Joseph F. Smith, Gospel Doctrine

Some of our good Latter-day Saints have become so exceeding good(?) that they cannot tell the difference between a Saint of God, an honest man, and a son of Beelzebub, who has yielded himself absolutely to sin and wickedness. And they call that liberality, broadness of mind, exceeding love. I do not want to become so blinded with love for my enemies that I cannot discern between light and darkness, between truth and error, between good and evil, but I hope to live so that I shall have sufficient light in me to discern between error and truth, and to cast my lot on the side of truth and not on the side of error and darkness (p.422).



President John Taylor's Challenge for BYA/BYU



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Noah — The Flood — Evolution

RUSSELL M. NELSON

Of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles
Begin with the End in Mind
September 30, 1984



Before you **endorse** all of the teachings of any teacher, **ask yourself** if his or her *faith* is strong enough to be worthy of emulation. If it isn't, be very discriminating in what you learn from such an individual. **Remember that the Bible, Book of Mormon, Doctrine and Covenants, and the Pearl of Great Price are the standards by which you should measure all doctrine**.

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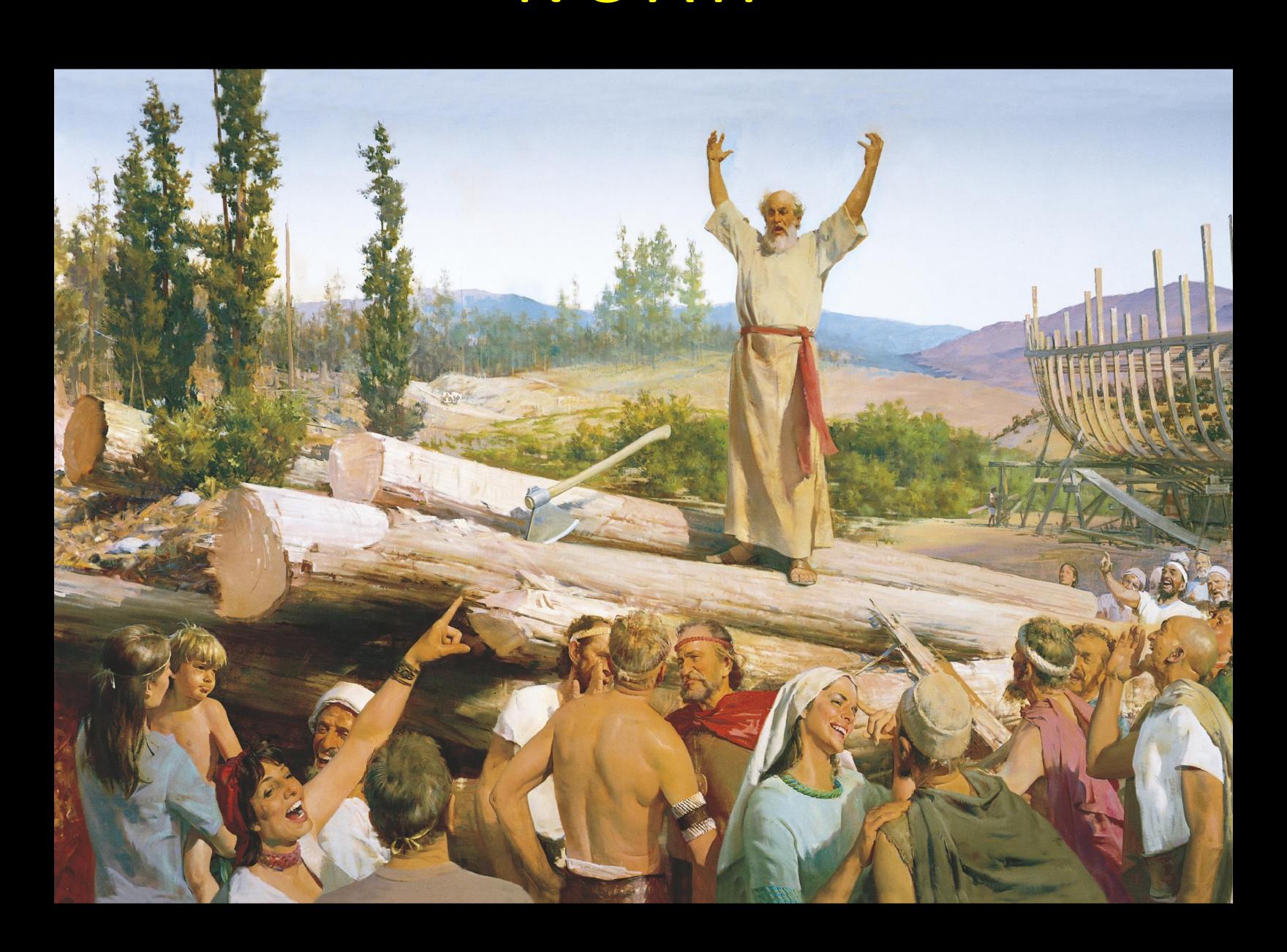
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Elder James E. Faust, Unwanted Messages, Oct. 1986

"Isaiah spoke of a people who did not care to listen to their prophets and seers, who were urged, "Say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Prophesy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophesy deceits" (Isa. 30:10)."

NOAH



The Prophet Joseph Smith taught:

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The Priesthood was first given to Adam;⁴ he obtained the First Presidency,⁵ and held the keys of it from generation to generation.⁶ He obtained it in the Creation, before the world was formed,⁷ as in Genesis 1:26, 27, 28.8 He had dominion given him over every living creature. He is Michael the Archangel, 10 spoken of in the Scriptures. Then to Noah, who is Gabriel: 11 he stands next in authority to Adam in the Priesthood; he was called of God¹² to this office, and was the father of all living¹³ in his day, and to him was given the dominion. These men held keys first on earth, and then in heaven. 14 Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith, page 157.

President Joseph Fielding Smith adds & agrees:



"It was Gabriel who appeared to Zacharias and promised him a son, and who appeared to Mary and announced the coming of the Son of God as recorded by Luke. It was also Gabriel as an Elias who is mentioned in the Doctrine and Covenants, section 27, verse 7. It was Gabriel, or Noah, who stands next to Michael or Adam in the priesthood."

President Joseph Fielding Smith, Conference Report, April 1960, pp. 71-73

:) Gabriel also the name of the angel sent to Daniel (Dan 8:16; 9:21)

"For I Will Lead You Along" By Elder Neal A. Maxwell Of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, Apr. 1988.

We are told, by way of example, that some conditions preceding the second coming of the Savior will be as in the days of Noah (see Matt. 24:37–39 and "also as it was in the days of Lot" Luke 17:28 Noah's time was one of disobedience and wickedness. People were uncomprehending and "knew not until the flood came" Matt. 24:39 see also Gen. 6:5 1 Pet. 3:20 The choking cares and pleasures of this life led to the general rejection of Noah's prophetic message. Two especially interesting words are used in the Bible to describe Noah's time: violence and corruption Gen. 6:11 Violence and corruption, seldom strangers to the human scene, appear to be increasing today.

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Some of the coarseness and cruelty present at the time of Noah will be replicated, for "the love of many shall wax cold" Matt. 24:12 Also, peace will have been "taken from the earth" D&C 1:35
Peter wrote of how "the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah" until,

as other scriptures advise, the wickedness exceeded that among all God's creations 1 Pet. 3:20 see also Moses 7:36 A very cruel society existed, one "without affection" in which people hated "their own blood" Moses 7:33 Given the abuses by humans of other humans, in His longsuffering, God waited as long as even He could.



GENESIS 7

11 ¶ In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all the afountains of the great deep broken up, and the 'windows of heaven were



GENESIS 7

19 And the <u>waters</u> prevailed exceedingly upon the earth; and <u>ball</u> the high hills, that were under the <u>whole</u> heaven, were covered.

20 Fifteen cubits upward did the waters prevail; and the mountains were covered.

President John Taylor

Discourse by President John Taylor, delivered in the Stake Meetinghouse, Provo, Sunday Morning, November 30, 1884

What was done? "The windows of heaven were opened," and the immense bodies of waters that exist in the upper firmament were let down, or as it is expressed, "the windows of heaven were opened." (Gen. 7:11) What else? "The same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up." (Gen. 7:11) You have got a Brigham Young Academy here. I would like to give the professors and pupils of that establishment a problem to solve, and is—How they could manage to get enough water out of the seas, that and out of the oceans, and out of the rivers, and out of the clouds, to cover the tops of these mountains and fifteen cubits above, (Gen. 7:19-20) and let that spread all over the earth? I would like to know by what known law the immersion of the globe could be accomplished.

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It is explained here in a few words: "The windows of heaven were opened" (Gen. 7:11) that is, the waters that exist throughout the space surrounding the earth from whence come these clouds from which the rain descends. That was one cause. Another cause was "the fountains of the great deep were broken up" (Gen.7:11) that is something beyond the oceans, something outside of the seas, some reservoirs of which we have no knowledge, were made to contribute to this event, and the waters were let loose by the hand and by the power of God; for God said He would bring a flood upon the earth (Gen. 6:17, Moses 7:34) and He brought it, (Gen. 7:10, Moses 7:43) but He had to let loose the fountains of the great deep, and pour out the waters from there, and when the flood commenced to subside, we are told "that the fountains also of the deep and the windows of heaven were stopped, and the rain from p. 75a heaven was restrained;

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And the waters returned from off the earth." (Gen. 8:2-3) Where did they go to? From whence they came. Now, I will show you something else on the back of that. Some people talk very philosophically about tidal waves coming along. But the question is—How could you get a tidal wave out of the Pacific ocean, say, to cover the Sierra Nevadas? But the Bible does not tell us it was a tidal wave. It simply tells us that "all the high hills, that were under the whole heaven, were covered. Fifteen cubits upwards did the waters prevail; and the mountains were covered." (Gen 7:19-20) That is, the earth was immersed. It was a period of baptism.

The Flood — Baptism

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

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

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

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

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

John A. Widtsoe, Evidences and Reconciliations, 127

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

Has President John Taylor's problem been solved?

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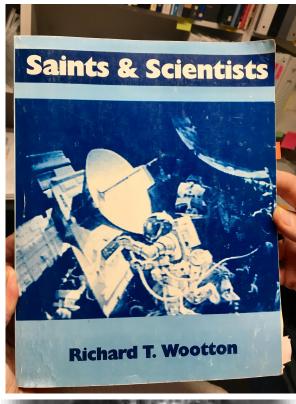


Brigham Young University faculty and staff should maintain laserlike focus on "our responsibility to help build faith in Jesus Christ and in his restored church," Elder Quentin L. Cook told them during the school's annual Liversity Conference on Monday, Aug. 24, 2020.

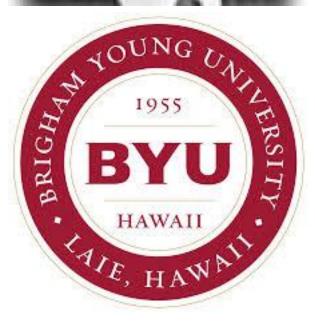
We cannot suppose for one minute that it would be possible for someone who lived in the days of the Lord Jesus to believe that he was the son of God and yet to reject the witness of Peter, James, and John. That is a philosophical impossibility. Had we lived in that day it would not have been possible to say, "Well, I'll believe in Christ; but I won't believe in Peter, James, and John, his apostles, who have revealed him to me and who have borne witness of his divine Sonship." The Lord and his prophets always go together.

SAINTS AND SCIENTISTS

"(Gen. 7:19-20) To take this to mean that the tops of all the mountains, and Ararat, were covered at least 15 cubic deep and the whole earth correspondingly takes an extremely Literal and narrow reading of Genesis. It hinges on inflexible rendition of two words, all and whole. It gives no recognition that it may only [be] a report of the scene as it appeared to the local observer, rather than as if god himself were the writer, which, if one wishes to be literal, the Bible itself does not literally affirm (p.45-46)."

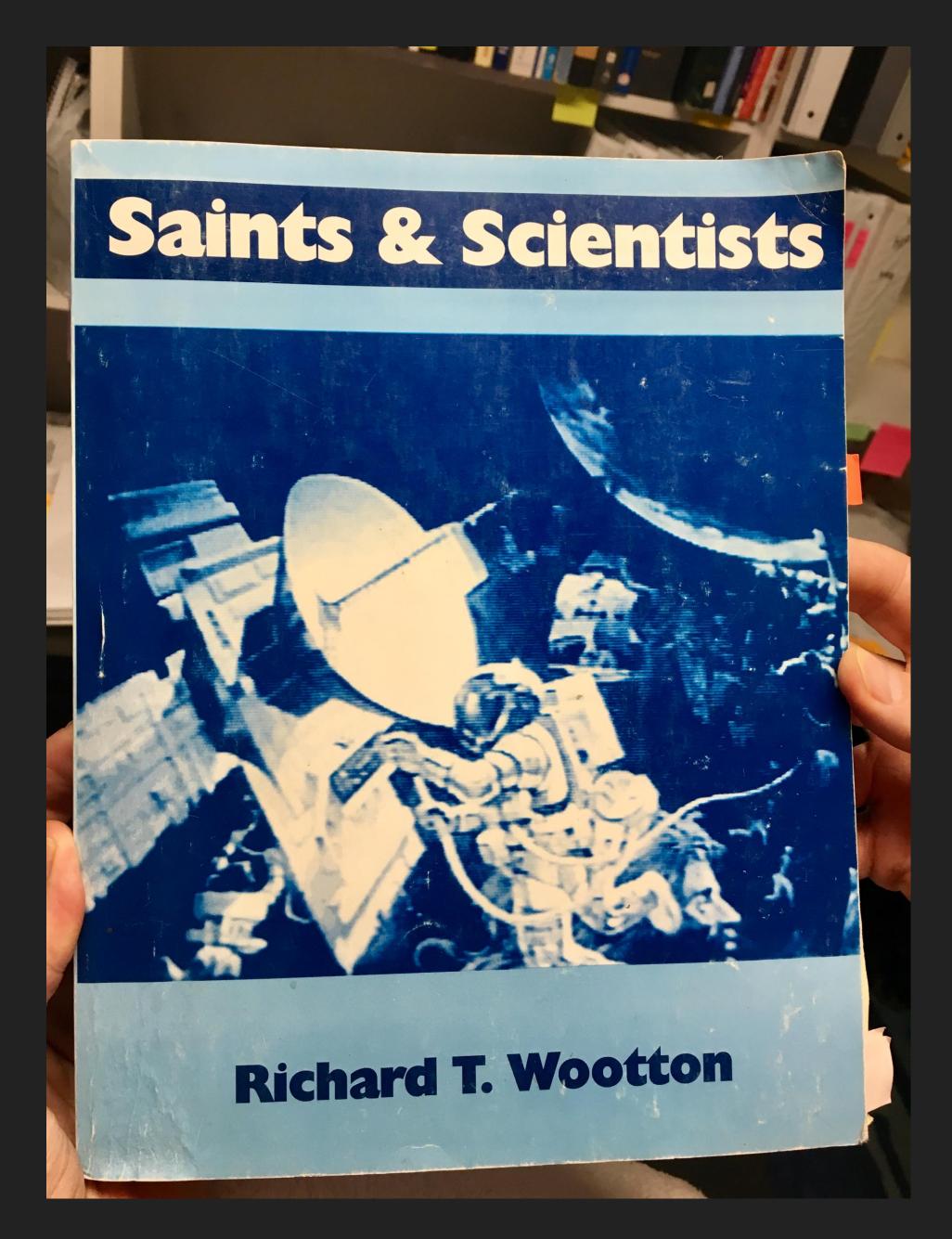












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"HE NOTICED THAT I SAID THAT "MEMBERS CAN CHOOSE." HE ASKED IF TOP LEADERS COULD CHOOSE, AND WHETHER WE COULD CONCEIVABLY GET A LEADER OVER THE CHURCH WHO OPPOSED THE TEACHING OF EVOLUTION. MY ANSWER WAS "POSSIBLY." DR. PRIEST THEN ASKED WHAT I WOULD DO IF THAT LEADERSHIP EXPECTED ME TO HAVE OUR BIOLOGY TEACHER STOP TEACHING ANY EVOLUTION. I REPLIED THAT THIS WAS A HYPOTHETICAL SITUATION, WHICH I DID NOT BELIEVE WOULD OCCUR. BUT DR. PRIEST CONTINUED TO QUESTION WHAT I WOULD DO IF I WERE ASKED TO 'SHUT DOWN' OUR BIOLOGY PROFESSOR ON EVOLUTION. I SAID I WOULD ANSWER HONESTLY, BUT NOT MEANING TO PRESUME ANY SPECIAL COURAGE, BECAUSE I DIDN'T THINK IT WOULD COME UP. "I WOULDN'T DO IT." HE ASKED WHETHER THAT MIGHT NOT COST ME THIS LONG THAT IN THAT CASE, I WOULD WORK ELSEWHERE. THEBYU END OF THE INQUIRY. I NEVER KNEW WHETHER MY A

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by Dan Rascon | Wednesday, October 28th 2015







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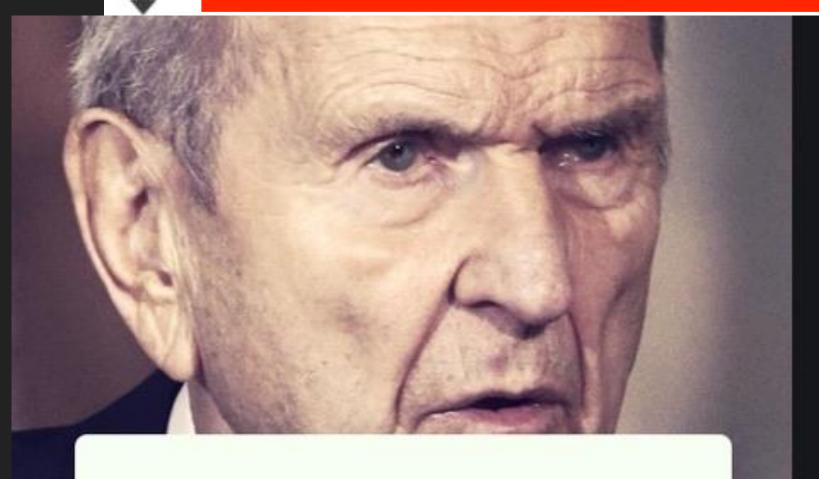
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MAN HAS ALWAYS BEEN
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RUSSELL M. NELSON
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"Evolution by natural selection is the most important scientific discovery of modern times (I am stoically unapologetic about the lack of equivocation in that statement). The evidences for it are staggeringly abundant, detailed, and scientifically undeniable."

STEVEN L. PECK - BYU PROFESSOR OF BIOLOGY 'WHY MORMONS SHOULD EMBRACE EVOLUTION'







In 1989, Wise earned a Ph.D. in paleontology from Harvard University. In addition, he has an M.A. in geology from Harvard University and a B.A. in geology from the University of Chicago. Kurt Wise is director of the Center for Creation Research and Professor of Natural History at Truett McConnell University in Cleveland, Georgia.

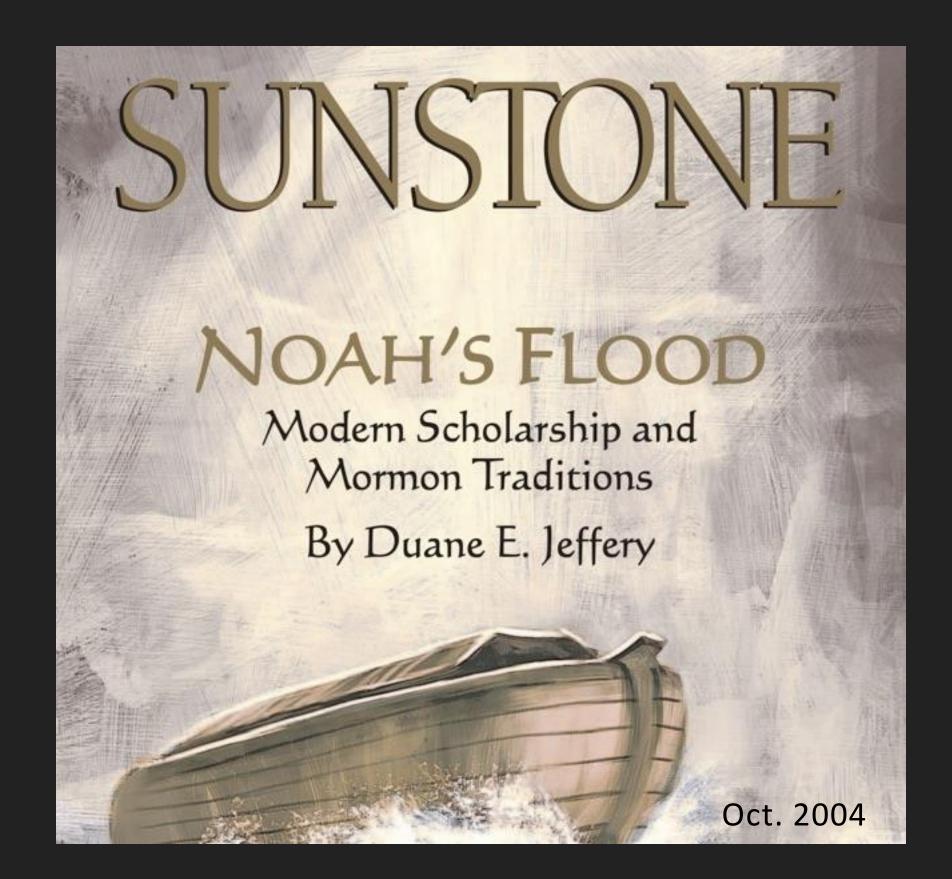


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Seers, Savants and Evolution: The Uncomfortable Interface*

Duane E. Jeffery

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NOAH'S FLOOD: MODERN SCHOLARSHIP AND MORMON TRADITIONS, OCT 2004, SUNSTONE

"THE STORY [OF THE FLOOD] IS IGNORED AS CHILDISH NONSENSE IN MOST OF THE ACADEMIC WORLD, GIVEN NO MORE ATTENTION NOR VALIDITY THAN GRIMI'S FAIRY TALES" P.27





NOAH'S FLOOD: MODERN SCHOLARSHIP AND MORMON

"LATTER-DAY SCRIPTURES DO NOT REALLY CLARIFY THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE NOACHIAN FLOOD COVERED THE ENTIRE EARTH OR IF IT WAS A MORE LOCALIZED EVENT. CLEARLY, THROUGH OUT OUR TRADITION'S HISTORY, WE HAVE TENDED TO READ THE FLOOD AS UNIVERSAL, BUT I BELIEVE THAT IS LESS FROM THE INFLUENCE OF SCRIPTURE ITSELF AND FAR MORE BECAUSE WE HAVE BEEN CULTURALLY PREDISPOSED TO READ IT THAT WAY" (P.35).

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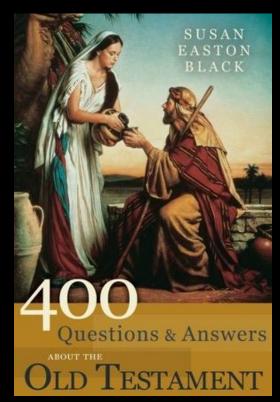
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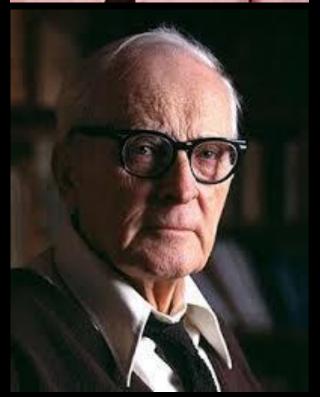
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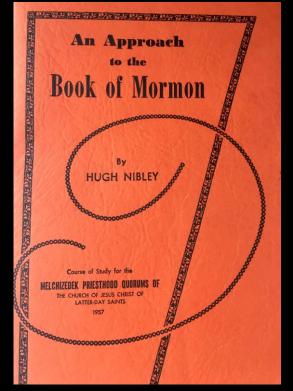
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Savants—a learned person, especially a distinguished scientist.













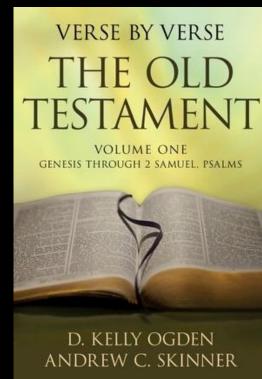
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Joseph B. Romney, a religion teacher at Ricks College, is currently teaching at the BYU Jerusalem Center for Near Eastern Studies

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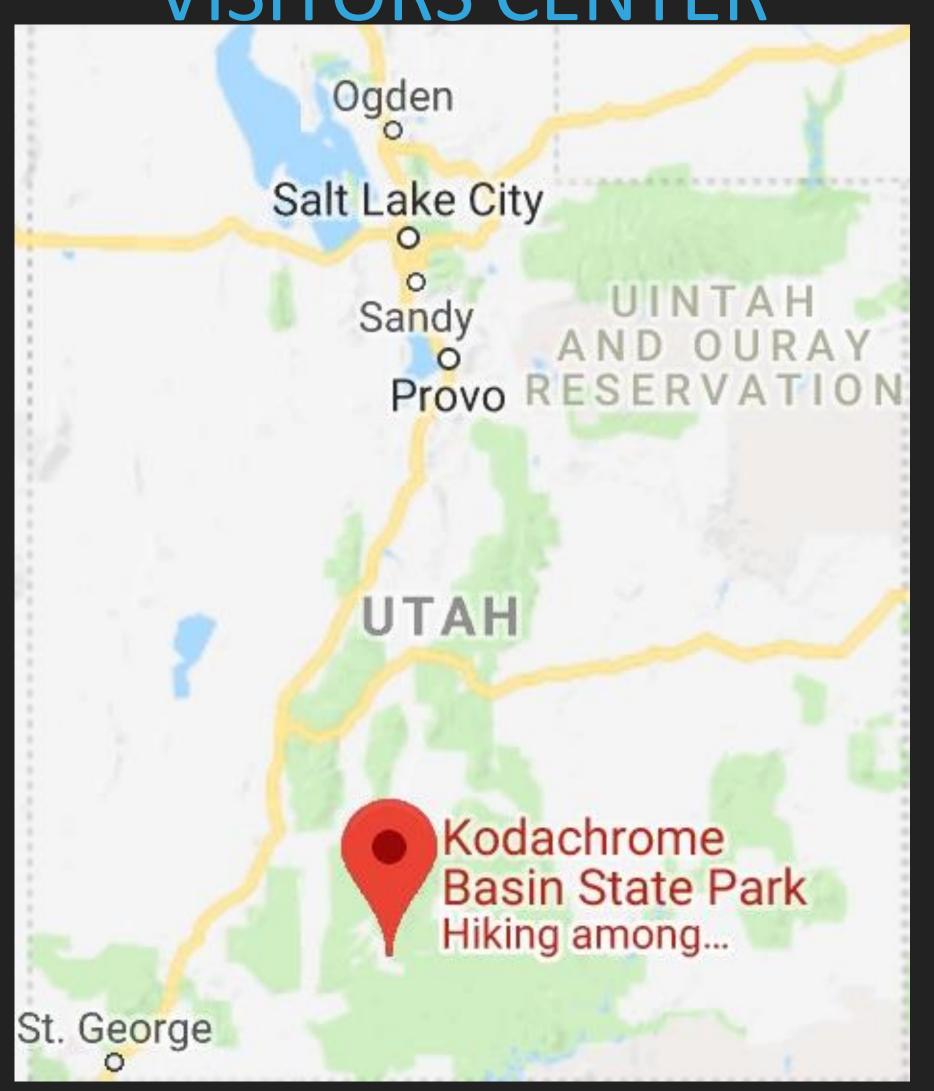


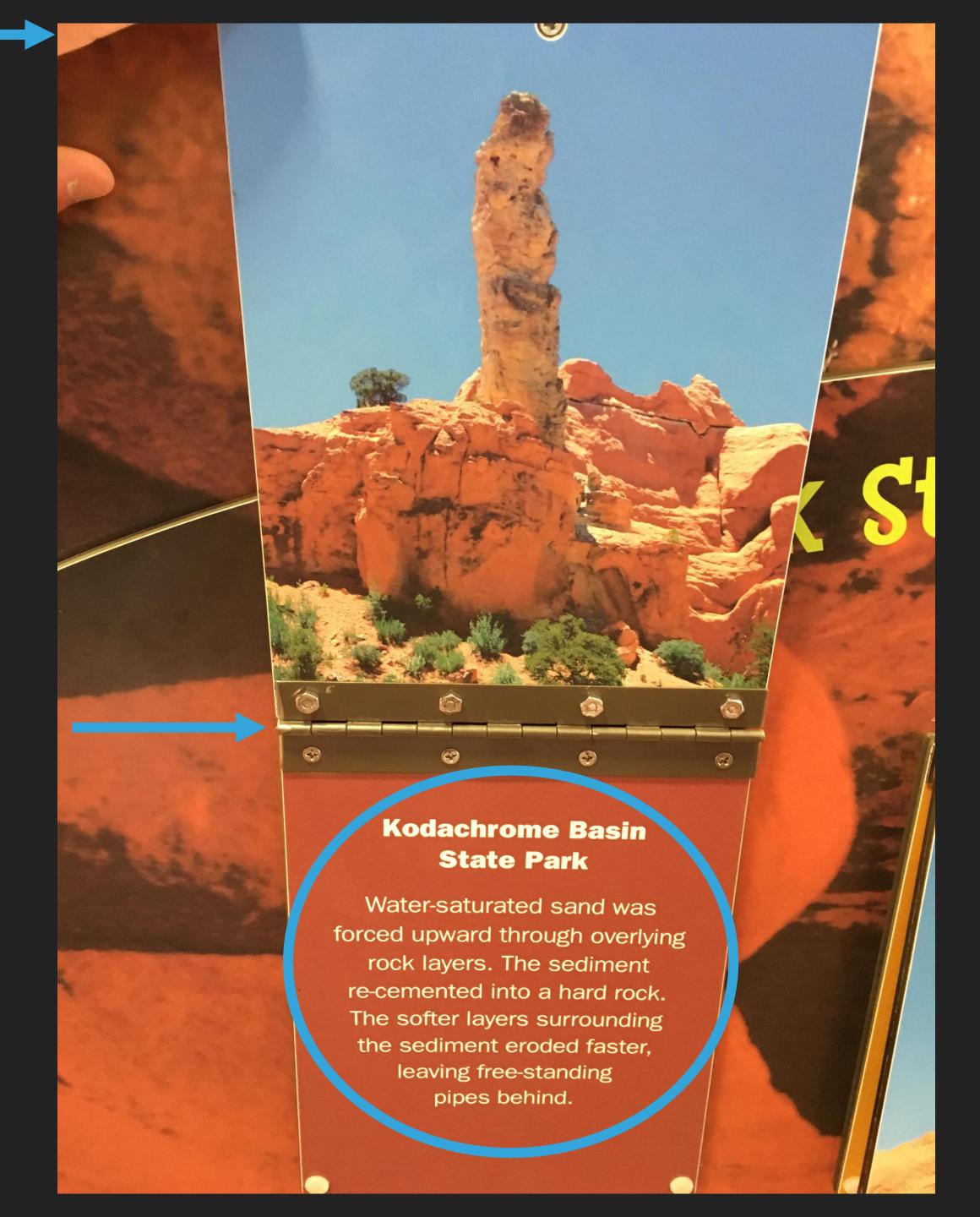
PROVERBS 8

- **27** When he prepared the heavens, I was there: when he set a <u>acompass</u> upon the face of the depth:
- 28 When he established the clouds above: when he strengthened the fountains of the deep:

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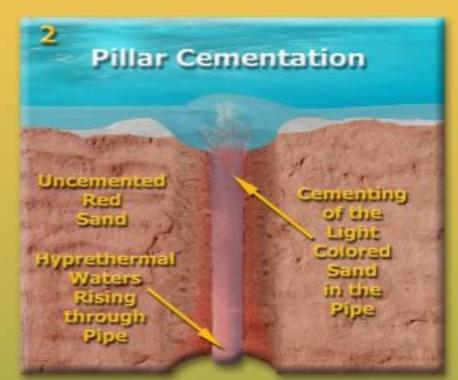
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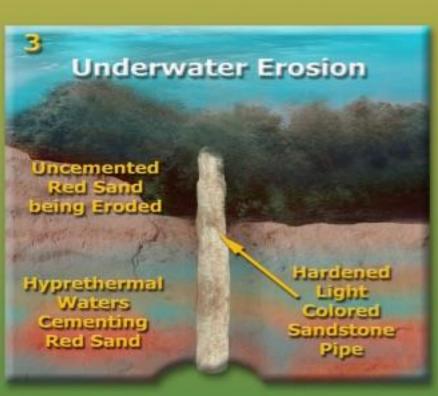
(p. 511)

The UM explains how these rock pillars were solidified.

Rock Pillar Formation













LUKE 17

26 And <u>as it was in the days of ^aNoe</u>, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man.

27 They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, <u>until</u> the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the aflood came, and destroyed them all.

The Prophet Joseph Smith reportedly said: "I told the brethren that the Book of Mormon was the most correct of any book on earth, and the keystone of our religion, and a man would get nearer to God by abiding by its precepts, than by any other book."

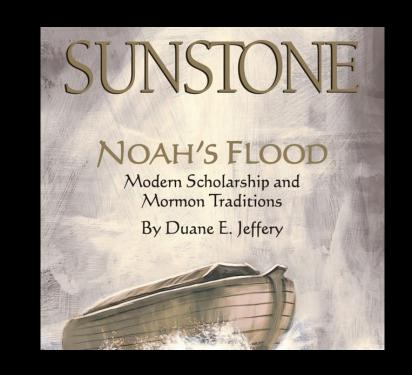
President Ezra Taft Benson The Book of Mormon—The Keystone of Our Religion, Oct. 1986

Perhaps there is nothing that testifies more clearly of the importance of this modern book of scripture than what the Lord Himself has said about it.

By His own mouth He has borne witness (1) that it is true (D&C 17:6), (2) that it contains the truth and His words (D&C 19:26), (3) that it was translated by power from on high (D&C 20:8), (4) that it contains the fulness of the gospel of Jesus Christ (D&C 20:9, D&C 42:12), (5) that it was given by inspiration and confirmed by the ministering of angels (D&C 20:10), (6) that it gives evidence that the holy scriptures are true (D&C 20:11), and (7) that those who receive it in faith shall receive eternal life (D&C 20:14).







"The Book of Mormon refers to the biblical Noah only twice;... Latter-day scriptures do not really clarify the question of whether the Noachian Flood covered the entire earth or if it was a more localized event" (p.35).

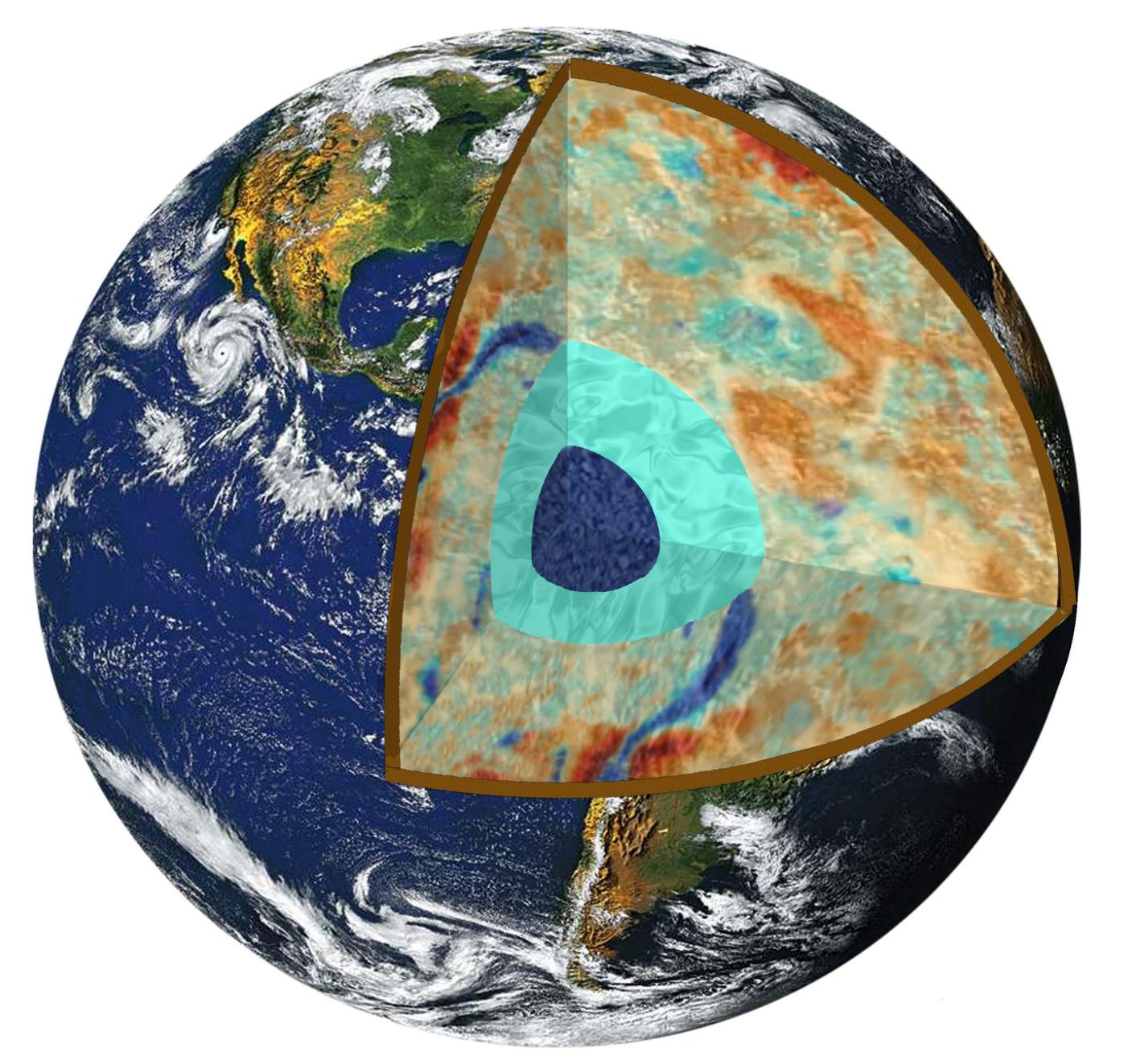


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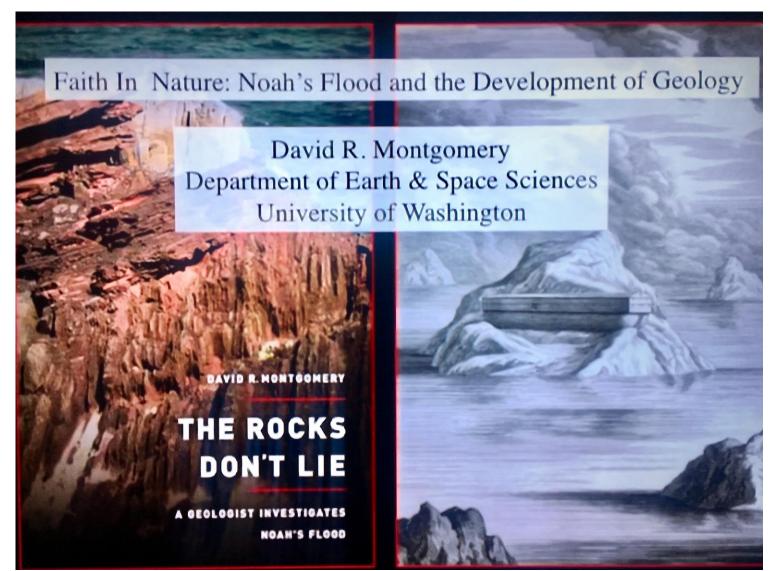
12 And now, ye remember that I asaid unto you: Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of things which are in heaven above, or which are in the earth beneath, or which are in the water under the earth.

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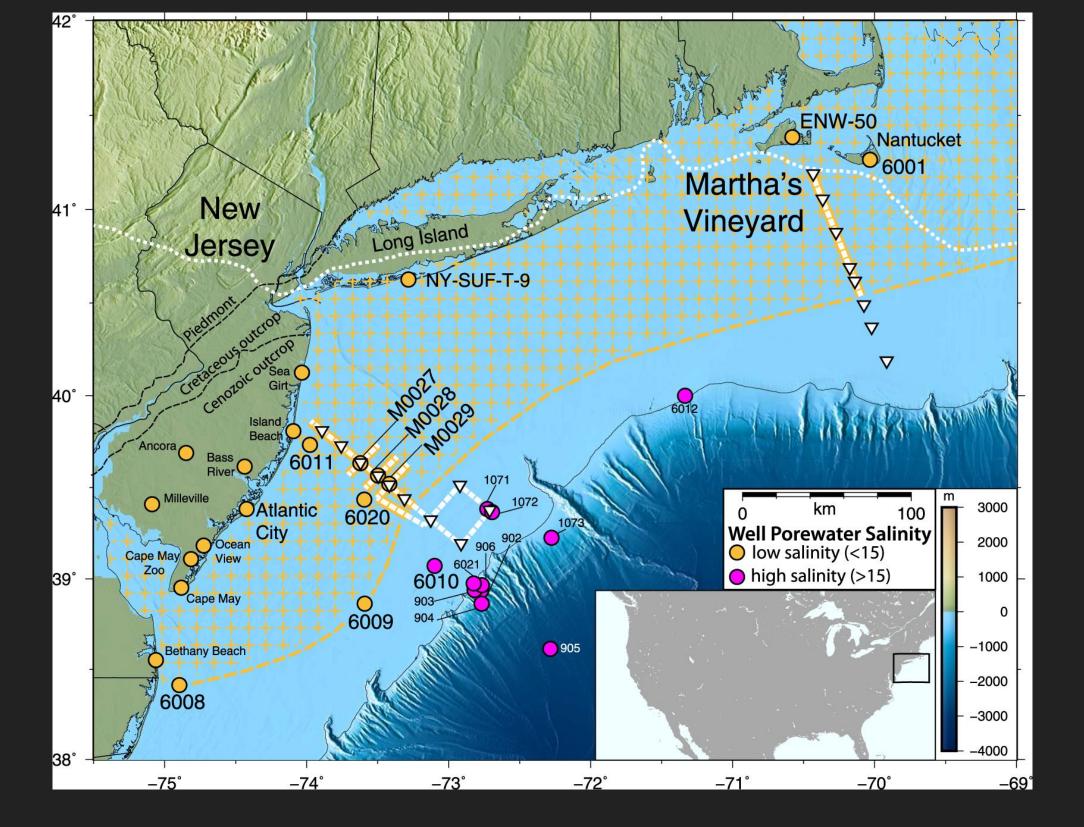




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NOT ENOUGH WATER ON EARTH TO COVER MT. FVFRFST.





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Scientists got the first hints that an aquifer was hanging out under the ocean in the 1970s, when companies drilling off the coast for oil sometimes hit freshwater instead. But it wasn't clear whether these freshwater water deposits were isolated pockets or whether they covered a larger expanse.

https://www.livescience.com/65779-giant-freshwater-aquifer-east-coast.html





ALMA 10

22 Yea, and I say unto you that if it were not for the aprayers of the righteous, who are now in the land, that ye would even now be visited with utter destruction; yet it would not be by belowd, as were the people in the days of ^cNoah, but it would be by famine, and by pestilence, and the desword.



3 NEPHI 22

9 For athis, the <u>bwaters of Noah</u> unto me, for as I have sworn that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth, so have I sworn that I would not be wroth with thee.



Draper, UT, March 23, 2020 — Jennifer L. Burdett

Covenants, By Elder Russell M. Nelson, Oct, 2011



Through the ages, God has made covenants with His children. 5 For example, after the great Flood, He stated that "the bow shall be seen in the cloud: and I will remember my covenant, which I have made between me and you ...; and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh" Genesis 9:14-15, footnote 15b from Joseph Smith Translation, Genesis 9:20



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ETHER 6

7 And it came to pass that when they were buried in the deep there was no water that could hurt them, their vessels being atight like unto a dish, and also they were tight

like unto the bark of Noah;

therefore when they were encompassed about by many waters they did cry unto the Lord, and he did bring them forth again upon the top of the waters.



ETHER 13

2 For behold, they rejected all the words of Ether; for he truly told them of all things, from the beginning of man; and that after the waters had areceded from off the face of this bland it became a choice land above all other lands, a chosen land of the Lord; wherefore the Lord would have that all men should cserve him who dwell upon the face thereof;





MOSES 7

45 And it came to pass that Enoch looked; and from Noah, he beheld all the families of the earth;...

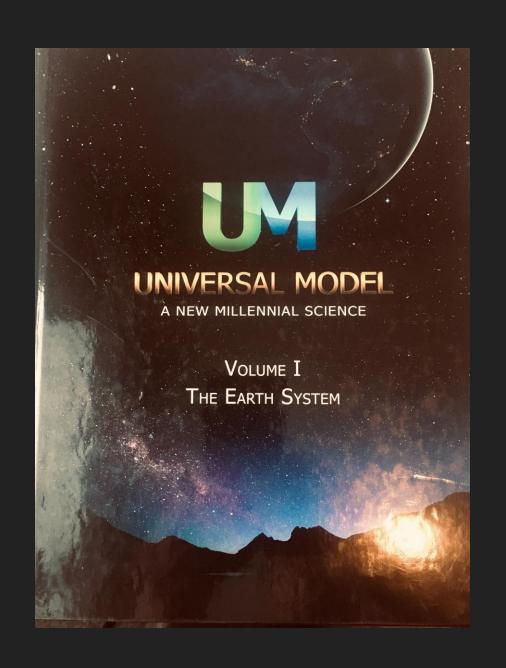
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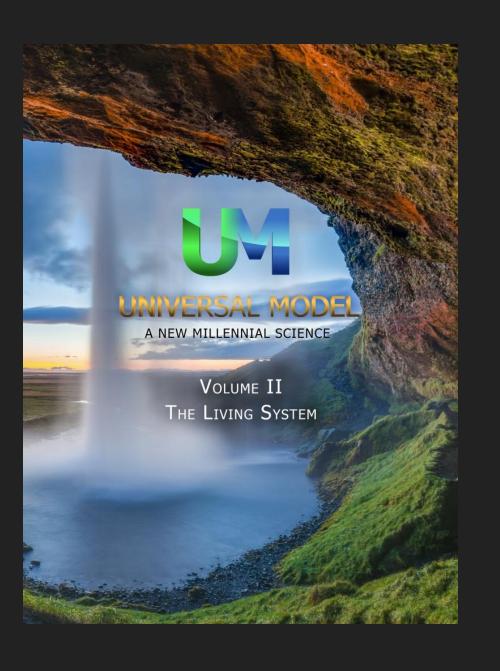
CONSIDER THE BOOK OF MOSES IN THE PEARL OF GREAT PRICE. IT WAS REVELATION FROM GOD TO MOSES IN MOSES' DAY, AND IT WAS REPEATED AS REVELATION FROM GOD TO JOSEPH SMITH IN OUR DAY, IN JUNE 1830. TO REJECT NOAH AND THE FLOOD, THEN WOULD BE A REJECTION OF THE REVEALED WORD OF GOD!

(P.38)

"The scientific and historical evidence is now clear: there has never been a global flood that covered the entire earth..."

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The UM — Science that refutes this philosophy.

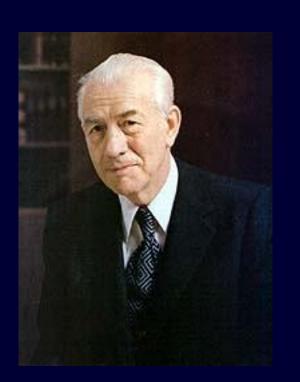
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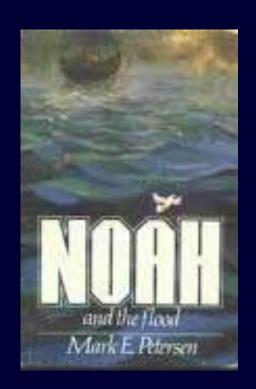
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<u>CANNOT AGREE WITH MISGUIDED CONCLUSIONS THAT DEFY</u>

<u>THE SCRIPTURES AND SEEM TO REFUTE REVELATION</u>.

REVELATION IS REAL! REVELATION IS SURE! (P.92)

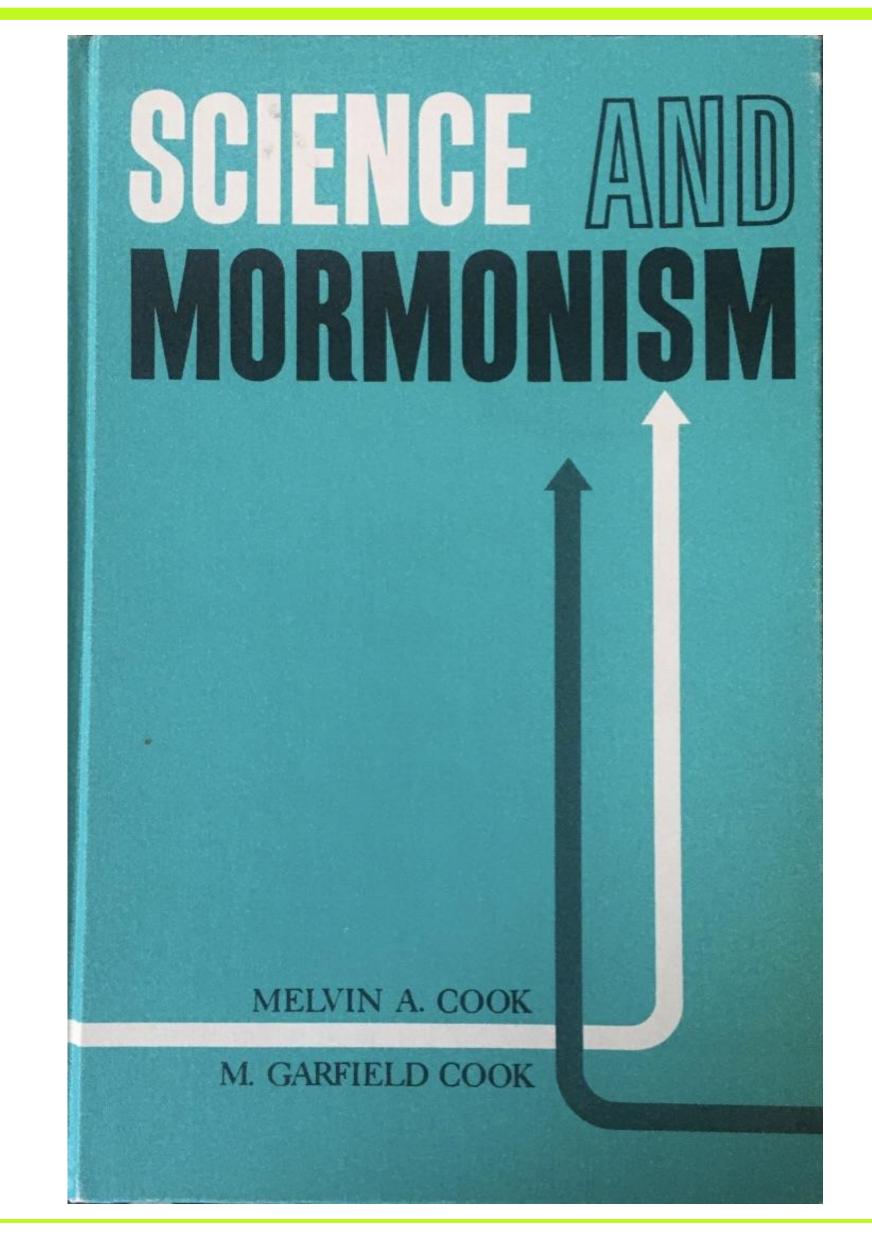




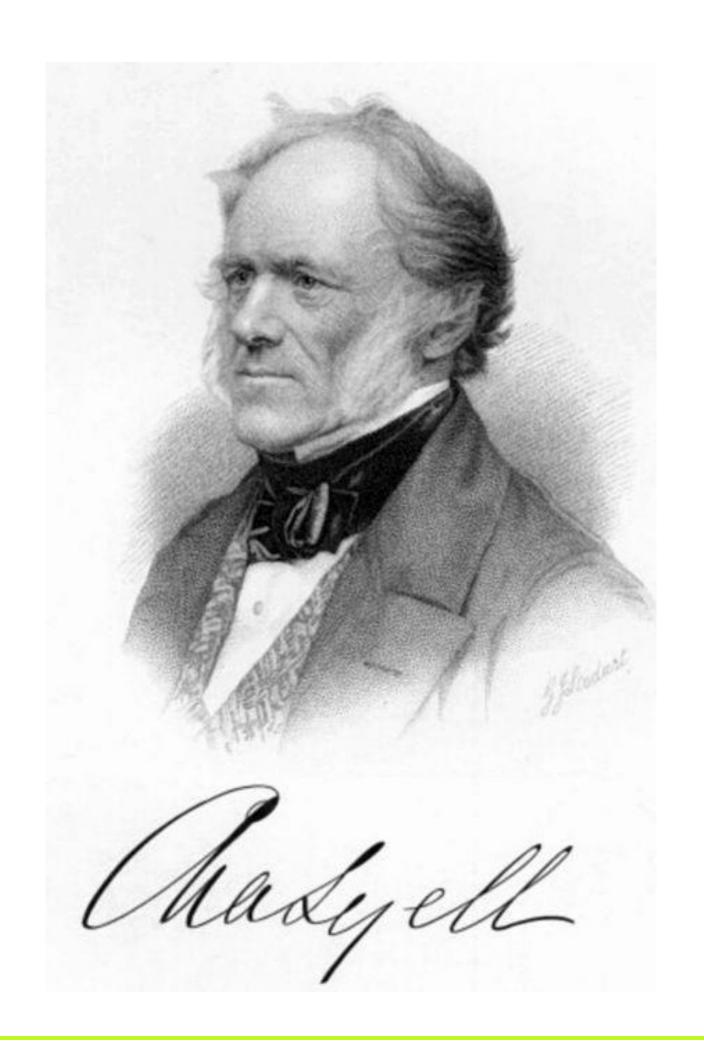
A GLOBAL FLOOD?

COULD SUCH A CATASTROPHIC INUNDATION OCCUR WITHOUT LEAVING TELLTALE EVIDENCE IN MANY PARTS OF THE EARTH? AND, WHY HAS SUCH EVIDENCE NOT BEEN TURNED UP BY GEOLOGISTS?

"Charles Lyell, founder of modern historical geology, close friend of Charles Darwin, was not actually a scientist at all but a lawyer. Lyell authored the Principles of Geology. Lyell was called "the high priest of uniformitarianism" and a "theological skeptic." His primary objective was to destroy belief in the Noachian Deluge and Biblical time as he stated so frequently." p.394



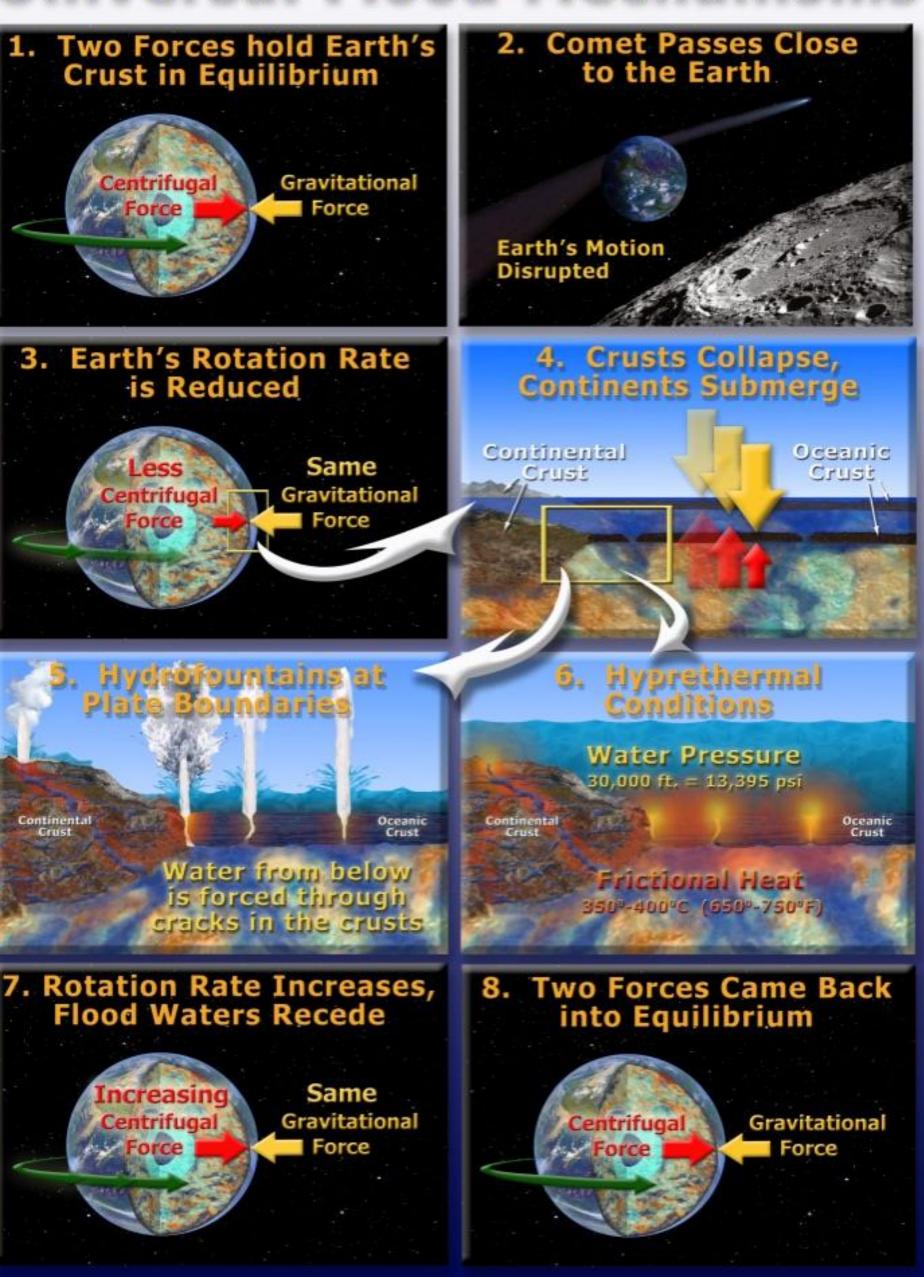
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Lyell saw himself as "the spiritual saviour of geology, freeing the science from the old dispensation of Moses."

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