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“The Lord expects us to believe and understand the true doctrine of the Creation--the creation of this earth, of man, and of all forms of life.” (Bruce R. McConkie, *Ensign*, Christ and the Creation, June 1982, pg. 9)

Creation Defined

(Genesis 1:2; Moses 2:1-2; Abraham 4:2, 18; D&C 131:7-8)

01 – “Now, the word create came from the word *baurau* which does not mean to create out of nothing; it means to organize; the same as a man would organize materials and build a ship. Hence, we infer that God had materials to organize the world out of chaos – chaotic matter, which is element, and in which dwells all the glory. Element had an existence from the time he had. The pure principles of element are principles which can never be destroyed; they may be organized and re-organized, but not destroyed. They had no beginning, and can have no end.” (Joseph Smith, *TPJS*, pg. 350-352)

02 – “The Lord never created anything for nothing, nor out of nothing.. Everything has a place and was created for a purpose. Man was not created to be destroyed. **This work has been going on forever. There never was a time when there was not an earth; never a time when there were not people on it, for that is the work of the Lord, and the heavens are innumerable, and so are the earths that have passed away to their exaltation and glory. As they pass away others take their places. This is not the only.”** (Joseph Fielding Smith, *DS*, 1:74-75)

03 – “In the translation ‘without form and void’ it should be read, empty and desolate. The word created should be formed, or organized.” (Joseph Smith, *TPJS*, pg. 181)

04 – “The world and earth are not synonymous terms. The world is the human family. This earth was organized or formed out of other planets which were broke up and remodeled and made into the one on which we live. The elements are eternal. That which has a beginning will surely have an end. Take a ring, it is without beginning or end; cut it for a beginning place, and at the same time you will have an ending place.” (Ehat & Cook, *The Words of the Prophet Joseph Smith*, William Clayton’s Private Book: 5 January 1841 (Tuesday), pg. 60)

Note - If ‘create’ means ‘to cut out of’ does not this suggest a creation involved a covenant...

“Everlasting covenant was made between three personages before the organization of this earth, and relates to their dispensation of things to men on the earth; these personages, according to Abraham’s record, are called God the first, the Creator; God the second, the Redeemer; and God the third, the witness or Testator.” (Joseph Smith (*TPJS*, pg. 190)

Creator, the Son

(Moses 1:32-35; Abraham 3:22-23; D&C76:22-24)

05 – “But when it came to placing man on earth, there was a change in Creators. That is, the Father himself became personally involved. All things were created by the Son, using the power delegated by the Father, except man. In the spirit and again in the flesh, man was created by the Father. There was no delegation of authority where the crowning creature of creation was concerned.” (Bruce R. McConkie, *The Promised Messiah*, pg. 62)

06 – “Jesus Christ is the Creator and Redeemer. He is the Lord of the whole universe. Except for his mortal ministry, accomplished on this earth, his service and relationship to other worlds and their inhabitants are the same as his service and relationship to this earth and its inhabitants.” (Marion G. Romney, *Improvement Era*, November 1968, pg. 46, 48)

07 – “Christ and Adam were companions and partners in preexistence. Christ, beloved and chosen of the Father, was foreordained to be the Savior of the world; Adam, as the great Michael, led the armies of heaven when Lucifer and one-third of the spirit host rebelled. The Lord Jesus, then reigning as the Lord Jehovah, was the number one Spirit Son;

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described as being ‘like unto God’ (Abraham 3:24), he then ascended the throne of eternal power; and with him, by his side and serving under his direction, was Michael, who is Adam, and who was then foreordained to be the first man and head of the human race.

“And we cannot doubt that the greatest of all female spirits was the one then chosen and foreordained to be ‘the mother of the Son of God, after the manner of the flesh’ (1 Nephi 11:18). Nor can we do other than suppose that Eve was by her side, rejoicing in her foreordination to be the first woman, the mother of men, the consort, companion, and friend of mighty Michael. Christ and Mary, Adam and Eve, Abraham and Sarah, and a host of mighty men and equally glorious women comprised that group of ‘the noble and great ones,’ to whom the Lord Jesus said: ‘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’ (Abraham 3:22-24). This we know: Christ, under the Father, is the Creator; Michael, his companion and associate, presided over much of the creative work; and with them, as Abraham saw, were many of the noble and great ones. Can we do other than conclude that Mary and Eve and Sarah and myriads of our faithful sisters were numbered among them? Certainly these sisters labored as diligently then and fought as valiantly in the war in heaven, as did the brethren, even as they in like manner stand firm today, in mortality, in the cause of truth and righteousness.” (Bruce R. McConkie, *Woman, Eve and the Fall*, pg. 59; Joseph Fld. Smith, *Doctrines of Salvation*, 1:74-75)

08 – “As to this man, Joseph Smith, let us say – Here is a man who was chosen before he was born, who was numbered with the noble and great in the councils of eternity before the foundations of this world were laid.

“Along with Adam and Enoch and Noah and Abraham, he sat in council with the Gods when the plans were made to create an earth whereon the hosts of our Father’s children might dwell.

“Under the direction of the Holy One and of Michael, who became the first man, he participated in the creative enterprises of the Father.” (Bruce R. McConkie, *Ensign*, May 1976, pg. 94)

Creators, the Father

(Genesis 1:26-27; Luke 3:38; Moses 2:26-27; Moses 6:11-22, 59; Abraham 1:3)

09 – “But when it came to placing man on earth, there was a change in Creators. That is, the Father himself became personally involved. All things were created by the Son, using the power delegated by the Father, except man. In the spirit and again in the flesh, man was created by the Father. There was no delegation of authority where the crowning creature of creation was concerned.” (Bruce R. McConkie, *The Promised Messiah*, pg. 62)

10 – “Things were first created spiritually; the Father actually begat the spirits, and they were brought forth and lived with Him. Then He commenced the work of creating earthly tabernacles, precisely as He had been created in this flesh himself, by partaking of the course material that was organized and composed this earth, until His system was charged with it, consequently the tabernacles of His children were organized from the same coarse materials of this earth.” (Brigham Young, *JD*, 4:218)

11 – “If Abraham reasoned thus – 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.” (JS, *TPJS*, pg. 373)

12 – “God was the great head of human procreation--was really and truly the father of both our spirits and our bodies.” (Joseph Smith; Johnson and Gibbs, [*letter*], pg. 17)

13 – “He [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 were, or that ever will be.” (Brigham Young, *JD*, 11:122)

14 – “If Adam was fashioned after the same manner as we make adobes, he would be nothing more than a brick in the resurrection.” (Brigham Young, *JD*, 2:6)

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15 – “Luke 3:38. Adam, which was the son of God] **This statement, found also in Moses 6:22, has a deep and profound significance and also means what it says.** Father Adam came, as indicated, to this sphere, gaining an immortal body, because death had not yet entered the world. Jesus, on the other hand, was the Only Begotten in the flesh, meaning into a world of mortality where death already reigned.” (Bruce R. McConkie, *Doctrinal New Testament Commentary*, 1: 95)

The Substance of Life

(2 Nephi 2:22)

16 – **“The nature of the offspring is determined by the nature of the substance that flows in the veins of the being. When blood flows in the veins of the being, the offspring will be what blood produces, which is tangible flesh and bones; but when that which flows in the veins is spirit matter, a substance which is more refined and pure and glorious than blood, the offspring of such beings will be spirit children. By that I mean they will be in the image of their parents. They will have a spirit body and have a spark of the eternal or divine that always did exist in them.”** (Melvin J. Ballard, *Crusader for Righteousness*, pg. 211)

17 – **“Adam [and, by extension, all of the animal creation] had no blood in his veins before the fall. Blood is the life of the mortal body. After Adam partook of the forbidden fruit, blood became the life-giving fluid in Adam’s body, and was inherited by his posterity. Blood was not only the life of the mortal body, but also contained in it the seeds of death which bring the mortal body to its end. Previously the life force in Adam’s body, which is likewise the sustaining power in every immortal body, was the spirit.”** (Joseph Fielding Smith, *Man: His Origin and Destiny*, pg. 362, 376-377; Joseph Fielding Smith, *Answers to Gospel Questions*, 3:100-101)

18 – **“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.... It is sufficient for me to know that after some lengthy period of time, or times, called days, the earth was finished and pronounced good by its Creator. **All life in the sea, the air, on the earth, was without death. Animals were not dying. Things were not changing as we find them in this mortal existence, for mortality had not come.** Today we are living in a world of change because we are living under very different conditions from those which prevailed in the beginning and before the fall of man.” Joseph Fielding Smith, *Utah Genealogy and Historical Magazine*, Faith Leads to a Fullness of Truth and Righteousness, October 1930)

In the Image of the Gods

(Genesis 1:26-27; 1 Corinthians 11:7; Moses 2:26-27)

19 – **“All of these passages, said I, to the reverend gentleman, go to prove, if they prove anything at all, that man is made in the image of his Maker, and that he is His exact image, having eye for eye, forehead for forehead, eyebrows for eyebrows, nose for nose, cheekbones for cheekbones, mouth for mouth, chin for chin, ears for ears, precisely like our Father in heaven.”** (Brigham Young, *JD*, 13:146)

20 – **“...Female spirits were created in the image of a ‘Mother in Heaven’.**” (Joseph Fielding Smith, *Answers to Gospel Questions*, 3:144)

21 – **“We are not the only people that the Lord has created. We have brothers and sisters on other earths. They look like us because they, too, are the children of God and were created in his image,** for they are also his offspring.”(Joseph Fielding Smith, *DS*, 1:62)

Doctrine of Transplantation

(Moses 3:8)

22 – **“He [Adam] was the person who brought the animals and the seeds from other planets to this world, and brought a wife with him and stayed here. You may read and believe what you please as to what is found written in**

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the Bible. 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.” (Brigham Young, *JD*, 3:319)

Manner, Order, Place

(Moses 3:10-14; Moses 7:36; Abraham 4-5; Abraham 5:13; D&C 57:1-3)

23 – “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. All belongs to God, and those who keep his celestial law will return to him.” (Brigham Young, *JD*, 9:317)

24 – “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. This is the glory the earth came from, and when it is glorified it will return again unto the presence of the Father, and it will dwell there, and these intelligent beings that I am looking at, if they live worthy of it, will dwell upon this earth.” (Brigham Young, *JD*, 17:143)

25 – “This earth will be rolled back into the presence of God, and crowned with celestial glory.” (JS, *TPJS* pg. 350)

26 – “In that Edenic day, ... the earth was in a terrestrial state; it was temporal and earthly, and neither a spiritual nor celestial.” (Bruce R. McConkie, *New Witness for the Articles of Faith*, pg. 648; *Mormon Doctrine*, pg. 494)

27 – “In the course of time from the creation, in the days of Peleg, or about the year 2200 B.C. Just prior to the confusion of the languages, the single continent of land that had continued from creation was divided to produce the hemispheres as we now know them. But notwithstanding this, the geographic location of the Garden of Eden was made known to the Prophet Joseph Smith by revelation as here in the **land of America, in Jackson County, Missouri, with Independence as the center place.” (Alvin R. Dyer, *CR*, October 1968, pg. 109; Heber C. Kimball, *JD*, 10:235; Joseph Fld. Smith, *DS*, 3:74)**

28 – “Mississippi river and its tributaries flow together in upper Mississippi Valley - Mississippi, Missouri, Ohio, Illinois.” (Milton R. Hunter, *Pearl of Great Price Commentary*, pg. 108)

29 – “I suppose that God never organized an earth and peopled it that was ever reduced to a lower state of darkness, sin, and ignorance than this. I suppose this is one of the lowest kingdoms that ever the Lord Almighty created, and on that account is capable of becoming exalted to be one of the highest kingdoms that has ever had a exaltation in all the eternities.” (Brigham Young, *JD*, 10:175)

30 – “Perhaps this is the reason (extreme wickedness of the inhabitants of this earth), Jesus Christ was sent here instead of to some other world, for in some other world, they would not have crucified him.” (Joseph Fielding Smith, *Signs of the Times*, pg. 10)

31 – “But first, what is a day? It is a specified time period; it is an age, an eon, a division of eternity; it is the time between two identifiable events. And each day, of whatever length, has the duration needed for its purposes.” (Bruce R. McConkie, *Christ and the Creation, Ensign*, June 1982, pg. 11)

Temple Typology

(BD 781; D&C 101:23; Moses 4:13, 27)

32 – “In the beginning after the earth was prepared, God brought man and woman together in the garden and the first wedding occurred.” (Marian D. Hanks, *Ensign*, November 1984, pg. 36; Spencer W. Kimball, *Ensign*, March 1976, Pg. 71)

33 – “The events associated with the Garden of Eden make it the archetype of our temples. Here Adam received the priesthood, here Adam and Eve walked and talked with God; here our first parents were eternally married by God

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himself; here they learned of the tree of good and evil and of the tree of life; here they were taught the law of sacrifice and clothed in garments of skins; and from here they ventured into the lone and dreary world that they and their posterity might prove themselves worthy to return again to that divine presence.” (Joseph F. McConkie, *Gospel Symbolism*, pg. 258)

34 – “After Adam and Eve had partaken of the forbidden fruit, but before they were expelled from the garden, the Father taught them the law of sacrifice. Animals were slain that Adam and Eve might be clothed in ‘coats of skins’ (Moses 4:27) that were to be a protection to them in our fallen world. Adam and Eve subsequently learned that the shedding of the animals’ blood was in similitude of the atoning blood of Christ (Moses 5:7). **Thus the garments given them in Eden were to serve as a constant reminder that through the atoning blood of Christ they could be protected from all the effects of a fallen world.** Through his blood they could obtain a remission of sins, be born again, and return to divine presence.” (Joseph Fielding McConkie, *The Man Adam*, *The Mystery of Eden*, pg. 30)

Spiritual Creation

(Ezekiel 37:9a; Moses 3:5-9)

35 – “**There is no account of the creation of man or other forms of life when they were created as spirits.**” (Joseph Fielding Smith, *DS*, 1:75-76)

36 – “By His almighty power He organized the earth, and all that it contains, from spirit and element, which exist eternally with Himself. He formed every plant that grew, and every animal that breathes, each after its own kind, spiritually and temporally.... **He made the tadpole and the ape, the lion and the elephant, but He did not make them in His own image, nor endow them with Godlike reason and intelligence.** Nevertheless, the whole animal creation will be perfected and perpetuated in the Hereafter, each class in its ‘distinct order or sphere,’ and will enjoy ‘eternal felicity.’ That fact has been made plain in this dispensation (D&C 77:3).” Joseph F. Smith, *MOFP*, 4:206)

37 – “Our religion tells us that God is our Father, and that we lived with him before we were born on this earth. **It tells us further that every creature, microscopic and otherwise, was made by him before it lived here on the earth, and also that each one was made as a spirit before it was made in the flesh here in mortality.** There were two creations, one in which God made all things in the spirit. That is, he made the real life, the real being, as a spirit, in the first creation. And then in the second creation, he provided these mortal tabernacles in which he [placed these spirits that he had created in the preexistence.” (Mark E. Petersen, *BYU Speeches 1973*, pg. 247)

38 – “**If God had created man mortal, then death, sin, and all the circumstances of mortality would be God’s doing and would be eternal and permanent in their nature; whereas if man brings the Fall upon himself, he is the responsible moral agent, and God is able to rescue and redeem him from his fallen state. Moreover, Adam and Eve’s having brought about the Fall themselves made them subject to punishment or reward for their actions. A little reflection upon these matters leads one to conclude that the Fall was accomplished in the very best possible way.**” (Robert J. Matthews, Joseph Fielding McConkie and Robert L. Millet, *The Man Adam*, *The Fall of Man*, pg. 60)

39 – “**If he had made them mortal, and subject to pain, there would have been some cause, among intelligent beings, to say that the Lord subjected man, without a cause, to afflictions, sorrows, death and mortality. But he could not do this; it was contrary to the nature of his attributes, contrary to the nature of that infinite goodness which dwells in the bosom of the Father and the Son, to make a being subject to any kind of pain.**” (Orson Pratt, *JD*, 21:289)

Theories of Man

(1 Corinthians 2:14; 2 Nephi 9:28-29)

40 – “**We have no right to take the theories of men, however scholarly, however learned, and set them up as a standard, and try to make the Gospel bow down to them;** making of them an iron bedstead upon which God’s truth, if not long enough, must be stretched out, or if too long, must be chopped off – anything to make it fit into the system of men’s thoughts and theories! On the contrary, we should hold up the Gospel as the standard of truth, and measure

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thereby the theories and opinions of men. What God has revealed, what the prophets have spoken, what the servants of the Lord proclaim when inspired by the Holy Ghost, can be depended upon, for these are the utterances of a spirit that cannot lie and that does not make mistakes; while the teachings of men are often based and upon sophistry and founded upon false reasoning. Uninspired men are prone to judge by outward appearances, and allow prejudice and plausibilities to usurp the place of divine truth as God has made it known.” (Orson F. Whitney, *CR*. April 1915 pg. 100)

Evolution and Big Bang

41 – “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! Could an explosion in a printing shop produce a dictionary? It’s unthinkable! ...It is incumbent upon each informed and spiritually attuned person to help overcome such foolishness of men who would deny divine creation of think that man simply evolved. By the spirit we perceive the truer and more believable wisdom of God... As we are faithful and are deeply rooted in scriptural accounts of God’s magnificent creations, we will be well prepared for future discoveries.” (Russell M. Nelson, *BYU Speeches 1986-1987*, pg. 132-133)

42 – “There was no provision for evolvment or change from one species to another.” (Bruce R. McConkie, *Ensign*, June 1982, pg. 12; *JS, TPJS* pg.198)

(Official Doctrinal Position and Statement from the First Presidency, *Improvement Era*, November 1909, pg. 75-81; *Ensign* February 2002, pg. 26-30)

(Bruce R. McConkie, *Speeches of the Year 1980*, The Seven Deadly Heresies)

Caveman

Speaking of Adam and Eve:

43 – “They were highly intelligent people, not at all like either the hominids or the cavemen some claim the first humans to have been. They were well educated, having been taught by the Lord himself. What an education! What an instructor! ...”

Evil brings retrogression

“It was a glorious period – until Satan came among them. That evil person defied the teachings of God and said to the children of Adam, ‘Believe it not,’ and from that time some of the family loved Satan more than God (Moses 5:13). They apostatized from the truth.

These dissenters lost the Spirit of God and as a result became carnal, sensual, and devilish (Moses 5:13). **With these evil attributes always comes retrogression. We should not be surprised, therefore, to hear of cavemen living in the dawn of time.**” (Mark E. Petersen, *Ensign*, November 1980, pg. 16)

44 – “It was not *until* man forsook the divine guidance which the Lord was always willing to extend to him, that retrogression set in. **The ‘cave-man’ and the savage are products of transgression and sin**; for, in the beginning man was intelligent, and directed by light and truth, even by the Savior, Jesus Christ...

It was not *until* after man rebelled and rejected the word of God that he fell into mental degeneracy, and lost the power to converse in written language. Man was intelligent in the beginning, and understood many fundamental truths, but when he refused to receive divine guidance, the Spirit of the Lord withdrew, and then he was left alone and became a savage, for the light in him was turned to darkness.” (Joseph Fielding Smith, *Doctrines of Salvation*, 1:148-149)

45 – “Parley P. Pratt contended that it is because of unworthiness that man in general is unaware of his true origin. The carnal mind, unable and unwilling to appreciate and respect the sacred origin of life, would desecrate rather than honor the truth. For this reason these glorious principles were not set forth more clearly in the story of the creation. Having

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expressed views of the origin of life like those above, Elder Pratt explained: ‘In after years, when Paradise was lost by sin; when man was driven from the face of his heavenly Father, to toil, and droop, and die; when heaven was veiled from view; and, with few exceptions, man was no longer counted worthy to retain the knowledge of his heavenly origin; then, darkness veiled the past and future from the heathen mind; man neither knew himself, from whence he came, nor whither he was bound. At length a Moses came, who knew His God, and would fain have led mankind to know Him too, and see Him face to face. But they could not receive His heavenly laws, or bide His presence.

“Thus the holy man [i.e., Moses] was forced again to veil the past in mystery, and, in the beginning of his history, assign to man an earthly origin.

“Man, molded from the earth, as a brick!

“A woman, manufactured from a rib!

“Thus, parents still would fain conceal from budding manhood the mysteries of procreation, or the source of life’s ever-flowing river, by relating some childish tale of new-born life, engendered in the hollow trunk of some old tree, or springing with spontaneous growth, like mushrooms, from out of the heaps of rubbish. O man! When wilt thou cease to be a child in knowledge.” (Parley P. Pratt, *Key to Theology*, pg. 49-50)

Creation - Simply Incomprehensible

(Moses 1:35-38; Moses 7:30)

46 – “...the creations of God – the worlds that are and the worlds that have been – who can grasp in the vision of his mind the truth that there never has been a time when there have not been worlds like this, and that there will be a time when there will not be worlds organized and prepared for intelligent beings to dwell upon.” (Brigham Young, *JD*, 8:81)

47 – “It was not a novice, not an amateur, not a Being making a first trial, that came down in the beginning, after the Great Council, with other Gods, and searched out and found the place where there was ‘space’ (for so the record tells us in Abraham) and taking of the materials which they found in this ‘space’ they made this world.

“I want to suggest two or three things to you. I hope I will not confuse you too much. But we in this galaxy – and the heavens which we see are the galaxy to which we belong – we from this point where we stand or float, can see one billion light-years [16 billion] all around us. A light-year is the distance which light, traveling at the rate of 186,000 miles a second, will travel in one year. The astronomers tell us that we now can peer out into space one billion [16 billion] light-years, we in the center.

“Where we are moving, how we are moving, how rapidly we go, we do not know. As you look into the heavens you do not see the heavens as they are today. You see them as they were the number of light-years ago when the light there from began to come from them to us. If it is a hundred million light-years away, it was a hundred million years ago.

“It is said that there are one hundred million [10 billion] galaxies within this radius that are the same as ours. They say that this galaxy in which we live, in which we float and have our existence, is one hundred thousand light-years in diameter. They say that it is shaped lenticular, as if two glass watch crystals were put together, ten thousand light-years through the thickest part, and I repeat, a hundred thousand light-years through.

“Astronomers now yield what they did not formerly yield, that there may have been many, and probably were, many worlds like ours. Some say there were in this galaxy perhaps from its beginning, one million worlds like unto this one.

“‘Worlds without number have I created,’ through mine Only Begotten Son. I repeat, our Lord is not a novice, he is not an amateur; he has been over this course time and time and time again.

“And if you think of this galaxy of ours having within it from the beginning perhaps until now, one million worlds, and multiply that by the number of millions of galaxies, one hundred million galaxies, that surround us, you will then get some view of who this Man we worship is.” (J. Reuben Clark, *Improvement Era*, November 1962, pg. 798-799; *Behold the Lamb of God*, pg. 15-22)

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The Universe On a Sheet of Paper

If the distance from the **Earth to the Sun** = Thickness of 1 Sheet of Paper

Then the distance from the **Earth to the Nearest Star** (Alpha Centaury) = Stack of Paper 71 feet high

Then the distance across the **Diameter of the Milky Way Galaxy** = Stack of Paper 310 miles high

Then the distance to the **Edge of the Known Universe** = Stack of Paper 33, 000,000 miles high

Large Numbers

1 Million Dollars at \$1,000 a day = 2 years 8 months 27days to spend

1 Billion Dollars at \$1,000 a day = 2,739 years 8 months 25 days to spend

(If you started when Lehi left Jerusalem you would still have 155 yrs left or about 56.5 million dollars left)

1 Trillion Dollars at \$1,000 a minute = 1,902 years 7 months 2 days (14,400,000 every day)

1 Light Year = 6 Trillion Miles = Universe is 10,000 light years across and 100,000 light years long

(Ted E. Brewerton, Ensign, 'My Son and Yours – Each a Remarkable One,' November 1986, pg. 28-31)

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Orderly and Symmetrically

Days of FORMING [1-3]
(without form/formless)
gathering dividing

1

Light
—
Darkness

2

Waters Above
—
Waters Under

3

Water
Biological conditions for life in general
Dry land
—
Seed (bearing plants)
Appearance of life in general
Fruit (yielding plants)

Days of FILLING [4-6]
(void/empty)
Making creating

4

Sun
—
Moon

5

Life (Waters) Above
—
Life (Waters) Under

6

Cattle
Biological conditions for life in particular
Wild beasts
—
Man (bearing plants)
Appearance of life in particular
Women (yielding plants)

Source: Fredrick Weinreb
Roots of the Bible: An Ancient View for a New Outlook, pg. 19-21

Parallel Days and Weeks in Mother Earth's History

Q. What are we to understand by the sounding of the trumpets, mentioned in the 8th chapter of Revelation?

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

We admit the history that Moses gives of the creation or organization of this earth, as stated in his writings, to be correct. (Brigham Young, General Conference, October 8th 1875)

Day	Week of God's Creation	Week of Man's Existence
ONE	Organization and Separation of Light Moses 2:3-5	Enoch - Establish Zion/Translated (Moses 7) Revelation 6:1-2
TWO	Waters Above/Below Moses 2:6-8	Noah - Flood (Genesis 7) Revelation 6:3-4
THREE	Grass/Herb Seed Moses 2:9-13	Abraham - Famine (Abraham 1; Gen. 12, 26) Revelation 6:5-6
FOUR	Lights of the Firmament Moses 2:14-19	Christ - Birth of the Light (Matthew 1) Revelation 6:7-8
FIVE	Fowls/Fish Moses 2:20-23	Age of Martyrdom - Symbol = ICHTHYS Revelation 6:9-11
SIX	Cattle/Mankind Moses 2:24-31	Period of Restoration - Ephesians 1:10 Revelation 6:12-17, 7:1-17
SEVEN	Sabbath Day Moses 3:1-3	Millennium - Moses 7:64 Revelation 11:15-19