

Creation Doctrines of the Restoration

God's Methods & The Impossibility
of Evolution Theory



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This book is not an exhaustive collection of the prophets' teachings against evolution (that's a project for another day), but it sufficiently demonstrates that the message of the prophets has been a consistent and clear message against Darwinian evolution, presenting an entirely different picture of God's creation!

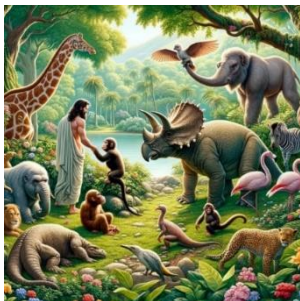
For a more detailed treatment of science and religion in the restoration, see my series, “Inspired Science and Religion: The Battle Against Evolution in the Restored Church: Vol. 1 Science, & Vol. 2: Religion.”

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Introductory Thoughts, Scripture References, & Prophetic Warnings Against Darwin

Evolutionists avoid bringing up many verses of scripture about the Creation, even when they are addressing the subject of the interplay of science and religion. This is because the view of evolution is dramatically different from anything described in sacred texts about creation. Perhaps dismissing

revealed truths is the only way to reconcile evolution with a religious context. So, do you want the watered-down version of the restoration, or the whole enchilada?

Evolution really tries to spoil everyone's fun. Jonathan Wells points out that, before Darwin, science and religion generally coexisted well. But Darwin declared war on traditional Christianity. In this section of the book, I hope it will become abundantly clear how evolutionary science claims simply are at odds with scriptural teachings about the creation, particularly with scriptures and teachings of the restored Church of Jesus Christ.

Scriptures of the Restoration teach that the earth was created in six days or over a 6,000-year period, that the temporal lifespan of the Earth is 7000 years, and that death was not operative before the Fall. Perhaps we, too, have become “willingly ignorant” of the creation (2 Peter 3:5-7). The prophet Jacob taught that when teachers teach the theories of men rather than God's truth, “**their wisdom is foolishness.**” (2 Ne. 9:28)

Scriptures of the restoration go against evolution. For starters:

- 2 Nephi 2:22 there was no birth or death before the fall of Adam.
- D&C 77:6-7, 12 Earth's temporal lifespan is 7,000 years (not billions).
- JST 2 Peter 3:8; Facs. 2 Fig. 1; Abr. 3:6-11 Each day of creation being 1000 years, not millions or billions of years.
- JST 2 Peter 3:5-7; Gen. 1:1-10 Earth was created by water and was later covered by a worldwide flood higher than the mountains which Noah and the animals couldn't just run away from.
- D&C 84:16 Adam was the first man.
- D&C 29:34 We shouldn't separate spiritual and temporal things.

And a few from the Bible:

- Luke 3:38 Adam was literally a son of God (not a son of millions of years of monkeys and humanoids).
- Psalms 19:1 Nature does prove God.
- Romans 5:12, 14 By one man sin and death entered the world.
- 1 Cor. 15:21-22,26 by the man Adam came death.
- Genesis 3:17-19; Romans 8:18-22: Plants were also affected by the Fall.

- Genesis 1, 6, 7, Moses 2: Animals only reproduce after their kind (no common ancestor).
- Genesis 3:17-20 shows even plant life was impacted by the Fall of man, and that Eve was the mother of ALL living.
- Romans 8 :21-22 speaks of all of creation being cursed.
- 1 Corinthians 15:21-22, 26, and 45 speak of Adam as the first man, and of death entering the world at his Fall.
- Romans 5: 12-14 also teaches these doctrines of death originating from the sin of man.

For those who choose to believe in God and his messengers, there is bright hope for true understanding. Joseph Smith taught, “When we understand the character of God, and know how to come to Him, he begins to unfold the heavens to us, and to tell us all about it. When we are ready to come to him, he is ready to come to us.” (History of the Church, 6:308).

WHO WOULD WIN?

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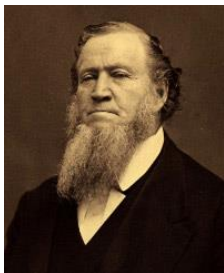
President Benson identified 5 specific antichrists of our day, including Sigmund Freud, Charles Darwin, Karl Marx, John Keyes, and John Dewey. Take a look:

“As a watchman on the tower, I feel to warn you that one of the chief means of misleading our youth and destroying the family unit is our educational institutions. President Joseph F. Smith referred to false educational ideas as one of the three threatening dangers among our Church members. There is more than one reason why the Church is advising our youth to attend colleges close to their homes where institutes of religion are available. It

gives the parents the opportunity to stay close to their children; and if they have become alert and informed as President McKay admonished us last year, these parents can help expose some of the deceptions of men like Sigmund Freud, Charles **Darwin**, John Dewey, Karl Marx, John Keynes, and others. Today there are much worse things that can happen to a child than not getting a full college education. In fact, some of the worst things have happened to our children while attending colleges led by administrators who wink at subversion and amorality.” (Ezra Taft Benson, *Strengthening the Family*, Conference Report, October 1970, pp. 21-25, also quoted in *The Teachings of Ezra Taft Benson*, 307.) (For more references in prophets exposing similar evil teachers in our day, see josephsmithfoundation.org/anti-christ.)

President Benson wasn’t alone in rebuking Darwin. Brigham Young, one of the mighty leaders of the restored Church, similarly exposed Darwin. He said, “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 . . . 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)



Spencer W. Kimball was firmly against evolution and taught that these truths will not change despite what hordes of learned people claim on the matter.

He said, “The Gods organized the earth of materials at hand, over which they had control and power. This truth is absolute. **A million educated folk might speculate and determine in their minds that the earth came into being by chance.** The truth remains. The earth was made by the Gods [and] opinions do not change that. The Gods organized and **gave life to man and placed him on the earth.** This is absolute. It cannot be disproved. **A million brilliant minds might conjecture otherwise, but it is still true.”** (Spencer W. Kimball, “Absolute Truth”, *Ensign*, September 1978, p. 3).

Joseph Fielding Smith wrote while serving as president of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles: “It has been truthfully said that **organic evolution is Satan's chief weapon in this dispensation in his attempt to destroy the divine mission of Jesus Christ.** It is a contemptible plot against faith in God and to destroy the effective belief in the divine atonement of our Redeemer through which men may be saved from their sins and find place in the Kingdom of God. **There is not and cannot be, any compromise between the Gospel of Jesus Christ**

and the theories of evolution. Were evolution true, there could be no remission of sin. In fact there could be no sin.” (Joseph Fielding Smith, Man: His Origin & Destiny, Ch. 8 The Hypothesis of Organic Evolution pt.2)

2 Ne. 1:10 warns us against rejecting the fullness of the message of the gospel, including what has been revealed about the creation: “...the time cometh that they shall **dwindle in unbelief**, after they have received so great blessings from the hand of the Lord—having a **knowledge of the creation** of the earth, and all men, knowing the great and marvelous works of the Lord from the creation of the world...”

<u>God’s Plan</u>	<u>Devil’s Plan</u>
The creation by God.	The explosion of nothing.
The fall from God.	The climb from slime.
The atonement/returning to God.	Death. End of existence.

3 Ne. 16:10 bears a similar message, WITH A warning that if we persist in rejecting the fullness of the gospel, it will be withdrawn: “**And thus commandeth the Father that I should say unto you: At that day when the Gentiles shall sin against my gospel, and shall reject the fulness of my gospel, and shall be lifted up in the pride of their hearts above all nations, and above all the people of the whole earth, and shall be filled with all manner of lyings, and of deceits, and of mischiefs, and all manner of hypocrisy, and murders, and priestcrafts, and whoredoms, and of secret abominations; and if they shall do all those things, and shall reject the fulness of my gospel, behold, saith the Father, I will bring the fulness of my gospel from among them.**”

Adam: First Man

Avowed atheist William Craig said that what evolution has done is destroy the idea of a first man. This is a clear recognition of the implication and intention of the theory of evolution. Let the

saints beware: if you eliminate Adam and his fall, there is no need for Christ and his redemption. If there is no first Adam, there is no second Adam (Christ) (1 Cor. 15:22, 45).

Joseph Fielding Smith recognized that the teaching of Adam as the first man was lost as a **part of the great apostasy**. In a Church priesthood manual, he said, “The doctrine that man is created in the image of God was also lost in the apostasy. The vision given to **Joseph Smith** restored the true doctrine in relation to this question. It is just as strange that man, in his spiritual darkness, would change this glorious doctrine and in the later times substitute for it **the abominable doctrine that man has ascended through countless ages from lower forms of life**, as it is that they could make of the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost a God to be worshipped that is without substance, immaterial and therefore non-existent.” (Church History and Modern Revelation, Course Study for the Melchizedek Priesthood Quorums for the Year 1947 p.11)

Evolutionists attempt to circumvent the notion of

Adam being the first man by assigning novel meanings to the terms "first" and "man." This is clearly wresting (trying to change the plain meaning of) scripture.

Moses 1:34 is clear that Adam was the first man:
"And the first man **of all men** have I called Adam, which is many."

D&C 84:16 also shows that Adam was the first man: "And from Enoch to Abel, who was slain by the conspiracy of his brother, who received the priesthood by the commandments of God, by the hand of his father Adam, who was **the first man**—"

Remember that Eve is "**the mother of all living**" (Gen. 3:20), not just those who came after Adam.



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(Another fun variation of a shirt like this could be “Apes Belong in Trees, Not Genealogies!”)



Joseph Fielding Smith taught that the revelation on Adam as the “First Flesh” indicates that there were no mortal creatures or death before him. He said, “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.)

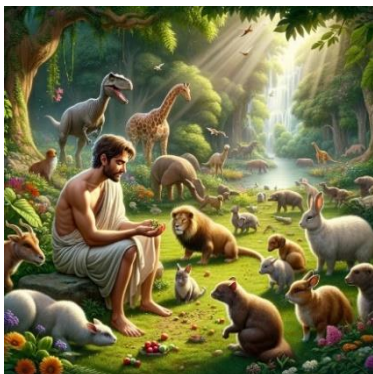
President Harold B. Lee was asked about pre-Adamic people. “I was somewhat sorrowed recently to hear someone, a sister who comes from a church family, ask, “What about the pre-Adamic people?” Here was someone who I thought was fully grounded in the faith. I asked, “What about the **pre-Adamic people?**” 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 summarized the doctrines against pre-Adamites as follows: "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>)



Of course, I don't believe there are strata indicating creatures before Adam, that would contradict an entire line of prophetic teachings on there being no death upon the whole face of the earth before the

fall.

As for the morality of this first man, Adam, refer to the section of this book on evolution's impact on testimony, **Alma 41**, and so on.

The long lifespan of the ancient patriarchs, reaching into their 900s, is another contentious subject for evolutionists, who believe we are evolving, not regressing.

Elder Joseph Fielding Smith addressed claims in the Church about pre-Adamic people in 1930. He said, **"Even in the Church there are a scattered few who are now advocating and contending that this earth was peopled with a race—perhaps many races—long before the days of Adam. These men desire, of course, to square the teachings in the Bible with the teachings of modern science and philosophy in regard to the age of the earth and life on it. If you hear any one talking this way, you may answer them by saying that the doctrine of "pre-Adamites" is not a doctrine of the Church, and is not advocated nor countenanced by the Church. There is no warrant in the scriptures, not an**

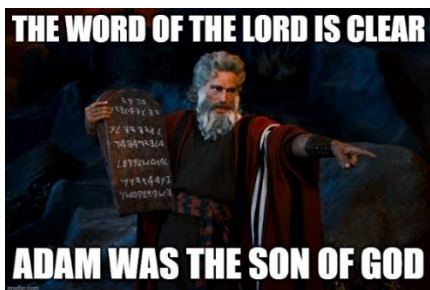
authentic word, to sustain it.” (p.147 October 1930 issue of The Utah Genealogical and Historical Magazine. https://www.dialoguejournal.com/wp-content/uploads/sbi/articles/Dialogue_V15N01_81.pdf)



Adam: Literal Progeny of God (Not Hominid)

According to Darwin, “It is only...arrogance which made our forefathers declare that they were

descended from...gods.” (The Descent of Man, pp. 31-32) Make no mistake, these worldviews are diametrically opposed.



Genesis 1:27 shows that we look like God, just another evidence that God is the real Father of the human race (not monkeys): “So God created man in his *own* image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.”

Acts 17:29 shows that we are OFFSPRING of God, and specifically makes the point that this is how we know God isn't a strange thing, but is an actual person like us: “Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device.”

So who's your daddy? The sponge, or the God? Did you originate from on high, or from beneath?



When the 1st Presidency statements refer to “[our race](#),” they clearly mean the human race. They clearly show that the origins of all humans are not from lower life forms, yet that is exactly what the theory of evolution is founded upon! You can’t have a common ancestor between humans, animals, and plant life if the human race is the “first man of all men!” There are no semi-humans who lived before Adam. The actual gap between man and all other known species is colossal, and conjecture

based on supposed transitional fossils doesn't change that.

Evolutionists play word games and claim that the humanoids before Adam weren't human, thereby insisting that those could have still been Adam's parents. But think about it: Who was Adam's dad? Was Adam's father an 'almost human,' or was it God Himself, as scripture and modern prophets have boldly declared? Remember the plain and precious teaching of the bible in Luke 3:38, "**Which was the son of Enos, which was the son of Seth, which was the son of Adam, which was the son of God.**" So, is a hominid the God of the Christian evolutionists? Because whoever sired Adam is God. Certainly, a lower lifeform hominid is not the God of the bible or the restoration.

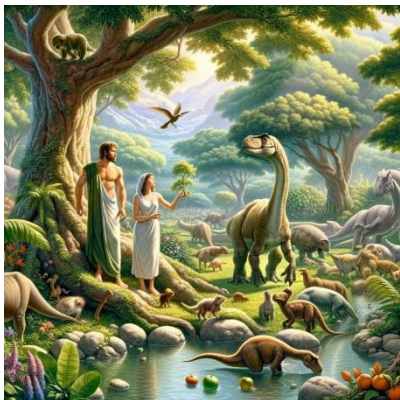
When Christians play word games and claim that the first man can be Adam while allowing for Adam's parents to be monkey-men, I'm reminded of Alma's plea, "**O blessed God, have mercy on this people!**" (Alma 19:29) Why have we rejected God's words, His precious truths, in exchange for the teachings of the Gentiles?

Consider these prophetic teachings on Adam's biological dad being God:

Brigham Young: "Mankind are here because they are offspring of parents (Adam and Eve) who were first **brought here from another planet**, and power was given them to propagate their species, and they (were) commanded to multiply and replenish the earth...(God) **created man as we create our children; for there is no other process of creation in heaven, on the earth**, in the earth, or under the earth, or in all the eternities, that is, that (was), or that ever will be...**We are flesh of (God's) flesh**, (and) bone of his bone" (Journal of Discourses 11:122; 9:283, October 1859).



As you can see, President Young taught that Adam was sired by God, and at some point brought to this earth. He teaches that the making of Adam from the dust is an allegory to protect the sacred truth many weren't ready to receive. Others such as Joseph Fielding Smith believed that Adam was sired by God the Father and Mother on this very sphere. A minority of saints still maintain that Adam was created from the dust directly by God, but all of these scenarios are very different from millions of years of slow evolutionary growth from monster into man.



Many are surprised to learn that God is a family man, that the Earth is patterned after heaven. This is a core message of the restoration. The great mystery is unraveled. God is an exalted man (Moses 6:57: “Man of Holiness is his name” and D&C 130:1: “**he is a man like ourselves.** 2 And that **same sociality** which exists among us here will **exist among us there**” and D&C 130:3: “the idea that the **Father** and the Son dwell in a **man’s heart is an old sectarian notion, and is false.**” And D&C 130:22: “The Father has a body of flesh and bones as tangible as man’s” and Joseph Smith: “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 ... 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.” *Teachings of Presidents of the Church: Joseph Smith* (2007), 40).

This exalted man lives on a planet somewhere in time and space.

He still experiences time, it's just different time (Abraham 3:4: “**This is the reckoning of the Lord's time, according to the reckoning of Kolob.**”) He still lives in space. (Abe. 3:9: “one planet above another, until thou come nigh unto Kolob, which Kolob is after the reckoning of the **Lord's time**; which Kolob is set **nigh unto the throne of God**,”) (See also D&C 130:7: “they reside in the **presence of God, on a globe...**”)

He has a body. (D&C 130:22: “The Father has a body of flesh and bones as tangible as man's; the Son also;”)

He has a wife. (D&C 131:1-2: “1 In the celestial glory there are three heavens or degrees; 2 And in order to obtain the highest, a man must enter into this order of the priesthood [meaning the new and everlasting covenant of marriage];”)

He has children. (this point should be obvious, but here is one reference: **D&C 130:2: “that same sociality which exists among us here will exist among us there.”** See also 1 Cor. 11:11, & Gen. 1:28 on the righteousness of procreation.)

Amen! No wonder the restored Church of Jesus Christ is so focused on family life! Our opportunity to build families in this life is a key part of the test of life, to demonstrate whether we will be worthy of continuing to do so, like God Himself, in the world to come. It has been taught that in the restored Church that the only people God rules over are his children. (see for example, 1 Nephi 17:36: “Behold, the Lord hath created the earth that it should be inhabited; and he hath created his children that they should possess it.”)

Next here is Joseph F. Smith preaching that Adam was born of woman into this world: “...Man was born of woman; Christ the Savior was born of woman; and God the Father was born of woman. Adam, our earthly parent, was also born of woman into this world, the same as Jesus and you and I...” (Pres. Joseph F. Smith, Deseret News, Section 3, p. 7, 27 December 1913).

Faithful Joseph Smith scholar Hyrum Andrus taught that “Joseph Smith is reported...to have taught that **God was the great head of human procreation** – was really and truly the **Father of both our spirits and our (physical) bodies**” (Hyrum Andrus, ‘God, Man, and the Universe,’ pp. 351-354).

As it says in the line of the First Presidency statement, which the authors didn’t include in their quotation in the book, man is “**the direct and lineal offspring of Deity.**” Lineal? Ponder the meaning of that word. That is genealogical language. It means the same way that your dad is your direct dad, God is Adam’s direct dad. Can we be any clearer? If Luke 3:38, which outlines the genealogy leading up

to Adam, is not spiritual, why should we claim that the step where it says Adam's father is God is suddenly spiritual? The context of the list being physical parentage insists that Adam's physical father is God.

The Latter-Day Saints are endowed with the understanding that God has a tangible body (D&C 130:22), He is married to a woman (D&C 130:2; etc.), that procreation is divine when used properly (1 Cor. 11:11, Gen. 1:28), and that "children are an heritage from the Lord" (Psalm 127:3-5). Can you put the pieces of this puzzle together? The Latter-Day Saints, armed with these truths, are in a better position to refute evolution as the origin of man than any other Christian denomination. Yet somehow, most Christians now are far ahead of the Latter-day Saints in the fight against evolution. Have we traded pure doctrine for worldly approval and university accreditation? The saints once led the fight against evolution with more power and simple logic than any other faith could offer, but not anymore. Now it's just watered-down unexplainable statements that somehow God is our Father, and evolution, sure, why not!

The Let's Talk Science book, which advocates for the acceptance of evolution in the Church, represents a larger movement within the Church to undermine our foundational understanding of restored truth and replace it with a more politically correct version of faith. Let us instead turn to God in a mighty revival and bravely stand again to reject these philosophies of men.



So, how did life get to Earth in the first place? Revelation teaches us that God brought animals to this world. You might think of it in a similar way to how Noah brought animals to the new land after the

flood. In the beginning, God planted seeds and placed animals on the Earth. We learn this in the temple. We learn it in Genesis. We learn it everywhere. We learn in genetics that one species cannot create another. Simple truths are in great contrast to the complexities of evolution. Many Protestant religions have adopted some of these truths. How did man arrive? He was either brought here or procreated here.

Joseph Fielding Smith emphasized the scriptural doctrine of life being transplanted to this Earth from elsewhere. He said, “**Why not the shorter route and transplant them from another earth as we are taught in the scriptures?** Surely to any reasonable mind, the Lord would not have to start with an amoeba, pass through the stage of lower fish to higher fish to reptiles to apes and to man!” (Joseph Fielding Smith, *Man: His Origin & Destiny*, Ch. 12 *Man the Offspring of God*)

Elder Nelson found 55 verses attesting man’s divine creation. He said, “**We are children of God, created by him and formed in his image. Recently I studied the scriptures simply to find how many**

times they testify of the divine creation of man. Looking up references that referred either to *create* or *form* (or their derivatives) with either *man*, *men*, *male*, or *female* in the same verse, I found that there are at least fifty-five verses of scripture that attest to our divine creation (**Genesis 1:27; 2:7, 8; 5:1, 2; 6:7; Deuteronomy 4:32; Isaiah 45:12; Malachi 2:10; Mark 10:6; Romans 9:20; Ephesians 3:9; Colossians 3:10; 2 Nephi 1:10; 2:15; 9:6; 29:7; Jacob 4:9; Mosiah 4:2, 9; 7:27; Alma 1:4; 18:32, 34, 36; 22:12, 13; Mormon 9:12, 17; **Ether** 1:3; **3:15, 16**; Moroni 10:3; **D&C** 20:18; 29:30, 34; **77:2; 77:12; 93:29; Moses** 1:8; **2:27; 3:5, 7, 8, 9; 6:8, 9; 7:32; 8:26; Abraham** 4:26, 27; 5:7, 8, 14, 16).” (*The Magnificence of Man*, March 29 1987, BYU Devotional, <https://speeches.byu.edu/talks/russell-m-nelson/magnificence-man/>)**



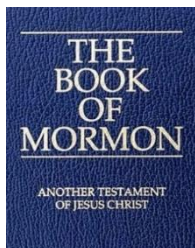
No Death Before The Fall; Fall Also Affected Animal & Plant Life

Evolutionists claim that the paradisaical state was before the creation and was merely the pre-mortal spirit realm.

But the doctrine is clear: All the physical creation was performed, then when Adam ate the fruit, the entirety of creation fell into the condition of mortal flesh. The Bible Dictionary entry on the Fall of Adam explains that the fall was a literal historic

event: “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.” Not so for the evolutionists, they insist that Adam’s fall is merely an allegory for coming to earth.

President Benson taught, “the Book of Mormon exposes the enemies of Christ [and] confounds false doctrines” (Teachings of Presidents of the Church: Ezra Taft Benson [2014], 132).



Here is a key passage from the Book of Mormon against evolution, wherein the prophets Lehi teaches about the impossibility of death and birth before the fall of Adam: “**22 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. **23** 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.” (2 Ne. 2:22-23)

This scripture indicates that both Adam and other forms of life on Earth would have remained in their same created state if the fall hadn't occurred.

The Bible is not silent on this topic either.



Genesis 3:17-20 shows even plant life was impacted by the Fall of man, and that Eve was the mother of ALL living: **“17 And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I**

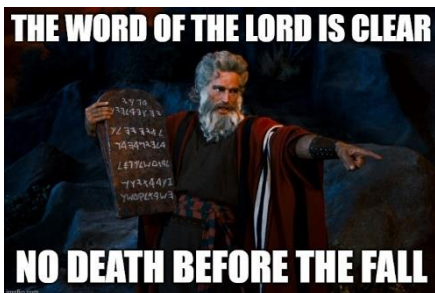
commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; 18 Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; 19 In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return. 20 And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living.”

Romans 8 :21-22 speaks of all of creation being cursed: “21 Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.”

1 Corinthians 15:21-22, 26, and 45 speak of Adam as the first man, and as death entering the world at his Fall: “21 For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. 26 The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.

45 And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.”

Romans 5: 12-14 also teachings these doctrines of death originating from sin of man: “12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned: 13 (For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law. 14 Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come.”



The 1st Presidency published in 1972 in “Selections

from Answers to Gospel Questions” that **"The animals were all created and placed on the earth** preceding the coming of Adam and Eve. In fact the whole earth and the creatures on it were prepared for Adam and Eve before Adam's fall.... The earth and all upon it were *not subject to death* until Adam fell.... It was through the fall of Adam that death came into the world." (pp. 53-54, 111)

In the aforementioned “Selections from Answers to Gospel Questions,” at least 35 passages from “Man: His Origin & Destiny” are suggested. Joseph Fielding Smith teaches against death before the fall at length in his Origins book (pp. 2, 50-51, 279-280, 328-329, 357-358, 362-365, 376-377, 381, 384, 387-396, 463-464).

Brigham Young echoed this teaching, that all life, not just human life, was cursed at the time of the fall: **"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)

Harold B. Lee also taught that the fall of Adam impacted the entire Earth, including animal and plant life: **"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."** (Teachings of Presidents of the Church: Harold B. Lee, 2000, p. 20)

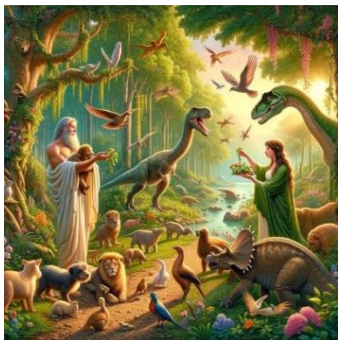


Bruce R. McConkie demonstrated that the creation before the fall was paradisaical, and not based in evolution. He said, **"There is no salvation in a system of religion that rejects the doctrine of the Fall or that assumes man is the end product of evolution and so was not subject to a fall.** True believers 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>)

John Taylor taught that before the Fall of Adam, animals all got along. **Does this sound like survival of the fittest?** Take a look: “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.)



Wilford Woodruff and other prophets also taught that all animals fell as part of the Fall of Adam, which I won't include here for brevity.

Joseph Fielding Smith taught that the Earth was peaceful, and there weren't millions of years of death before Adam: **“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**

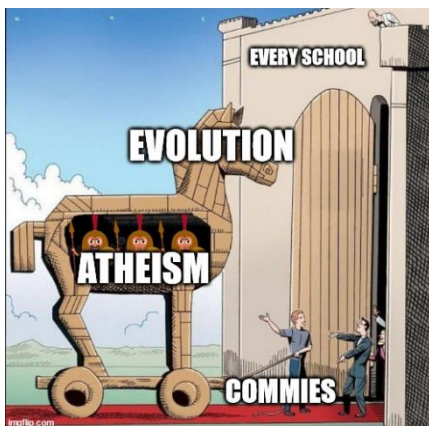
its face among all its creatures. Strife and wickedness were not found here, neither was there any corruption.” (Joseph Fielding Smith, *Doctrines of Salvation*, Volume 1, p. 108)

Joseph Fielding Smith taught that animal life also fell at Adam’s fall, and that before the fall, neither man nor animal had blood: “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)

Spencer W. Kimball expounded upon this concept, that finer substance than blood was in man’s body before the fall: “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, given at BYU, see <https://speeches.byu.edu/talks/spencer-w-kimball/absolute-truth/>)

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Joseph Fielding Smith demonstrated modern education's rejection of both the fall and atonement. He said, "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 a 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.

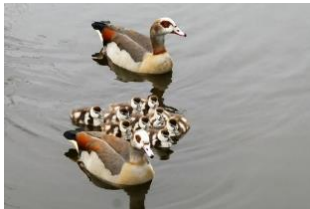
Moreover, it is taught that **since death was always here, and a natural condition prevailing throughout all space, there could not possibly come a redemption** from Adam’s transgression, hence there was no need for a Savior for a fallen world.” (Melchizedek Priesthood, Joseph Fielding Smith, Improvement Era, 1937, Vol. XI. May, 1937. No. 5)

As mentioned in this book, a recent message from Elder Jeffrey R. Holland affirmed the reality of the fall. (Jeffrey R. Holland, April 2015, [Where Justice, Love, and Mercy Meet \(churchofjesuschrist.org\)](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/))

Joseph Fielding Smith put it succinctly, “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.**” Doctrines of Salvation, 1:119-120.)

In view of the many scriptural and prophetic teachings of no death existing on Earth before the fall, Elder McConkie asked, “[Can you harmonize these things with the evolutionary postulate that death has always existed and that the various forms of life have evolved from preceding forms over astronomically long periods of time?](https://speeches.byu.edu/talks/bruce-r-mcconkie/seven-deadly-heresies/)” (Elder Bruce R. McConkie, June 1, 1980, <https://speeches.byu.edu/talks/bruce-r-mcconkie/seven-deadly-heresies/>)

Reproduction Only After Their Kind



Paul taught that **“All flesh is not the same flesh: but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, and another of birds.”** (1 Cor. 15:38-39.)

Let us go to Genesis to demonstrate that animals can only produce after their own kind, which directly contradicts evolutionary theory’s claim of all animals (and plants) coming from a single common ancestor:

“And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the

earth: and it was so. And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed **after his kind**, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, **after his kind**: and God saw that it was good. . . . And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, **after their kind**, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good. . . . And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature **after his kind**, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth **after his kind**: and it was so. And God made the beast of the earth **after his kind**, and cattle **after their kind**, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good.” (Genesis 1:11-12, 21, 24-25)

Ask yourself why God would repeat the instruction “after their kind” so often if it wasn’t of vital importance? Let us go on, still in Genesis:

“And of every living thing of all flesh, two of every sort shalt thou bring into the ark, to keep them alive with thee; they shall be male and female. Of fowls **after their kind**, and of cattle **after their kind**, of every creeping thing of the earth after his kind, two of every sort shall come unto thee, to

keep them alive. And take thou unto thee of all food that is eaten, and thou shalt gather it to thee; and it shall be for food for thee, and for them.” (Genesis 6:19-20)

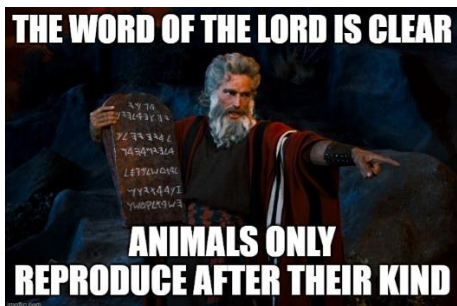
“They, and every beast **after his kind**, and all the cattle **after their kind**, and every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth **after his kind**, and every fowl **after his kind**, every bird of every sort.” (Genesis 7:14)

Now on to the book of Moses: “And I, God, said: Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, the fruit tree yielding fruit, **after his kind**, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed should be in itself upon the earth, and it was so even as I spake. And the earth brought forth grass, every herb yielding seed **after his kind**, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed should be in itself, **after his kind**; and I, God, saw that all things which I had made were good; . . . And I, God, created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, **after their kind**, and every winged fowl **after his kind**; and I, God, saw that all things which I had created were good. . . . And I, God, said: Let the earth bring forth the living creature **after his kind**, cattle, and creeping

things, and beasts of the earth **after their kind**, and it was so; And I, God, made the beasts of the earth **after their kind**, and cattle **after their kind**, and everything which creepeth upon the earth **after his kind**; and I, God, saw that all these things were good.” (Moses 2:11-12, 21, 24-25)

Abraham won’t want to be left out of this party. His record says, “And the Gods said: Let us prepare the earth to bring forth grass; the herb yielding seed; the fruit tree yielding fruit, **after his kind**, whose seed in itself yieldeth its own likeness upon the earth; and it was so, even as they ordered. And the Gods organized the earth to bring forth grass >from its own seed, and the herb to bring forth herb from its own seed, yielding seed **after his kind**; and the earth to bring forth the tree from its own seed, yielding fruit, whose seed could only bring forth the same in itself, **after his kind**; and the Gods saw that they were obeyed. . . . And the Gods prepared the waters that they might bring forth great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters were to bring forth abundantly **after their kind**; and every winged fowl **after their kind**. And the Gods saw that they would be obeyed, and that their plan was good. . . . And the Gods prepared the

earth to bring forth the living creature **after his kind**, cattle and creeping things, and beasts of the earth **after their kind**; and it was so, as they had said. And the Gods organized the earth to bring forth the beasts **after their kind**, and cattle **after their kind**, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth **after its kind**; and the Gods saw they would obey.” (Abraham 4:11-12, 21, 24-25)



The teachings of latter-day prophets on this subject, applying it specifically to refute evolution, are abundant. We will now review a small sample of their teachings.

Joseph Smith taught, “God has made certain decrees which are fixed and immovable; for instance—God set the sun, the moon and the stars

in the heavens, and gave them their laws conditions and bounds, which they cannot pass, except by his commandments; they all move in perfect harmony in their sphere and order, and are as lights, wonders, and signs unto us. The sea also has its bounds which it cannot pass. God has set many signs on the earth, as well as in the heavens; for instance, the oak of the forest, the fruit of the tree, the herb of the field—**all bear a sign** that seed hath been planted there; for **it is a decree of the Lord that every tree, plant, and herb bearing seed should bring forth of its kind, and cannot come forth after any other law or principle.**” (Joseph Smith, *Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith*, pg 198, selected and arranged by Joseph Fielding Smith [Salt Lake City: Deseret Book Co., 1976], 197)



Joseph also threw down some serious doctrine that flies in the face of evolution when he 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.**” (Joseph Smith, Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith, p. 373)

Brigham Young also related the reproduction of species to indicate our literal parent-child relationship to God. He taught, “**Man is the offspring of God...** We are as much the children of this great Being as we are the children of our mortal progenitors. We are flesh of his flesh, bone of his bone, and the same fluid that circulates in our bodies, called blood, once circulated in His veins as it does in ours. As the seeds of grains, vegetables and fruits produce their kind, so man is in the image of God.” (Brigham Young, Journal of Discourses, 9:283)



John Taylor was straightforward in his renunciation of evolution when he taught the common parentage doctrine. He said, “**All the works of God connected**

with the world which we inhabit, and with all other worlds, are strictly governed by law...**the animal and vegetable creations are governed by certain laws**, and are composed of certain elements peculiar to themselves. This applies to man, to the beasts, fowls, fish and creeping things, to the insects and to all animated nature; each one possessing its own distinctive features, each requiring a specific sustenance, each having an **organism and faculties governed by prescribed laws to perpetuate its own kind**. So accurate is the formation of the various living creatures that an intelligent student of nature can tell by any particular bone of the skeleton of an animal to what class or order it belongs. These principles **do not change, as represented by evolutionists of the Darwinian school, but the primitive organisms of all living beings exist in the same form as when they first received their impress from their Maker**. There are, indeed, some very **slight exceptions, as for instance, the ass may mix with the mare and produce the mule; but there it ends, the violation of the laws of procreation receives a check, and its operations can go no further**. Similar compounds may possibly be made by experimentalists in the vegetable and mineral kingdoms, but the original elements remain the

same. Yet this is not the normal, but an abnormal condition with them, as with animals, birds, etc.; and if we take man, he is said to have been made in the image of God, for the simple reason that he is a son of God; and being His son, he is, of course, His offspring, an emanation from God, in whose likeness, we are told, he is made. He did **not originate from a chaotic mass of matter, moving or inert, but came forth possessing, in an embryotic state, all the faculties and powers of a God.** And when he shall be perfected, and have progressed to maturity, **he will be like his Father—a God;** being indeed His offspring. As the horse, the ox, the sheep, and **every living creature, including man, propagates its own species and perpetuates its own kind, so does God perpetuate His.**” (John Taylor, *Mediation and Atonement*, pp. 163-165)

Now look at what Elder Boyd K. Packer recently had to say in 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 generally 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’s 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?” (Boyd K. Packer, General Conference, Oct 1984)

Other church leaders including George Albert Smith, David O. McKay, Joseph Fielding Smith, Mark E. Peterson, etc. have preached the same

message of species only producing after their own kind, and how this doctrine clearly refutes evolution.

7000 Temporal Years of Earth

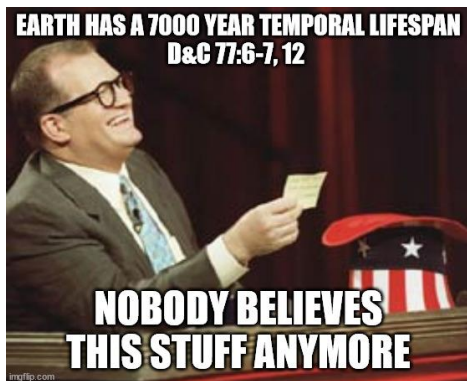
We learn in D&C 77:6-7, 12 that the earth has a 7000-year temporal existence.

“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.

12 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 77:6-7, 12)



So where are we? 6000 years are accomplished. The LDS bible dictionary and other chronologies indicate that Adam lived around 4000 BC, which puts us at 6000 years since Adam now, so there's 1,000 more to go till we get to the full 7000-year temporal lifespan. This last 1000-year period is the millennium.

We are currently in the small **preparation window between** the 1st 6000 years and the final 1000 year millennium during which Christ will reign. Again look at verse 12, and this time verse 13 also to pinpoint our position: “...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.** 13 Q. When are the things to be accomplished, which are written in the 9th chapter of Revelation? A. **They are to be accomplished after the opening of the seventh seal, before the coming of Christ.**” (D&C 77:12-13)

Remember that before earth began its temporal lifespan, it was spiritual, just like us (Moses 3:5; 6:51; Gen. 2:4-6; Abr. 5:5; D&C 29:31-2; 77:2). Earth goes through the same phases of pre-mortal spirit life, then temporal life. These facts demonstrate that Earth's temporal lifespan isn't some metaphysical spiritual non-real timeframe.



7 Days of Creation

The 7 days of creation are one of the foundational doctrines of all of Judeo-Christianity. Exodus 31:15-17 says “15 Six days may work be done; but in the seventh is the sabbath of rest, holy to the Lord: whosoever doeth any work in the sabbath

day, he shall surely be put to death. 16 Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath, to observe the sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant. 17 It is a sign between me and the children of Israel for ever: for **in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested**, and was refreshed.”

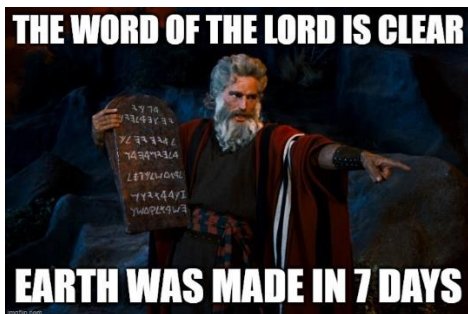
Mosiah13:19: “19 For in **six days** the Lord made heaven and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is; wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.”

Exodus 20:11: “11 For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the **seventh day**: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.”

This pattern is further extended in the Doctrine and Covenants when the days of creation are compared to the temporal existence of the Earth. D&C 77:12: “... 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 ...”

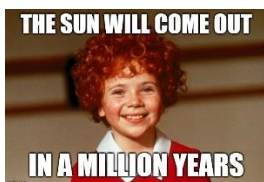
Surely the 7 days of creation aren’t an allegorical platitude, but are a key to correct theology, whether those days are the length of our time, or Gods time.



Abraham 4:23 makes an interesting case for a single calendar day being what is meant by days of creation, describing each creation day as morning until evening: “And it came to pass that it was from evening until morning that they called night; and it came to pass that it was from morning until evening that they called day; and it was the fifth time.” Note that these days could have been based on our time, or God’s time, whose day is 1000 years to us.



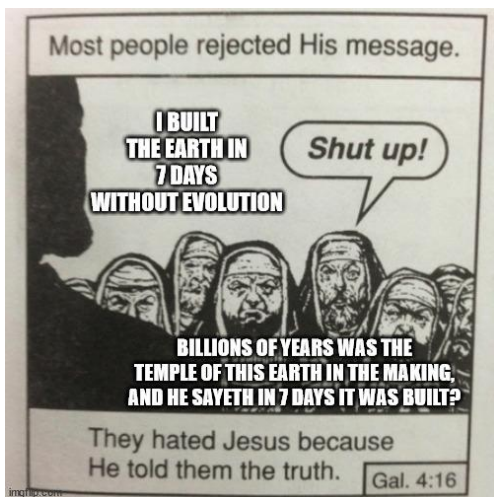
Notice also how the days of creation are in a certain order, and that order is the opposite of evolution! This is another point demonstrating that evolution is anti-science, anti-truth, and therefore, anti-Christ.



Evolution is the opposite of the bible!

BIBLE:	EVOLUTION:
Earth before sun & stars.	Sun & stars before Earth.
Oceans before land.	Land before ocean
Light before sun.	Sun before light.
Land plants before marine life.	Marine life before plants.
Fruit trees before fish.	Fish before fruit trees.
Fish before insects.	Insects before fish.
Plants before sun.	Sun before plants.
Birds before reptiles.	Reptiles before birds.
Man brought death into the world.	Death brought man into the world.
God made man.	Man made God.

(Genesis 1)



1 Day of Creation is 1000 Years

Scriptures from the New Testament, Pearl of Great Price, and D&C show plainly that 1 day to God is the equivalent of 1000 earth years (**JST 2 Peter 3:8; Facs. 2 Fig. 1; Abr. 3:4-11**). This clearly shows that

the earth was created over a 6000-year period. So, we have 7000 years of creation, and 7000 years of life on earth before earth is changed into an eternal celestial kingdom.

Here is JST 2 Peter 3:8 demonstrates 1-day equaling 1000 years: *“8 But concerning the coming of the Lord, beloved, I would not have you ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.”*

Abraham's Facsimile 2 Figure 1 telling plainly that God's time is 1000 of our years for one of his days: *"Fig. 1. 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."*

Abraham 3:4-11 shows that time on Kolob has a 1:1000 ratio compared to ours, and that Kolob time is the Lord's time for creation. Notice the scientific

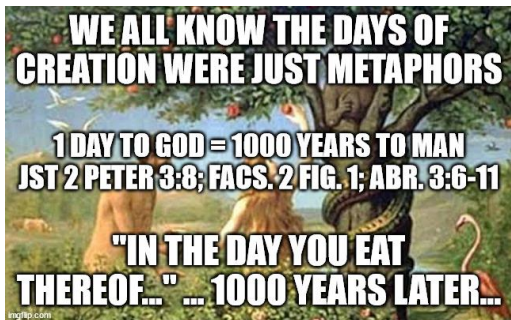
language in this passage, clearly indicating that God's word was always intended to give us scientific information: "4 And the Lord said unto me, by the Urim and Thummim, that Kolob was after the manner of the Lord, according to its **times and seasons in the revolutions** thereof; that one revolution 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. 5 And the Lord said unto me: The planet which is the lesser light, lesser than that which is to rule the day, even the night, is above or greater than that upon which thou standest in point of reckoning, for it **moveth in order** more slow; this is in order because it standeth **above** the earth upon which thou standest, therefore the reckoning of its time is not so many as to its number of **days, and of months, and of years**. 6 And the Lord said unto me: Now, Abraham, these two **facts** exist, behold thine eyes see it; it is given unto thee to **know** the **times of reckoning, and the set time**, yea, the set time of the earth upon which thou standest, and the set time of the greater light which is set to rule the

day, and the set time of the lesser light which is set to rule the night. 7 Now the set time of the lesser light is a longer time as to its reckoning than the reckoning of the time of the earth upon which thou standest. 8 And where these two **facts** exist, there shall be another fact above them, that is, there shall be another planet whose reckoning of time shall be longer still; 9 And thus there shall be the reckoning of the time of one planet above another, until thou come nigh unto Kolob, which Kolob is after the reckoning of the Lord's time; which Kolob is set nigh unto the throne of God, to govern all those planets which belong to the same order as that upon which thou standest. 10 And it is **given unto thee to know** the set time of all the stars that are set to give light, until thou come near unto the throne of God. 11 Thus I, Abraham, talked with the Lord, face to face, as one man talketh with another; and he told me of the **works which his hands had made;**"

Remember that whether the days of creation were 1-24-hour periods or 1,000-year periods, these are very similar compared to evolution's timeline. 7 days vs 7000 years would be about 8 inches apart

compared to evolution being 100 miles down the road. So, either view, we could say we are very much on the same page, compared to the absurdity of evolution. 7 days and 7000-year theories both reject natural selection and the concept of a common ancestor of living things. And why the God who turned water into wine and calmed the stormy seas would need billions of years to create the world confounds me!

Also note how Adam was told he would surely die the day he partook of the fruit, and he lived to be in the 900s before he died. This is further evidence that God's Day is 1,000 of our years, and the non-symbolic nature of the 1:1,000 ratio.



Worldwide Flood of Noah

Modern science flatly rejects the worldwide flood of Noah. A worldwide flood is tremendous evidence for catastrophism and a young Earth, everything evolutionists hate.

Let's start with the LDS Bible Dictionary entry on Noah's Flood:

The tradition of a great flood is found in nearly every ancient culture. A Babylonian account closely resembles the record in the Bible, but the biblical account differs from all others in its religious value and the purpose of it. The scriptural account teaches that the Flood was sent to cleanse the earth because of the wickedness of the people. Noah and his family were saved because they were righteous ([Gen. 6:9](#); [Moses 8:27](#)). The authenticity of the Genesis account of the Flood is confirmed by latter-day revelation as recorded in [Moses 7:34, 42–43; 8:8–30](#). See also [Ether 13:2](#).

As we can see, this confirms that the flood was global in scope, intended to cleanse the Earth, and that many scriptures of the Restoration support this fact.

Leaders of the restored Church of Christ have repeatedly taught that the Earth was ‘baptized’ (by immersion, as that is the restored knowledge of the right way to baptize) by the flood. In summary, these prophets taught this doctrine:

-Peter, New Testament, 1 Peter 3:20-21

-Joseph Smith, T.P.J.S. p.12

-Brigham Young, JD, 1:274; JD 8:83

-Lorenzo Snow, The Only Way to Be Saved (London: D. Chalmers, 1841), 3-4.

-Joseph Fielding Smith, Doctrines of Salvation, 2:320; Man His Origin and Destiny, 433-36

-John A. Widtsoe, Evidences and Reconciliations, 127

-And Others: Elders Orson Pratt, Orson F. Whitney, Bruce R. McConkie

Of course there’s always the party poopers. BYU Hawaii President Richard T. Wootton in his book Saints and Scientists

said, “(Gen. 7:19-20) To take this to mean that the tops of all the mountains, and Ararat, were covered at least 15 cubic deep and the whole earth correspondingly takes an **extremely Literal and narrow** reading of Genesis. It hinges on **inflexible rendition** of two words, all and whole. It gives **no recognition** that it may only [be] a report of the scene **as it appeared to the local observer**, rather

than as if god himself were the writer, which, if one wishes to be literal, the Bible itself does not literally affirm.” (Richard T. Wootton—President BYU Hawaii 1959-1964, Saints and Scientists, p.45-46)

As for me and my house, we will continue to take scripture literally, and we will maintain our inflexible view of the words ‘all’ and ‘whole.’

Duane E. Jeffery claims that the scripture isn’t clear on the flood. He says, “**Latter-day scriptures do not really clarify** the question of whether the Noachian flood covered the entire earth or if it was a more localized event. **Clearly**, through out our tradition’s history, we have tended to read the flood as universal, but I believe that **is less from the influence of scripture** itself and far more because we have been culturally predisposed to read it that way” (Duane E. Jeffery—BYU Professor 1969—currently listed emeritus/retired; Noah’s Flood: Modern Scholarship and Mormon Traditions, oct 2004, Sunstone, p.35; <https://www.sunstonemagazine.com/issues/134.pdf>)

The prophets are not deterred by these theories of men. Elder Mark E. Peterson taught concerning the flood, “**Latter-day saints do seek knowledge. We strongly advocate study, research, and education;**

but we cannot agree with misguided conclusions that defy the scriptures and seem to refute revelation. Revelation is real! Revelation is sure!” (Elder Mark E. Peterson, Noah and the Flood, p.92)



In our effort to establish the events of the creation as literal, let us remember passages on the flood from **Genesis 6:12-13, 17-19: “12 And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth. 13 And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth.”**

“17 And, behold, 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. 18 But with thee will I establish my covenant; and thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee. **19** And of **every living thing of all flesh**, two of every *sort* shalt thou bring into the ark, to keep *them* alive with thee; they shall be male and female.”



Note that God used Noah to establish His covenant because Noah was the only person left, along with his small family. He also didn't just tell Noah to move away, because the flood wasn't local. He had to bring the animals for this reason as well. Earth was immersed completely in its baptism. Further, as Henry Morris pointed out, God's promise to never again send a flood would be broken repeatedly if it were only a local flood.

Genesis 7:4, 11, 17-24 establishes the universality of the flood:

“4 For yet seven days, and I will cause it to rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights; and every living substance that I have made will I destroy from off the face of the earth.”

“11 ¶ In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were **all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened. 17 And the flood was forty days upon**

the earth; and the waters increased, and bare up the ark, and it was **lifted up above the earth.**”

“18 And the waters prevailed, and were increased greatly upon the earth; and the ark went upon the face of the waters. 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. 21 And all flesh died that moved upon the earth, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of beast, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth, and every man: 22 All in whose nostrils *was* the breath of life, of all that *was* in the dry *land*, died. 23 And every living substance was destroyed which was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and the creeping things, and the fowl of the heaven; and they were destroyed from the earth: and Noah only remained *alive*, and they that *were* with him in the ark. 24 And the waters prevailed upon the earth an hundred and fifty days.” [Note: “Prevailed” means won, or were on top of, here meaning completely covering.]

Scientists 200 years ago



Proof that global flood
wiped out dinos 4500yrs ago

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Scientists today



Local flood,
millions of years

Ongoing Creation (On Big Bang & Cosmic Origins)

The creation account is clearly understood to be about this Earth, not all Earths. This obliterates the Big Bang theory about all of the universe coming into existence at one time (and yes, there are scientific problems with redshift, relativity, and other mainstream theories). Moses also distinguishes the latter-day saints from other

Christian faiths by demonstrating the knowledge that God's creation wasn't a one-time deal, and that His creations will continue forever.

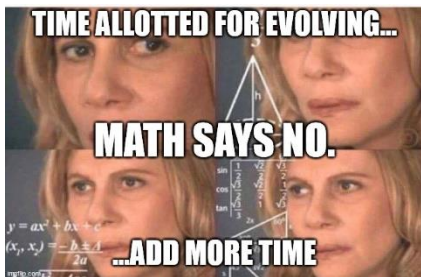
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Strangely, most Christian creationists advocate this planet as the only place humans are to be found, and we have scripture demonstrating that this is incorrect as well (think of the D&C where Joseph teaches that multiple worlds are inhabited, for starters, and God teaching Moses of the many inhabited worlds He has made.)

Evolutionists are careful to indicate that Earth and life on it may be even older than the numbers they have provided. Those familiar with evolutionary theory know that evolutionists continually revise the age of the earth to accommodate the statistical impossibility of life's evolution within the time frame they propose.

In what are now humorous admissions, modern science has recently been talking about doubling (again) the age of the universe, bringing it up from around 14 billion years old, now to around 27 billion (here's one article for example: <https://www.earth.com/news/new-study-claims-our-universe-is-27-billion-years-old-double-the-current-age-estimate/>). This is in part because, as stated in the article, "The James Webb Space Telescope has discovered early galaxies that seem to be far too advanced for their age." In other words, when they looked at where they thought would be evidence of the 'early' and 'young' universe, they found, to their surprise, advanced galaxies. Looks like they are completely off in their calculations about the origins of the universe. When Joseph Fielding Smith published *Man: His Origin*

and Destiny in the 1950s, the universe age was around 7 billion years. Someday they'll figure out that the works of God are eternal, without beginning or end.



This is one of the many times they put supposed scientific knowledge above scripture. It is shocking how quickly they dismiss scripture because of what they think they know from science. Clearly their priorities are first science, second scripture. Clearly this is not how God intended our education to be conducted.

Science is, in fact, beginning to catch up with scripture; scientists are showing that our dating methods are unreliable and based on faulty

premises, such as the notion that the earth began as a melted rock, whereas scripture states that it began primarily as water (**JST 2 Peter 3:5-7; Gen. 1:1-10**). Radiometric dating simply doesn't work for a water world, it only works for a clock ticking back to when rock was last melted. Creation rock never melted at all. For the best treatment of the water creation, refer to Universal Model Vol. 1, chapters 5 & 7, and read Evolution Cruncher. We forget that 200 years ago, the scientific community understood a young water-based Earth, and only upon false premises did they build the case for an old magma-based Earth. In short, modern science has no clear understanding of how the Creation occurred.



Debunking The Theory of Old Earth Repeated Creations

Theories mixing evolution and Christianity, particularly the ‘repeated life cycles of Earth’ theory were advocated by Ken Peterson on the Mormon renegade (episode 98:

<https://open.spotify.com/episode/2jHPJBzkqC1YKBGDuc8lmD?si=0DDSrDwSQYO-63Ik76d3MQ>).

Peterson of course is a great guy, but here I’ll present my disagreement of his theories.

Peterson drew upon teaching the book “Earth in the beginning” by Eric Skousen. That book has a few good points but lots of falsehoods.

Peterson claims that because Joseph Smith said the words world and Earth are not the same and that because of this distinction there could have been many worlds which came into being and passed away on this same Earth. This is a direct conflict with the doctrine of no death before the fall.

With this view he believes in hominid humans who are part human and part ape. He has failed to learn that neanderthal finds and other hominids are frauds, monkeys, and common pigmies.

He assumes that science has basically correct ages for the earth and the geological time scale and the various extinctions. He assumes that God created and destroyed various quote unquote worlds here as shown by the extinctions.

He trusts the geological time scale numbers, which do not attribute a mass extinction to the flood of Noah, which took place approximately 4,500 years ago. The supposed Cambrian Extinction millions of

years ago was the flood of Noah. Who do believers in God trust the timeline setup by the atheist calculations of nature forming without any supernatural influence?

He is apparently unaware that science continually revises its estimates of the Earth's age. Whenever we demonstrate that evolution doesn't work, they make it older.

He is also apparently unaware that the geologic time scale is a mythical creation found only in textbooks and museums. Science does not provide any location that demonstrates the column or even the order the column requires. The column was invented as a way to explain an old Earth, and the old Earth was invented as a means to explain evolutionary creation without the need for God - that's the whole point, that's what evolution and old Earth are all about.

He doesn't understand that dinosaurs (not dragons) lived alongside humans and became extinct during the flood of Noah. He doesn't understand that the flood of Noah is what created all fossils, including those of dinosaurs.

He is correct that we cannot explain life on Earth by natural selection and macroevolution; that clearly God had to place life on Earth. But they are incorrect and assuming that God placed this life on Earth millions and billions of years ago, after the various extinction events.

He makes a claim that because William Phelps stated that Joseph Smith taught that this system has been going on for approximately 2.55 billion years, which is roughly the age of the Earth. This number could apply to an entire galaxy system or a larger system, etc., we don't know what system he was referring to.

Yes, the 2.55 billion years, when translated into God years of the 1000 to 1 ratio, does become 7,000 years, which is a nice round number that appears in the scriptures. But the scriptures referring to the 7000-year temporal life of this Earth are clearly referring to our time. A more plausible theory is that these 7,000 God years, or approximately 2.55 billion years, represent the duration this galaxy system has been in operation under Jehovah's control.



Evidence is mounting that this Earth was created over 7,000 years ago and has now been inhabited for some 6,000 years, and the final 1,000-year millennium is to be the most glorious. The temporal lifespan of the Earth has always been understood to span from the fall of Adam to the end of the millennium, and the millennium has always been taught to be approximately between 2,000 and 3,000 AD.

Peterson rightly points out that microbiology disproves the phylum tree of life.

Peterson joins with Hugh Nibley in the incorrect belief that pre-Adamite civilizations existed long before Adam.

He also promotes ideas from the Kolob theorem that God's dwelling is the center of the Galaxy. This idea is also promoted by many saints and is a fascinating possibility.

He promotes unproven mainstream scientific philosophies like wormholes, folding of space, dark matter, and dark energy.

He makes a good point that the James Webb telescope showed deep into space where scientists thought the universe began, where there would be different types of incomplete galaxies, but what they saw were more complete galaxies, which demonstrated the scriptural teaching that there is no beginning.

Appendix 1: Russell M. Nelson Against Evolution

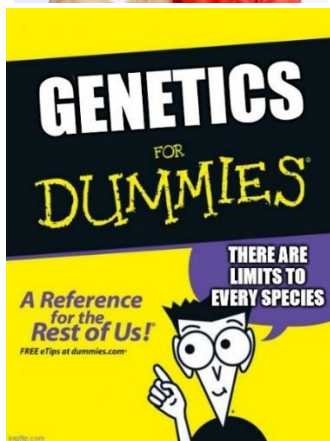
Here Elder Nelson responded to the question of whether the church has an official position on

Darwinian evolution. Look at the conversation:
“Different denominations deal differently with questions about life’s origins and development. Conservative denominations tend to have more trouble with **Darwinian evolution. Does the church have an official position on this topic?**

Nelson: We believe that God is our creator and that he has created other forms of life. It’s interesting to me, drawing on my 40 years experience as a medical doctor, how similar those species are. We developed open-heart surgery, for example, experimenting on lower animals simply because the same creator made the human being. We owe a lot to those lower species. **But** to think that man evolved from one species to another is, to me, incomprehensible.

Why is that?

Nelson: **Man has always been man. Dogs have always been dogs. Monkeys have always been monkeys. It’s just the way genetics works.”** (May 16 2007, In Focus: Mormonism in Modern America, Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life interview with Russell M. Nelson
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remote. But if so, it could never heal its own torn pages or reproduce its own newer editions!"

(Russell M. Nelson, Conf. Report April 2012,
Thanks Be To God

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"Through the ages, **some without scriptural understanding** have tried to explain our existence by **pretentious words** such as **ex nihilo** (out of nothing). Others have deduced that, because of certain **similarities between different forms of life**, there has been a **natural selection** of the species, or organic evolution from one form to another. Still others have concluded that man came as a consequence of a “**big bang**” that resulted in the creation of our planet and life upon it. **To me, such theories are unbelievable!**" (Russell M. Nelson, BYU, 1987, "The Magnificence of Man")

"The creation of a **PARADISIACAL PLANET** came from God. **MORTALITY AND DEATH CAME INTO THE WORLD** through the Fall of Adam. Immortality and the possibility of eternal life were provided by the Atonement of Jesus

Christ." (Russell M. Nelson, April 2000, General Conference, "The Creation")

<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/general-conference/2000/04/the-creation?lang=eng>)

Elder Nelson even urged us to help those who are stuck on the theory of natural selection, the engine of evolution. He said, **"It is incumbent upon each informed and spiritually attuned person to help overcome such foolishness of those who would deny divine creation or think that mankind simply evolved.** by the spirit, we perceive the **truer and more believable** wisdom of God." (p10, The Power Within Us, or *The Magnificence of Man*, March 29 1987, BYU Devotional <https://speeches.byu.edu/talks/russell-m-nelson/magnificence-man/>)

Elder Nelson found 55 verses attesting man's divine creation. He said, **"We are children of God, created by him and formed in his image.** Recently I studied the scriptures simply to find how many times they testify of the divine creation of man. Looking up references that referred either to *create* or *form* (or their derivatives) with

either *man*, *men*, *male*, or *female* in the same verse, I found that there are at least fifty-five verses of scripture that attest to our divine creation (**Genesis 1:27; 2:7, 8**; 5:1, 2; 6:7; Deuteronomy 4:32; Isaiah 45:12; Malachi 2:10; Mark 10:6; Romans 9:20; Ephesians 3:9; Colossians 3:10; 2 Nephi 1:10; 2:15; 9:6; 29:7; Jacob 4:9; Mosiah 4:2, 9; 7:27; Alma 1:4; 18:32, 34, 36; 22:12, 13; Mormon 9:12, 17; **Ether 1:3; 3:15, 16**; Moroni 10:3; **D&C 20:18; 29:30, 34; 77:2; 77:12; 93:29; Moses 1:8; 2:27; 3:5, 7, 8, 9; 6:8, 9; 7:32; 8:26; Abraham 4:26, 27; 5:7, 8, 14, 16).**” (*The Magnificence of Man*, March 29 1987, BYU Devotional, <https://speeches.byu.edu/talks/russell-m-nelson/magnificence-man/>)

Appendix 2: First Presidency Statements on Evolution: Excerpts & Analysis

On each of the points I’ll bring up in this section, there is more detailed treatment in my other book,

“Inspired Science and Religion: The Battle Against Evolution in the Restored Church: Vol. 2: Religion.”

Here is an excerpt from 1ST Presidency Statement titled “The Origin of Man” in 1909: **“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 declares 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; and 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.**”** (The First Presidency, “The Origin of Man,” *Improvement Era*, Nov. 1909, 81; *Ensign*, Feb. 2002, 30.) (Joseph F. Smith, John R. Winder, Anthon H. Lund) (Reprinted in the Ensign 2002 at <https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/ensign/2002/02/the-origin-of-man?lang=eng>)

Note that the above 1909 statement reprinted in the 2002 Ensign magazine. In the magazine, the a preface to the statement was given as follows: *“In the early 1900s, questions concerning the Creation of the earth and the **theories of evolution** became the subject of much public discussion. In the midst of these controversies, the First Presidency issued the following in 1909, which **expresses the Church’s doctrinal position on these matters.**”*

You can view the 2002 Ensign article at this link: <https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/ensign/2002/02/the-origin-of-man?lang=eng>.

Here is an excerpt from 1909 “The Origin of Man” which was repeated in the 1925 First Presidency Statement: “...All men and women are in the similitude of the universal Father and Mother, and are **literally sons and daughters** of Deity...**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:**” 1925 First Presidency Message. Heber J. Grant, Anthony W. Ivins, Charles W. Nibley)

One more excerpt from the same is as follows:
“The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, basing its belief on divine revelation, ancient and modern, **proclaims man to be the direct and lineal offspring of Deity**. By his Almighty power God organized the earth, and all that it contains, from spirit and element, which exist co-eternally with himself.” (Origin of Man, 1909, First Presidency)

Elder McConkie called for the plain acceptance of the 1909 message. He said, “Should we accept the famous document of the First Presidency issued in the days of President Joseph F. Smith and entitled “**The Origin of Man**” as **meaning exactly what it says?**” (Elder Bruce R. McConkie, June 1, 1980, The Seven Deadly Heresies, <https://speeches.byu.edu/talks/bruce-r-mcconkie/seven-deadly-heresies/>)

No official church position on evolution? In light of these statements, can we honestly claim, as several evolutionists do, that the Church has no official position on evolution?

Elder Boyd K. Packer heard the claim about there not being an official Church position on evolution and responded: **“Twice the First Presidency has declared the position of the Church on organic evolution.** The first, a statement published in 1909 entitled The Origin of Man was signed by Presidents Joseph F. Smith, John R. Winder, and Anthon H. Lund. The other, entitled Mormon View of Evolution, signed by Presidents Heber J. Grant, Anthony W. Ivins, and Charles W. Nibley, was published in 1925. It follows very closely the first statement, indeed quotes directly from it.” (Boyd K. Packer, The Law and the Light, Book of Mormon Symposium, BYU, 30 October 1988)

Remember what Russell M. Nelson said when asked about the church’s position on evolution. I’ll put an excerpt of the interview here, as it was inserted earlier in this book in its entirety. The

interview went as follows: **“Does the church have an official position on this topic?”** Nelson: We believe that God is our creator and that **he has created other forms of life.** ... **But to think that man evolved from one species to another is, to me, incomprehensible.** Why is that? Nelson: **Man has always been man. Dogs have always been dogs. Monkeys have always been monkeys. It’s just the way genetics works.”** (May 16 2007, In Focus: Mormonism in Modern America, Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life interview with Russell M Nelson
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1910 statement allowing for evolution as a possibility? Note that there is an anonymous 1910 statement allowing for the possibility of evolution. This statement is attributed to the First Presidency in multiple evolutionist publications. However, it is

merely from a manual with no name attributed to it. On the contrast, when the First Presidency does make a statement, their name is always on it. I show the actual manual proving it wasn't a First Presidency statement in my other more detailed book.

To demonstrate that Joseph F. Smith didn't tolerate ideas of evolution, consider a few of his teachings as follows:

“Our father Adam—that is our earthly father—the progenitor of the human race of man, stands at the head being ‘Michael the Archangel, the Ancient of Days,’ and...was not fashioned from earth like an adobe but begotten by his Father in Heaven.”

(President Joseph F. Smith, President Anthon H. Lund, and President Charles W. Penrose. The First Presidency, Letter to Samuel O. Bennion, February 26, 1912)

“We did not spring from spawn. Our spirits existed from the beginning, have existed always, and will continue forever. We did not pass through the ordeals of embodiment in the lesser animals in order to reach the perfection to which we have

attained in manhood and womanhood, in the image and likeness of God. God was and is our Father, and his children were begotten in the flesh of his own image and likeness, male and female.” (Joseph F. Smith, Gospel Doctrine, p. 25)

Bias Church History Organic Evolution web

page? This page cites Joseph F. Smith who said that we should not undertake “to say how much of evolution is true, or how much is false.” But the page doesn’t continue citing the quote, which clarifies that we don’t want anything to do with evolution. He said “...and it is very doubtful therefore, whether the great mass of our students have sufficient discriminating judgment to understand very much about some of the advanced theories of philosophy or science.” He goes on to say, “These theories may have a fascination for our teachers and they may find interest in the study of them, but they are not properly within the scope of the purpose for which these schools were organized.” He goes on, “...On the other hand we have abundant evidence that many of those who

have adopted in its fullness the theory of evolution have discarded the Bible, or at least refused to accept it as the inspired word of God.” He goes on, “...rather the right of the Church to say that it does not think it profitable or wise to introduce controversies relative to evolution in its schools. Even if it were harmless.” I quote this at further length in my other more detailed books on the subject. The source for these statements is Joseph F. Smith, *The Juvenile Instructor* 46:4 (April 1911) :208-209.

The Organic Evolution Church History web page sites Heber J. Grant’s teaching to “leave Geology, Biology, Archaeology and Anthropology, no one of which has to do with the salvation of the souls of mankind, to scientific research, while we magnify our calling in the realm of the Church.” This wasn’t published to church members and isn’t in alignment with related teachings demonstrating evolutionary theory’s implications. It was made regarding B.H. Roberts’ theory about people living on earth before the fall of Adam. More is said about this quote elsewhere in this book, demonstrating that this quote refers to not speculating about pre-Adamites.

The Organic Evolution page refers to the Encyclopedia of Mormonism entry on evolution (<https://eom.byu.edu/index.php/Evolution>), which states, “The scriptures tell why man was created, but they do not tell how.” The first issue is that this is not an official publication of the Church. I comment further on this in my other writings.

In general, the whole Organic Evolution page reads like a progressive revisionist essay, dodging and downplaying our true history regarding organic evolution left and right. It said little to nothing about the wealth of knowledge that has been revealed in this dispensation about the nature of the Earth and the creation through scriptures, nor did it bring up anything from the plethora of modern prophetic teachings about the same.

Further evidence of bias in the Organic Evolution Church History web page is demonstrated in my other, more detailed books on this subject.

Appendix 3: Latter-day Prophets Warn Against False Teachers in Society & The Church

Elder Dallin H. Oaks **warned of the consequences of leaving things to scholars.** He said, “I have seen some persons attempt to understand or undertake to criticize the gospel or the Church by the method of reason alone, **unaccompanied by the use or recognition of revelation.** When reason is adopted as the only—or even the principal—method of judging the gospel, the outcome is predetermined. One cannot find God or understand His doctrines and ordinances by closing the door on the means He has prescribed for receiving the truths of his gospel. **That is why gospel truths have been corrupted and gospel ordinances have been lost when left to the interpretation and sponsorship of scholars who lack the authority and reject the revelations of God.**” (Elder Dallin H. Oaks *Alternate Voices*, April 1989)

Remember President Benson's warning:

"Sometimes, from behind the pulpit, in our classrooms, in our council meetings, and **in our Church publications**, we hear, read, or witness things that do **not square with the truth.**"

(Teachings of Ezra Taft Benson, p. 134)

Ezra Taft Benson dealt with revisionist historians in his own day. He said, "Historians and educational writers ... classified as "revisionists." Their purpose has been and is to create a "new history."

By their own admission, they are more influenced by their own training and other humanistic and scientific disciplines than any religious conviction. This detachment provides them, they say, with an objectivity that the older historians did not have. Many of the older historians, I should point out, were defenders of the [Joseph] patriots and [his] their noble efforts. Feeling no obligation to perpetuate the ideals of the founding fathers, some of the so-called "new historians" have recast a new body of beliefs for their secular faith. Their efforts, in some cases, have resulted in a **new interpretation** of our nation's [church's] history. ... I know the philosophy behind this practice—"to tell it as it is."

All too often those who subscribe to this philosophy are not hampered by too many facts. When will we awaken to the fact that the defamation of our dead heroes only serves to undermine faith in the principles for which they stood, and the institutions which they established? Some have termed this practice as “historical realism” or moderately call it “debunking.” **I call it slander and defamation.** I repeat, **those who are guilty of it in their writing or teaching will answer to a higher tribunal.** ... This humanistic emphasis on history is not confined only to secular history; there have been and continue to be attempts made to bring this philosophy into our own Church history. Again the emphasis is to underplay revelation and God’s intervention in significant events and to inordinately humanize the prophets of God so that their human frailties become more apparent than their spiritual qualities. It is a state of mind and spirit characterized by one history buff, who asked: “Do you believe the Church has arrived at a sufficient state of maturity where we can begin to tell our *real* story?” Implied in that question is the accusation that the Church has not been telling the truth. Unfortunately, too

many of those who have been intellectually gifted become so imbued with criticism that they become disaffected spiritually. Some of these have attempted to reinterpret Joseph Smith and his revelations; they offer what they call a **psychological interpretation** of his motives and actions. This interpretation suggests that whether or not Joseph Smith actually saw God, the Father, and His Son, Jesus Christ, or other visions is really unimportant. What matters is that he *thought* he did. To those who have **not** sought after or received a testimony of Joseph Smith's divine calling, he will ever remain what one called "the enigma from Palmyra.'" (Elder Ezra Taft Benson, March 28, 1977, God's Hand in the Nation's History, BYU Speeches, <https://speeches.byu.edu/talks/ezra-taft-benson/gods-hand-nations-history/>)

Note that when we talk about a revision of our Churches history, that includes revisions about our stance teachings and history on organic evolution!

President Ezra Taft Benson called for standing with the prophets rather than the learned. He said, "Sometimes there are those who feel their earthly

knowledge on a certain subject is superior to the heavenly knowledge which God gives to His Prophet on the same subject. They **feel the prophet must have the same earthly credentials or training which they have had before they will accept anything the prophet has to say that might contradict their earthly schooling.** How much earthly schooling did Joseph Smith have? ... We encourage earthly knowledge in many areas, but remember, if there is ever a conflict between earthly knowledge and the words of the prophet, **you stand with the prophet**, and you'll be blessed and **time** will vindicate you." (Ezra Taft Benson, Fourteen Fundamentals in Following the Prophet, <https://speeches.byu.edu/talks/ezra-taft-benson/fourteen-fundamentals-following-prophet/>)

Elsewhere, Benson taught that the greatest injuries to the Church come from within. He initially quotes President McKay then expounds. Here is the quote: "The Church," says President McKay, "is little, if at all, injured by persecution and calumnies from ignorant, misinformed, or malicious enemies." (The Instructor, February 1956, p. 33.) **It is from within the Church that the greatest hindrance comes.**

And so, it seems, it has been. Now the question arises, will we stick with the kingdom and **can we avoid being deceived?** Certainly this is an important question, for the Lord has said that in the last days the devil will "rage in the hearts of . . . men," (2 Nephi 28:20) and if it were possible he shall "deceive the very elect." (Joseph Smith 1:5-37.) (Ezra Taft Benson, Be Not Deceived, Oct. 1963)

In that address, Benson laid out 3 steps for not being deceived.

1. What do the standard works have to say about it?
2. What do the latter-day Presidents of the Church say about the subject—particularly the living President?
3. The third and final test is the Holy Ghost—the test of the Spirit. (Ezra Taft Benson, Be Not Deceived, Oct. 1963)

Elder Neal A. Maxwell taught of the supremacy of revelation compared to worldly learning. He said, "When **Moses** was schooled by the Egyptians, what he learned there did **not** compare in eternal significance to what he learned from God's

revelations, **things he said he “never had supposed”** (Acts 7:22; Moses 1:10–33).” (The Inexhaustible Gospel, August 18, 1992 • BYU Devotional, <https://speeches.byu.edu/talks/neal-a-maxwell/inexhaustible-gospel/>)

Jacob warns against rejecting plain truth for sophisticated godless theories: **“But behold, the Jews were a stiffnecked people; and they despised the words of plainness, and killed the prophets, and sought for things that they could not understand. Wherefore, because of their blindness, which blindness came by looking beyond the mark, they must needs fall; for God hath taken away his plainness from them, and delivered unto them many things which they cannot understand, because they desired it. And because they desired it God hath done it, that they may stumble.”** (Jacob 4:14)

President Packer, referring to progressive attacks on church doctrine, warned that not all the persecution against the saints comes from outside of the church. He said, **“Atheists and agnostics make nonbelief their religion and today organize in unprecedented ways to attack faith and belief. They are now**

organized, and they pursue political power. You will be hearing much about them and from them. Much of their attack is indirect in mocking the faithful, in mocking religion. The types of Sherem, Nehor, and Korihor live among us today (see Jacob 7:1–21; Alma 1:1–15; Alma 30:6–60). Their arguments are not so different from those in the Book of Mormon. You who are young will see many things that will try your courage and test your faith. **All of the mocking does not come from outside of the Church.** Let me say that again: All of the mocking does not come from outside of the Church. Be careful that you do not fall into the category of mocking.” (President Boyd K Packer, Jan. 16 2007 [Lehi's Dream and You - Boyd K. Packer - BYU Speeches](#)))

Elder Benson taught that the Church is not divided, there's just people who aren't in harmony with it, and yes, they write in our Church publications. Benson said, Sometimes we hear someone refer to a division in the Church. In reality, **the Church is not divided.** It simply means that there are some who, for the time being at least, are **members of the Church but not in harmony with it.** These

people have a **temporary** membership and influence in the Church; but unless they repent, they will be missing when the final membership records are recorded. It is well that our people understand this principle, so they will not be misled by those apostates **within the Church** who have not yet repented or been cut off. But there is a cleansing coming. The Lord says that his vengeance shall be poured out "upon the inhabitants of the earth . . . And upon my house shall it begin, and from my house shall it go forth, saith the Lord; First among those among you, saith the Lord, who have professed to know my name and have not known me" (D&C 112:24-26). I look forward to that cleansing; **its need within the Church is becoming increasingly apparent. Not only are there apostates within our midst, but there are also apostate doctrines that are sometimes taught in our classes and from our pulpits and that appear in our publications. And these apostate precepts of men cause our people to stumble.** As the Book of Mormon, speaking of our day, states: ". . . they have all gone astray save it a few, who are the humble followers of Christ; nevertheless, they are led, that in many

instances they do err because they are taught by the precepts of men” (2 Ne. 28: 14). The world worships the learning of man. They trust in the arm of flesh. To them, men's reasoning is greater than God's revelations. The precepts of man have gone so far in subverting our educational system that in many cases a higher degree today, in the so-called social sciences, can be tantamount to a major investment in error. Very few men build firmly enough on the rock of revelation to go through this kind of an indoctrination and come out untainted. Unfortunately, of those who succumb, some use their higher degree to get teaching positions even in our Church educational system, where they spread the falsehoods they have been taught. President Joseph F. Smith was right when he said that false educational ideas would be one of the three threats to the Church within (Gospel Doctrine, pp. 312-13).” (Ezra Taft Benson, To The Humble Followers of Christ, April 1969, <http://www.gapages.com/divided.htm>)

In the same address, Benson equates Jesus’ appointing with Judas the traitor with elements

existing in the latter-day church. He said, “The Lord strengthened the faith of the early apostles by pointing out Judas as a traitor, even before this apostle had completed his iniquitous work (John 13:21-30). So also **in our day** the Lord has told us of the **tares within the wheat** that will **eventually be hewn** down when they are fully ripe.” (Ezra Taft Benson, To The Humble Followers of Christ, April 1969, <http://www.gapages.com/divided.htm>)

Ezra Taft Benson quoted President Kimball in teaching that many in the church reject the current prophet and try to get the prophet to not speak on evolution etc. He said, “It is the living Prophet who really upsets the world. **“Even in the Church”**, said President Kimball, “many are prone to garnish the sepulchers of yesterday’s prophets **and mentally stone the living ones.**” Why? Because the living prophet gets at what we need to know now, and the world prefers that prophets either be dead or mind their own business. Some so-called experts of political science want the prophet to keep still on politics. **Some would-be authorities on evolution want the prophet to keep still on evolution.** And so the list goes on.” (Elder Ezra

Taft Benson, The 14 Fundamentals of Following the Prophet; <https://speeches.byu.edu/talks/ezra-taft-benson/fourteen-fundamentals-following-prophet/>)

Elder Neal A. Maxwell also warned of these wolves among the flock. He said, “True, the enemies and the critics of the Lord’s work will not relent; they only regroup. **Even among the flock**, here and there and from time to time, are a few wolves, wearing various styles of sheep’s clothing—ironically, just before the shearing season! A few defectors and “high-minded” traitors (2 Tim. 3:4) even go directly to the “great and spacious building” to hire on (1 Ne. 8:26). Their recruits are celebrated and feted until—like their predecessors—they have faded into the dark swamps of history.” (“For I Will Lead You Along” By Elder Neal A. Maxwell, Apr. 1988, <https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/general-conference/1988/04/for-i-will-lead-you-along?lang=eng>)

Elder Maxwell further encourages us to stay on the right course, knowing that these worldly

philosophers will be overturned. He said, “We surely have been warned and forewarned about **our time**, a period in which the compression of challenges may make a year seem like a decade. Members **will be** cleverly mocked and scorned by those in the “**great and spacious building**,” representing the pride of the world (1 Ne. 8:26, 1 Ne. 11:36). No matter, for ere long, **He** who was raised on the third day will raze that spacious but third-class hotel!” (Elder Neal A. Maxwell, “Overcome ... Even As I Also Overcame” Apr. 1987)

In case we had any doubt about who was in that great and spacious building, President Monson specifically identified it as those who reject scripture. He said, “**The great and spacious building** in Lehi’s vision represents those in the world who mock God’s word and who ridicule those who **embrace** it and who **love** the Savior and **live** the commandments.” (President Thomas S. Monson, *May You Have Courage*, April, 2009)

In our rejection of worldly philosophers, Church leaders can stand as a guide for taking the right

direction. Elder Ezra Taft Benson taught, “If we want to know how well we stand with the Lord, then let us ask ourselves how well we stand with His mortal captain. **How closely do our lives harmonize with the words of the Lord’s anointed** — the living Prophet, the President of the Church, and with the Quorum of the First Presidency?” (Elder Ezra Taft Benson, The 14 Fundamentals of Following the Prophet, <https://speeches.byu.edu/talks/ezra-taft-benson/fourteen-fundamentals-following-prophet/>)

Joseph Smith warned against the influence of false spirits when he taught: “nothing is a greater injury to the children of men than to be under the influence of a false spirit, when **they think they have the spirit of God**. Thousands have felt the influence of its terrible power, and baneful effects; long pilgrimages have been undertaken, penances endured, and pain, misery, and ruin have followed in their train; nations have been convulsed, kingdoms overthrown, provinces laid waste, and blood, carnage, and desolation are the habilaments in which it has been clothed.” (Times and Seasons

April 1, 1842)

Elder Ronald A. Rasband urged the saints to be **proactive in defending prophetic teachings**. He said, referring to the prophet, "**We do not sit quietly by but actively defend him.**" (October 2024 General Conference)

Church founder and dispensation head Joseph Smith was not shy of correcting the learned. He said, "I wish to correct an error among men that profess to be learned, liberal and wise; and I do it the more cheerfully because I hope **sober-thinking** and **sound-reasoning** people will sooner listen to the voice of truth than be led astray by the vain pretensions of the self-wise."

<https://www.josephsmithpapers.org/paper-summary/history-of-joseph-smith/67>)

Let us recall President Nelson's teachings on how to approach prophetic teachings. He said, "I have implicit faith in the Lord and in His prophets. I have learned not to put question marks but to use exclamation points when calls are issued through inspired channels of priesthood government."

(Cited in the Teachings of the Presidents manual
Ch. 21: Prophets;

<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/manual/teachings-of-presidents-of-the-church-russell-m-nelson/21-prophets?lang=eng>)

D&C 123:11-15 certainly applies to those who try and promote the now hidden truths of creation which directly contradict the monopolistic theory of evolution: “**11 And also it is an imperative duty that we owe to all the rising generation, and to all the pure in heart— 12 For there are many yet on the earth among all sects, parties, and denominations, who are blinded by the subtle craftiness of men, whereby they lie in wait to deceive, and who are only kept from the truth because they know not where to find it— 13 Therefore, that we should waste and wear out our lives in bringing to light all the hidden things of darkness, wherein we know them; and they are truly manifest from heaven— 14 These should then be attended to with great earnestness. 15 Let no man count them as small things; for there is much which lieth in futurity, pertaining to the saints, which depends upon these things.**”

Joseph Fielding Smith stood with Christ when he taught, “I have that absolute confidence in every vision, in every manifestation, in every revelation that has come to us through the Prophet Joseph Smith. I know he spoke the truth. ... Everything has worked out harmoniously and according to the revelations we find in the Old Testament and in the New.” (President Joseph Fielding Smith (1876–1972), “Joseph Smith’s First Prayer,” *Improvement Era*, June 1960, 401.)

A Valient Example:

One profound example of being learned and yet holding fast to the teachings of the prophets against evolution is seen in Elder Milton R. Hunter, a member of the First Council of Seventy. In an address “Archaeology and the Book of Mormon” to BYU students he related the following: “I believe in scholarship; I believe in going to school. I used to tell my students at Logan and I have also told a number of audiences similar to the one to which I am speaking, “It won't hurt you to go to school, and

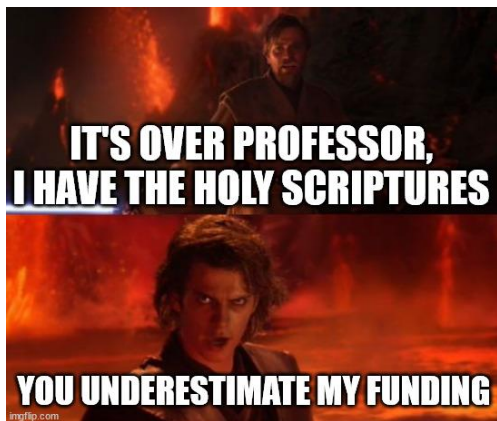
you can take all the classes you want and take all the sciences you want, **if you have sense enough to believe the truth and not believe that which isn't true**, because the professors will give you both kinds of teachings." Then I have had my students ask, "**Well, how can you tell which is true?**" My reply has been, "**When any teaching is contrary to the teachings of the Book of Mormon, then just decide that teaching is not true. When the facts presented are contrary to the teachings of Christ or those of the Prophet Joseph Smith, or of the Doctrine and Covenants, or of the Pearl of Great Price, be assured that those teachings are not true**. If you hold to that premise, you will keep your faith and your scholarship won't hurt you." "We do have people in the church who have gone on for higher education. **They** think they are intellectuals; in fact, **they** even claim to be such. **They** admire and nearly worship their worldly scholarship, having rejected many of the doctrines and teachings of the Church. **They** think what **they** have learned in the universities is superior to **what God has revealed to His prophets**. Of course, **they** are off on **the wrong premise**. Don't any of you as college students get off on **the wrong**

premise that way. Go on to school and get your education, but let wisdom guide you while doing so.” “I went far enough to get a Ph.D., a doctor's degree, and **I have been reprimanded by some people who have doctor's degrees. They** have said to me: "Now, you studied **evolution** and took the same subjects as we did and then you went ahead and wrote *The Gospel through the Ages*: and I don't see how you did it when you know that you learned that we **evolved** from lower forms of life." Well, I said, "I learned such material from the professors, but I didn't believe it." I didn't have to believe all the professors told me. In fact, I told one good man, "The only difference between you and me was that you believed all the professors told you; and when there was a difference in opinion, **I believed what the prophets** said." He said, "if **Joseph Smith** said something and the smartest man in the world said something different, which would you believe?" I said, "**Joseph Smith.**" "Well, if 100 agreed against **the Prophet?**" I replied, "A thousand, a million, I would still believe **Joseph Smith.**" **If somebody says something and it is based on a false premise and it is repeated all over the world, it doesn't make it true. It is still**

false. That holds very true for archaeology and **the Book of Mormon**. Practically everything that is of an archaeological nature in **the Book of Mormon**, **scholars have taught contrary to the truth. Most the things they still teach are contrary to the truth.**" (*Elder Milton R. Hunter*, Member of the First Council of Seventy, *Archaeology and the Book of Mormon*, Address given to the BYU summer student body, July 19, **1966**)

Joseph F. Smith warned us against sophisticated deception: "Let it not be forgotten that the evil one has great power in the earth, and that by every possible means he seeks to darken the minds of men, and then offers them **falsehood and deception in the guise of truth**. Satan is a **skilful imitator**, and as genuine gospel truth is given the world in ever-increasing abundance, so he spreads the counterfeit coin of false doctrine. Beware of his spurious currency, it will purchase for you nothing but disappointment, misery and spiritual death. The '**father of lies**' he has been called, and such an adept has he become, through the ages of practice in his nefarious work, that were it possible he

would deceive the very elect” (Gospel Doctrine, 5th ed. [1939], 376).



2 Ne. 28:9: “**9** Yea, and there shall be many which shall teach after this manner, false and vain and foolish doctrines, and shall be puffed up in their hearts, and shall seek deep to hide their counsels from the Lord; and their works shall be in the dark.”

2 Ne. 28:11-12: “**11** Yea, they have all gone out of the way; they have become corrupted. **12** Because

of pride, and because of **false teachers**, and false doctrine, their churches have become corrupted, and their churches are lifted up; because of pride they are puffed up.”

2 Ne. 28:14-15: “**14** They wear stiff necks and high heads; yea, and because of pride, and wickedness, and abominations, and whoredoms, they have all gone astray save it be a few, who are the humble followers of Christ; nevertheless, they are led, that in **many instances they do err because they are taught by the precepts of men.** **15** O the wise, and the learned, and the rich, that are puffed up in the pride of their hearts, and all those who **preach false doctrines**, and all those who commit whoredoms, and pervert the right way of the Lord, wo, wo, wo be unto them, saith the Lord God Almighty, for they shall be thrust down to hell!”



Ether 11:22: “And they did reject all the words of the prophets, because of their secret society and wicked abominations.”

2 Ne. 9:9: “...the father of lies...stirreth up the children of men unto secret combinations...”

2 Ne. 10:15: “...I must needs destroy the secret works of darkness...”

Alma 37:30: “...the judgments of God did come upon these workers of darkness and secret combinations.”

Helaman 2:13 “And behold, in the end of this book ye shall see that this Gadianton did prove the overthrow, yea, almost the entire destruction of the people of Nephi.”

Ether 8:22: “And whatsoever nation shall uphold such secret combinations, to get power and gain, until they shall spread over the nation, behold, they shall be destroyed.”



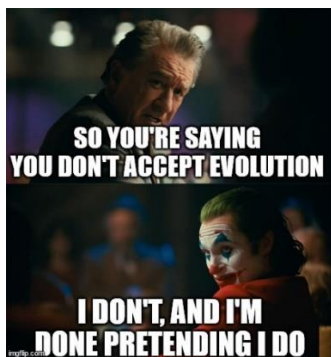
Are our teachers polluting the holy Church of God, as Mormon foresaw? He said, “O ye pollutions, ye hypocrites, **ye teachers**, who sell yourselves for that which will canker, why have ye **polluted the holy church of God**? Why are ye ashamed to take upon you the name of Christ? Why do ye not think that greater is the value of an endless happiness than that misery which never dies—because of the **praise of the world**?” (Mormon 8:38)



Morals didn't evolve from lower lifeforms:

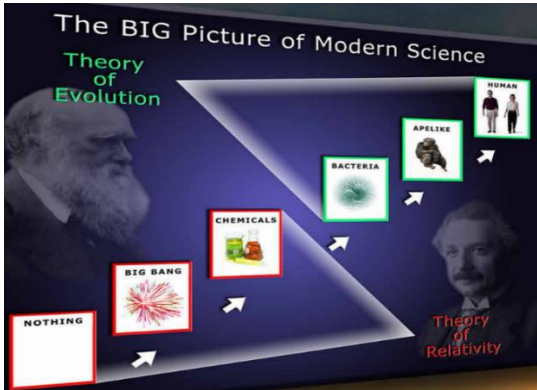
Joseph Fielding Smith pointed out that animals do not have the same moral conscience as man. He said, "**This great gift of "conscience," which is an outward manifestation of the Spirit of Christ given to every man,** which quickens their minds and gives them intelligence and leads those who hearken to it to the divine truth, was **not given to the animal world!**...You ask why? Because the Creator **did not give** to him these moral

commandments or make him responsible for his depredations on others. He is **not directed** by the "light of truth," and therefore is not morally, religiously or intellectually, responsible for his deeds." (Joseph Fielding Smith, Man: His Origin & Destiny, Ch. 9 The Hypothesis of Organic Evolution pt.3) Clearly, there was no gradual transition of an animal kind developing a moral conscience as animals transformed into man. Clearly, there are many stark divisions between animal kind and mankind, which differences evolutionists are always seeking to blur.



Separate spiritual and temporal? Some claim we should separate spiritual and temporal things. The Lord does not agree with this. **The spiritual**

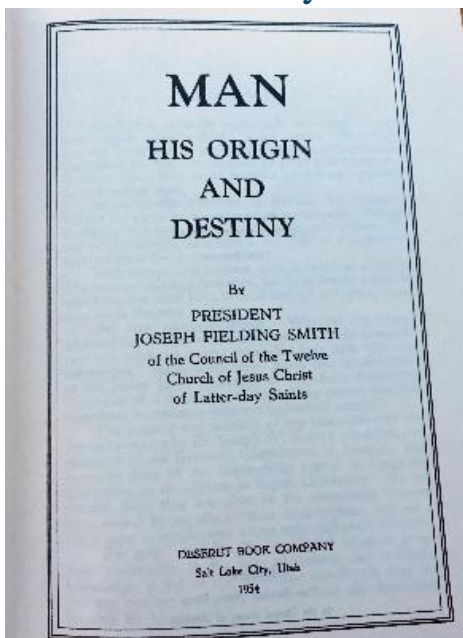
informs the temporal! If we gain a witness that the Bible is true, we should trust the worldwide flood, the 7-day creation, Adam as the first man, the Fall bringing birth and death into the world, and other temporal tenets of faith. If scripture says one thing and science says another, having the spiritual witness informs the natural understanding. Spiritual revelations warn us of deception, so we aren't tossed to and fro by every wind of doctrine (James 1:5-6). Scriptures tell us that there is no difference between spiritual and temporal (D&C 29:34). Yes, we can and should mix the two, letting the laws of both govern our investigations. **Learn by study AND faith (D&C 88:118).** Bring all truth into one great whole, marry the two into one flesh.



(Image: Universal Model 1)

One professor of philosophy and zoology pointed out how evolution is a religion of its own. He said, “Evolution is promulgated as an ideology, a secular religion – a full fledged alternative to Christianity, with meaning and morality...Evolution is a religion. This was true of evolution in the beginning, and it is true of evolution still today” (Michael Ruse, Professor of Philosophy and Zoology, University of Guelph).

Appendix 4: On Joseph Fielding Smith's Book: Man: His Origin & Destiny

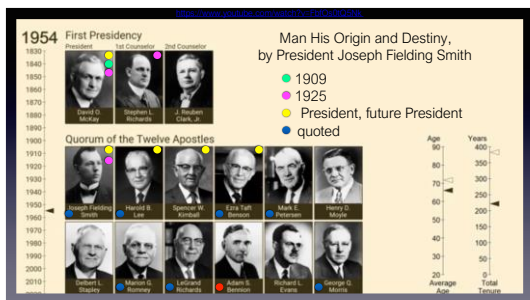


President Joseph Fielding Smith's book (notice he published it as President of the Twelve Apostles, as

the title says), published in 1954, about 70 years from the time of this publication, is now more relevant than ever and continues to represent (even if ‘unofficially’) the message and teachings of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, being filled with teachings of latter-day prophets, scriptures of the restoration, and sound applied reasoning in support of those teachings applicable to address false evolutionary theories of our time.

Smith was Assistant Church Historian from 1906-1921, and Church Historian from 1921-1970. His faithful witness of Joseph Smith and the doctrines of the restoration are unparalleled. Smith was President of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles at the time of the publication and later became President of the Church.

The following chart prepared by Daniel Burdett shows what the leadership of the church was when his landmark 1954 book was written, and which Apostles quoted from it:



(Chart prepared by Daniel Burdett; see his excellent presentations on this subject by the streaming service at bookofmormonevidence.org.)

As you can see, at least three future church Presidents quoted from the book. In total, at least seven Apostles quoted from it. Notice how David O. McKay, sometimes attributed as being soft on evolution, participated in the bold and clear 1909 and 1925 First Presidency statements.

Joseph Fielding Smith wrote to Sterling B. Talmage in 1934 about our right to question science claims which aren't aligned with divine revelation. He said, "I have **not** felt that I am under any obligation to accept the theories which are based on scientific research, **but have the divine right to question them.** I am, however, under obligation to accept

revealed truth which comes through the opening of the heavens **from the One who “comprehendeth all things,”** and when I find what I believe to be a conflict between the theories of men and the word of the Lord, I am bold to say that I accept the latter with full confidence that the [scientific] theories must be changed. When I think I find something which tends to destroy the faith of the youth in these revelations, or which is hurtful to this truth, I have **opposed it with vigor** and have **freely expressed my views**. I believe I am willing to modify my views if the evidence indicated that my interpretation has been wrong.” (Joseph Fielding Smith to Sterling B. Talmage, September 29, 1934. Sterling B. Talmage Papers, Marriott Library.)

Joseph Fielding Smith described how some reacted to his work and defended his writing methods. In a letter to Henry Eyring he said, “I speak frankly and to some my words may appear harsh, and even filled with “ill humor,” by those who hold to the theories I have attacked. Nevertheless I feel that I am justified in referring thus to **those who hold these evolutionary theories** and who feel themselves to be superior in intelligence and wisdom and entitled to treat the rest of us as school

boys and need disciplining and have no right to call them in question. It remains a definite fact that the majority of scientists have considered themselves to be superior in intelligence and wisdom.” (Letter to Henry Eyring, <http://signaturebookslibrary.org/agreeing-to-disagree-henry-eyring-and-joseph-fielding-smith/>)

Elder Ronald A. Rasband urged the saints to be proactive in defending prophetic teachings. He said, referring to the prophet, "We do not sit quietly by but actively defend him." (October 2024 General Conference)

Elder McConkie wrote of Joseph Fielding, “Joseph Fielding Smith is the leading gospel scholar and the greatest doctrinal teacher of this generation. Few men in this dispensation have approached him in gospel knowledge or surpassed him in spiritual insight. His is the faith and the knowledge of his father, President Joseph F. Smith, and his grandfather, the Patriarch Hyrum Smith.” (Bruce R. McConkie, *Doctrines of Salvation*, vol. 1, preface)

Ezra Taft Benson expressed his view and that of Elder Mark E. Peterson, that Fielding’s book was in keeping with the Church. He said, “More recently,

one of our Church educators published what he purports to be a history of the Church's stand on the question of organic evolution. His thesis challenges the integrity of a prophet of God. **He suggests that Joseph Fielding Smith published his work, *Man: His Origin and Destiny*, against the counsel of the First Presidency and his own Brethren. This writer's interpretation is not only inaccurate, but it also runs counter to the testimony of Elder Mark E. Petersen, who wrote this foreword to Elder Smith's book, a book I would encourage all to read. Elder Petersen said: "*Some of us [members of the Council of the Twelve] urged [Elder Joseph Fielding Smith] to write a book on the creation of the world and the origin of man. . . . The present volume is the result. It is a most remarkable presentation of material from both sources [science and religion] under discussion. It will fill a great need in the Church and will be particularly invaluable to students who have become confused by the misapplication of information derived from scientific experimentation.*"** When one understands that the author to whom I alluded is an exponent of the theory of organic evolution, his motive in disparaging President Joseph Fielding Smith becomes apparent. To hold to a private opinion on

such matters is one thing, but when one undertakes to publish his views to discredit the work of a prophet, it is a very serious matter. **It is also apparent to all who have the Spirit of God in them that Joseph Fielding Smith's writings will stand the test of time.**" (President Ezra Taft Benson, "God's Hand in Our Nation's History," March 28, 1977)

A letter from Heber J. Grant to Joseph Fielding Smith said, "I don't want to flatter you, Joseph, but I want you to know that **I consider you the best posted man on the scriptures of the General Authorities of the church that we have.**" (Letter to Joseph Fielding Smith, Dec. 31, 1938, HDC. Also in Heber J. Grant, in Francis M. Gibbons, *Joseph Fielding Smith: Gospel Scholar, Prophet of God* (1992), 290.)

Later as President of the Church in 1970, Joseph Fielding Smith said, "What I have taught and written in the past I would teach and write again under the same circumstances." (President Joseph Fielding Smith, Conference Report, October 1970, 5)

David O. McKay praised the work of J. Fielding,

saying, “His [Joseph Fielding Smith’s] loyalty to the leadership of the Church has been uncompromising. He has supported his brethren in every endeavor. No man has ever been more loyal to the President of the Church.” (David O. McKay, Improvement Era, July 1966, p.613)

Ezra Taft Benson encouraged parents to get the book for their children. He said, “I know one noble father who reviews with his children regularly what they have been taught, and if they have been taught any falsehoods; then the children and the father together research out the truth...If your children are taught untruths on evolution in the public schools or even in our Church schools, provide them with a copy of President Joseph Fielding Smith’s excellent rebuttal in his book *Man, His Origin and Destiny*.” (Ezra Taft Benson, *God, Family, Country: Our Three Great Loyalties*, p. 227)

Finally, President N. Eldon Tanner praised the work of Joseph saying, “There is no more faithful person in all the world than Joseph Fielding Smith, ... no one is more in tune, no one is better prepared to receive those directions from the Lord.” (President Nathan Eldon Tanner, speech given at Church Historian’s Office, June 29, 1970. Taken

from Joseph Fielding Smith,” Ensign, Oct 1976, 96)

My book gives a preview of some teachings from Fielding’s book, but that book contains a wealth of scientific and religious information not featured here.

Of course, there were some complainers. For example, B.H. Roberts didn’t feel Smith was qualified to speak on the subject. Ethics professor Richard Sherlock labeled Smith’s work as extreme, unfavorable, antiscientific, refusing to accept evidence, and unqualified in 1980. Duane E. Jeffery in “Seers, Savants, and Evolution: The Uncomfortable Interface” suggests that Fielding’s book was out of the norm, antagonistic to science; but those who know church history, doctrine, and the flaws in evolution, the usurper of real science, know that these claims are unfounded.

Smith lamented the prevalence of worldly philosophies even in his time and cheered on the few who have remained faithful. He said, “**The more I see of educated men, I mean those who are trained in the doctrines and philosophies of men now taught in the world, the less regard I have for**

them. **Modern theories which are so popular today just do not harmonize with the Gospel as revealed to the Prophets** and it would be amusing if it were not a tragedy to see how **some of our educated brethren attempt to harmonize the theories of men with the revealed word of the Lord. Thank the Lord there is still some faith left, and some members who still cherish the word of the Lord and accept the Prophets.”**

(Joseph Fielding Smith, Small Journals, Dec.

28, **1938**. Typescript of this quotation in Eugene Thompson Collection, BYU Archives.

https://www.dialoguejournal.com/wp-content/uploads/sbi/articles/Dialogue_V15N01_81.pdf)

Sterling W. Sill, assistant to the Twelve Apostles, recognized the value of Smith's work in a General Conference address. He said, **I hope I do not embarrass President Joseph Fielding Smith** by speaking about his recent great book entitled ***Man—His Origin and Destiny***, which I think is **one of the great books of the Church**. I would like to see every person in the world read this great book, for what knowledge could be more important and helpful to man than the ideas therein presented. **President Smith has packed into this book the**

study, meditation, and devotion of a lifetime, but through our reading we may make all of these ideas our own in a week or a month. This is one of the advantages of **a great book.**” (Sterling W. Sill, Assistant to the Council of the Twelve Apostles, Our Greatest Responsibility, *Conference Report*, October **1954**, pp. 27-29)

Elder James E. Faust was aware of those who found themselves wiser than the prophets. He said, “**Isaiah** spoke of a people who **did not care to listen to their prophets and seers**, who were urged, “Say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Prophecy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophecy deceits” (Isa. 30:10).”

<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/general-conference/1986/10/unwanted-messages?lang=eng>

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Appendix 5: What about Talmage, Widstoe, & Eyring?

Some claim that the opinions of our church leaders have varied over time on the point of evolution. This claim is misleading.

What they mean is that the message of church leaders has been entirely consistent, but they refer to two notable Apostles Widstoe & Talmage (as well as Henry Eyring Sr. and BH Robers, who were not Apostles), who had somewhat differing views on science.

Many are surprised to learn that several of these men **did not believe that Adam came from hominids**, though each of them at some time in

their lives expressed being unclear in whether there had been pre-Adamites and death before the Fall.

Ultimately, these men **were not in complete unity with the doctrines** found in the scriptures and the unified voice of the Presidents of the Church in this dispensation.

As I understand, Talmage entertained the idea of modern geology's old Earth, and Eyring Sr. was on board with the common ancestor claims.

I will not include all of their teachings on the subject here, but I will include some of their statements that may be surprising to those who claim them to be fully on the side of the evolutionists.

James E. Talmage expressed his view against organic evolution from a common ancestor when he said, **"I do not regard Adam as related to certainly not as descended from the Neanderthal, the Cro-Magnon, the Peking or the Piltdown man.** Adam came as divinely created, created and empowered, and stands as the patriarchal head of his posterity, who, if true to the laws of God are heirs to the Priesthood and to the glories of eternal lives. **Were it true that man is a**

product of evolution from lower forms, it is but reasonable to believe that he will yet develop into something higher. While it is a fact that eternal progression is a characteristic of man's Divine birthright, as yet we have learned nothing to indicate that man shall develop physically into any other form than that in which he now appears. The difficulty lies in the fact already stated, that man differs from the animal creation not only in degree but in kind; he is the only being who has any conception of a preexistent state or an existence beyond the grave; the only being whose thoughts turn toward God and who feels in his soul the inspiring impulses of kinship to Deity. **Believe not those who would make man but little above the brutes, when in truth he is but little below the angels,** and if faithful shall pass by the angels and take his place among the exalted sons of God. The spirit of man is the offspring of the Eternal Father, and his body, if unmarred, is in the very form and fashion of that spirit.” (James E. Talmage, Conference Report, October 1916, pp. 7376)

James Talmage taught of man being the literal offspring of God. He said, “**Man's Relationship to God—'Mormonism' claims an actual and literal relationship of parent and child between the Creator and man—not in the**

figurative sense in which the engine may be called the child of its builder; not the relationship of a thing mechanically made to the maker thereof; but the **connection between father and offspring.**” (James E. Talmage, Articles of Faith, p. 474)

James Talmage even taught that some in the restored church try to misconstrue scriptures to justify evolution. He said, “There are men in the world who have **set themselves up against the God of Israel**, men who have undertaken to measure arms with the Almighty, and to pit their wisdom against the eternal wisdom of God, men who **have undertaken to construe, or rather to misconstrue, the holy Scriptures, and to declare to the people that these writings do not mean what they say.** **Beware of them, Latter-day Saints.** Stand we firm and steadfast by the revealed word of God and on the words of instruction that are given us from time to time by those whom we sustain before the Lord as his representatives in our midst; and should there come a question of issue between the opinions of men and the word of revelation, I say, as said the apostle, Paul, of old, in his written address to the Saints of Rome: “Yea, let God be true, but every man a liar.” Men have made themselves **liars**

before God because they have undertaken to question and even to deny his word. ... When I see how often the theories and conceptions of men have gone astray, have fallen short of the truth, yea, have even **contradicted the truth directly**, I am thankful in my heart that we have an iron rod to which we can cling—the rod of certainty, the rod of revealed truth. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints **welcomes all truth, but it distinguishes most carefully between fact and theory**, between premises and deductions; and it is willing to leave some questions in abeyance until the Lord in his wisdom shall see fit to speak more plainly. As the result of the combined labors of **men I learn that man is but the developed offspring of the beast; and yet I read that God created man in his own image, after his likeness; and again, I stand on the word of God, though it be in contradiction to the theories of men. This spirit of misconception, this attempt to explain away the sure word of prophecy, the indisputable word of revelation, is manifest even among our own people.** There are those who would juggle with the predictions of the Lord's prophets." (James E. Talmage, Conference Report, October 1916, pp. 7376)

John Widtsoe affirmed that evolution remains an unproven theory. He said, **“Science stands at present helpless before the mystery of the origin of life on earth. It offers guesses which have no precedence over theological inferences.** Through revelation we know that life existed before the earth was, and that “man was in the beginning with God.” **Life was placed upon earth by God,** through His power. That doctrine satisfies the inmost need of man. Such hypotheses or theories [about evolution] become dangerous when confused with the facts themselves. There are now many theories of evolution, all subject to the normal scrutiny to which all theories should be subjected; and until their probability is demonstrated, it is well to **remain wary of them... After these many years of searching, its truth has not been demonstrated. To many competent minds it is but a working hypothesis of temporary value. The theory fails utterly to explain the emotional, reasoning, and religious nature of man which distinguishes him so completely from the lower animals.”** (John A. Widtsoe, *Evidences and Reconciliation*, pp. 160-163)

John Widtsoe further commented on the oddity of evolutionists fighting unfairly to uphold

their theory. He said, “Many a writer of books in this enlightened day is a poor philosopher, who has not learned to **distinguish between facts**, the only reliable units of knowledge, and inferences, the guesses, more or less probable, as to the meaning of the facts. One writer builds a **philosophy for universal acceptance upon the theory of evolution**. If **opposition is voiced, the proponents of the theories rise up in mighty wrath**, forgetting that they are but **defending a human inference, not a fact of human observation**. So, even in this enlightened age men have not wholly freed themselves from the **heavy yoke of ‘theories of men’**. Here, perhaps, lies the chief danger besetting this otherwise clear-thinking age. **Men become enamored of their own creations, their explanations of the universe**. Much of the discord among men may be traced directly to an unintelligent **allegiance to inferences**; few men quarrel about facts.” (John A. Widtsoe, In Search of Truth: Comments on the Gospel and Modern Thought, p. 109)

Sadly today the scientific establishment makes it increasingly difficult to distinguish between fact and inference in matters of biology geology cosmology and so forth. As Mark Twain put it, *"It*

ain't what you don't know that gets you into trouble. It's what you know for sure that just ain't so."

B.H. Roberts wrote about the inherent contradictions between Christianity and evolution. He said, **neither in living nature nor in the geological records can be found the intermediate transitional forms linking together by fine gradations the species, and the theory of evolution as advocated by many modern scientists lies stranded upon the shore of idle speculation.** There is one other objection to be urged against the theory of evolution before leaving it; **it is contrary to the revelations of God... But if the hypothesis of evolution be true, if man is only a product evolved from the lower forms of life—better still producing better until the highest type of intellectual manhood crowns with glory this long continued process—then it is evident that there has been no “fall,” such as the revelations of God speak of; and if there was no fall, there was no occasion for a Redeemer to make atonement for man, in order to reconcile him to God; then the mission of Jesus Christ was a myth, the coinage of idle brains, and Jesus himself was either mistaken, or one of**

the many impostors that have arisen to mock mankind with the hope of eternal life. Such is the inevitable result of accepting the philosophy of evolution, after which all the world is now running—it is destructive of the grand, central truth of all revelation; as well ancient as modern—as well the revelations given to Moses and the prophets, as those given to the apostles of the New Testament; as well those given in Asia; as those given in America; for the central truth of all revelation is the fall of man, and the redemption through the atonement of Jesus Christ. All things else contained in the revelations of God to man are subordinate and dependent for their strength and force upon this leading truth. I am aware that there is a class of **men who profess to be “Christian evolutionists,” and who maintain that Christianity can be made to harmonize with the philosophy of evolution.** But how are they made to harmonize? We are told that Jesus is still a Redeemer, but in this sense only: he gave out faultless moral precepts, and practiced them in his life, and inasmuch as people accept his doctrines and follow his example they will be redeemed from evil. But as to the fall of man and the atonement made for him by the Son of God—both ideas are of

necessity rejected; which means, of course, denying the great fundamental truths of revelation; **it is by destroying the basis on which the Christian religion rests, that the two theories are harmonized—if such a process can be called harmonization. It is on the same principle that the lion and the lamb harmonize, or lie down together—the lion eats the lamb.**” (B. H. Roberts, *The Gospel and Man’s Relationship to Deity*, pp. 265-267)

Robert’s also pointed to John Taylor’s work against evolution, saying, “The student of the great subject of the atonement will find in President [John] Taylor’s work [Mediation and Atonement] a most valuable collection of material for his consideration. In chapter XXIII he will also find a most valuable reference to the doctrine of **evolution as believed in by the Darwinian school of philosophers—a school of philosophy which professes to trace living phenomena to their origin, and which, if it were true, would at once destroy the doctrine of the Atonement.**” (B. H. Roberts, *Life of John Taylor*, pp. 367 – 368)

B.H. Roberts taught a similar teaching as

Brigham Young, that the creation of Adam from the dust and Eve from the rib were a rare case of symbolic events, and that human creation followed the pattern of natural procreation. He said, **“In this nothing is hinted at about man being made from the dust, and woman manufactured from a rib, a story which has been a cause of much perplexity to religious people, and a source of much impious merriment to reckless unbelievers. And though it is said that the “Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground”—it by no means follows that he was “formed” as one might form a brick, or form the dust of this earth. We are all “formed” of the dust of the ground, though instead of being moulded as a brick we are brought forth by the natural laws of procreation. As before stated, the claims of evolution, as explained by philosophers of the Darwin school, are contrary to all experience so far as man’s knowledge extends. The great law of nature is that every plant, herb, fish, beast and man produces its kind; and though there may be slight variation from that law, those variations soon run out either by reverting to the original stock, or else by becoming incapable of producing offspring, and thus become extinct.”** (B. H.

Roberts, The Gospel and Man's Relationship to Deity, pp. 279 282)

Now that we have reviewed some of these brethren's teachings let me say that any rare opinions in the wilderness favoring old earth or common ancestor hardly represent “varying views of church leaders over time.” Any belief in evolution theory and the old Earth that theory has required and conjured up, any of this ‘God used evolution’ business, is at variance with the scriptures and teachings of the presidents of the restored church for 200 years.

Some people claim that church leaders have expressed their opinions against evolution, but this is not entirely accurate.

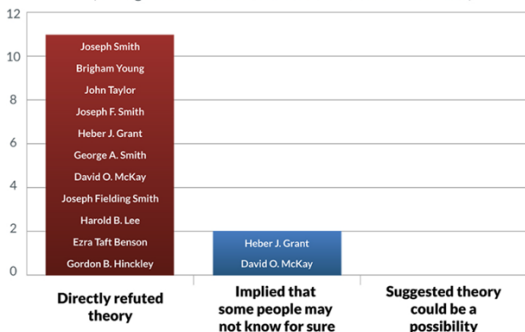
No Apostles have advocated evolutionary theory from the pulpit, whereas many Church Presidents and Apostles have repeatedly and confidently advocated against evolution from the pulpit, including at General Conferences. (More on this later.)

The restored Church has and continues to teach against evolution. It would be nice to see evolution

advocates in the Church at least show the other side and give an idea of what the Church taught against evolution for hundreds of years. When they don't, it feels like they are hiding something.

Joseph Smith Foundation researchers compiled a list of which Church presidents supported evolution. Their conclusion was that none of them supported evolution. In fact, they all, except McKay and Grant, directly refuted the theory. The recent President Nelson isn't on their list, but he has clearly and repeatedly refuted evolution, as we will see in a moment.

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



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Many Church leaders have sternly rebuked evolutionary theory as a corrupt notion which directly opposes the teachings of Christ. Bruce R. McConkie gave us a refreshingly clear voice of reason on

evolution vs doctrine. He said, “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) It’s interesting how the above statement was published by Deseret Book in the past, a sharp contrast to what is published there now. Church teachings against evolution are frequent and easy to find, though there is a trend now to brush them under the rug.

Some have claimed that David O. McKay was working with people who have different views on evolution. While it is true that he implied that some people may not know about organic evolution, he also taught about purpose in nature’s design, and he questioned evolutionary claims. Consider his teachings:

“Youth need religion to comply properly with the purposes of creation. There is a **purposeful design**

permeating all nature, the crowning event of which is man. Here, on this thought, **science again leads the student up to a certain point, and sometimes leaves him** with his soul unanchored. For example, evolution's theory of the creation of the world offers many perplexing problems to the inquiring mind. Inevitably, a teacher who denies divine agency in creation, who insists that there is no intelligent purpose in it, undoubtedly impresses the student with the thought that all may be chance.” (President David O. McKay, Conference Report, April 1968, General Priesthood Meeting 92)

“The second thing from which the world needs to be saved is ignorance of its relationship to God. In their lack of knowledge of the existence of Deity, many men agnostically say, “I don't know.” **Others bombastically say, “There is no God; life came to earth by chance and man was developed through evolutionary processes of ten or fifteen millions or billions, of years.”** Paul, James, Cephas, John, and Joseph Smith, and a host of others knew, and so have testified, that we are sons and daughters of our Father in heaven. He

is our God, and Jesus Christ came to the world to prove that great truth. From the very beginning He established our relationship with Deity; namely, that we are sons and daughters of God.” (David O. McKay, “The World Needs to Be Saved from Dominating Animal Instincts,” Instructor 97:181-82, June 1962)

What about Henry Eyring Sr.?

Eyring has a famous book “Reflections of a Scientist.” I’ll point out a few of my insights from that book.

Eyring’s point of view is that the miracles in the Bible could have really happened or not. He doesn’t care. He says they can be expressions or mistranslations for all he cares. He also gives the theory that there are higher laws being expressed. We are allowed more boldness in our belief in the events of the Bible! Let us not trivialize it to mere analogy!

When one takes the view that “you don’t have to believe anything that is not true,” as Eyring was

like to say in his book, though true, it's very dangerous that you'll get into hesitating obedience. How would such a person respond to something like, per se, the law of polygamy which God had the Saints practice in early church history? Would he regard that as a mere false opinion of the leaders of the church? That is an extreme example, but my point is that we must be able to follow the council of our leaders even when we do not understand it. We pray for guidance, but we go forward with faith. The scripture says that this life is about walking by faith. He confesses that revelation is possible, that God can come and give instruction to man, but does he reject some of that instruction?

Eyring's entire message assumes evolution as a fact, and he builds his religious views around that. There is much evidence coming out in contemporary scientific journals which opposes many of the traditional scientific views which Eyring states in his theory of science, such as the methods of carbon dating; many chinks in that armor are coming out and revealing vulnerabilities. If one is willing to give controversial (anti-

religious, humanist, Darwinian, otherwise morally progressive) theories a chance, one should also give the religious and traditional opinions a chance.

It goes without saying that Eyring wasn't a fan of President Joseph Fielding Smith's book "Man: His Origin & Destiny." He set aside the scriptural and prophetic teachings in that volume as merely Smith's opinions.

Appendix 6: BYU Advocating Evolution: A Battle to Fight

Famous church educator Hugh Nibley, aware of Brigham's vision, lamented BYU's dogmatic embrace of Darwinism. He said, "*The purpose of the BYU, then, is to challenge the reigning philosophies of Darwinism and what today is commonly called Social-Darwinism (Amla 30:17) —not to forbid their teaching but to present the gospel alternatives to it. Instead of which we still embrace both with uncritically open arms . . .*" (Hugh Nibley, *More Brigham Young on Education*,

*Sperry Lecture, Brigham Young University, 11
March 1976)*

For reference, here is Alma 30:17: 17, which can easily be associated with social Darwinism: “**And many more such things did he say unto them, telling them that there could be no atonement made for the sins of men, but every man fared in this life according to the management of the creature; therefore every man prospered according to his genius, and that every man conquered according to his strength; and whatsoever a man did was no crime.**”

Social Darwinism typically refers to the idea of those who are strong rightfully prevailing and the weak being left to die, as they are less fit. This idea also extends to the concept that we can act “dog eat dog” or “cutthroat” since being strongest is what’s right and best. Soon, this line of thinking has people acting like animals, inhumanely, and without Christian values of morality or even basic ethics. Soon, cheating and other sins become just another tool to ‘survive’ against the competition. Alma’s message is a stirring condemnation of Darwinism and its fruits.



A sad BYU article celebrates “50 years of evolution teaching at BYU”

<https://lifesciences.byu.edu/magazine/50-years-of-teaching-evolution-at-byu>.



For those unaware that evolutionary theory is being advocated in Church sponsored schools, here's a

BYU class on evolution as the “cornerstone of biology:”

The image is a screenshot of the BYU Undergraduate Catalog website. At the top, there is a dark blue header with "BYU" in large white letters and "Undergraduate Catalog" in smaller white text. Below this is a navigation bar with "Brigham Young University" on the left and a search bar with a magnifying glass icon and the text "Search...". To the right of the search bar is a hamburger menu icon. Below the navigation bar is a breadcrumb trail: [Home](#) / [Courses](#) / [Evolutionary Biology](#). The main content area features the course title "BIO 420" in large bold letters, followed by "Evolutionary Biology" in bold. Below this is a link to "[Biology](#)" followed by a bullet point and "College of Life Sciences". A section titled "Course Information" is underlined. Below that, the "Course Description" is provided: "Intensive examination of evolution as the conceptual cornerstone of biology."

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Course Description

Intensive examination of evolution as the conceptual cornerstone of biology.

The Bean Museum at BYU promotes “...reverence for our evolving planet.” I worry that this does not match with reverence for God’s truth as revealed in scripture.



Take a look at their permanent human evolution displays:





I am aware that evolutionary theorists at BYU keep statistics about how many BYU students convert from believing in creation to believing in evolution. They offer to help teach other Christian schools how to do this.

In recent correspondence with a member of the 1st Presidency about evolution being taught at BYU, my friend was told that by teaching evolution, BYU is making students aware of the theories of men but not advocating them. This was a logical response about what SHOULD be happening. But it is evident that they are indeed advocating evolution as truth, both from my years at BYU, and as evidenced by the Let's Talk about Science and Religion book by BYU professors.

Here is BYU evolution professor's door joining people to celebrate Darwin's birthday, and an advertisement for a BYU evolution class:



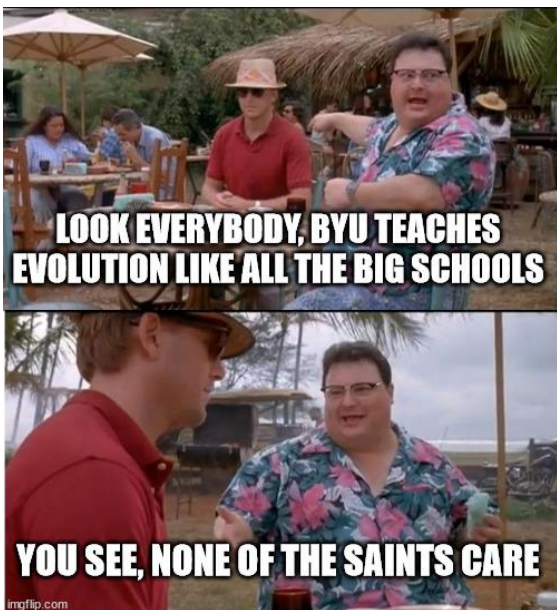
Also note the open promotion of gay pride. President Benson taught us to “beware of pride.”

Although it may make your stomach turn, I have included a series of quotations from BYU professors and other secular voices within the Church that promote evolution in my book series, “Inspired Science & Religion,” which treats these subjects in greater detail.

In this series I also report accounts of parents of BYU students who report these sad chapters of our history, and how it has negatively affected their children.



I, too, graduated from BYU in 2019 and had numerous science professors there try to persuade me that God used evolution. They quickly dismissed the teachings of the prophets on this subject, favoring the theories of men.



Joseph Fielding Smith warned against trying to mix the gospel with evolution. He said, “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," (White, Dr. A. D., History of the Warfare of Science with Christian Theology, Vol. 1, pp. 222) and the "Legendary husks and rinds of our sacred books" (White, Dr. A. D., History of the Warfare of Science with Christian Theology, Vol. 1, p. 56). 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?**” (D&C 18:10-16) (Joseph Fielding Smith, *Man: His Origin and Destiny*).

Joseph Fielding Smith taught that we can't recognize which pagan elements have entered the church when we care more about the world of academia than scripture. He said, “Much of the difficulty experienced by these scientists and many others, is the fact that they confound apostate Christianity with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. They **recognized fully that great changes gathered from the pagan world, have come into the churches, but they were unable to discern the truth from the darkness, and having been led into the pitfalls of organic evolution** and the mis-

interpretations and confusion which came through the destructive criticism, they were unable to see the light. Therefore they **discarded the history of the scriptures as it had been given by revelation, and lost all faith in the miracles** and classed them among the mythology of the nations with whom the Israelites were surrounded. They looked through **colored glasses that distorted all things out of proportion**, and hence they **became easy prey to the "strong delusions, that they should believe a lie."** (2 Thes. 2:11) (Joseph Fielding Smith, Man: His Origin & Destiny, Ch. 2 Conflict Between Science & Religion p.39)



The Book of Mormon prophet Jacob teaches that we can't understand all of God's works, that it is by REVELATION that we learn the details of creation, that God's power can speak us into existence, and that we shouldn't tell God how it happened. Jacob 4:8-10 says, **"Behold, great and marvelous are the works of the Lord. How**

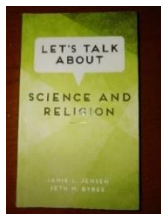
unsearchable are the depths of the mysteries of him; and it is impossible that man should find out all his ways. **And no man knoweth of his ways save it be revealed unto him;** wherefore, brethren, despise not the revelations of God. **9** For behold, by the power of his word man came upon the face of the earth, which earth was created by the power of his word. Wherefore, if God being able to speak and the world was, and to speak and man was created, O then, why not able to command the earth, or the workmanship of his hands upon the face of it, according to his will and pleasure? **10** Wherefore, brethren, seek not to counsel the Lord, but to take counsel from his hand. For behold, ye yourselves know that he counseleth in wisdom, and in justice, and in great mercy, over all his works.”



When Gordon B. Hinckley encountered evolution theory, he was able to reject it on scriptural grounds. He said, “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, Second Counselor in the First Presidency “God Hath Not

Given Us the Spirit of Fear” October 1984) Notice how Hinckley saw becoming as our Father God as something entirely different than the continuation of evolution from a common ancestor. Though he uses the word ‘evolution,’ he is CLEARLY rejecting the popular brand, and accepting the only real version of it.

In 2023, a book was published by several BYU professors, openly advocating Darwinian evolution. It’s called “Let’s Talk about Science and Religion.”



The theme of Jamie L. Jensen and Seth M. Bybee’s book, published at Deseret Book Co., is that we need to accept the fact of evolution and adjust our religious beliefs accordingly. The back cover fold reveals that “[Jamie] is also a member of the Broader Social Impacts Committee for the Human Origins Initiative at the Smithsonian, joining other

religious scientists to help the **American public feel more comfortable with evolution.**”

If this sort of message makes you uncomfortable, you’re not alone. I’ve done a thorough treatment of this book, responding point by point to its claims, in the realms of both science and religion in my book series “Inspired Science & Religion: The Battle Against Evolution in the Restored Church. Volume 1: Science, Volume 2: Religion.” You can find these and more bite-sized information on these topics at RichardsonStudies.com.



God Revealed How He Created the World!

Evolutionists often avoid referencing many verses of scripture about creation, even when discussing the interplay between science and religion. This is because the view of evolution is dramatically different from anything described in sacred texts about creation. Perhaps dismissing revealed truths is the only way to reconcile evolution with a religious context. So, do you want the watered-down version of the restoration, or the whole enchilada?

Are you aware that there are numerous teachings on canonized scriptures and the teachings of Latter-day prophets spanning centuries, including First Presidency statements that renounce Darwinian evolution?

In this book we will review doctrines such as the 7-day creation, the 1000:1 creation day ratio, Adam as first man, mankind as literal lineal offspring of God, the worldwide flood of Noah, that animals only reproduce after their kind, that no death occurred before the Fall, that the Fall affected both plant, animal, and human life, that God speaks things into existence, the 7,000 year temporal lifespan of Earth, and that evolution is completely the opposite of what the scriptures teach!

Both hard (atheistic) evolution and soft (theistic) evolution are a far cry from the miraculous creative processes that God employs.