fielding Smith: “Just how the shedding of the Savior’s blood atoned for a fall...is not completely explained by our Heavenly Father.” (Smith, Doctrines of Salvation, 2:291)

Infinite Atonement pg. 152 section infinite suffering in finite time: time only to man alma 40:8. Other refs these pgs too. But I don’t believe this.

Infinite Atonement pg. 155 life-giver cost forever suffering BH Roberts. Never ending suffering. But I don’t believe this.

Bruce R McConkie: “Just as the creative and redemptive powers of Christ extend to the earth and all things thereon, as also to the infinite expanse of worlds in immensity, so the power of the resurrection is universal in scope. Man, the earth, and all life thereon will come forth in the resurrection. And the resurrection applies to and is going on in other worlds and other galaxies.”

[I would say the statement that Christ’s atonement spans to other galaxies is mere speculation, and is actually not how I see things as happening as has been explained by other prophets: namely that eternities are finite amounts of time, and that this reasonably coorelates to a galaxy system each eternity, with its own selected savior for each, a new firstborn in each from each having its own batch of spirit children.]

Joseph Fielding Smith on resurrection not happening until Christ rose and gained those keys: “On the third day after the crucifixion he took up his body and gained the keys of the resurrection, and thus has power to open the graves for all men, but this he could not do until he had first passed through death himself and conquered.” 9

[This shows that he could not resurrect any beings from any planet until his own resurrection. As stated above, this indicates 1. All the worlds of this system have their mortal probation at a similar time so they aren’t waiting too long for

resurrection or 2. People of ancient worlds are translated rather than dying to await the long expected resurrection.]

Seek the Mysteries of Space – Orson Pratt

We know much science will be revealed in the millennium (D&C 101:32-33), but there is no need to wait until then to seek scientific truth.

Elder Orson Pratt on many kingdoms existing throughout space, "Perhaps you may ask me why I dwell on this . . . subject. In answer, why did the Lord dwell upon it forty-two years ago, if he did not want us, in some measure, to understand it? Would he speak at random? Would he give a revelation without expecting that the people would even try to understand it? If the Lord wished us to understand something, and condescended to reveal something, **why should we . . . think that we are stepping over our bounds in trying to comprehend** approximately what the Lord desired us to understand . . . It is **an old sectarian whim and notion**, to suppose that we must not try to understand revelation. . . . ***Do not suppose, however, that those first principles [of the gospel] are the only ones to be learned; do not become stereotyped in your feelings, and think that you must always dwell upon them and proceed no further. If there be knowledge concerning the future, . . . the present, . . . [the] past, or any species of knowledge that would be beneficial to the mind of man, let us seek it; and that which we cannot obtain by using the light which God has placed within us, by using our reasoning powers, by reading books, or by human wisdom alone, let us seek to a higher source—to that Being who is filled with knowledge, and who has given laws to all things and who, in his wisdom, goodness, justice and mercy, controls all things according to their capacity, and according to the various spheres and conditions in which they are placed.***" (Orson Pratt, March 14, 1875, Salt Lake City, 16th Ward, reported by David W. Evans)

70+ Signatures & Stories to BYU Against Evolution

A petition I drafted and sent to BYU President Worthen in 2019. 70+ people signed with me, and many added their own stories, which are included here after the signatures.

President Worthen,

Please stop teaching evolution at BYU. Consider my story, over 70 signatures of those who feel similarly, & several statements from the signers as presented below.

I am a 2019 BYU graduate. During my wonderful time at BYU, I took many science classes and was very frequently troubled by the dogmatic pro-evolution views espoused by the professors. I had lengthy conversations with my astronomy teacher, my biology teachers, etc. on the subject. Why do they insist on preaching evolution when there is lots of evidence supporting a ‘creation’ perspective? The professors simply say ‘God did it this way’ and they think that gives them permission to teach evolution. Brigham Young started this entire school to combat Darwin-like thinking, which was created as a way of explaining things without a creator. I have studied with Dean Sessions, author of Universal Model, a scientific approach which gives overwhelming evidence from academic journals etc. that many ‘creation’ viewpoints are scientific. The conversation at BYU these days is wholly 1 sided. They don’t even teach any creation type science. I feel that the professors are afraid of being different, despite their promise to be brave when baptized. This is a religious university, and should not be overly concerned with fitting in with the gods of academia and all their bias. Professors often downplayed the words of the prophets, instead of putting “!” after them like President Nelson says he did. Also, President Nelson (prophet & scientist) doesn’t believe in evolution, he says it is incomprehensible to think that one kind of animal will evolve into another. I also want to add a bit more of a personal account.

I grew up in a home where we learned to have deep respect for the scriptures and modern prophets. I also learned in my home to be open to scientific discovery, yet critical to theories of men which conflict the word of God. I went to classes at BYU and felt extremely torn between what my family taught me, and what was being taught in the school. I wept and struggled for years. I changed my major many times trying to balance my feelings on this matter. I wanted to be a good scientist, but not at the cost of betraying my faith. I spoke with other students about these issues and found others who had similar struggles. I feel betrayed by BYU. They put out the packet we have to read on

evolution, then jump right in to the evolution lectures. My astronomy professor insisted that God used the big bang, rather than presenting other alternative theories. We know God didn't make everything out of nothing, as Joseph Smith taught, so why are we teaching a theory of big bang which insists that everything came from nothing? We know the flood covered the earth, so why are we teaching that it didn't? The name of Joseph Smith is known for good and evil, and I fear that it is sometimes known for evil at BYU. Even my religion professors made sport of 'some of the crazy things Joseph Smith said'. I will never believe in evolution because 1. prophets denounce it and 2. because science doesn't support it. Please be more fair in how science is taught at BYU. Thank you

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Signatures:

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3. Gary Gillum
4. Karen Shattuck
5. Chad Shattuck, BYU Law
6. Joel Skousen, editor of the World Affairs Brief
7. Robert Gagnon
8. James T. Prout - author and Bachelor of Biomedical Science
9. Owen Ira Terry
10. Jill Korajac
11. Zoran Korajac
12. Kate Mulder
13. Luke Mulder
14. Benjamin Mulder
15. Zak Nyberg
16. Donna Jones
17. Dennis Isaacson, BSME BYU, (MBA USU)
18. Megan Richardson
19. Scott Connolly
20. Thomas L. Tyler
21. Cheri Tyler
22. Rebecca Connolly
23. Tanner Connolly
24. Alana Connolly
25. Tyden Connolly
26. Nathan Connolly

27. Samantha Corbridge
28. Rick Jones
29. Richard Proctor
30. Jeanette Proctor
31. Emily Dayley
32. Guy Van Horn, P.E.
33. Russell H Barlow
34. Heidi Barlow
35. Justin Tate
36. Helen Kepo'o BYU Bachelor of Science and Homeschool mom of 4
37. Joseph Kepo'o BYU Bachelor of Science and Wellness Chiropractor
38. Warrik Kepoo
39. Violet Kepo'o
40. Cullen Kepo'o
41. Soren Kepo'o
42. Luke Wiscombe
43. Kristin Isaacson Michaelis
44. David Barker, Latter-day Saint author of book Science & Religion
45. Marc Webster - BS Geography and student of real science
46. Caleb Rostedt, MPP, BA (Hons), BMus.
47. Dave Collingridge, PhD, editor of book Darwinian Deceptions
48. Kami Nelson, former BYU student (as Kami Dalton) and homeschooling mom
49. Ryan Nilsson
50. Stephen James Isaabcson -BYU BS Civil Engineering 2018
51. Sarah Haws-Taylor, DBH, LMHC, BCBA - BYU-Hawaii graduate 2003
52. Dena Tippetts
53. David Tippetts
54. Heather Jones
55. Curt Shattuck
56. George Michaelis
57. Winston Crawley
58. Jeremy Michel, Real Estate Agent and Investor (South Jordan, UT)
59. Jim Stoddard
60. Margaret Stoddard
61. Ruth Willardson
62. Tamara Allred Heath
63. Kadi Bazemore Heath

64. Mitchell Steven Heath
65. Lanae Marie Manuele
66. Brian Nettles
67. Alisa Michel
68. James F. Stoddard III
69. L. Hannah Stoddard
70. Vincent Newmeyer (Please teach the full breadth of scientific evidence, not simply the sterilized conclusions of evolution. Note included below.)
71. Pamela Allen (Teach only as theory. Use up to date discovery on the matter.) BYU graduate BS 62, MA 98
72. Steven Montgomery

Other Shared Stories: [Accounts sent to Nate Richardson for the specific purpose of this letter.]

“I do have a favorite quote that you can use and attribute to me, if you like. In my favorite movie The Sound of Music, Julie Andrews sings, “Nothing comes from nothing. Nothing ever could.” That’s my stand.” - Gary Gillum

“I feel that both should be taught: Evolution and Creation which opens the door of agency for those to choose the path they desire to follow. This is my opinion.” - Robert Gagnon

“I see no harm in teaching the theory as long as it is clearly identified as one man’s lie (U2 song reference, sorry, could not resist). It seems that it is touted when it should not be anything more than many of the philosophies of men.” - Chad Shattuck, BYU Law

“Yes, add my name to the petition, but I doubt it will do any good. This was going on clear back when I was at BYU in the 1960s, and I found out the biology department was keeping track of how many students they converted to evolution from creationism and bragging about it. The administration even banned anyone from debating the subject of evolution, supposedly to avoid contention. This university is bending over backward to please the credentialed world and they fear losing their credentials more than they fear the Lord.” - Joel Skousen, editor World Affairs Brief.

"Hi, I'm a creationist and a geologist. I would love to sign your letter. Perhaps I can add a story too. I worked as a geologist here in Utah mostly during my career. I worked with many a BYU grads who were indoctrinated in the Godless atheism of Evolution. There is a scripture in 2 Peter 3:3-7 that I BYU has

completely fulfilled. I don't believe this will have any impact but it will make me feel better to send it to these people so that they know there are those of us out here that do not agree with what they are doing." -Owen Ira Terry

“Yes, add my name too. I found that in our homeschool group in Utah County, many of our kids would love to go to BYU. For various reasons, like: dance, math, and science.

I myself was schooled in Biomedical Science with a Minor in Chemistry. However, one day in our homeschool group, we were forming an idea to have many of our kids (about 30) to rotate during the week to each other's houses and we would teach them our own specialities. Included were: math, earth sciences, cooking, theatre, music, and other topics. I believe we had about 6-7 parents that were going to engage in the project.

Then one of the new parents to homeschooling announced that he was an Evolutionary Biology teacher at BYU. And that he wanted to teach that topic to our middle and lower high school age kids.

That whole project never got beyond the first meeting. Every parent pulled their kids out of that project. That one brother from BYU single-handedly folded the whole project.

One of the reasons we do homeschooling is to get away from those worldly false teachings.

Yet, BYU is still pumping it out. Against God's word.

This one doctrine is so pernicious that many believers in Jesus Christ's true church look upon a church owned university teaching such things and wonder about the church itself. It is THAT BAD.

I implore you, at BYU to take seriously the admonition of the Lord Jesus Christ. Teach the science of the Lord. Creationism.

And if you personally believe that Creationism is “a bit off...” I can tell you it is MUCH CLOSER than Evolution to the true realities of this Earth.

After all, that is what real science is there to prove. The realities of our world. So, start working on the science of reality.” - James T. Prout

“We sent our first two children to BYU under the complete assumption that what was being taught there was in line with the doctrine of the Church, scripture, and the words of the prophets. We have been severely disappointed to learn that not only is that not the case, but that the university is filled with progressive professors teaching the philosophies of men, outright Darwinism, and other new age ideas that do not align with doctrine and revelation. Why is this happening at a private university owned and operated by the Church? These teachings have affected our older children and their spouses who also graduated from BYU, and it has been very sad for our family to have this influence and undermining of what we strived so much to teach in our home. We had trusted

that sending our children to BYU was the best thing we could do for them, and we have felt deceived and betrayed.”

- Jill Korajac

“As an adult convert from Darwinism and Atheism, it is disappointing to me to see these philosophies being taught as unarguable truth in our Church schools. The theories of evolution and “old earth” are only theories, and based on the works of vile men (Darwin, Marx, etc.) who have been proven to be antagonists to religion and faith. The supposed proof of their theories are fabricated or only hoped for, never solid fact backed up by the revealed word of God that is crucial in these latter days. The scriptures and words of modern prophets do not support biological evolution as a universal truth, regardless of what various professors would like us to believe. Not a single prophet of the modern dispensation has publicly supported evolution, to the contrary, many have condemned it in very strong language. I have seen in their own words, these BYU professors, justifying their teachings by saying that if they were teaching falsehoods they would not be allowed to teach at BYU. This kind of fallacy-based logic is the foundation of the theory of evolution itself. It would be understandable to present the theory of evolution as a philosophy of man that can be debated and researched, if desired, but that is not the case at BYU, or nearly any other university. It is presented as the only option, with very little to offer in the way of alternative theories (including ANY form of creationism). To me, a disavowed Atheist and follower of Christ and the Bible and a believer in modern prophets and admirer of Joseph Smith, this lack of balanced and credible science teaching does more harm to the Church than any accreditation loss would do. President Worthen, I don’t know where you stand on the issue and I mean no disrespect to you personally or to the institution of BYU. I have looked forward to my children attending BYU from the time I joined the Church 15 years ago, and would love that to still happen. It pains me to consider sending my precious children to a secular university for the sole reason of them at least being aware that their faith and beliefs will be attacked, rather than being manipulated by men and women with ill intent to tear down a belief in the literal word of God and His servants on the earth. When it comes to science at BYU, I fear that we’ve gone further than mingling the philosophies of men with scripture and completely given over to the philosophies of men, at times condemning scripture if it is mentioned at all. I implore you to consider what options you might have at your disposal, and at this time of upheaval and change in the Church and in the world, take the opportunity to cleanse this temple of higher learning. Please remember the intent of our dear prophet Brigham Young: BYU was instituted for the purpose of teaching the children of Zion by faith and also by study, but not by infidels who seek to tear down the work of God.” ~Zak Nyberg

“In 1987, President Russell M. Nelson (then a member of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles) taught against Evolution and the Big Bang at Brigham Young University. In his amazing talk, “The Magnificence of Man”, he said that those who believe in the theories of Evolution and the Big Bang, lack “scriptural understanding”. It’s sad to see how many BYU intellectuals this currently applies to. President Nelson went on to speak in 4 subsequent General Conferences about this, including his April 2000 talk entitled, “The Creation”, which teaches that all things on this earth reproduce “after their own kind” by divine decree. This is also an observed fact, with sterility resulting from any deviation.

The church has consistently taught against the ptheory of evolution, including powerful statements by the First Presidency in 1909. Again in 1925 they taught that man is the “direct and lineal offspring of Deity“, which also directly opposes evolutionary theory.

The theory of Evolution not only clashes with the scriptures and gospel doctrine, but is also bad science. On Oct 18, 2018, Plant Biologist, Dr. John C. Sanford, presented a talk to the NIH that showcased several scientific flaws made by founders of the theory of evolution. He also introduced tools and methods that he developed for statistical analysis to measure the genetic mutation load of modern man. As part of this, he showed that the mutation burden is vastly skewed toward the negative with substantially zero positive mutations. The theory of evolution requires positive mutations, since deleterious mutations lead to death of a cell and host and would only allow for the devolving of living things. Dr. Sanford’s model predicted that it would take approximately 18 billion years for even one simple bacteria to mutate in a positive way. That is far more time than the theorized 13.8 billion-year age of the entire universe, and this alone, if accurate, effectively falsifies the theory of evolution.

It seems that many BYU intellectuals can’t accept the doctrinal teachings of their prophets against the evolution of man, nor can they accept good science on the matter. Unfortunately, many stubbornly hold to the theories of men and willfully modify their religious beliefs to meld with their flawed theories. Even worse is that they teach this as truth to their students, many of whom are more intellectually honest than they are, and who readily see the conflicts between the teachings of evolutionists and the teachings of the church and prophets in this area. This causes many to abandon their testimonies of the gospel. Alma and the Sons of Mosiah lamented that their teachings had led to the spiritual death of many in their day. I wonder if many of our intellectuals will also feel this same regret in times to come?

Jeremiah 17:5 warns: “Thus saith the Lord; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord.” (see also, 2 Ne 4:34 and 2 Ne 28:31)

Does BYU have to stand with the world on these teachings or is there also room for the teachings of the Lord and his prophets on this? Please rethink BYU's allowance of its one-sided teaching in this area." - Sincerely, Dennis Isaacson

"I for one don't care to be told that I "came from a blob in the ocean or a monkey". To me that is insulting. I came from my Father in Heaven and am made in His image. It is really disturbing to see the school that Brigham Young started to fight evolution, is now wholeheartedly embracing and teaching it as fact. Oh how my heart aches for Brigham Young." - Rebecca Connolly

"I attended BYU and the U of U more than a decade ago. At both schools, I was taught evolution as if it were a fact. I have studied the health sciences, and chemistry and worked in both fields for many years. As a chemical lab scientist, I participate in and experience true science everyday. It is a beautiful thing to be a part of. I love science. The problem is that evolution theory is not true science. It cannot be measured or tested, and is based on wild speculation which cannot be proven. It is ok to teach about evolution theory, but at a church run school it truly is sad and disgraceful that it is being taught as if it were a proven fact, and creation science is not being taught at all. I know several people who have left the church as a result of evolution theory. It becomes their new religion and basis for morality. The church has consistently taught against evolution theory. Many prophets, including President Nelson have condemned evolution theory. Prophets have debunked this false theory from both a gospel perspective as well as from a deep scientific perspective, calling the theory words like "foolish," "Stupid," and "heresy." Multiple first presidencies have published the churches official statement on evolution. It is called "The Origin of Man." This official church statement from the prophets firmly, boldly, and crystal clearly states that man did not evolve from lower life forms. This cannot be misinterpreted and no prophet has ever disavowed this statement. Many, including all BYU professors, have lied about this, saying that "the church has no official position on evolution." This is the most common argument I hear. I have heard this argument hundreds of times from hundreds of church members. This is a false lie. The Origin of Man is the official church statement on evolution. To say there is not official position is a lie. Where they get this lie from is a New Era article written by an anonymous author who in their personal opinion claims that the church has no official position. This one line from one New Era article is the most quoted line in all the church when it comes to evolution. All BYU students have been misled into believing this lie and rejecting the true official statement from the prophets. This is a massive problem. Countless millions of people have had their faith crushed by the false evolution theory. Whole generations of children grow up being taught evolution which makes it very difficult for them to believe in God. Prophets as far back as Brigham Young himself have warned about the influence of false teachings

being taught in schools. Brigham Young started the university to protect church students from false teachings like evolution. I am sure he is looking at us from the spirit world incredibly disappointed at what is being taught at the university that bears his name. Please do something about this. The professors teaching this false theory are destroying faith of young church members, and it needs to stop.” - Justin Tate

“My name is Dave Collingridge. I am a senior research statistician for a healthcare organization. I taught at BYU for 10 years as a graduate student and adjunct faculty. I read your letter regarding teaching evolution at BYU. I want to let you know that Digital Legends published a book that addresses evolution at BYU and in the Church called Darwinian Deceptions (available on Amazon). I know about this book because I am the editor. Chapter 1 of that book describes an experience I had with a student who expressed concerns about the way evolution is being taught at BYU. I was disgusted with the way evolution was being perpetuated as proven truth by faculty when it is clearly not the case, hence the title "deception." I strongly urge members of the Church who've struggled with biology professors and evolutionists to read this book. It exposes their deceptions and explains why it is scientifically reasonable to reject evolution as an explanation for the origins of species. I believe that if BYU faculty can't do it right (i.e., teach evolution within the light of the restored gospel), they shouldn't do it at all.” -Dave Collingridge, PhD

“I would like my name to be added to your petition on the teaching of evolution at BYU. At least the way it is taught needs to be changed, and the professors' attitude about it needs to be more closely monitored by BYU leaders. My experience is that all the academics at BYU and most members of the Church say "we don't know," "God could have done it that way," and "The Church has no official position." Yet, if that was really what we felt, then wouldn't we teach the Theory of Evolution alongside the Theories of Creationism and Intelligent Design at BYU, and teach them with the attitude of "here are theories, decide for yourselves?" That was not my experience at BYU 12-15 years ago (2005-2008).

My experience was that evolution was taught as indisputable fact rather than as a theory, and that it was taught with the attitude that if you didn't believe it or were confused, then you were stupid. Literal Creationism wasn't taught and was only briefly mentioned in a mocking manner. The ideas of Intelligent Design were brought up briefly in a mixed-up way with evolution but without ever being clearly outlined. And the idea of microevolution (adaptations within a species) was presented as possible evidence of macroevolution (something changing from one species into another over time), even though these are two different processes with different levels of fossil evidence, and even though the theory of macroevolution is clearly against the doctrine of the Church.

Meanwhile, BYU museums have skulls in them labeled as homo erectus and so forth, presented in a way consistent with modern science's teaching that they were the links between man and apes, and with labels that state that they are at least tens of thousands of years old - not that they MIGHT be that old, but that they ARE.

I have heard several members answer with the statement that "well, prophets haven't ever addressed it from the pulpit in actual general conferences where they were acting as prophets." I beg to differ. I personally love the two quotes included below, both from the 1984 October general conference.

First, though, I will note that I have sought out the literal Creationist and Intelligent Design points of view for myself, and unfortunately I mostly found that experience more confusing and disheartening. This is especially true because the Christians who hold these views are usually very much against Joseph Smith and the restored gospel, and because they have a great deal of contention among themselves in their own conflicting views and explanations. I wish I could have heard the strong points of these views in an environment of true seeking after truth, that was friendly to the restoration, and that sought to conform science to the gospel (and not the other way around). I feel it's fine to teach evolution as a THEORY at BYU so students are aware of the world's beliefs on this topic, but it needs to be taught as a theory and not as absolute certainty, and it needs to be taught alongside the basic tenets of Creationism and Intelligent Design so we members of the Church at least know what those are and some of the other possibilities that have been put forward." -Kami Nelson, former BYU student (as Kami Dalton) and homeschooling mom

[Here are the quotes mentioned above:]

"There is no salvation in a system of religion that rejects the doctrine of the Fall or that assumes man is the end product of evolution and so was not subject to a fall. True believers know that this earth and man and all forms of life were created in an Edenic, or paradisiacal, state in which there was no mortality, no procreation, no death." (Bruce R. McConkie, "The Caravan Moves On," Oct. 1984 general conference).

"No lesson is more manifest in nature than that all living things do as the Lord commanded in the Creation. They reproduce "after their own kind." (See Moses 2:12, 24.) They follow the pattern of their parentage. Everyone knows that; every four-year-old knows that! A bird will not become an animal nor a fish. A mammal will not beget reptiles, nor "do men gather ... figs of thistles." (Matt. 7:16.) In the countless billions of opportunities in the reproduction of living things, one kind does not beget another. If a species ever does cross, the

offspring cannot reproduce. The pattern for all life is the pattern of the parentage. ... Surely no one with reverence for God could believe that His children evolved from slime or from reptiles. ... The theory of evolution, and it is a theory, will have an entirely different dimension when the workings of God in creation are fully revealed." (Boyd K. Packer, "The Pattern of Our Parentage" Oct. 1984 general conference).

"I believe that one should be introduced to different theories, not one specific theory. They should be taught as that theory. Science is always changing and many scientists are dead set to explain how things came to be without God as the explanation. I homeschool my children and when we speak of college options I explain how going to BYU is the better choice in my opinion. I am also a convert so I did not have the opportunity to attend BYU so I am very disappointed that BYU would employ professors that are teaching, what I consider, against the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Please reconsider what these professors are teaching and the weight they have while doing so." -Dena Tippetts

"I agree that it is a philosophy of men, and a theory, one never proven, and yet it is taught as truth. It is a prominent theory however, and normal society looks down on those who do not believe it is true, because there are supportive archaeological finds, but there is evidence of many things that are not true. There is also evidence of God, and of Christ, and even of the holy spirit. God should always be a part of the search for truth and should come before any other "fact", because God is the most sure knowledge I have, and all truth comes from him. God speaks of men taking him out of the picture all over in the bible and book of mormon, and says how He feels when his hand is not recognized in all things. It was hurtful to my brother when he was angrily shut down by TA's when he shared his belief in creationism, and expressed concern that he felt pushed into silence. But I do understand that sometimes the wheat must be brought up with the trees, lest the trees destroy the wheat. There are young tender testimonies that may be uprooted should those believing in evolution turn and fight against the church, if the church were to denounce it rather than give each the opportunity to believe what he will. I dont think that a belief in evolution, while still faithfully living the gospel, would ever affect a person's ability to reach the highest reward. But I do worry that it can and does cause many trouble and loss of testimony when taught so fervently at BYU. God has always taught that we are his children. Satan has always taught we are sons and daughters of men, and that our heritage as well as potential is the same as any beast. Both should be taught in science classes, if the wheat is susceptible to be uprooted with the tares, (the tares meaning those who would choose to trust the arm of flesh over God's arm, or in this case, my way of putting it being those who would turn against God's prophet if God had that prophet deny Evolution as

a proclamation to the church and thus BYU), but the understanding that "God is the ultimate source of all truth" should be the first thing always acknowledged. If a student searches with faith in that principle, the student will be lead to truth and faith will grow." -KM

"I attended BYU in the late 1960's, and I've had nine children attend the BYU's-- five graduating from BYU Provo, and four from BYU Idaho. While attending these Church-owned universities, each of my children was confronted regularly with the teaching of organic evolution (that man evolved from lower forms of animals), which was presented as fact, not theory. In one biology class at BYU, my son's professor literally bore his testimony to the truthfulness of Darwinian evolution. Often my children confided in me that any time they commented in class against what was being taught contrary to the teachings of the Church on the subject, they were shut down and impugned by their professors. I agree with my children, that the students at the BYU's are not just merely being taught to believe that evolution is a "fact," but that they're being indoctrinated to believe it, and literally brainwashed.

Many renowned scientists now question Darwinian evolution, A group of scientists some years ago began this online site, <https://dissentfromdarwin.org/> Currently, over a thousand scientists have signed their names on this site, stating: "There is scientific dissent from Darwinism. It deserves to be heard." But still, professors at both BYU's continue to teach it as "a fact of science." My son has compiled a complete reference of teachings of all of the Prophets beginning with Joseph Smith, and also all of the scriptures on the subject, which anyone can access at <https://josephsmithfoundation.org/faqs/category/science/>

Those who peruse this site will definitely realize that the idea the Church has taken no position on the subject of organic evolution, is just as false as the teaching that evolution is a "fact of science."

I have spoken to numerous friends who have had children attend one of the BYU's, only to have them fall away from the Church (many of them returned missionaries) because of what they were taught there, which caused them to lose their testimonies of the Gospel. President Joseph Fielding Smith gave this prophetic statement: "Organic evolution is Satan's chief weapon in this dispensation in his attempt to destroy the divine mission of Jesus Christ." When my daughters were attending BYU Idaho, I was concerned about what they were being taught in their science classes, and so I visited one of their religion teachers. He said that the religion department was told by the administration that they were not to teach anything against evolution, not only to avoid contention, but because when those students attend the science classes on campus and realize that evolution is a "fact," they will lose faith in the teachings of the Prophets and the scriptures on the subject.

This is a serious matter. The students are not even being given the opportunity to use their agency and choose what to believe on the subject of organic evolution, because they are being propagandized by only being taught one side.

Another discouraging point is that because the BYU's continually teach that organic evolution is truth, good Christians not of our faith, who believe what is taught in the Bible against it, are not interested in investigating the Church, because what is taught at our Church universities, to them represents our Church's doctrine, even though that is not the case.

I have listened to presentations given by professors at the BYU's who are proud of how many students they are converting to organic evolution. How many of them are causing these elect young people to lose their faith in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints? Should not this scripture be seriously considered:

"But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea." (Matt. 18:6)" -Margaret Stoddard

"Our daughter went to BYU, and struggled with the teachings she received. She is now an atheist and leaning towards socialism, which is also taught at BYU. She has a mighty influence on her siblings and now three of her six siblings are also atheists and socialists. Think of how our hearts are broken. Also, one of my husband's coworkers is a BYU student. He was a returned missionary, and had a strong testimony of the restored gospel, until he took a BYU class recently on Marxism. He's lost his testimony and is now a self-proclaimed Marxist." -Ruth Willardson

"My name is Brian Nettles, a graduate from a long time ago. I just don't understand how BYU could corrupt the intent of the university as badly as it has. I have great faith in the leaders of the church. But I ask myself often how long it will be before they make a purging of the BYU leadership over this issue. I hope it happens soon. I cannot even recommend my son to go to this school and it is all because of this issue. Evolution should be taught as the philosophy of the world, not the philosophy of God." - Brian Nettles

(Vincent Newmeyer)

Dear President Worthen,

"**Truth** is knowledge of things as they are, and as they were, and as they are to come" (D&C 93:24). Though science is a process or tool to help us seek truth, the conclusions of scientists do not necessarily equate to Truth. Scientists are

subject to biases and limits of understanding also. That alone should give BYU students and for that matter BYU science departments reason to take and demonstrate to students a skeptical, open minded, and broad prospective approach to conclusions drawn from science. In fact skepticism is at the heart of science. A diversity of opinions and a continuation of review and repeated testing is how science progresses¹ and improves – hopefully moving closer to the actual **Truth**. Sadly when it comes to certain politically hot topics some BYU professors or even whole departments abandon actual science and default to an avowed dogma. How can I say such a thing? Because they admit just that.

Students are taught that:

“Science has a Nonnegotiable stance of Methodological Materialism, which means,

- No hidden forces.
- **No influence from God**, angels or demons.
- No magic.
- **No miracles**”² (emphasis added)

This statement is not founded on scientific experiments, nor did the founders of our modern science hold such a belief³. The work of these pioneers of science still stands at the foundation of our science today. Other branches of science study still find it permissible to use scientific methods to give insight and detection of the workings and creations of intelligent beings, even though we may not see them when we study what has been created by them. This is true in the study of anthropology. It is used by criminologist as well as in the Search for Extra Terrestrial Intelligence or SETI project and more. This materialist founded, atheist oriented definition for science is determined by edict and not science. It rules out the consideration of an action or participation of God in our origins yet it is stoutly defended by BYU professors. BYU biology professors have openly published that they seek **not** just to establish understanding in their students about organic evolution and their view of how to evaluate science, they seek **acceptance** of the doctrine and resort to non scientific dogmatic means to do so, in an effort to squash not only expression of dissenting opinion but intending to alter the very harboring of differing perspectives in their students. Thus they exhibit a blind partisan prejudice as they attempt to indoctrinate the students with their materialistic Darwinian view of our origins. Just a few statements from a much larger set is needed to establish this fact. Six BYU biology professors have stated in one particular paper they published that:

"Our experience may serve as a case-study for prompting changes in **acceptance of evolution** in other conservative religious groups."

"[K]nowledge of evolution does not appear to be equivalent to **acceptance of evolution**. Studies have demonstrated that religious objections to evolution are resistant to change, even after thorough instruction in the subject."

"The present study, therefore, presents an important example of **how greater acceptance of this foundational scientific principle might be achieved** in the face of competing viewpoints in a highly conservative community."

"**People have a right to hear both sides of the question, don't they?**' Careful analysis in this instance demonstrates that **fairness does not apply**—ID is a religious-based concept, not a scientific alternative to evolution."

"The evolutionary explanation for life's origins **does not require a role for deity**, but there are no data excluding that possibility."⁴ (emphasis added)

"[D]oes not require a role for deity, but there no data excluding the possibility"? From all of their rhetoric it appears that they don't intend to allow the student the liberty nor the data that might point to anything but materialist conclusions. Furthermore they try to rewrite or re-frame scripture and words of latter-day prophets to give sanction to their craft. They ignore a vast body of statements by prophets and apostles flatly refuting an evolutionary past for man⁵ by clinging on to obscure or one off unnamed sources of non doctrinal assertions or use a conflation of terms. Such as:

"The Church [of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints] is doctrinally neutral, meaning neither in favor (endorsement) nor opposed (rejection), as evidenced by a recent statement in a Church publication: 'The Church has no official position on the theory of evolution. Organic evolution, or changes to species' inherited traits over time, is a matter for scientific study. Nothing has been revealed concerning evolution.'"⁶

"The doctrines of the Church are found in the scriptures and the teachings of latter-day prophets and apostles"⁷ Yes, evolution or change is observable and

measurable when we look at small adaptations in living things. But to the contrary, the common ancestry of all life and a materialistic cause for the complexity and diversity of life, are not supported by the words of the prophets, **nor are they supported by science** in the classical sense. The oft referred to evidence found in:

- The Fossil Record
- Homology (Similarity of structure in living things)
- Genetics (Homology on a molecular level)
- Embryology (organism development)
- Vestigial Structures (alleged useless evolutionary leftovers)
- Observed mutation in conjunction with Artificial and Natural Selection

are tolerated only in an exclusion to the consideration of an intelligent designer. Richard Lewontin, a renown evolutionary biologist and geneticist, stated that science has "a priori adherence to material causes ...that produce material explanations, no matter how counter-intuitive, no matter how mystifying to the uninitiated. Moreover, that materialism is absolute, for we cannot allow a Divine Foot in the door."⁸ Sadly the popular notions of science related to our origins, have become a product of the thinking of people like Richard Lewontin, often including assumptions, alterations, and selective bias in the data reported so as to produce the materialistic explanations which they seek.

However, all of the above areas of consideration are either more decisively supportive of a creation brought about by an intelligent being or are indiscriminate in detecting between the two given the broader perspective. A summary of some of the actual science data which powerfully supports the God hypothesis are found at ScienceFreedom.org Articles Utah K-5 and 9-12 Science Standards Issues and Recommendations⁹

President Worthen, please don't get caught up in the materialist mantra. Students at BYU need an environment in which to seek truth, and beget thinkers – thinkers who will search for, recognize, and embrace truth in all of its various aspects regardless of its popularity. Should not students at BYU be free to hear the full breadth of scientific evidence? It is a travesty that at BYU currently, students are limited to sterilized arguments and filtered scientific facts that disregard the scientific evidence pointing to God's historical hand in our origins. Sadly at BYU and even other Christian universities, these have become politically unpopular conclusions, as they could give indications of the Biblical Creator and a God of miracles. How did it come to be that BYU - whose founding purpose was to allow for the consideration of God's hand in our

physical and spiritual origins¹⁰ - has come to specifically and systematically deny the students the opportunity to connect truth across these educational disciplines?

Thanks for your consideration,

Vincent Newmeyer

P.S. See also: Faith in Evolution Intervention Program <https://sciencefreedom.org/faith-in-evolution-intervention.html> , Listen to world renowned geneticis comment on the subject of evolution <https://youtu.be/wu7ksGvv93Y> , Look What They're Teaching at Brigham Young University

<https://evolutionnews.org/2018/05/look-what-theyre-teaching-at-brigham-young-university/> ,

LDS.ScienceElevated.com , LDS Science Elevated YouTube Channel, ScienceFreedom.org

1 This is standard philosophy of science tenets. See UC Berkeley discussion about the philosophy of science <https://web.archive.org/web/20130501111239/http://evolution.berkeley.edu/evosite/nature/IIcharacteristics.shtml>

2 Steven L Peck on Why Evolution and LDS Thought are Fully Compatible <https://youtu.be/CsDA4pSC914?t=14m28s>

3 The founders of modern science often included God in their conclusions. For example Newton in speaking about gravity and how it holds the planets in their orbits remarked "This most beautiful system of the sun, planets and comets, could only proceed from the counsel and dominion of an intelligent and powerful Being..." -- Isaac Newton, The Principia: Mathematical Principles of Natural Philosophy. Nearly all were believed in Biblical creation see <https://kgov.com/fathers-of-the-physical-sciences>

4 "A longitudinal study of attitudes toward evolution among undergraduates who are members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints"

https://journals.plos.org/plosone/article?id=10.1371%2Fjournal.pone.0205798&fbclid=IwAR3o1ppCvuXqLO1WzCyhOuidndTb0iNazrkhLno-eY_YkLO7PiajtOL-Fuk

5 Evolution and Creation - LDS Prophets and Apostles Doctrinal Proclamations and Statements

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iFfNdV6Bwqs&t=931s>

Also

see: <http://lds.scienceelevated.com/>

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8 NY Review of Books, 1/7/1997

<http://hyperphysics.phy-astr.gsu.edu/Nave-html/Faithpathh/lewontin.html>

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<https://sciencefreedom.org/utah-science-standards-suggestions-jan-2018.html#sdfootnote1sym>

10 Brigham Young wrote to his sons: "We have enough and to spare, at present in these mountains, of schools where young infidels are made because the teachers are so tender-footed that they dare not mention the principles of the gospel to their pupils, but have no hesitancy in introducing into the classroom the theories of Huxley, of Darwin, or of Miall, and the false political economy which contends against co-operation and the United Order. This course I am resolutely and uncompromisingly opposed to, and I hope to see the day when the doctrines of the gospel will be taught in all our schools, when the revelation of the Lord will be our texts, and our books

will be written and manufactured by ourselves and in our own midst. As a beginning in this direction I have endowed the Brigham Young Academy at Provo.” (Brigham Young, Letters of Brigham Young to His Sons, p. 200)

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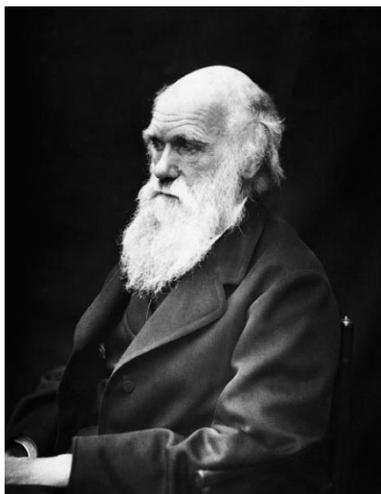
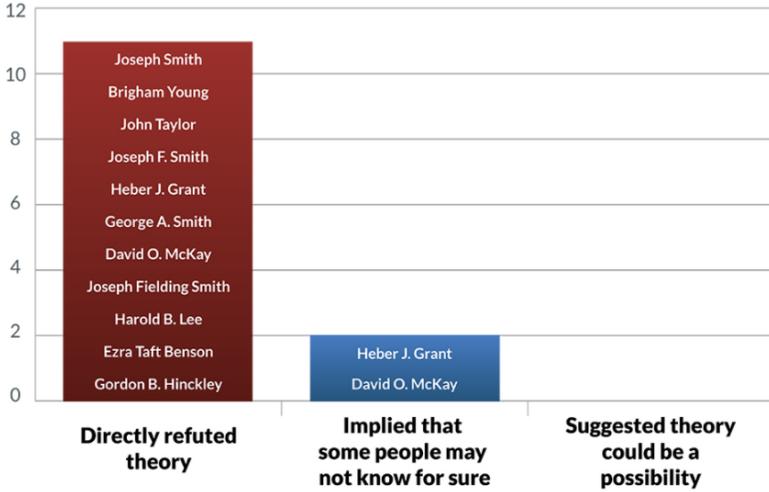


Chart: Latter-day Prophets Who've Taught Against Evolution

Expressed Views of Presidents of the Church
(on Organic Evolution as it relates to the Creation of Man)



Church Leaders Who (Wrongly) Believed in Evolution

The Book of Mormon scripture speaks of how we live **in the last days wherein even though knowledge of the creation is given, we still reject God, and are condemned. This scripture is to say ‘you had a knowledge of creation from the scriptures but you betrayed it for the theories of man, namely evolution.’**

Brigham Young University, though founded by Brigham Young to combat evolution and other false doctrines, has now become very secular and teaches evolution militantly. At BYU the evolutionary biologists put it terrifyingly: they seek to reconcile religious FAITH with scientific FACT! This is how one dogmatic presenter put it in a conference, exposing their true allegiance.

Some in the church specializing in scientific studies have suggested that evolution is “how God does things.” I entirely disagree with this view but I’ll make a note here on it. James E Talmage, John A Widstoe, Henry Eyring Sr, and a few others are in this group. I feel their efforts were to uphold what they thought true science. I don’t fault their character. It is quite possible for a person to be deceived in these matters. It is sad however that they promoted scientific falsehoods while they could have been helping students learn truth, and that they laid the foundation for a tradition of militant evolution being taught at BYU for generations.

There was quite a debate going on, sometimes quite heated. Eventually they decided that the contention was the problem, and the church made its official policy basically hands off, with the exception of some basics like saying that Adam was the first man, there was a fall, we do need Christ’s atonement, etc. The attitude lately has been “let the scientists do the science, and the prophets do the preaching”, etc. "In 1931, when there was intense discussion on the issue of organic evolution, the First Presidency of the Church, then consisting of Presidents Heber J. Grant, Anthony W. Ivins, and Charles W. Nibley, addressed all of the General Authorities of the Church on the matter, and concluded, “Upon the fundamental doctrines of the Church we are all agreed. Our mission is to bear the message of the restored gospel to the world. Leave geology, biology, archaeology, and anthropology, no one of which has to do with the salvation of the soul of mankind, to scientific research, while we magnify our calling in the realm of the Church...” Upon one thing we should all be able to agree, namely, that Presidents Joseph F. Smith, John R. Winder, and Anthon H. Lund were right when they said: "Adam is the primal parent of our race" [First Presidency Minutes, April 7, 1931]." (from BYU Packet on Evolution

<http://biology.byu.edu/DepartmentInfo/EvolutionandtheOriginofMan.aspx>
(ENCYCLOPEDIA OF MORMONISM: EVOLUTION)

Well this gets complicated of course, as science isn't a morally neutral topic by any stretch. Evolution was designed as an anti-God theory. Social Darwinism leads people to think they're animals, so they may as well behave like animals. Big Bang makes people think God is quite uninvolved, if he exists at all. There are many false doctrines being taught by church members, deceived by the cunning craftiness of the philosophies of men.

The Christian creation scientists don't always get it right, but they are far more on the right track than evolutionists. No one can understand nature without having God at the center of the investigations. Many claim the bible was purely theological and not to be used in science. I reject this and other secular views on creation.

I fear that as members of a church which has been heavily persecuted in times past, we are sometimes too desperate to try and fit in with the crowd, wanting to show that we are "normal". Well, we aren't normal when the prince of darkness defines normal.

Sometimes it's so hard convincing professors of truths which aren't published in some academic journal. Some professors are religious but most are dominated by unconquerable atheism, or at least a closed mind toward dissenting views to their philosophies. The only altar they know how to worship at is that of objectivism and empiricism, and that often of their own choosing. Dogmatic secular professors no regard for tradition, faith, or revelation. They quickly insist that all scripture concerning science is either uninspired or only symbolic (how convenient). Colleges are churches, with priesthood, covenants, ordinances, rituals, doctrines, the whole setup. They insist they can promise salvation, and assure damnation upon non-compliance. They don't profess to be a religion, it's one of their crafts of hiding the fact that their dogmas aren't 100% what they claim them to be: empirical. Who can claim their journal editor boards aren't politically/financially influenced? It is laughable. We must attend none the less, marching in their ranks, like Daniel in Babylon, waiting for the day of deliverance to the city of Zion. May we raise our voices long and loud for truth, and stand alone when none dare stand with us.

Many don't know that Einstein was more of a philosopher than a scientist. He didn't test his theories in the lab. He also had a questionable moral character, being involved in both fornication, and adultery. Typically rather than using figures like this to make major revelations, God uses those who follow his commandments in humility. There is much about modern science and its operatives that is deceptive and dogmatic. One of the main attacks of apostates against the church is to claim that Joseph Smith was of corrupt character. Why do they do this? Because everyone knows that if the perpetuator was a fraud, his teachings are fraudulent also.

Some continue to take a middle ground and suggest that evolution is possible with a possibility of the days of creation being unknown in duration. They go wild over Joseph Smith's wording of "creative periods" for the days of creation, or Elder McConkie's statement that the days of creation don't need to be a specific amount of time, but rather an eon, etc. (June 1982 Ensign.)The evolutionary interpretation of Joseph's words conflicts with the nature of scripture. And anyone familiar with Elder McConkie know that he was one of the most powerful preachers against evolution. Scripture reveals truth, not just allegory. These people go so far as to try and explain every miracle, etc., and lucky timing, or exaggeration.

Some have fun with the idea that in the Genesis creation account, days as we now know them didn't even exist until the 4th day of creation, and how the Hebraic use of the word day was used both literally and symbolically. Yet the record still reveals the whole process was a 7-day ordeal, either measured in our time, or Gods time (which is 1000:1) compared to ours. The temptation is to make all scripture symbolic, and such is not the mind of God.

Early latter-day saint prophets taught that organic evolution is wrong in that it deletes the need for God in the equation, and thus is of the devil. They also saw a great issue in that organic evolution didn't suggest a fall or a redemption or our race, but rather a continual flow of gradual change. Elder Richard G Scott, a nuclear physicist and Apostle, spoke of both revelation and science as tools for finding truth. We cannot rely entirely on science as the only source of truth, that is called scientism, and in their goal to be void of bias as seen in tribes and religion, they become a sort of a tribe themselves, and have their own gods and altars at which they worship.

Joseph Smith restored the doctrine that God didn't create everything out of nothing, but out of existing materials. Matter cannot be created or destroyed, but it can be recycled and reconfigured. The biblical Hebrew word for create doesn't mean to make something out of nothing, but to use existing materials to build something.

Latter-day Saint evolutionists use a few scriptures to tout their views. The Pearl of Great Price says God commanded things to come into creation, then he waited for them to obey. This in no way indicates deep time, it just indicates time itself. The Pearl of Great Price says the spirit of God was brooding over the waters, brooding suggesting a hatchling. Some suggest this indicates an eventual spark of life. But this in now way indicates how long this creating process took.

Some suggest humanoids indicate pre-Adamic people, and that even homo sapiens have been around some 10,000 years or more. These are speculative claims. Many of the supposed humanoids about being found to have been primates, children, etc. Some suggest the "first man" was merely the first human who had a spirit put into him. This theory rings as bazar.

We have no written records from before the flood of Noah and tower of Babel some 4,300 years ago. After these events people resorted to pictographic forms of writing to attempt to communicate without their former language advantages. There is no record of “pre-historic” writings, and cave writings dated in a very distant past are speculative dating’s based on flawed dating techniques, rather than being based on written numerical year records on those caves, etc. We don’t have to make bargains with supposed science as we defend religion.

To say all is well with evolution, just add the small factor of “God did it”, is a vast insult. Christ notes that God even notes the fall of an individual sparrow, and knows the number of hairs on every persons head. Even with the extremely improbable fact of our existence, to still reject the existence of God directly being involved in human affairs in light of that knowledge, is to have sunk very deep into apostacy. Any reasonable person could look at the odds of things just right to satisfy the existence of human life on a planet, and how things are lined up just so for that to occur, and would confess that God had a controlling hand in it. But us, we are so far gone, that our leading institutions of scientific research insist that no such being exists.

Hugh Nibley suggested that just because the first scriptural mention of a rainbow is at the time of the flood doesn't mean there weren't rainbows before that, water refracting the light just so. This is, as many have done in the church, an attempt to mesh what we think we know about science with scriptures that don't match our modern science. Think of this: before the flood it didn't rain. There were mists coming from the earth to keep things hydrated. This means the rainbow in fact would have first appeared at the time of the flood. Discoveries like this happen all the time. Lets not be so quick to throw away our religion for the limited imaginations of our limited science.

Secular latter-day saint author Teryl Givens suggests the Garden of Eden is just a representation of pre-mortality. This interpretation cannot be taken seriously. Yes Eden is symbolic on many levels, including a pre-mortal level, but to suggest that it wasn't an actual event of Earth's temporal history goes against teachings of the prophets for centuries. As recently as the April 2015 General Conference Elder Holland taught of a literal fall in a literal Eden. Givens sites Brigham Young who said he put away childish bible stories and embraces a more mature understanding of the accounts (see Wrestling the Angel). But this statement of President Young cannot be interpreted to support evolution, which President Young was very much opposed to. Brigham was living scripture. He taught to do the works of Christ, not just read about them. To be a prophet, not just look to one. Elsewhere Brigham does say that he doesn't know if the creation took a long or short time period, but this certainly was Brigham speaking as Brigham, not as the prophet. Said he, “In these respects we differ from the Christian world, for our religion will not clash with or contradict the facts of science in any particular...whether the Lord found the

earth empty and void, whether he made it out of nothing or out of the rude elements; or whether he made it in six days or in as many millions of years, is and will remain a matter of speculation in the minds of men unless he give revelation on the subject. If we understood the process of creation there would be no mystery about it, it would be all reasonable and plain, for there is no mystery except to the ignorant.” (Journal of Discourses 14:116.)

Notice how Brigham says we uphold FACTS of science, and that science should not be kept mysterious, reserved to the gods of academia who supposedly so far surpass the rest of us in their ability to understand nature. So much of modern science is just theoretical and unproved. For those with eyes to see, and mountains of evidence which have now come forth which were not available to Brigham, we know the creation was anything but deep time. It was God moving in power and glory, commanding the elements, and the elements obeying swiftly.

Joel Skousen once wrote me about how evolution was made as a way of throwing out God, and how God doesn't use long random time to do his work. Said he, "There is no way that evolution and God are compatible. True evolutionists laugh at the notion because the whole purpose of evolution is to explain how things happen and exist without intelligent control or design and God's entire purpose is to design things and allow others under his direction to do so as well. There are whole teams of design scientists up there design new ways to produce plants that grow under extreme conditions. Why would God wait millions of years for things to happen by chance (producing 99.9% errors that don't survive) when he has the power to design, command and control the elements to get things done. That's where human growth comes from, not from sitting around waiting for randomness to produce something effective. In fact as long as command and control exists in the universe by spiritual beings, one can NEVER know if anything is random.”

Some claim that the Church is neutral on evolution (New Era What Does the Church believe about evolution October 2016"). This idea however is significantly taken out of context, and “evolution” left undefined. The Church does have a position on many things related to evolution, and the claim that the church has no official position on this or is neutral on this is misleading. The “no official stance” idea is and should be blasted by The Book of Mormon in 2 Ne. 2:22 which says there was no death of anything before the fall of Adam.

God isn't a side show spectator. He didn't program earth then sit back to watch everything happen. The creation wasn't a one time event, it is ongoing. His words and his works never cease. He is anxiously engaged in the affairs of the human race. God is a divine being who was once a man like us, he lives on another planet with more advanced technology than ours, and he helps us in ways he sees best fit. President Spencer W Kimball in Faith Precedes the Miracle speaks at length of this interplanetary communication and interaction with God, the more advanced person than we currently are, and that God is

trying to reach out to us to help us avoid self-destruction according to the universal laws of nature.

Henry Eyring Sr., an evolutionist in the church, famously said we don't need to believe anything that isn't true. We can apply that even to views he held. The entire world of science is conspiring to deceive the world, as orchestrated by Satan. Well-meaning church leaders have spoken in favor of evolution in an effort to say that we are ok with discovering things through science, but most have spoken against evolution as being false science.

Analysis of Eric Skousen's "Earth In The Beginning"

Eric does well in recognizing that the first 6 days of creation were spiritual as the scriptures in the Pearl of Great Price make clear.

I don't however like his ideas of "preparatory life forms" like dinosaurs which he says lived and died BEFORE the fall of Adam. He claims this is how we have fossils. He points to Moses 3:5 for his information on these preparatory lifeforms, but that passage only refers to spiritual creation before temporal creation!

However, when one understands the hyprethermal conditions of the flood of Noah which created ALL major fossils as explained in Universal Model volumes 1 and 2, you know no death before the fall was needed to make fossils etc.

Here is a chart from his text summarizing some of his ideas:

THE THREE CREATION EPOCHS OF THE EARTH

<i>Event</i>	<i>Moses</i>	<i>Abraham</i>	<i>Comments</i>
A vision of the cosmos is seen	1:1-1:42	3:1-3:19	(a necessary prerequisite to the creation vision)

The First Creation Epoch
The Spirit Creation

The spirit globe is born	2:1-2:5		"First Day"
The spirit sea and atmosphere are created	2:6-2:9		"Second Day"
The spirit land appears; spirit plant life is created	2:10-2:13		"Third Day"
A solar system is designated for the earth	2:14-2:18		"Fourth Day"
The spirit animal life is created	2:20-2:25		"Fifth Day"
Spirits of the human family are taken to the spirit earth	2:26-2:30		"Sixth Day"
God declares the earth's creation "good" and rests	2:31-3:3		"Seventh Day"
A family Council is held to choose a creator of the physical earth; Satan is rejected		3:21-3:28	
Another family Council; Satan presents his plan but is rejected	4:1-4:2		
The war in heaven; Satan and his followers are cast out	4:3-4:4		(see Revelation 12:7-9 and Isaiah 14:12-16)

The Second Creation Epoch: The Creation of
the Physical Earth and Its Preparation For Modern Life

The earth's physical globe is born	4:1-4:5		"First Time"
The atmosphere is created	4:6-4:8		"Second Time"

Event	Moses	Abraham	Comments
The land appears; it is prepared for modern plant life		4:9- 4:13	"Third Time"
The solar system is prepared to receive the earth		4:14- 4:19	"Fourth Time"
The ocean and atmosphere are prepared for modern animal life		4:20- 4:23	"Fifth Time"
The land is prepared to receive modern animal life		4:24- 4:25	"Sixth Time"
The preparation of the physical earth is complete	3:1- 3:5		
All preparatory life is removed	3:5		<i>This verse says nothing about removal of preparatory life</i>
A Council is held to consider the events of the "seventh time"		4:26- 5:3	This council meets in the celestial world, then on earth

**The Third Creation Epoch:
Modern Life Is Brought To the Earth**

The earth is sanctified in preparation for the arrival of modern life forms		5:3	The "Seventh" creative period begins (see D&C 77:12)
Modern life is placed on the earth; immortal conditions prevail.		5:4- 5:5	The earth is beautified with modern plants and animals
Adam appears, followed by Eve	3:6- 3:8	5:6- 5:8	
The Garden of Eden epoch	3:9- 3:25	5:9- 5:21	Food-producing plants appear; animals are named

After the Creation

The Fall of Adam and Eve and the planet earth	4:5- 4:12		
Mortality begins	4:13		

Anthony Larson: Cosmology & The Restored Gospel: On Ancient Skies, Catastrophic Cosmology, Plasma Electric Universe

Anthony Larson teaches that this drawing of Joseph Smith can also be ancient planets in the skies (Saturn Venus and Mars) which represented heaven. He says that these planets used to be near the earth, which gave electric power to the earth, and that all the ancient symbols echo back to this ancient sky. See the Anthony Larsen chapter for more information.

Here is Anthony Larsen who wrote the Mormon Prophecy trilogy about the chaotic solar system, planets coming near each other, etc., which has caused much of the supernatural in the scriptural past (as orchestrated by God of course).

Anthony Larson has some brilliant material suggesting these orbs are actually several planets (Saturn Venus and Mars) which used to be seen in the sky looming overhead in a not so distant chaotic past, as the old heaven and earth which existed before the flood. Saturn and Venus are said to have given birth to Mars the hero, an obvious Christ analogy. They would all 3 line up in the sky and look like an eyeball, or other divine symbols (the Egyptian Gods crook, the eastern Gods breast, etc.).

Many fables seem to echo back to this old heaven. It is also like Jacobs latter. The spheres being close are connected via plasma/electric paths as indicated in the image. Larson's analysis of the chaotic cosmic past gives stunning ideas to this depiction.

He speaks of the electric universe, one without relativity. This essentially instant communication is how God knows all, and how we see stars not as ultra-distant, but that we see them in real time.

Orion's Belt was recognized by the Ancients as the star pattern which resembled the sky image which was originally in the sky.

He demonstrates the 3 circle arrangement on the roof of the Conference Center, as well as a pyramid with a circle on top design on top there.

He speaks of the "stairway" moving up and down the plasma pillar, the "stairway to heaven" between these planets seen near earth. He speaks of Jacob's ladder, and the temple endowment as the grand symbols of the visions shown to all the prophets of the kingdoms of glory, etc.

The configuration of these aligned planets makes many shapes which have inspired ancient myth. Atlas holding the world, the horns of the bull, the eye in the sky, the crown of Pharaoh, the pyramid with a sphere atop of it. There are many other symbols which potentially arose from these planets seen in the sky anciently.

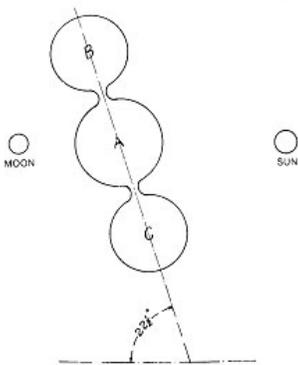
He speaks of the holy ground on which Moses stood and had to remove his shoes being due to electric charge of the area. He speaks of the brightness of

resurrected beings, that they have increased electric power. He speaks of the shining faces of the prophets after speaking with God being due to the electric nature of the encounter, and that the skin on the face is thinner than elsewhere, which therefore causes the face to shine more particularly.

He speaks of the extended lives of the patriarchs before the flood being due to the increased electric power present on earth from these other planets being so near.

He speaks of the burning bush being an indicator that a planetary catastrophic even was about to take place, and that this was therefore an event which took place before the plagues of the exodus, which were triggered by a near encounter with the planet Venus. He speaks of St. Elmo's Fire, which is a phenomenon of electricity being seen before storms atop and tent poles and so forth. Therefore, the end plagues spoken of in revelation would also be caused by a planetary encounter, and Joseph Smith verifies this in his statement that the sign of the coming of the son of man would be what the world would call an incoming planet, or comet.

Joseph Smith's diagram:



<http://mormonprophecy.blogspot.com/2008/07/out-of-past.html>

Larson's trilogy is found here:

Vol 1: https://www.amazon.com/Moon-Shall-Turn-Blood-Prophecy/dp/098828930X/ref=sr_1_1?dchild=1&keywords=anthony+larson&qid=1618808512&sr=8-1

Vol 2: https://www.amazon.com/Earth-Shall-Reel-Fro-Prophecy/dp/0988289318/ref=sr_1_2?dchild=1&keywords=anthony+larson&qid=1618808512&sr=8-2

Vol 3: https://www.amazon.com/There-Shall-New-Heaven-Earth/dp/0988289326/ref=sr_1_3?dchild=1&keywords=anthony+larson&qid=1618808512&sr=8-3

This cosmism in the restored gospel playlist is of interest:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLwlu8RdjcrVo5Zg9hdAEkjHDLEAjp68vy>

This Mormon Prophecy YouTube channel has some Anthony Larson's videos:
<https://www.youtube.com/user/toeknee1943>

There are more detailed videos available for purchase at Larson's website MormonProphecy.com. Larson passed away a few years ago, but they are still available. This lecture series contains great updates which he has found since publishing his books. Unfortunately, he didn't write any more books with these updates, but they must be found via the lecture series. Purchase his more detailed lecture series at mormonprophecy.com/product

Hollow Earth Theory for 10 Lost Tribes, etc.

Some have said that the ten tribes' undisclosed location in the north may have to do with being underground. We do know from clear teachings of Jesus Christ, Joseph Smith, and others that they are to this day in tact as a body of people somewhere.

A hollow earth is a far out idea, but lets at least hear it out. Its also noteworthy that there are various versions of these theories, some simply suggesting large caverns at the poles, others going much further.

Rodney M. Cluff is a latter-day saint author who writes about the hollow earth theory. OurHollowEarth.com is his website. He has published a sizable book with much more resources than can be found on the website. A link to purchase the book can be found on the website. The book is titled "World Top Secret: Our Earth Is Hollow! The Scientific, Scriptural and Historical Evidence that Our Earth is Hollow!"

People inhabiting other planets of the solar system, all of these being those referred to in Christ saving the worlds? (Christ symbolically represented by the sun, and those of the planets orbiting him as their source of salvation)

Scripture of water going back into the north?

Scripture of learning of things beneath the earth (D&C)

see also book "The Smokey God" (read that book free here:

<https://www.ourhollowearth.com/SGContents.htm>).

There was a lecture by Cluff but I can't find it these days, let me know if you can. His book for sale is at this link:

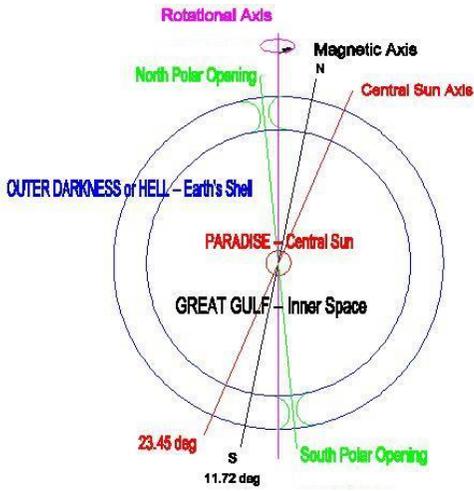
https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B087SGXL6J/ref=ox_sc_act_title_1?smid=ATVPDKIKX0DER&psc=1

This essay by Cluff lays out much of the hollow earth theory. Cluff also has a very interesting timeline at his website, which is contained in this larger essay "History & Destiny of Israel": this is found via a link at his main page:

https://www.ourhollowearth.com/Israel.htm#My_estimates_for_the_last_days_time_line_is_therefore:

His idea of Eden being under the earth would perhaps highlight the concept of Adam and Eve being "birthed" into mortality therefrom, but this idea is controversial as it likely conflicts the teaching of Eden being in present day Missouri.

Here is an image from Cluff in his Israel essay:



Our Hollow Earth and it's Spirit World Counterparts

Other Hollow Earth Resources

Some even say the UFO's the government has been covering up are from inside the earth, which monitor us periodically (if there was some way to get around the ice caps etc., which a good scientist could devise easily enough; the redemption of New Jerusalem and therefore the coming of the 10 tribes as lead by John the Revelator isn't a fixed date, John could bring them any time, we just haven't been ready)

Raymond Bernard "The Hollow Earth" <https://www.amazon.com/Hollow-Earth-Dr-Raymond-Bernard/dp/1365522296> and another of his books "Agartha".

This essay has some interesting ideas and resources:

<https://ldsanarchy.wordpress.com/2007/12/03/the-hollow-earth-theory-the-plasma-model-and-mormon-theology/>

North Pole Inner Earth Expedition: <https://npiee.com>

Jan Lamprecht's HollowPlanets.com - archive.org limited access

Videos of interest:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oa0bxFW2M_Y

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M7vt5paORlc>

Can't find this but supposedly some information here: Hollow Planets a Feasibility Study by Jan Lanson

The Fall Brought Blood to Adam's Body – Quotes

“What do we mean by endless or eternal increase? We mean that through the righteousness and faithfulness of men and women who keep the commandments of God they will come forth with celestial bodies, fitted and prepared to enter into their great, high and eternal glory in the celestial kingdom of God, and unto them, through their preparation, there will come children, who will be spirit children. I don't think that is very difficult to comprehend and understand. The nature of the offspring is determined by the nature of the substance that flows in the veins of the being. When blood flows in the veins of the being, the offspring will be what blood produces, which is tangible flesh and bone, but when that which flows in the veins is spirit matter, a substance which is more refined and pure and glorious than blood, the offspring of such beings will be spirit children. By that I mean they will be in the image of the parents. They will have a spirit body and have a spark of the eternal or divine that always did exist in them.”
[Sermons and Missionary Experiences of Melvin J. Ballard, pp. 239-240; by Bryant S. Hinckley; (sometime between 1919 & 1939). The Three Degrees of Glory; Melvin J. Ballard; (Deseret Book Co.: Salt Lake City, Utah); pp. 10-11; Discourse given in the Ogden Tabernacle; September 22, 1922.]

“Adam had a spiritual body until mortality came upon him through the violation of the law under which he was living, but he also had a physical body of flesh and bones.... Now what is a spiritual body? It is one that is quickened by spirit and not by blood.... When Adam was in the Garden of Eden, he was not subject to death. There was no blood in his body and he could have remained there forever. This is true of all other creatures.”[Joseph Fielding Smith, Doctrines of Salvation, 1:76-77]

“Not subject to death when he [Adam] was placed upon the earth, there had to come a change in his body through the partaking of this ... fruit that brought blood into his body; and blood became the life of the body instead of spirit. And blood has in it the seeds of death, some mortal element. Mortality was created

through the eating of the forbidden fruit.” [Joseph Fielding Smith, Fall-Atonement-Resurrection-Sacrament, 125]

“Why did Adam come here? Not subject to death when he was placed upon the earth, there had to come a change in his body through the partaking of this element--whatever you want to call it, fruit--that brought blood into his body; and blood became the life of the body instead of spirit. And blood has in it the seeds of death, some mortal element. Mortality was created through the eating of forbidden fruit, if you want to call it forbidden, but I think the Lord has made it clear that it was not forbidden. He merely said to Adam, if you want to stay here [in the garden] this is the situation. If so, don't eat it.” [Joseph Fielding Smith, "The Sacrament and the Atonement," address given at the LDS institute of religion, Salt Lake City, 14 Jan. 1961, 5]

“The word fall describes well what transpired when Adam and Eve were driven from the garden. A transformation took place which made them "a little lower than the angels." (In the Hebrew text, the word "angel" is given as "gods," see Ps 8:5, Heb 2:7-9.) The bodies formed for mankind became temporal or physical bodies. The scriptures say "the life of all flesh is in the blood thereof" [Boyd K. Packer, Lev 17:11-13; Deut 12:23; Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith 199-200, 367 Kimball 5-6]

“After the transformation caused by the Fall, bodies of flesh and bone and blood (unlike our spirit bodies), would not endure forever. Somehow the ingredient blood carried with it a limit to life. It was as though a clock were set and a time given. Thereafter, all living things moved inexorably toward mortal or temporal death. Temporal, I repeat, means temporary.” [Boyd K. Packer, "The Law and the Light," Book of Mormon Symposium, BYU, 30 October 1988]

“Adam and Eve had now exercised their agency and of their own volition had partaken of the fruit of which they were commanded not to eat, and thus they had become subject to the law of Satan.... Instead of spirit fluid, which had made them not subject to death, there had now come another element. The life of the body is the blood, and in the bloodstream there were to be found the seeds that were to bring about their mortal death.” [Harold B. Lee, "The Fall of Man,"

Lecture Given to Seminary and Institute Teachers, June 23, 1954, Brigham Young University]