



Iceland—UM Geo Tour 2019

**The UM—the Science Supporting
Joseph Fielding Smith's, *Man...His Origin and
Destiny*,**

**The Standard Works,
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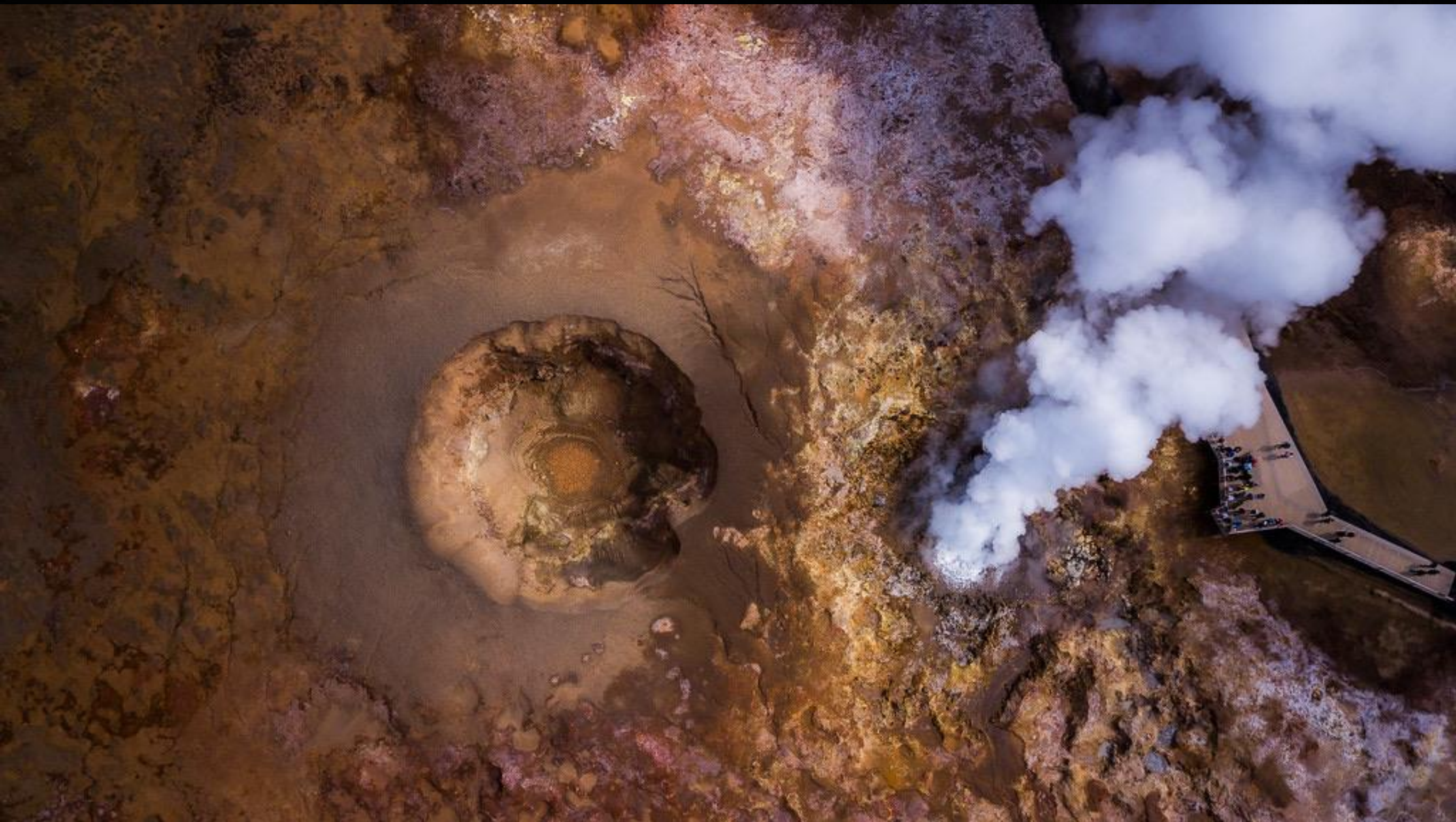
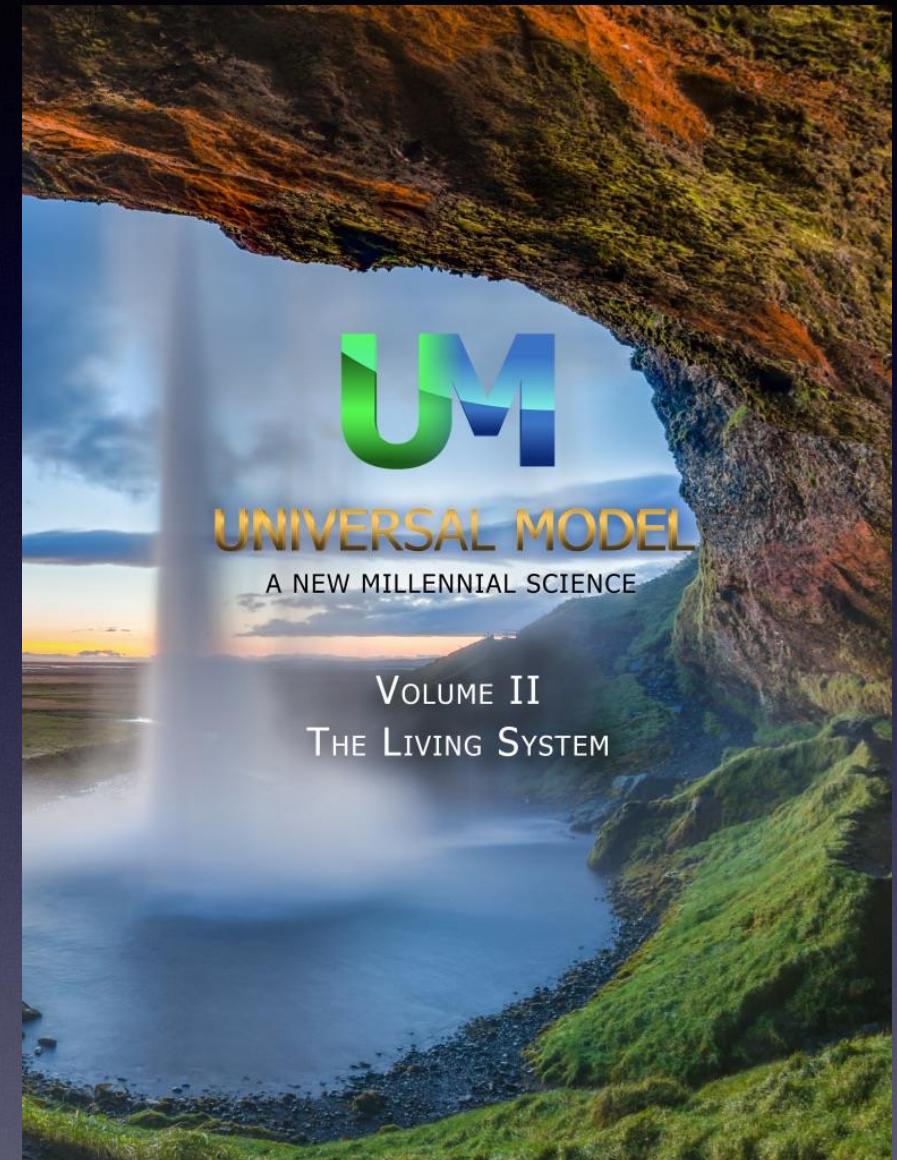
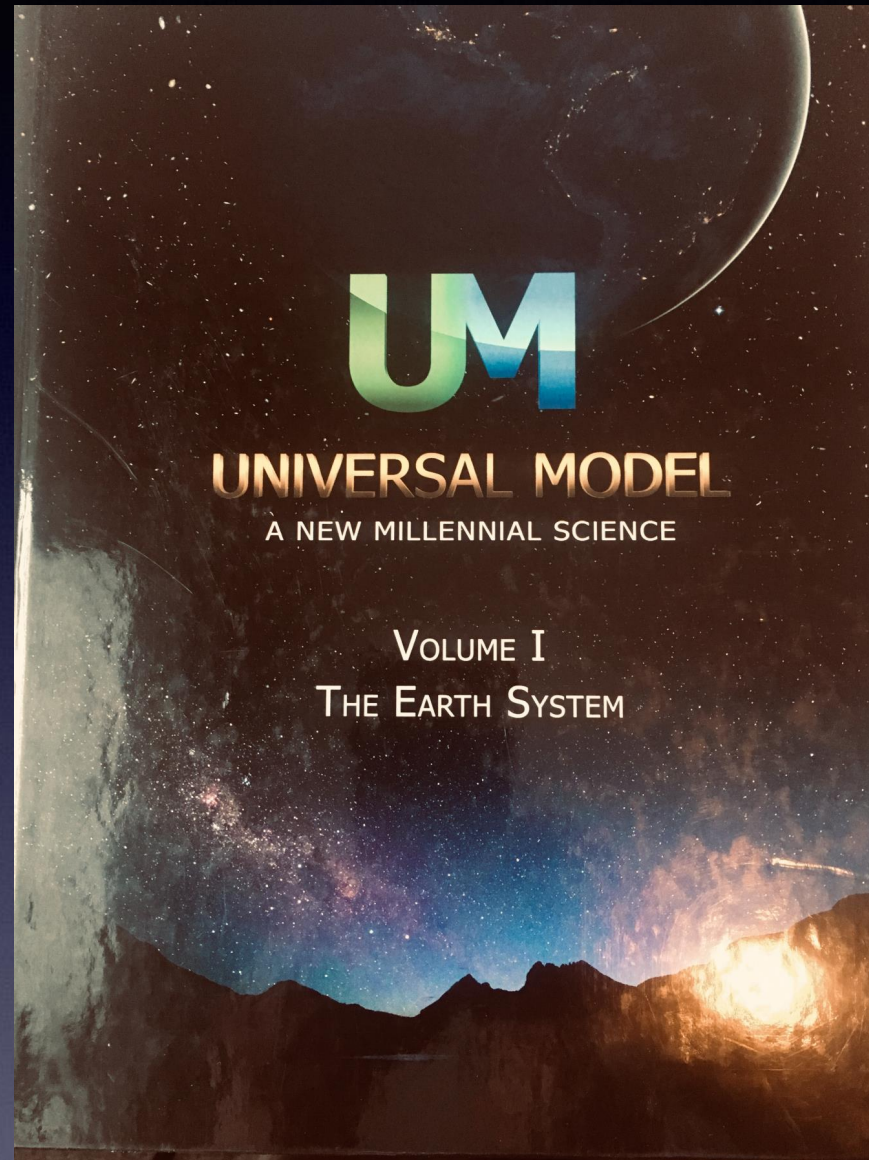
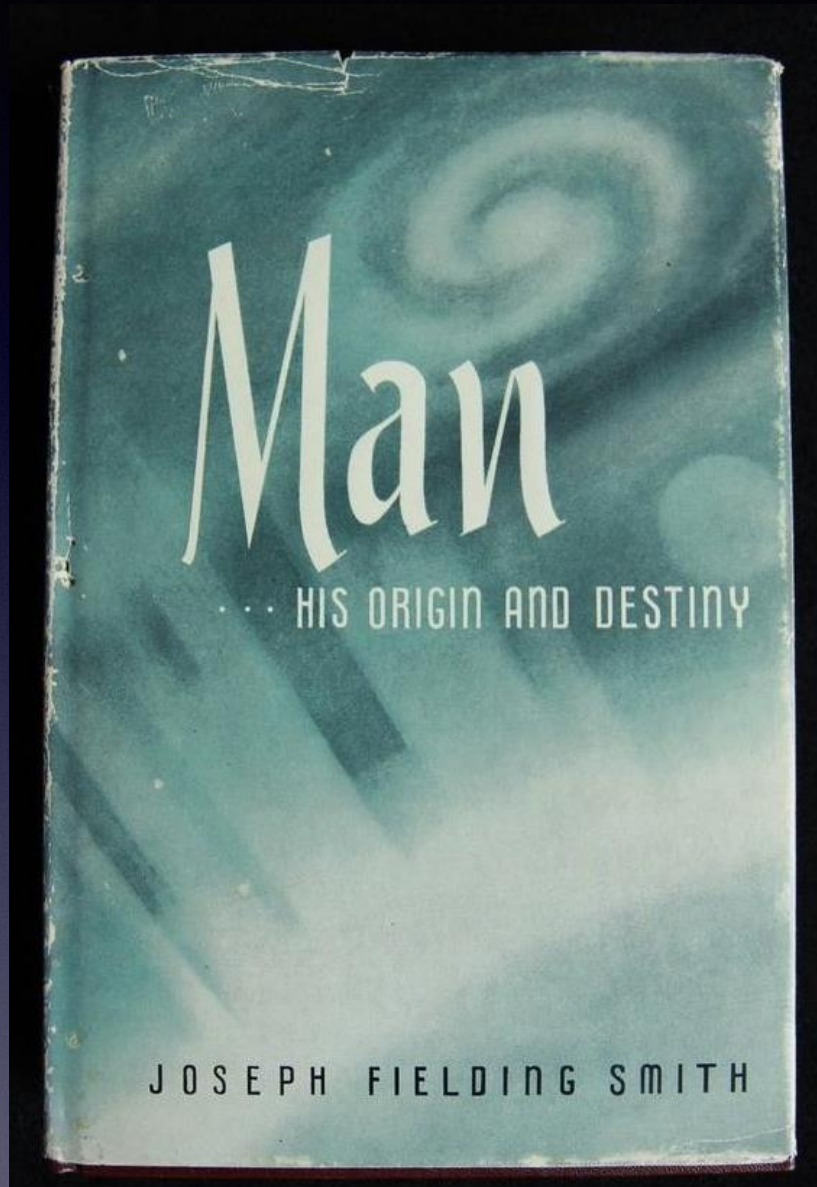


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BE NOT

DECEIVED

EZRA TAFT BENSON, OCT. 1963

<http://gapages.com/deceived.htm>

"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

THREE STEPS TO AVOID BEING DECEIVED

- ▶ What do the standard works have to say about it?
- ▶ What do the latter-day Presidents of the Church say about the subject—particularly the living President?
- ▶ The third and final test is the Holy Ghost—the test of the Spirit.

The Origin of Man

ORIGIN OF SPECIES

BY MEANS OF NATURAL SELECTION, OR THE
PRESERVATION OF FAVORED RACES IN
THE STRUGGLE FOR LIFE

BY

CHARLES DARWIN, M.A., LL.D., F.R.S.

An image of the title page of Darwin's book republished in 1902



The Origin of Man

By The First Presidency of the Church

Joseph F. Smith, John R. Winder, Anthon H. Lund
1909



“God created man in his own image” ([Gen. 1:27](#)).

<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/ensign/2002/02/the-origin-of-man?lang=eng>

From September 27 to October 15, 1909, members of the First Presidency and Quorum of the Twelve, including **John A. Widtsoe and James Talmage**, met to discuss and revise a draft of the 1909 statement on **the Origin of Man**. The final statement was approved by the Quorum of the Twelve on October 20, 1909 (p.276).

Thomas G. Alexander, Mormonism in Transition.
Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 1986

1909 First Presidency

President

1st Counselor

2nd Counselor



Joseph F.
Smith



John R.
Winder



Anthon H.
Lund

Quorum of the Twelve Apostles



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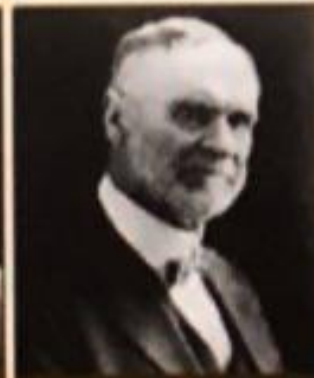
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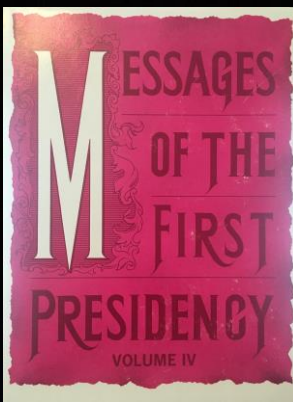
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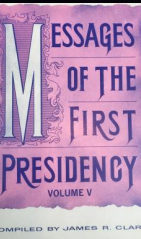
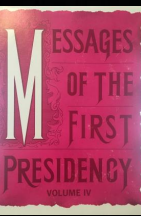


Truth is what we wish to present, and **truth—eternal truth**—is fundamentally old. A restatement of the original attitude of the Church relative to this matter is all that will be attempted here. To tell the truth as God has **revealed** it, **and commend it to the acceptance of those who need to conform their opinions thereto**, is the sole purpose of this presentation.

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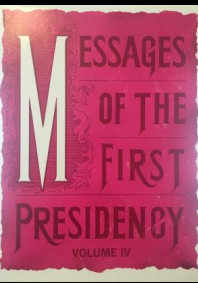
The Origin of Man, The First Presidency of The Church, Nov. 1909

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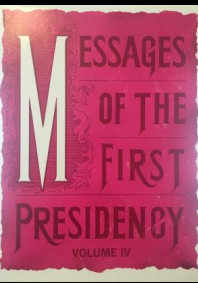
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It is held by some that Adam was not the first man upon this earth and that the original human being was a development from lower orders of the animal creation. These, however, are the theories of men. **The word of the Lord declared that Adam was “the first man of all men”** (Moses 1:34), and **we are therefore in duty bound to regard him as the primal parent of our race.**

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Man, by searching, cannot find out God. Never, unaided, will he discover the truth about the beginning of human life. ...

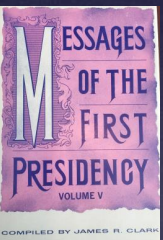
... **Some of these facts, however, are already known, and what has been made known**

it is our duty to receive and retain. 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.

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The Origin of Man, The First Presidency of The Church, Nov. 1909



“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

<https://speeches.byu.edu/talks/bruce-r-mcconkie/seven-deadly-heresies/>

BYU, BEAN LIFE SCIENCE MUSEUM



The Daily Universe

“This message from the First Presidency
was **anti**-evolution and **science**.”

Rachel Keeler, July 30, 2019

<https://universe.byu.edu/2019/07/30/the-church-and-byu-an-evolution-of-evolution/>

“**BYU** opened an **evolution** exhibit in March 2019 in the Bean Life Science Museum that **illustrates the process of evolution at a macro level**. There is a plaque posted on the exhibit stating that it is not Church doctrine and **the Church has no stance on the issue.**”

Evolution Definitions

Evolution—The gradual process of change that occurs in populations of organisms over a long period of time. It manifests itself as new characteristics in a species, and the *formation of new species*. Bib 34 p117

Species—One population of organisms, all the members of which are able to breed amongst themselves or through artificial insemination and are able to produce fertile offspring. Bib 34 p305

Microevolution—The change of traits *within a species*.

Natural Selection (In nature)—The breeding process in nature by which organisms adapt and produce changes in traits *within a species*.

Selective Breeding (Domesticated)—The process of breeding organisms for specific characteristics that produce desired traits *within a species*.

Adaptation—The change of traits within a species in nature or domesticated species.

Macroevolution—The theoretical change of a species *into a new species*.

Speciation—The formation of one or more new species from an existing species. Bib 34 p305

Fig 12.2.1



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Statements— BYU
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Perspectives of
The Church of Jesus Christ
of Latter-day Saints

The sun is the ultimate source of power to the earth. Christ is likened to the sun in scripture and He is the ultimate power to faith. Without the impact of the sun, both faith and science are not possible.

"Our religion is not hostile to real science. That which is demonstrated, we accept with joy"

(First Presidency, 1910).



The Bean Life Science Museum focuses on the biodiversity, ecology and evolution of earth's organisms. Of this focus, evolution is the most controversial. The Church has no official position on the theory of evolution: *"Organic evolution, or changes to species' inherited traits over time, is a matter for scientific study. **Nothing has been revealed concerning evolution**"*.

(New Era, Oct. 2016).



What does the Church believe about evolution?



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Ben Spackman, Aug. 13, 2018



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i1DkqKm5pZE&pbjreload=10>

“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?”

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Elder Anthony W. Ivins, of the Council of the Twelve

A Study of Evolution

By Elder Anthony W. Ivins, of the Council of the Twelve

[We urge every young man to read this exposition of evolution as delivered by Elder Ivins, at the recent semi-annual conference of the Church. It points out how those who are in doubt may yet preserve their faith in God, if they will carefully contrast the modern theory of evolution with the revealed doctrines of the Church. To believe that this earth life is all there is to existence is a fallacy. All development leading from lesser to greater is the result of the intelligence of an all-wise God.—*Editors.*]

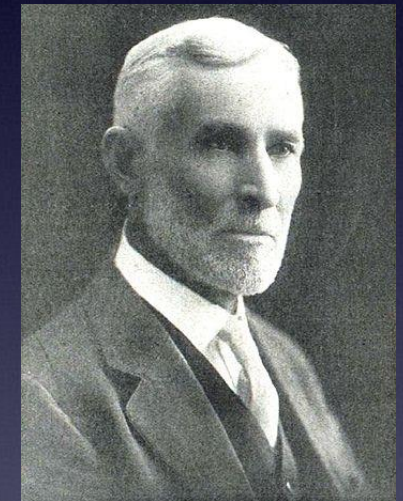
“Now it came to pass that there were many of the rising generation that could not understand the words of king Benjamin, being little children at the time he spake unto his people; and they did not believe the traditions of their fathers.

“They did not believe what had been said concerning the resurrection of the dead, neither did they believe concerning the coming of Christ.

“And now because of their unbelief they could not understand the word of God; and their hearts were hardened.

“And they would not be baptized; neither would they join the Church. And they were a separate people as to their faith, and remained so ever after, even in their carnal and sinful state; for they would not call upon the Lord their God.”—*Book of Mormon.*

December 1917





JOSEPH FIELDING SMITH, OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TWELVE

Whose dissertation in this number, on "The Origin and Destiny of Man," with a side light on evolution, and telling arguments showing its inadequacies and inconsistencies, is worth careful study and a double reading.

IMPROVEMENT ERA

V. XXIII

MARCH, 1920

No. 5

The Origin and Destiny of Man

With a Sidelight on Evolution—the Great "Miracle of Unbelief"

By Elder Joseph Fielding Smith, of the Council of the Twelve*

My Brethren and Sisters:—Throughout the discussion of this topic, I would like you to keep in mind the following passages of scripture:

For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.

Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth; but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

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 (I Cor. 2:11-14).

Then I beheld all the work of God, that a man cannot find out the work that is done under the sun: because though a man labor to seek it out, yet he shall not find it; yea further; though a wise man think to know it, yet shall he not be able to find it (Ecclesiastes 8:17).

The great difficulty with most scientists is that they are searching to find out God and all his works through the spirit of man, which knows not the ways of the Lord which are spiritually discerned. No man by searching, without the inspiration of the Holy Ghost, can find out God. It is the holy Priesthood that "holdeth the key of the mysteries of the kingdom even the key of the knowledge of God; therefore, in the ordinances thereof, the power of godliness is manifest; and without the ordinances thereof, and the authority of the Priest-

*Remarks at a meeting in the Tenth ward, Salt Lake City, Sunday evening, December 28, 1919. Especially revised for the *Era* by the speaker.

March 1920

The Origin
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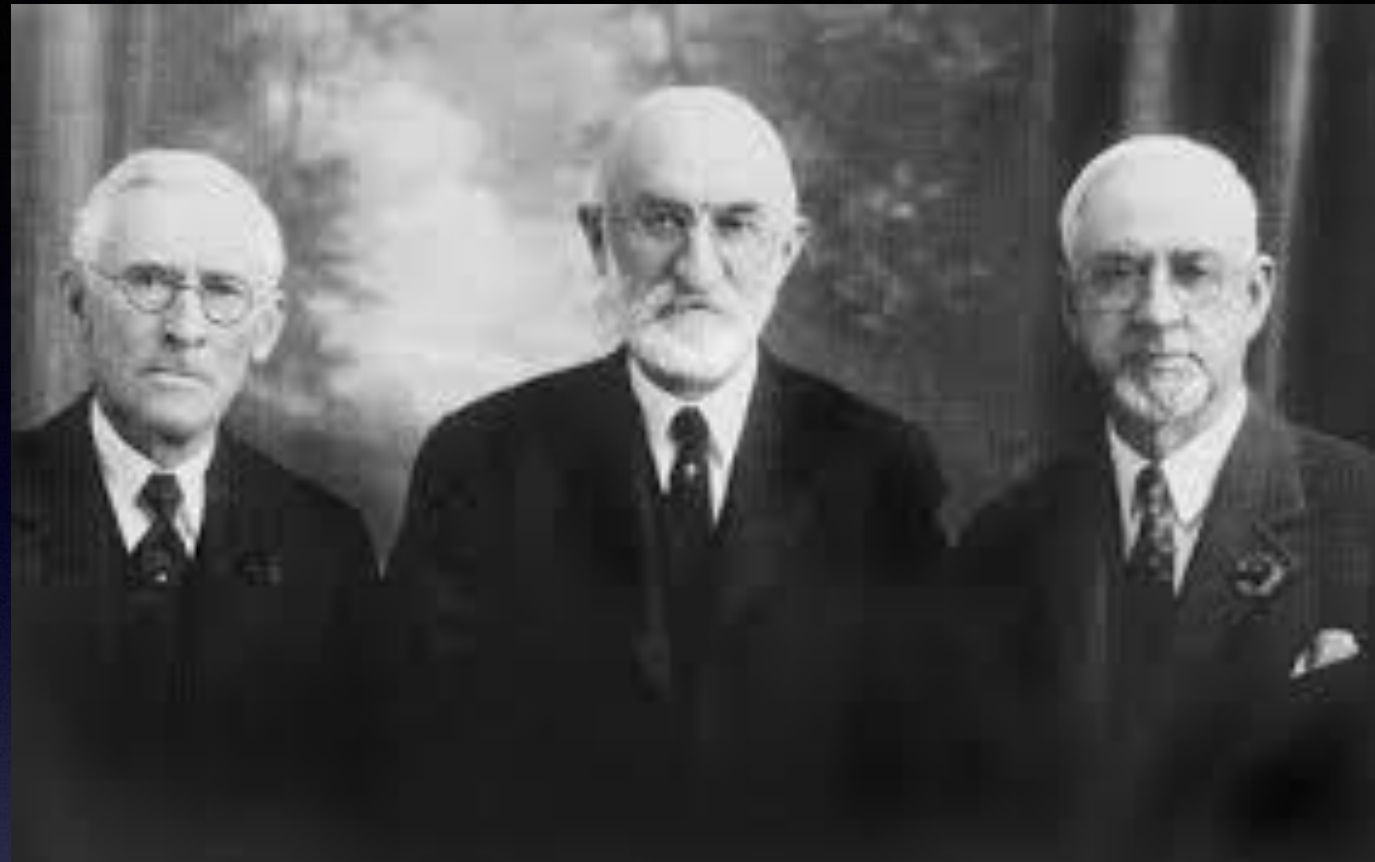
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“...we should be extremely careful in accepting the theories of men, no matter how well they may be supported by scientific authority, unless they can be demonstrated beyond a doubt. **Why will men ridicule the word of the Lord, and yet accept without question doubtful theories, simply because they travel under the guise of science?**”

The Origin and Destiny of Man, March 1920

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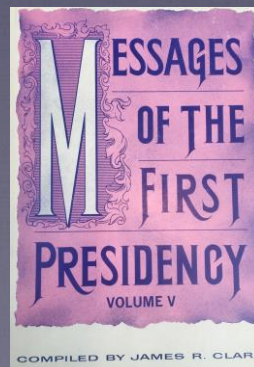
It was not until man forsook the divine guidance which the Lord was always willing to extend to him, that **retrogression** set in. The “**cave-man**” and the **savage** are products of transgression and sin; for, in the beginning man was intelligent, and directed by light and truth, even by the Savior, Jesus Christ, who is the Mediator between man and God. **The destiny of man is to become, through stages of progression, like unto his Father**; and after the resurrection from the dead, he shall be added upon as the scriptures say, until he shall receive all things “which the father hath” and shall be counted as a son and joint heir with Jesus Christ, ... **This then, is true evolution, which all Latter-day Saints believe.**



Heber J. Grant, Anthony W. Ivins, Charles W. Nibley
First Presidency

“Mormon” View of Evolution

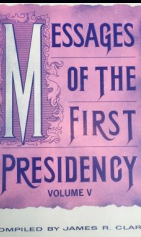
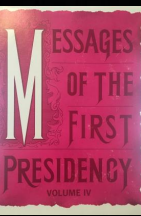
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President Nelson

<https://speeches.byu.edu/talks/russell-m-nelson/magnificence-man/>



“Through the ages, some persons 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**,” which resulted in the creation of our planet and life upon it” p. 9, *The Power Within Us* or *The Magnificence of Man*, March 29 1987, BYU Devotional.



President Nelson

“To me, such theories are **unbelievable**. Could an explosion in a printing shop produce a dictionary? It’s **unthinkable!** One might argue that it is within a remote realm of possibility, but even if that could happen, such a dictionary could certainly not heal its own torn pages, renew its own worn corners, or reproduce its own subsequent editions”

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THE POWER WITHIN US, OR *THE*
MAGNIFICENCE OF MAN, MARCH 29
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President Nelson

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).



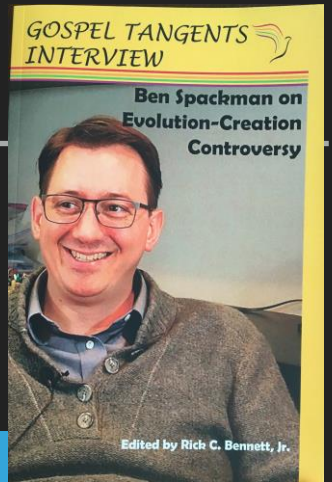
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PRESIDENT NELSON INTERVIEW WITH BRAZIL NATIONAL TV NEWS ANCHOR



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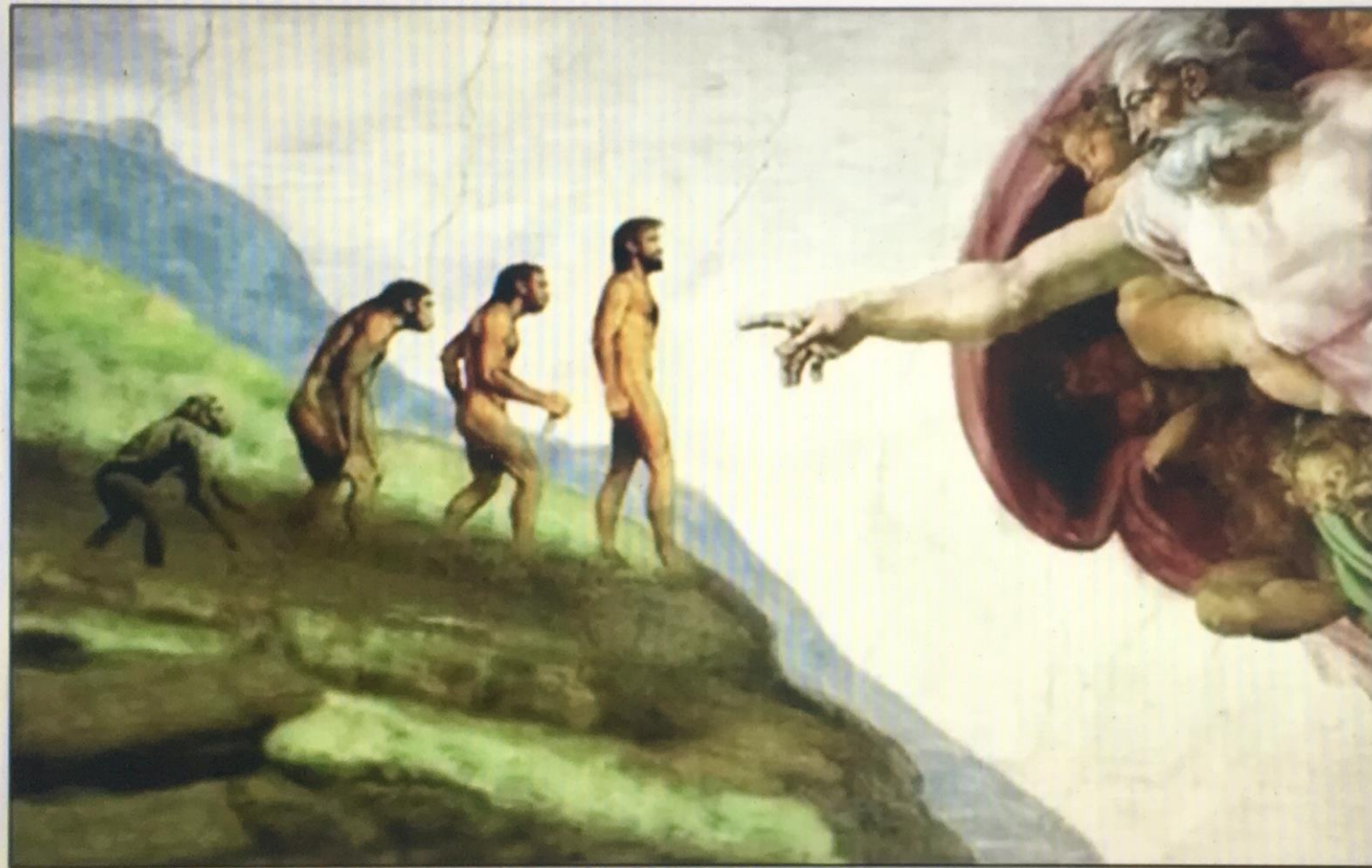


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What does the Church believe about evolution?



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science but it's a story



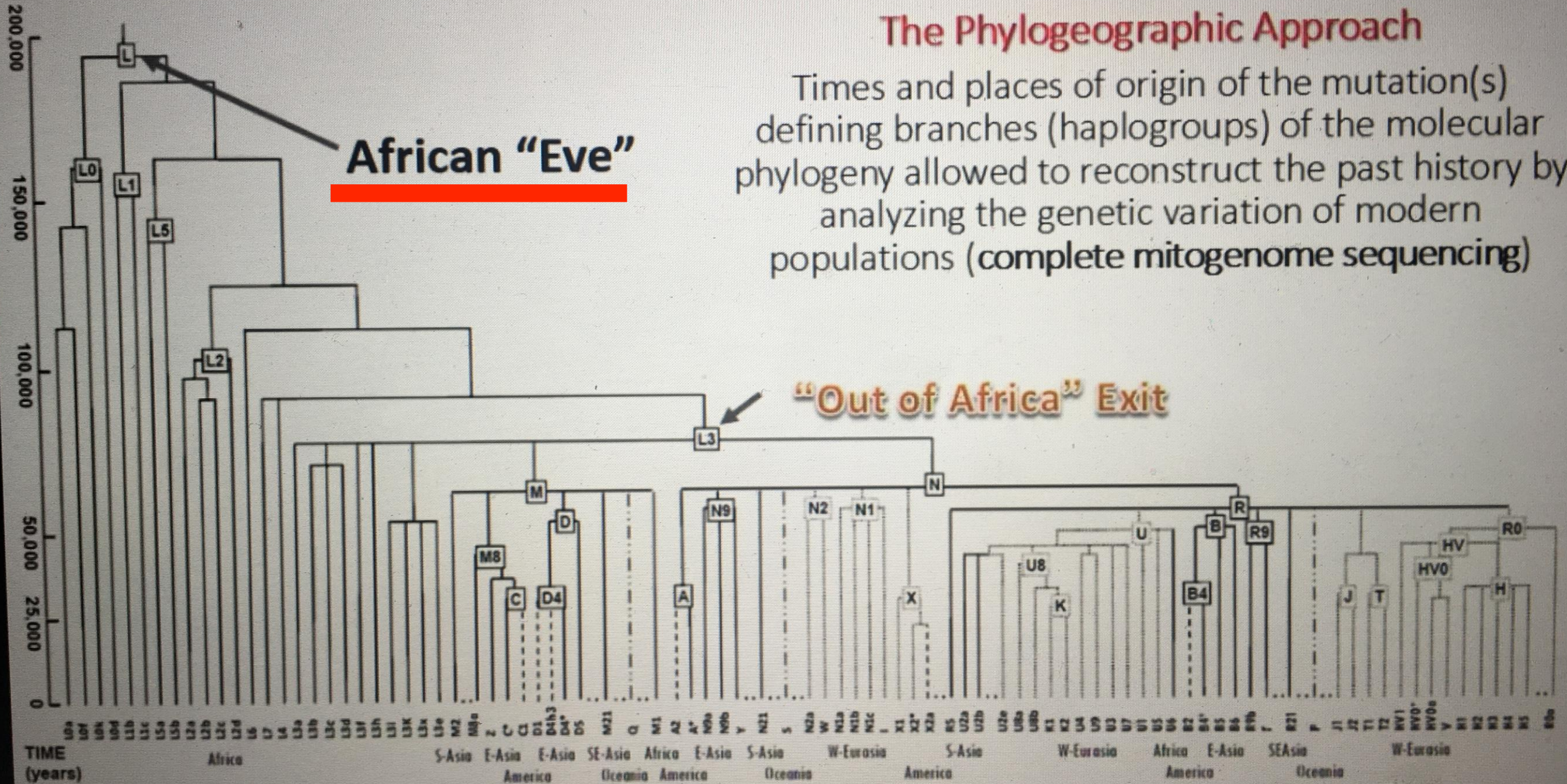
Schematic world mtDNA tree

The Phylogeographic Approach

Times and places of origin of the mutation(s) defining branches (haplogroups) of the molecular phylogeny allowed to reconstruct the past history by analyzing the genetic variation of modern populations (**complete mitogenome sequencing**)

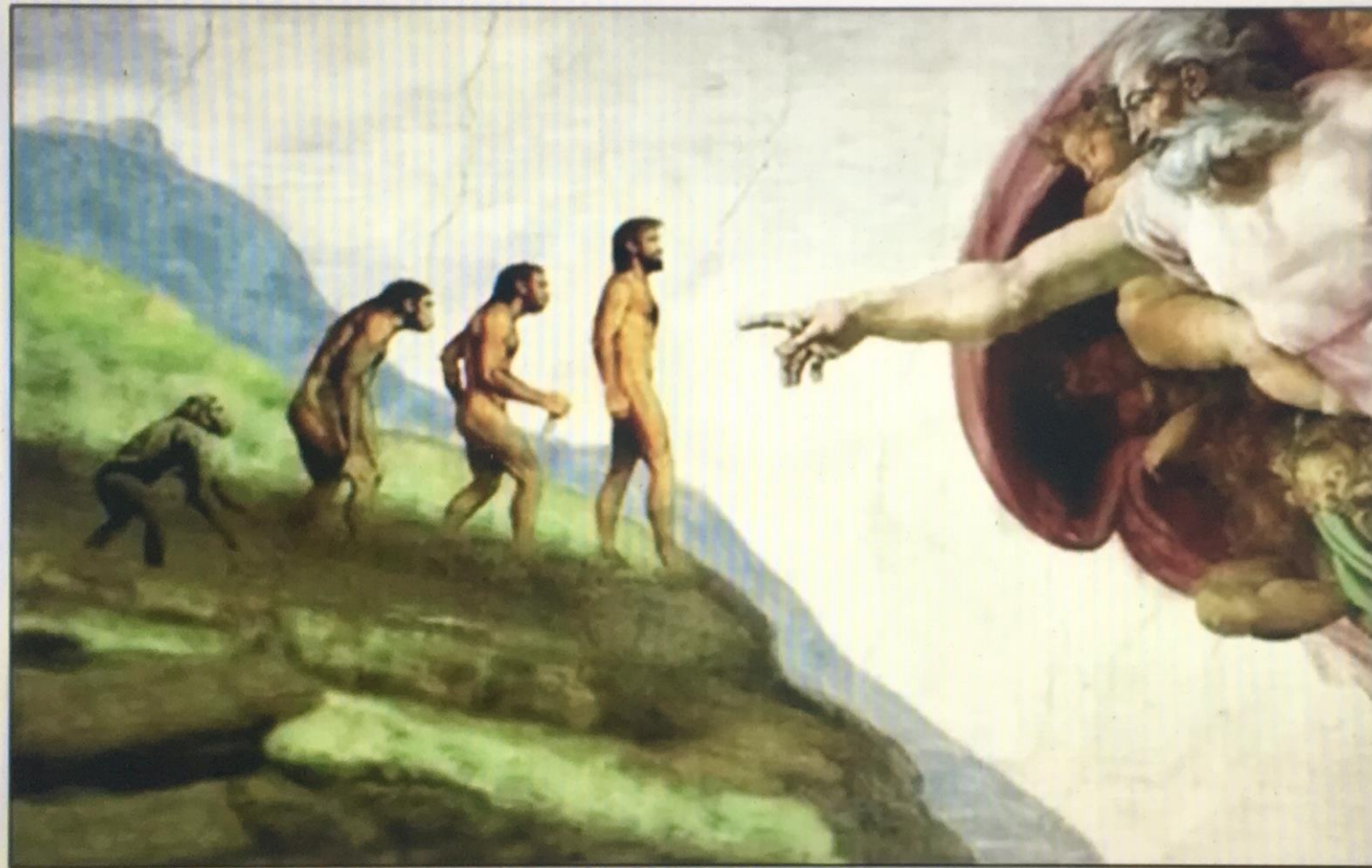


"Out of Africa" Exit



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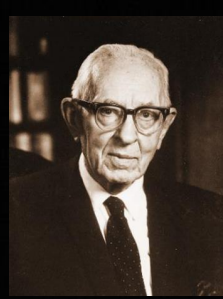
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Quorum of the twelve 1910-1970, President of the Quorum of the twelve 1951-1970

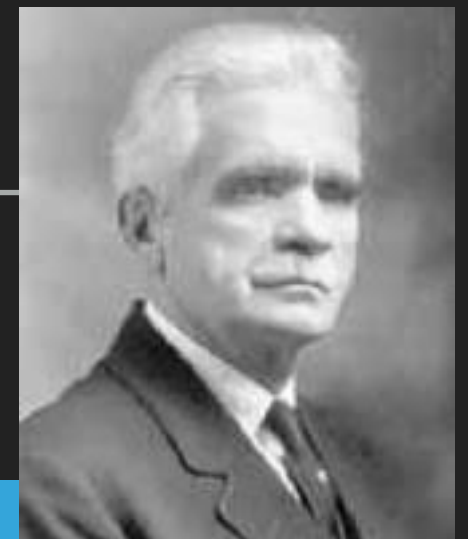
Even in the Church there are a scattered few who are now advocating and contending that this earth was peopled with a race—perhaps many races—long before the days of Adam. These men desire, of course, to square the teachings in the Bible with the teachings of modern science and philosophy in regard to 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

LETTER TO FIRST PRESIDENCY DEC. 15, 1930

ASSISTANT CHURCH HISTORIAN 1902-1933



“IF ELDER SMITH IS MERELY PUTTING FORTH HIS OWN OPINION I CALL IN QUESTION HIS COMPETENCY TO UTTER SUCH DOGMATISM EITHER AS A SCHOLAR OR AS AN APOSTLE. I AM SURE HE IS NOT COMPETENT TO SPEAK IN SUCH MANNER FROM GENERAL LEARNING OR SPECIAL RESEARCH WORK ON THE SUBJECT.”

B.H. Roberts

Senior President of the [First Council of Seventy](#) from 1924 to his death.

First Council of the Seventy 1888-Sept. 27, 1933

Committee Assigned to Review *The Truth, The Way, The Life*



George Albert Smith—Chair



Joseph Fielding Smith



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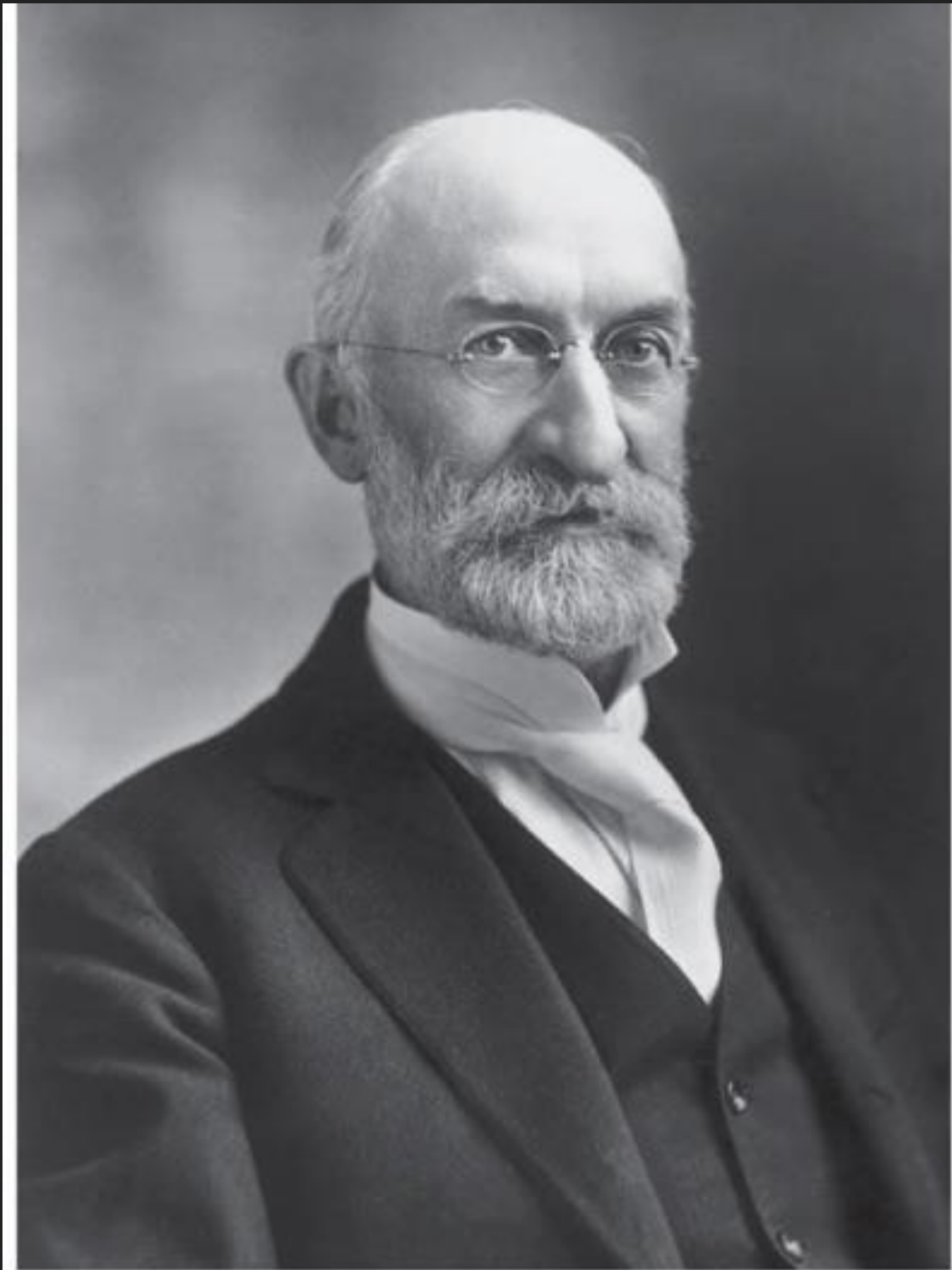


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Melvin J. Ballard

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Heber J. Grant. President Grant and his counselors authorized Roberts's stay in New York and provided him a stenographer. Because *The Truth, The Way, The Life* was considered an excellent work in many respects, President Grant sorrowed that Roberts insisted on including in it "some things that I think [are] problematical and cannot be demonstrated." LDS Church Archives.

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.



For the Year 1947

Assistant Church Historian 1906-1921,
Church Historian 1921-1970

CHURCH HISTORY AND MODERN REVELATION

Being a Course of Study

FOR THE MELCHIZEDEK PRIESTHOOD QUORUMS

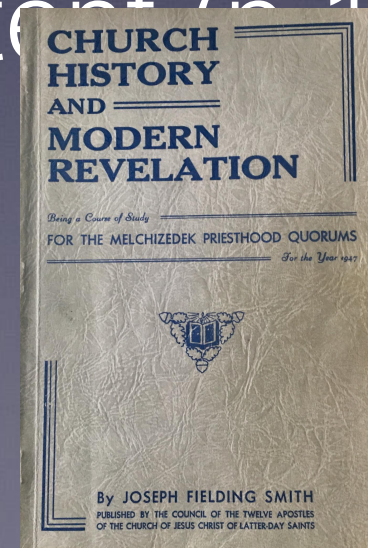
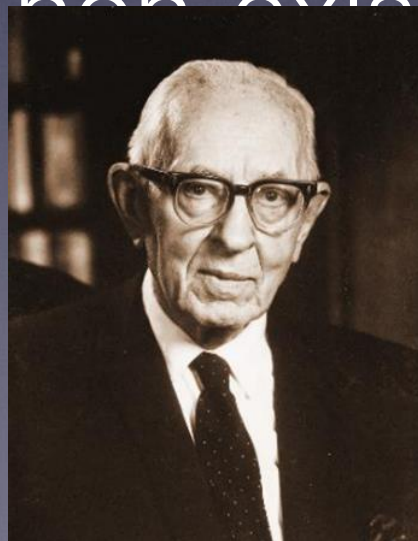
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“The doctrine that man is created in the image of God was also lost in the apostasy. The vision given to **Joseph Smith** restored the true doctrine in relation to this question. It is just as strange that man, in his spiritual darkness, would change 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 (p. 11, **1947**).”



PRESIDENT JOSEPH FIELDING SMITH, GC/OCT. 1952, BE NOT DECEIVED
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So far as the philosophy and wisdom of the world are concerned, they mean nothing unless they **conform to the revealed word of God**. Any doctrine, whether it comes in the name of religion, science, philosophy, or whatever it may be, **if it is in conflict with the revealed word of the lord**, will fail. It may appear plausible . it may be put before you in language that appeals and which you may not be able to answer. It may be established by evidence that you cannot controvert, but **all you need to do is to abide your time. Time will level all things** (P. 9, man his origin and destiny).

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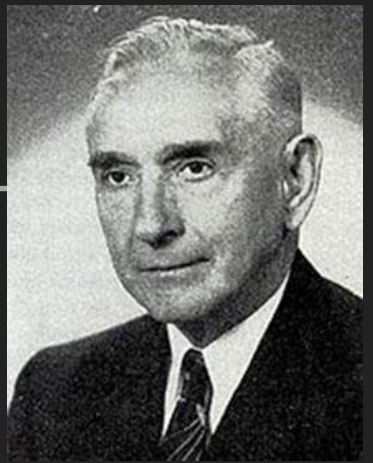
I hope I do not embarrass **President Joseph Fielding Smith** by speaking about his recent great book entitled ***Man—His Origin and Destiny***, which I think is **one of the great books of the Church**. I would like to see every person in the world read this great book, for what knowledge could be more 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**.



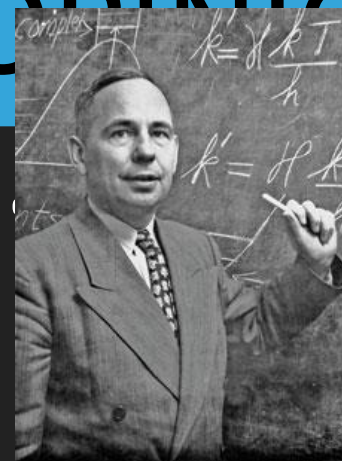
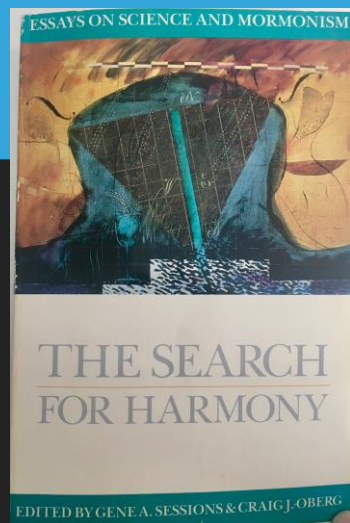
Sterling W. Sill, Assistant to the Council of the Twelve Apostles,
Our Greatest Responsibility, *Conference Report*, October **1954**, pp. 27-29

LETTER TO ELDER ADAM S. BENNION

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TRUE, THIS BOOK CANNOT BE MORE
THE PRIVATE OPINION OF ONE
OF OUR GREAT MEN



Henry Eyring

Elder George Q. Morris, The Origin of Man, Oct. **1956**

Apostle: April 8, 1954 – April 23, 1962

The oldest person in church history to become an apostle and a member of the Quorum of the Twelve.



“Man did not originate here in spirit or body. Man in a body of flesh and blood has lived through the eternities. How foolish to look for the origin of the human body in this world at this late time. **The theory that man came into his present form through a process of evolutions is untrue - a mere delusion.** This being the case and so declared by the divine Creator of all these worlds, our own included, it must follow that there never was a "missing link" on the earth. There never was a "prehistoric man," in the sense that he was part man and part something else. No such creature ever existed in this or any other world. **He or it exists only in the minds of men who refuse the truth and have a theory of their own that is utterly false - contrary to the revealed word of God.** Such an idea could come only after rejecting God's word.

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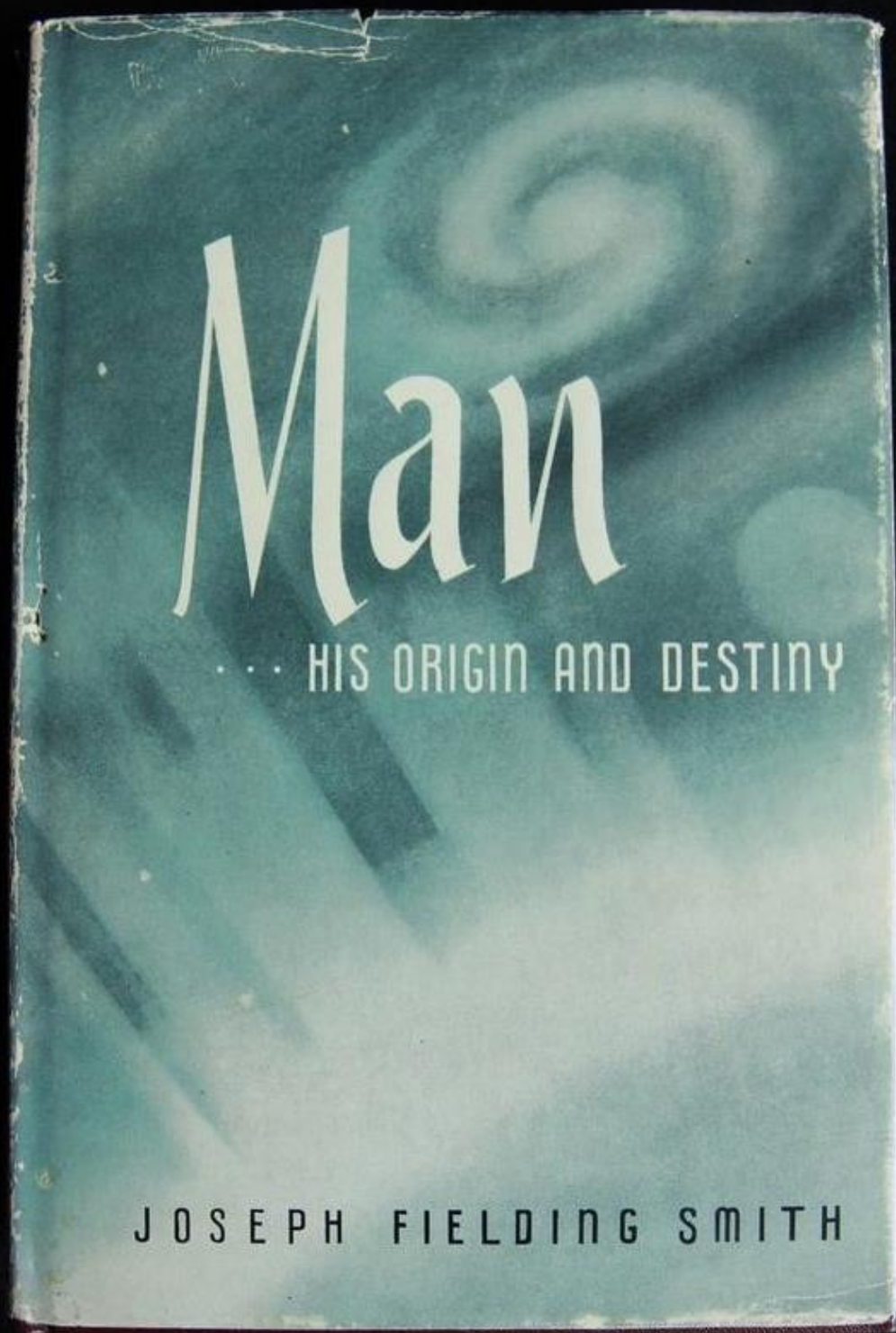
"Religion and science have sometimes been in apparent conflict. Yet the conflict should only be apparent, **not real** for science **should** seek **truth**, and **true religion is truth**. **There can never be conflict between revealed religion and scientific fact.** That they have often occupied different fields of truth is a mere detail. The gospel accepts and embraces all truth; science is slowly expanding her arms and reaching into the invisible domain in search of **truth**. The two are meeting daily — science as a child, **revealed religion** as the mother. **Truth is truth, whether labeled science or religion.** There can be no conflict. **Time is on the side of truth—for truth is eternal.**"

Elder Ezra Taft Benson, Jesus Increased In Wisdom and Stature, 04/10/66

One of the greatest threats to the work of the Lord today comes from **false educational ideas**. There is a growing tendency of teachers **within** and without the church to make academic interpretations of gospel teachings—to read, as a prophet-leader has said, "by the lamp of their own conceit." Unfortunately, **much in the sciences**, the arts, politics, and the entertainment field, as has been well said by an eminent scholar, is "all dominated by this humanistic approach which ignores God and his word as revealed through the prophets." This kind of worldly system apparently hopes to draw men away from God by making man the "measure of all things," as some worldly philosophers have said.

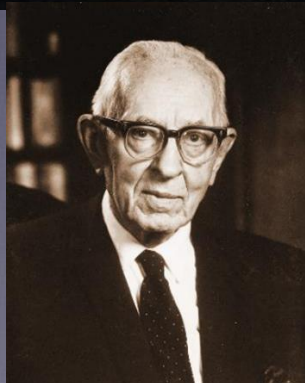
mney, of The Council of The Twelve, Home Teaching and Family

Adam was the son of God. He was our elder brother, not older than Jesus but he was our brother in the same sense that Jesus was our brother, and he "fell" to earth life. **He did not come up through an unbroken line of organic evolution.** There had to be a fall. "Adam fell that men might be" (2Ne. 2:25).



“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***.”

Strengthening the Family,
Elder Ezra Taft Benson, Oct. **1970**

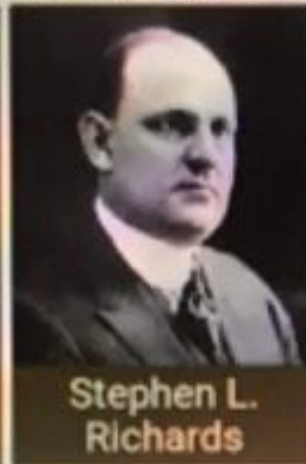


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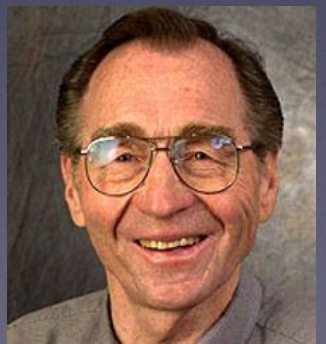
Apostle Smith [President of the Quorum of the Twelve] **began** an open exposition of **his** views on April 22, **1953**, in a speech at Brigham Young University entitled "***The Origin of Man***" (p.218).

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Duane E. Jeffery, Seers, Savants, and Evolution: The Uncomfortable Interface* **1974**

Savants—a learned person, especially a distinguished scientist.

His [President Joseph Fielding Smith's] speech to the
Man His Origin and Destiny (p.219).

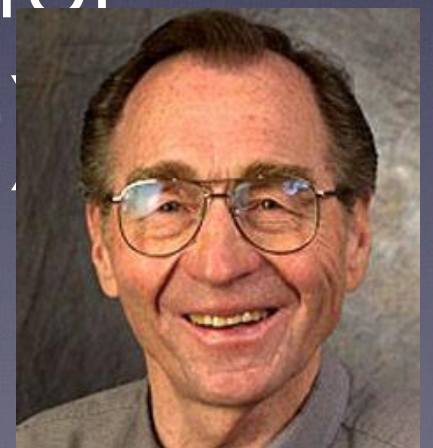


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For the first time in Mormon history, and capping a full half-century of publication of Mormon books on science and religion, Mormonism had a book [Man ...His Origin and Destiny] that was **openly antagonistic to much of science** (p.219).

Man, His Origin and Destiny is a clean break with that long tradition, opting as it does for schism rather than synthesis (p.219)



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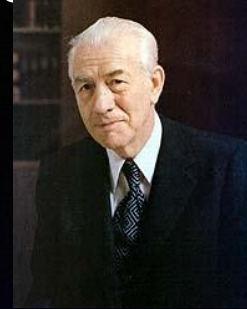
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Ezra Taft Benson, President of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles March 28, **1976**
More recently, **one of our Church educators** published what **he** purports to be a history of the Church's stand on the question of **organic evolution**. **His** 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.**

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Ezra Taft Benson, **President** of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles. March 28, **1976**



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.

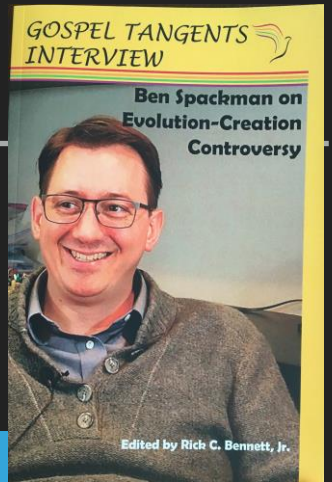
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When one understands that **the author** to whom I alluded **is an exponent of the theory of organic evolution**, his motive in disparaging **President Joseph Fielding Smith** becomes apparent. To hold to a private opinion on such matters is one thing, but **when one undertakes to publish his views to discredit the work of a prophet, it is a very serious matter.**

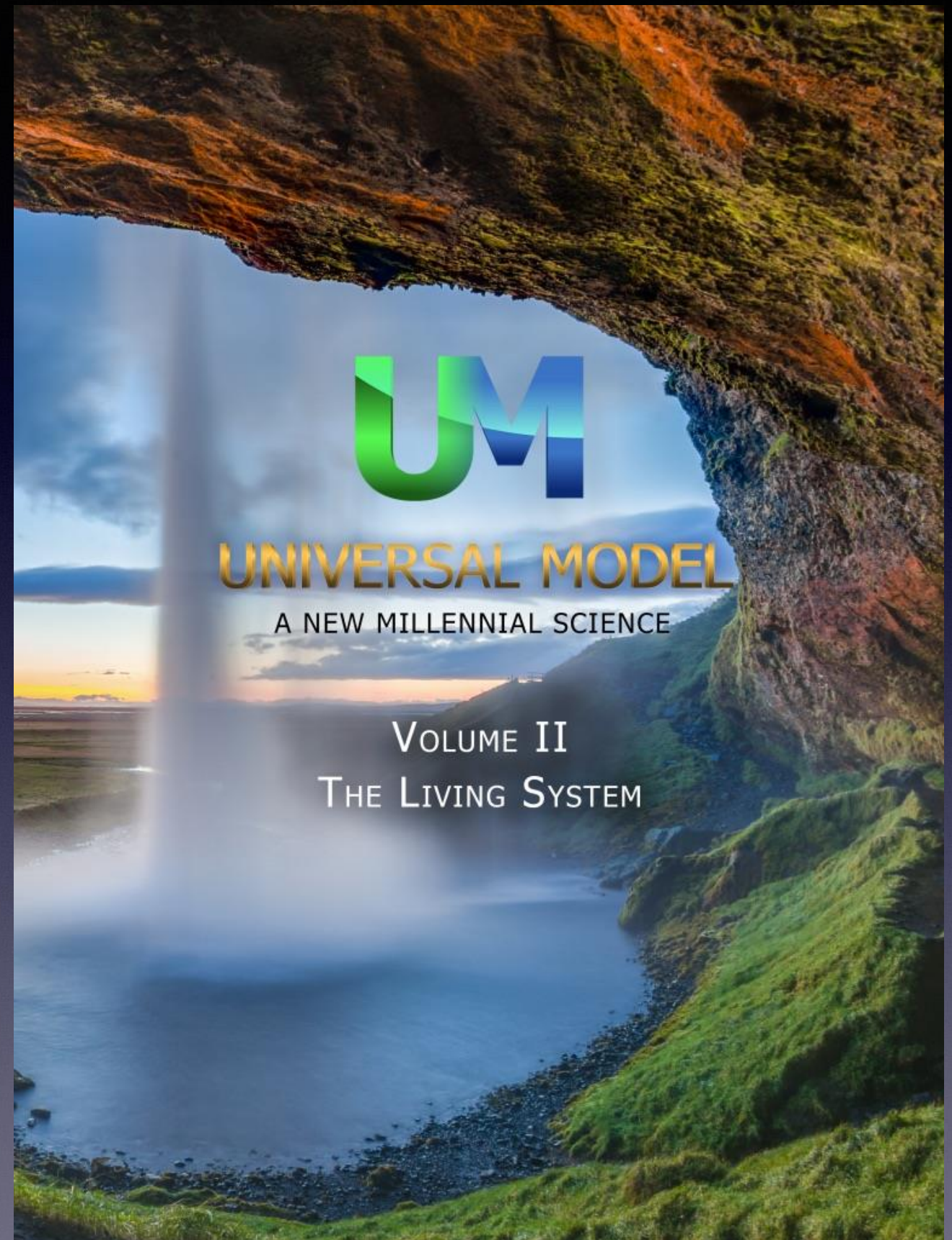
It is also apparent to all who have the Spirit of God in them that **Joseph Fielding Smith's writings will stand the test of time.**



“IF YOU’RE A CONCORDIST
AND YOU WANT TO TIE
SCRIPTURE TO SCIENCE, THERE
WAS ALWAYS A PROBLEM
WITH **WHAT SCIENCE ARE YOU
TYING IT TO?**”

Ben Spackman, Aug 13, 2018

The **UM** is the science that supports the standard works, The 1909, 1925 First Presidency Statements, President Joseph Fielding Smith, President Ezra Taft Benson, President Nelson and others. Written by a man who has not trampled upon the duties outlined in the 1909 First Presidency Statement, nor has he mocked those holding the keys of the priesthood.



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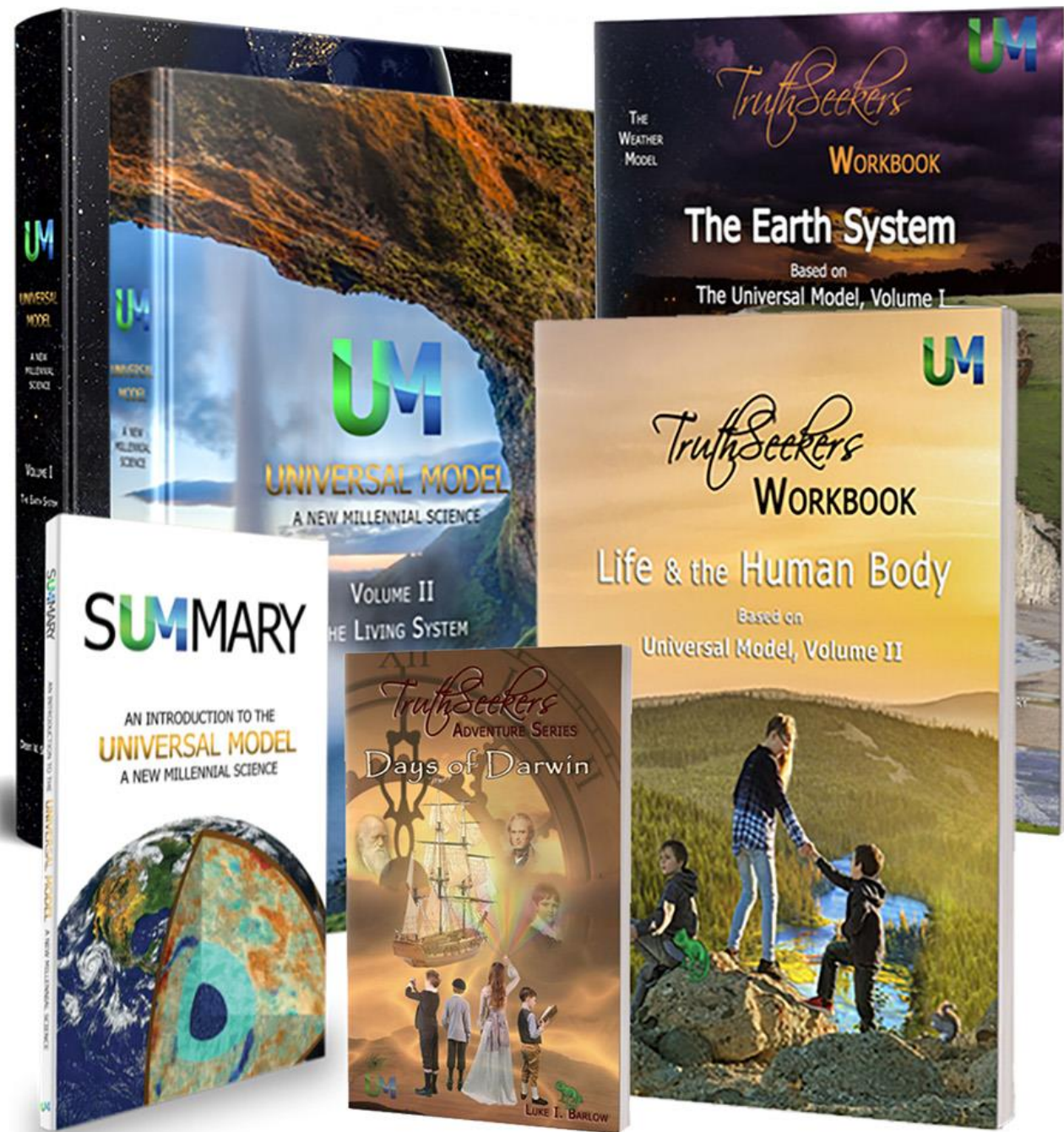
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