

## Creation Scriptures And Other Writings

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"The heavens declare the glory of God  
and the firmament sheweth his handywork.  
"Day unto day uttereth speech,  
and night Unto night sheweth knowledge.  
"There is no speech nor language  
where their voice is not heard. "  
Psalm 19:1-3)

"Behold, great and marvelous are the works of the Lord. How unreachable 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."  
(Jacob 4:8)

"All things are created and made to bear record of me, both things which are temporal, and things which are spiritual; things which are in the heavens above, and things which are on the earth, and things which are in the earth, and things which are under the earth, both above and beneath: all things bear record of me." (Moses 6:63)

In nothing doth man offend God, or against none is his wrath kindled, save those who *confess not his hand in all things*, and obey not his commandments. (D&C 59:21)

"He that ascended up on high, as also he descended below all things, in that he comprehended all things, that he might be in all and through all things, the light of truth;

"Which truth shineth. This is the light of Christ. As also he is in the sun, and the light of the sun, and the power thereof by which it was made.

"As also he is in the moon, and is the light of the moon, and the power thereof by which it was made;

"As also the light of the stars, and the power thereof by which they were made;

"And the earth also, and the power thereof, even the earth upon which you stand.

"And the light which shineth, which giveth you light, is through him who enlighteneth your eyes, which is the same light that quickeneth your understanding;

"Which light proceedeth forth from the presence of God to *fill* the immensity of space---

"The light which is in all things, which giveth life to all things, which is the law by which all things are governed, even the power of God who sitteth upon his throne, who is in the bosom of eternity, who is in the midst of all things." (D&C 88:6-13)

"...the light and the Redeemer of the world; the spirit of truth, who came into the world, because the world was made by him, and in him was the life of men and the light of men.

"The worlds were made by him; men were made by him; all things were made by him, and through him, and of him." (D&C 93:9-10)

"And, behold, thou art my son; wherefore look, and I will show thee the workmanship of mine hands; but not all, for my works are without end, and also my words, for they never cease.

"Wherefore, no man can behold all my works, except he behold all my glory; and no man can behold all my glory, and afterwards remain in the flesh on the earth."

(Moses 1:4-5)

"But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God for they are foolishness unto him; neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." (1 Cor. 2:14)

"For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the *glory* of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea."

(Habakkuk 2:14)

"And truth is knowledge of things as they are [present], and as they were [past], and as they are to come [future]." (D&C 93:24)

"All truth is independent in that sphere in which God has placed it, *to act for itself as all intelligence also*; otherwise there is no existence." (D&C 93:30)

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways saith the Lord.

" For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts." (Isaiah 55:8-9)

"And there are many kingdoms; for there is no space in the which there is no kingdom; and there is no kingdom in which there is no space, either a greater or a lesser kingdom.

"And unto every kingdom is given a law; and unto every law there are certain bounds also and conditions."

"Behold, all these are kingdoms and any man who hath seen any or the least of these hath seen God moving in his majesty and power." (D&C 88:37-38, 47)

"There is a law irrevocably decreed in heaven before the foundation of this world, upon which all blessings are predicated--And when we obtain any blessing from God, it is by obedience to that law upon which it is predicated---"(D&C 130:20-21)

"He comprehendeth all things, and all things are before him, and all things are round about him; and he is above all things, and in all things, and through all things, and is round about all things; and all things are by him, and of him, even God, forever and ever." (D&C 88:41)

"The light shineth in darkness, and the darkness comprehendeth it not; nevertheless, the day shall come when you shall comprehend even God, being quickened in him and by him.

"Then shall ye know that ye have seen me, that I am the true light that is in you, and that you are in me; otherwise ye could not abound."

(D&C 88:49-50)

"All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men.'

(John 1: 3-4 )

"And again, verily I say unto you, he hath given a law unto all things, by which they move in their times and seasons;

"And their courses are *fixed*, even the courses of the heavens and the earth, which comprehend the earth and all the planets.

"And they give light to each other in their times and in their seasons, in their minutes, in their hours, in their days, in their weeks, in their months, in their years---" (D&C 88:42-44)

"And worlds without number have I created; and I also created them for mine own purpose; and by the Son I created them, which is mine Only Begotten.

"For behold, there are many worlds that have passed away by the word of my power. And there are many that now stand, and innumerable are they unto man; but all things are numbered unto me, for they are mine and I know them.

"And as one earth shall pass away, and the heavens thereof even so shall another come; and there is no end to my works, neither to my words."

"For behold, this is my work and my glory---to bring to pass the immortality and eternal life of man.  
(Moses 1:33,35,38-39)

"When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou has ordained;

"What is man, that thou are mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitedst him?

"For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and has crowned him with glory and honor.

"Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet:"

(Psalms 8:3-6)

"And as one earth shall pass away, and the heavens thereof even so shall another come; and there is no end to my works, neither to my words." (Moses 1:38)

"all things denote there is a God; yea even the earth, and all things that are upon the face of it, yea, and its motion, yea, and also all the planets which move in their regular form do witness that there is a Supreme Creator". (Alma 30:44)

Thus saith the Lord your God, even Jesus Christ, the Great I AM, Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the same which looked upon *the wide expanse of eternity*, and all the seraphic hosts of heaven, before the world was made. (D&C 38:1)

And now, my sons, I speak unto you these things for your profit and learning; for there is a God, and he hath created all things both the heavens and the earth, and all things that in them are, both *things* to act and things to be acted upon

And to bring about his eternal purposes in the end of man, after he had created our first parents, and the beasts of the field and the fowls of the air, and in fine, all things which are created, ... (2Nephi 2: 14-15)

Believe in God; believe that he *is, and* that he created all things, both in heaven and in earth; believe that he has all wisdom, and all power, both in heaven and in earth; believe that man doth not comprehend all the things which the Lord can comprehend.  
(Mosiah 4:9)

God shall give unto you knowledge by his Holy Spirit, yea, by the unspeakable gift of the Holy Ghost, that has not been revealed since the world was until now;

Which our forefathers have awaited with anxious expectation to be revealed in the last times, which their minds were pointed to by the angels, as held in reserve for the fullness of their glory;

A time to come in the which nothing shall be withheld, whether there be one God or many gods, they shall be manifest

All thrones and dominions, principalities and powers, shall be revealed and set forth upon all who have endured valiantly for the gospel of Jesus Christ.

And also, if there be bounds set to the heavens or to the seas, or to the dry land, or to the sun, moon, or stars-All the times of their revolutions, all the appointed days, months, and years, and all the days of their days, months, and years, and all their glories, laws, and set times, shall be revealed in the days of the dispensation of the fullness of times-According to that which was ordained in the midst of the Council of the Eternal God of all other gods before this world was, that should be reserved unto the finishing and the end thereof, when every man shall enter into his eternal presence and into his immortal rest (D&C 121:26-32)

"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 greater light which is set to rule the day, and the set time of the lesser light which is set to rule the night.

"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.

"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;

"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.

"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." (Abr. 3:6-10)

"Is not the reckoning of God's time, angel's time,

prophet's time, and man's time according to the planet on which they reside? I answer yes."  
(D&C 130:4-5)

"There is no such thing as immaterial matter. All spirit is matter, but it is more fine or pure, and can only be discerned by purer eyes; We cannot see it; but when our bodies are purified we shall see that it is all matter."  
(D&C 131:7-8)

"For by the power of my spirit created I them: yea, all things both spiritual and temporal..."  
(D&C 29:31)

"...And the power of my Spirit quickeneth all things."  
(D&C 33:16)

"And now, behold, I say unto you, that these are the generations of the heaven and of the earth, when they were created, in the day that I, the Lord God, made the heaven and the earth,

"And every plant of the field *before* it was in the earth, and every herb of the field *before* it grew. For I, the Lord God *created all things*, of which I have spoken, *spiritually*, before they were naturally upon the face of the earth. For I, the Lord God, had not caused it to rain upon the face of the earth. And I, the Lord God had created *all the children of men*; and not yet a man to fill the ground; for *in heaven created I them*; and *there was not yet flesh upon the earth, neither in the water neither in the air.*" (Moses 3:4-5)

"Yea, verily I say unto you, in that day when the Lord shall come, he shall reveal all things. "Things which have passed, and hidden things which no man knew, things of the earth, by which it was made, and the purpose and the end thereof---"  
(D&C 101:32-33)

"...that which is spiritual being [is] in the likeness of that which is temporal; and that which is temporal [is] in the likeness of that which is spiritual; the spirit of man [is] in the likeness of his person, as also the spirit of the beast, and every other creature which God has created."  
(D&C 77:2)

"Man was also in the beginning with God. Intelligence, or the light of truth, was not created or made, neither indeed can be.

"All truth is independent in that sphere in which God has placed it, to act for itself, as all intelligence also; otherwise there is no existence.

"Behold, here is the agency of man, and here is the condemnation of man; because that which was from the beginning is plainly manifest unto them, and they receive not the light."  
(D&C 93:29-31)

"These I will make my rulers; for *he stood among those that were spirits*, and he saw that they were good; and he said unto me: Abraham, thou art one of them; thou wast chosen *before* thou wast born.' (Abraham 3:23)

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person, as also the spirit of the beast, and every other creature which God has created."  
(D&C 77:2)

"We will go down, for there is space there, and we will take of these materials, and we will make an earth whereon these may dwell; "And we will prove them herewith, to see if they will do all things whatsoever the Lord their god shall command them; "And they who keep their first estate shall be added upon; and they who keep not their first estate shall not have glory in the same kingdom with those who keep their first estate; and they who keep their second estate shall have glory added upon their heads for ever and ever."

(Abraham 3:24-26)

"And worlds without number have I created; and I also created them for mine own purpose; and by the Son I created them, which is mine Only Begotten.

"For behold, there are many worlds that have passed away by the word of my power. And there are many that now stand, and innumerable are they unto man; but all things are numbered unto me, for they are mine and I know them.

"And as one earth shall pass away, and the heavens thereof even so shall another come; and there is no end to my works, neither to my words."

*"For behold, this is my work and my glory---to bring to pass the immortality and eternal life of man.*

(Moses 1:33,35,38-39)

"And as one earth shall pass away, and the heavens thereof even so shall another come; and there is no end to my works, neither to my words." (Moses 1:38)

"For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring.

"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."

(Acts 17:28-29)

"And I saw the stars, that they were great, and that one of them was nearest unto the throne of God; and there were many great ones which were near unto it;

"And the Lord said unto me: These are the governing ones; and the name of the great one is Kolob, because it is near unto me, for I am the Lord thy God: I have set this one to govern all those which belong to the same order as that upon which thou standest.

"And the Lord said unto me,...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." (Abr. 3:2-4)

"In beginning, Mighty ones dispatched (cut down) the heavens and the earth:

and the earth became a wasted and indistinguishable ruin, and dark-death was upon the face of the world-ocean?' (translation from Biblical Hebrew of Gen 1:1)

And they, that is, the Gods, organized and formed the heavens and the earth.  
And the earth, after it was formed, was empty and desolate, because they had not formed anything but the earth; and darkness reigned upon the face of the deep, and the Spirit of the Gods was brooding upon the face of the waters. (Abraham 4:1-2)

And the Gods ordered, saying: Let the waters under the heaven be gathered unto one place, and let the earth come up dry; and it was so as they ordered.

And the Gods pronounced the dry land, Earth; and the gathering together of the waters, pronounced they, Great Waters; and the Gods saw that they were obeyed. (Abraham 4:9-10)

And the Gods organized the lights in the expanse of the heaven, and caused them to divide the day from the night; and organized them to be for signs and for seasons, and for days and for years;

And organized them to be for lights in the expanse of the heaven to give light upon the earth; and it was so.

And the Gods organized the two great lights, the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night; with the lesser light they set the stars also. (Abraham 4:14-16)

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 (Abraham 4:11-12)

And the Gods set them [the sun and the moon] in the expanse of the heavens, to give light over the day and over the night, and to cause to divide the light from the darkness.

And the Gods watched those things which they ordered until they obeyed.

(Abraham 4:17-18)

And the Gods said: Let us prepare the waters to bring forth abundantly the moving creatures that have life; and the fowl, that they may fly above the earth in the open expanse of heaven.

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 said: We will bless them, and cause them to be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas or great waters; and cause the fowl to multiply in the earth. (Abraham 4:20-22)

Let the waters bring forth [aquatic life] and every winged creature... and I, God, saw that all things *which I had created* were good. (Moses 2:20-21)

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 the cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after its kind; and the Gods saw they would obey.

(Abraham 4:24-25)

"And now, behold, this one thing I show unto thee, Moses, my son; for thou art in the world, and now I show it unto thee.

"And it came to pass that Moses looked, and beheld the world upon which he was created; and

Moses beheld the world and the ends thereof, and all the children of men which are, and which were created; of the same he greatly marveled and wondered.

"And the presence of God withdrew from Moses, that his glory was not upon Moses; and Moses was left unto himself. And as he was left unto himself, he fell unto the earth.

"And it came to pass that it was for the space of many hours before Moses did again receive his natural strength like unto man; and he said unto himself: Now, for this cause I know that man is nothing, which thing I never had supposed.

"But now mine own eyes have beheld God; but not my natural, but my spiritual eyes, for my natural eyes could not have beheld; for I should have withered and died in his presence; but his glory was upon me; and I beheld his face, for I was transfigured before him."

(Moses 1:7-11.)

"And it came to pass, as the voice was still speaking, Moses cast his eyes and beheld the earth, yea, even all of it; and there was not a particle of it which he did not behold, discerning it by the spirit of God.

"And he beheld also the inhabitants thereof, and there was not a soul which he beheld not; and he discerned them by the Spirit of God; and their numbers were great, even numberless as the sand upon the sea shore.

"And he beheld many lands; and each land was called earth, and there were inhabitants on the face thereof." (Moses 1 :27-29.)

"And it came to pass that Moses called upon God, saying: Tell me, I pray thee, why these things are so, and by what thou madest them?

"And behold, the glory of the Lord was upon Moses, so that Moses stood in the presence of God, and talked with him face to face. And the Lord God said unto Moses: For mine own purpose have I made these things. Here is wisdom and it remaineth in me.

"And by the word of my power, have I created them, which is mine Only Begotten Son, who is full of grace and truth.

"And worlds without number have I created; and I also created them for mine own purpose; and by the Son I created them, which is mine Only Begotten."

(Moses 1:30-33.)

"And it came to pass that the Lord spake unto Moses, saying: Behold, I reveal unto you concerning this heaven, and this earth; write the words which I speak. I am the Beginning and the End, the Almighty God; by mine Only Begotten I created these things; yea, in the beginning I created the heaven, and the earth upon which thou standest.

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

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

"And I, God, saw the light; and that light was good. And I, God, divided the light from the darkness.

"And I, God, called the light Day; and the darkness, I called Night; and this I did by the word of my power, and it was done as I spake; and the evening and the morning were the first day."

**(Moses 2:1-5.)**

There is a God in heaven,... *the framer of heaven and earth*, and all things which are in them;... he created man, male and female, after his own image . . . and gave unto them commandments that he should be the only being whom they should worship (D&C 20:17-19)

And again, I, God, said: Let there be a firmament in the midst of the water, and it was so, even as I spake; and I said: Let it divide the waters from the waters; and it was done;

And I, God, made the firmament and divided the waters, yea the great waters under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament, and it was so even as I spake.  
And I, God, called the firmament Heaven.  
(Moses 2:6-8)

And I, God, said: Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and it was so; and I, God said: Let there be dry land; and it was so.  
And I, God, called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters, called I the Sea; and I, God, saw that all things which I had made were good. (Moses 2:9-10)

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. (Moses 2:11-13)

And I, God, said: Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven, to divide the day from the night, and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and for years.  
And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth; and it was so.

And I, God, made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night, and the greater light was the sun, and the lesser light was the moon; and the stars also were made even according to my word.

And I, God, set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth. And the sun to rule over the day, and the moon to rule over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness; and I, God, saw that all things which I had made were good. (Moses 2:14-19)

Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and the fowl which may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven.

And I, God, created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind; and I, God, saw that all things which I had created were good.

And I, God, blessed them, saying: Be fruitful, and multiply and fill the waters in the sea and let fowl multiply in the earth. (Moses 2:20-23)

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 everything which creepeth upon the earth after his kind; and I God, saw that all these things were good. (Moses 2:24-25)

And I, God, said unto mine Only Begotten, which was with me from the beginning: Let us make man in our image, after our likeness; and it was so. And I, God, said:

Let them have dominion over the fishes of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

And I, God, created man in mine own image, in the image of mine Only Begotten created I him; male and female created I them. (Moses 2:26-27)

I, the Lord, stretched out the heavens, and built the earth, my very handiwork...

For the earth is full, and *there is enough and to spare*; yea, I prepared all things, and have given unto the children of men to be agents unto themselves. (D&C 104:14, 17)

And I, God, blessed them, and said unto them Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. (Moses 2:28)

Ye were *born* into the world by water, and blood, and the spirit, which I have made, *and so became of dust a living soul*. (Moses 6:59)

We Will bless them. And the Gods said: We will cause them to be fruitful and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it, and to have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every thing that moveth upon the earth. (Abraham 4:28)

... the beasts of the field and the fowls of the air, and that which cometh of the earth, is ordained for the use of man for food and for raiment, and *that he might have in abundance.* (D&C 49:19)

The earth is full, and *there is enough and to spare*; yea, I prepared all things, and have given unto the children of men to be agents unto themselves. (D&C 104:17)

Thus saith the Lord your God, even Jesus Christ, the Great I AM, Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the same which looked upon *the wide expanse of eternity*, and all the seraphic hosts of heaven, before the world was made. (D&C 38:1)

Out of the ground made the Gods to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food; the tree of life, also, in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil. (Abraham 5:9)

Behold, the Lord bath created the earth that it should be inhabited; and he bath created his children that they should possess it. (1 Nephi 17:36)

"Wherefore, verily I say unto you that *all things unto me are spiritual*, \* and not at any time have I given unto you a law which was temporal; neither any man, nor the children of men; neither Adam, your father, whom I created." (D&C 29:34)

"The light which is in all things, which giveth life to all things, which is the law by which all things are governed, even the power of God who sitteth upon his throne, who is in the bosom of eternity who is in the midst of all things." (D&C 88:13)

"...which light proceedeth forth from the presence of God to fill the immensity of space---" (D&C 88:12)

"And the light which shineth, which giveth you light, is through him who enlighteneth your eyes, which is *the same light that quickeneth your understandings*;... .#\* (D&C 88:11)

<sup>h</sup>"...and if it be in you it shall abound. ..your whole bodies shall be filled with light, and there shall be no darkness in you; and that body which is filled with light comprehendeth all things.<sup>1</sup>" (D&C 88:66-67)

"For man is spirit. The elements are eternal, and spirit and element, inseparably connected, receive a fullness of joy;

"And when separated, man cannot receive a fullness of joy." (D&C 93:33-34)

"Behold, I am Jesus Christ, the Son of God. I am the life and the light of the world."

D&C 11:28

"The glory of God is intelligence , or, in other words, light and truth."

(D&C 93:36)

"The light which is in all things, which giveth life to all things, which is the law by which all

things are governed,..." (D&C 88:13)

"The light shineth in darkness, and the darkness comprehendeth it not; nevertheless, the day shall come when you shall comprehend even God, being quickened in him and by him.

"Then shall ye know that ye have seen me, that I am, and that I am the *true light that is in you*, and that *you are in me*; otherwise ye could not abound."

(D&C 88:49-50)

"For by the power of my Spirit created I them; yea, all things both spiritual and temporal---"*First* spiritual ([implicate], *secondly* temporal [explicate], which is the beginning of my work;..."

(D&C 29:31-32)

"And the light which shineth, which giveth you light, is through him who enlighteneth your eyes, which is the *same light that quickeneth your understanding*;..." (D&C 88:11)

"...and the *powers of darkness* prevail upon the earth, among the children of men, in the presence of all the hosts of heaven---" (D&C38:11)

"And that wicked one cometh and taketh away light and truth, through disobedience, from the children of men,..." (D&C 93:39)

"And the Lord said unto me: These two facts do exist, that there are two spirits, and one shall be more intelligent than the other; there shall be another more intelligent than they; I am the Lord thy God, I am more intelligent than they all.

"I dwell in the midst of them all; I now, therefore, have come down unto thee to declare unto thee the works which my hands have made, wherein my wisdom excelleth them all, for I rule in the heavens above, and in the earth beneath, in all wisdom and prudence, over all the intelligences thine eyes have seen from the beginning; I came down in the beginning in the midst of all the intelligences thou has seen.

"And there stood one among them that was like unto God..." (Abr.3:19,21,24)

For it must needs be, that there is an opposition in all things....

"And if ye shall say there is no law, ye shall also say there is no sin. If ye shall say there is no sin, ye shall also say there is no righteousness. And if there be no righteousness there be no happiness. And if there be no righteousness nor happiness there be no punishment nor misery. And if these things are not there is no God. And if there is no God we are not, neither the earth; for there could have been no creation of things, neither to act nor to be acted upon; wherefore, all things must have vanished away.

"And now, my sons, I speak unto you these things for your profit and learning; for there is a God, and he hath created all things, both the heavens and the earth, and all things that in them are, both things to act and things to be acted upon." (2 Nephi 2:11,13-14.)

"...the light and the Redeemer of the world; the spirit of truth, who came into the world, because the world was made by him, and in him was the life of men and the light of men.

<sup>1</sup>The worlds were made by him; men were made by him; all things were made by him, and

through him, and of him." (D&C 93:9-10)

All things [that is, all the physical life *forms* whose arrival on the earth was imminent] were before created; but *spiritually* were they created and made according to my word. (Moses 3:7)

"The first man of all men [on each earth] have I called Adam, which is many" (Moses 1:34)

This earth was organized or formed out of other planets which were broken up<sup>8</sup> and remodeled and made into the one on which we live. ( Words of Joseph Smith p. 60 )

Prophet Joseph Smith has said:

*"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."*

### **Encountering Order and Creativity in the Physical World**

Joseph Smith's 1832 journal contains a reminiscence of his awakening wonder at the order and creativity in the physical world. While specific Mormon interpretations of the creation can and should vary, this is enough to place a sacred appreciation of nature and the cosmos firmly in the Mormon tradition. This earliest version of the youthful Joseph's first vision suggests that his awakened wonder was at least partially responsible for carrying him towards the Sacred Grove. Despite the awkwardness of the phrasing, the intensity of his experience comes through. (Spellings follow the original.)

*For I looked upon the sun the glorious luminary of the earth and also the moon rolling in their magesty through the heavens and also the stars shining in their courses and the earth also upon which I stood and the beast of the field and the fowls of heaven and the fish of the waters and also man walking forth upon the face of the earth in magesty and in the strength and beauty whose power and intilgence in governing the things which are so exeding great and marvilous even in the likeness of him who created them and when I considered upon these things my heart exclaimed well hath the wise man said it is a fool that saith in his heart there is no God my heart exclaimed all all these bear testimony and bespeak an omnipotent and omnipresent power a being that makith Laws and decreeeth and bindeth all things in their bounds who filleth Eternity who was and is and will be from All Eternity to Eternity.*

### **Apocryphal Writings**

From **Treasures in the Heavens**, pp.82, From book Nibley on Timely And The Timeless , Religious Studies Center, Brigham Young University

"All spaces were broken and confused at the time of the transition from old worlds to new."  
Gospel of Truth 26:15-16

"Every new creation leaves behind the matter of its old ages"  
See Schmidt & McDermot, Books of Jeu and the Untitled Text

"There is no permanence in matter, which is always undergoing change, as worlds come into existence and pass away.

Gospel of Philip in NHLE, pp. 131-151

"Creation is organization and God is ever bringing order into the universe and He is progressively ever preparing and renewing worlds for the righteous  
Papyrus Berolinensis 8502

God spares some worlds from dismantling until they have fulfilled their purpose.  
(Psalms of Thomas 2:30-31.)

"God creates worlds and destroys worlds, and you too will be able to create worlds and to destroy worlds."  
The Zohar

President Brigham Young put it this way:

"Try to improve your minds; enrich them with every kind of true knowledge known on the earth; by faith so live as to enjoy the Holy Ghost; learn the object of the creation of man, of the formation of the earth, of what it is composed, and what it is for." (JD 10:337- 1864 )

"one can *waft* himself to the moon or to the north star, or to any other of the fixed planets, and be there in an instant, in the same manner that Jesus did when he ascended to the Father in heaven and returned to the earth again." JD 18: 260 (1876)

"that they had formerly lived there for ages, that they had previously been acquainted with every nook and corner, with the palaces, walks, and gardens." JD 4: 68 (1857)

"We hold the authority to dispose of, alter and change the elements; but we have not received authority to organize native element to even make a spear of grass grow. We have no such ordinance here....

We cannot receive, while in the flesh, the keys to form and fashion kingdoms and to organize matter, for they are beyond our capacity and calling, beyond this world. In the resurrection, men who have been faithful and diligent in all things in the flesh... and are worthy to be crowned Gods, even the sons of God, will be ordained to *organize matter*. JD 15:137 (1872)

"There never was a time when there were *not* Gods and worlds, and when men were not passing through the same ordeals that we are now passing through That course has been from all eternity, and it is and will be to all eternity." JD 7:333 (1859)

And specifically referring to this earth, he explained:

"There never was a time when there did not exist an earth like this, peopled with men and women as this ..... There never was a beginning to the order of creation in which we find ourselves situated." JD 10:1 (1862)

"he arranged in their order the herbs of the field, the trees, the apple, the peach, the plum, the pear, and every other fruit that is desirable and good for man; the seed was brought from another sphere, and planted in this earth. " JD 1:50 (1852)

"Adam was made from the dust of an earth, but not from the dust of *this* earth. He was made as

you and I are made, and no person was ever made upon any other principle." JD 3:319 (1856)

"The Lord commenced his work upon what is now called the American continent, where the Garden of Eden was made. In the days of Noah, in the days of the floating of the ark, he took the people to another part of the earth: the earth was divided, and there he set up his kingdom." JD 8:195 (1860)

"every earth has its redeemer, and every earth has its tempter; and every earth, and the people thereof, in their turn and time, receive all that we receive, and pass through all the ordeals that we are passing through." JD 14:71 (1870)

"When the earth was framed and brought into existence and man was placed upon it, it was near the throne of our Father in heaven. And when man fell. the earth fell into space, and took up its abode in this planetary system, and the sun became our light" JD 17:143 (1874)

"This earthly ball, this little opaque substance thrown off into space, is only a speck in the great universe; and when it is celestialized, it will go back into the presence of God, where it was first framed" JD 9:317 (1862)

On another occasion, Brigham taught that

"this earth, when it fell, went millions of miles from the presence of God, and when it returns back it will go millions of miles *from* its present position to where it came from."  
(Wilford Woodruff Journals July 13, 1862.

## **Gordon B. Hinckley on Jesus and Creation**

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"I have looked at majestic mountains rising high against the blue sky and thought of Jesus, the Creator of heaven and earth. I have stood on the sand of an island in the Pacific and watched the dawn rise like thunder -- a ball of gold surrounded by clouds of pink and white and purple -- and thought of Jesus, the Word by whom all things were made and without whom was not anything made that was made. I have seen a beautiful child -- bright-eyed, innocent, loving and trusting -- and marveled at the majesty and miracle of creation. What then shall we do with Jesus who is called Christ?

"This earth is his creation. When we make it ugly, we offend him. Our bodies are the work of our Creator. When we abuse them, we abuse him."

(Gordon B. Hinckley, "What Shall I Do Then With Jesus Which Is Called Christ?," *\_Ensign\_*, Dec. 1983, p. 4)

## **Statements on Earth History By Orson Pratt**

Geologists may study year after year, all the best works they can obtain concerning the geological phenomenon of Our globe. They may speculate and say the earth is millions of years old, founding their speculations upon geological appearances they may say that it must have passed through successive changes for millions of years. But after all, what do they really know? They may have very imperfect ideas in relation to the surface of the earth.

Supposing persons, under the influence of the Spirit of the Living God, should behold how many of these changes have been brought about and how great revolutions have taken place.... Supposing they should still further see by the power of the Holy Ghost this dry land all in one place after a few thousand years separate into great continents - not by long gradual pheromone in the nature of geological periods, but by the immediate power of the Great Creator. Supposing again that this ocean should change from its location and land in many places. Supposing again they should see in visions, mountains sink, forming deep valleys--and valleys rise up and form mountains. Supposing again, that they were to see many parts of these continents sink and lakes appear in the sunken portions, and supposing too they were to behold great and important changes, at different times, wrought upon dry land., and upon the port called ocean changing by degrees. Now, a geologist would say that all these things, and all these revolutions were brought about by gradual and slow changes while they were really accomplished in a comparatively short period of time, But all these great phenomena could also be brought about in a few thousand years. By the good will and pleasure of the Creator, the earth passes through great changes by His decree... Give me the privilege of being taught by that Being who knows and comprehends everything pertaining to the creation and know the changes that it has undergone and how long the earth has continued in its present condition."

Journal of Discourses, Volume 9, pp.234.

What may have taken place millions of ages before the world was organized temporally for man to inhabit is not revealed; but so far as present change is concerned, that it took place about 6,000 years ago, man was the first being that came upon the earth and inhabited a body of flesh and bones.

Masterful Discourses of Orson Pratt pp. 65-85.

America, Europe, Asia, Africa, and many islands of the sea were all one land. The dividing of the earth into continents and islands was mostly accomplished in the days of Peleg who was born 101 years after the flood and died 339 years after that memorial destruction, Many changes were made in the days of Enoch, and no doubt the flood occasioned still greater; but we must look to the days of Peleg for the division of the earth into continents and islands and the letting in of the water upon equatorial regions.

The greatest convulsion took place at the time of its division into continents and

islands, John describes it as the greatest earthquake that had ever happened since men were upon the earth not only affecting the surface by casting down mountains, and exalting valleys, but causing the very continents and islands themselves to flee away.

Ether truly told them of all things from the beginning of man; and that after the waters had receded from off the face of the land it became a chosen land above all other lands a chosen land of the Lord,

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