

The Plan of Salvation

Part 4

The Creation--Review

That by him, and through him, and of him, the worlds are and were created, and the inhabitants thereof are begotten sons and daughters unto God.

Jesus Christ created the heavens and the earth under the direction of the Father



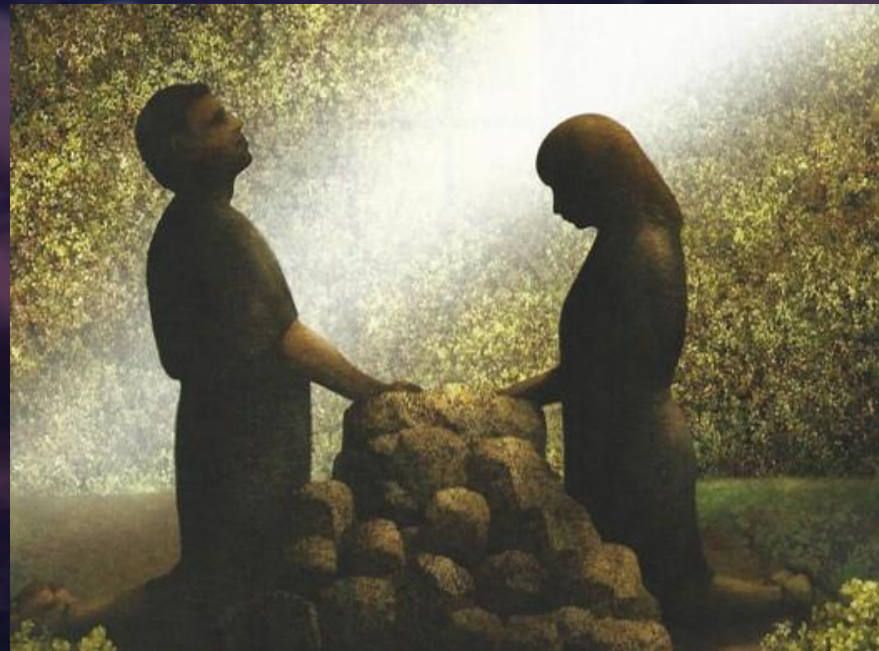
The Creation of the earth was essential to God's plan. It provided a place where we could gain a physical body, be tested and tried, and develop divine attributes.

Adam-Review

And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

Genesis 1:26-27



Adam was the first man created on the earth. God created Adam and Eve in His own image.

All human beings—male and female—are created in the image of God

Scenerio

Mandy is on a field trip with her science class at a natural history museum. As she continues through the museum, she notices some displays about the creation of the earth that seem to contradict what she has been taught in the Church about the Creation, especially regarding human life.



Origin of Man

She begins to wonder: Did God create Adam and Eve as the first humans on this earth, or did human beings evolve from other species?

Hold fast to what you already know and stand strong until additional knowledge comes. ...



Faith

“... Let me be clear on this point: I am not asking you to pretend to faith you do not have. I *am* asking you to be true to the faith you *do* have. ...



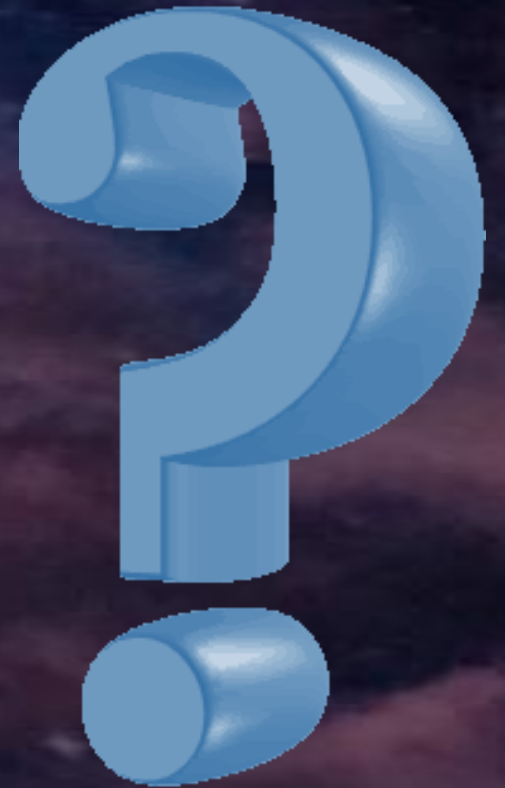
“... So please don't hyperventilate if from time to time issues arise that need to be examined, understood, and resolved. They do and they will.

In this Church, what we know will always trump what we do not know.

And remember, in this world, everyone is to walk by faith.” Jeffrey R. Holland

What do you think might be some worldly premises or assumptions that could influence a person's beliefs about the origin of mankind?

What do you know from your study of the plan of salvation and the scriptures that could help someone with a question or concern about the origin of mankind?



And the first man of all
men have I called Adam,
which is many.

Moses 1:34



“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’, and we are therefore in duty bound to regard him as the primal parent of our race.

Man's Beginning

It was shown to the brother of Jared that all men were created in the *beginning* after the image of God; whether we take this to mean the spirit or the body, or both, it commits us to the same conclusion:



“Man began life as a human being,
in the likeness of our Heavenly
Father”

Sources:

Suggested Hymn: #62 All Creatures of Our God and King

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