

Figure 2-A
Accounts of the Creation From Genesis, Moses, and Abraham

The First day of Creation

Genesis 1

IN the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

4 And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.

5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

Moses 2

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

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

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

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

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

Abraham 4

AND then the Lord said: Let us go down. And they went down at the beginning, and they, that is the Gods, organized and formed the heavens and the earth.

2 And the earth, after it was formed, was empty and desolate, because they had not formed anything but the earth; and darkness reigned upon the face of the deep, and the Spirit of the Gods was brooding upon the face of the waters.

3 And they (the Gods) said: Let there be light; and there was light.

4 And they (the Gods) comprehended the light, for it was bright; and they divided the light, or caused it to be divided, from the darkness.

5 And the Gods called the light Day, and the darkness they called Night. And it came to pass that from the evening until morning they called night; and from the morning until the evening they called day; and this was the first, or the beginning, of that which they called day and night.

Figure 2-C
The Second Day of Creation

Genesis 1

6 ¶ And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.

7 And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so.

8 And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day.

Moses 2

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

7 And I, God, made the firmament and divided the waters, yea, the great waters under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament, and it was so even as I spake.

8 And I, God, called the firmament Heaven; and the evening and the morning were the second day.

Abraham 4

6 And the Gods also said: Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and it shall divide the waters from the waters.

7 And the Gods ordered the expanse, so that it divided the waters which were under the expanse from the waters which were above the expanse; and it was so, even as they ordered.

8 And the Gods called the expanse, Heaven. And it came to pass that it was from evening until morning that they called night; and it came to pass that it was from morning until evening that they called day; and this was the second time that they called night and day.

Figure 2-B
Reflections on the First Day of Creation

Genesis 1

Moses 2

Abraham 4

1. A terse account.
2. "Without form and void" . . . should be read, empty and desolate." (*Teachings*, p. 181.)
3. God identified in the third person singular.
4. Light is provided, probably not from our own sun.
5. Day and night are divided.
6. The day is identified as starting in the evening and ending in the morning. Jewish customs reflect this belief even today. Their Sabbath begins at sundown.

1. Things were created by "mine Only Begotten."
2. "I, God," is spoken in first person. More authoritative.
3. God caused darkness to come upon the face of the deep.
4. Account reflects Joseph's revision of Genesis. Much of the wording, however, is the same as in the Genesis account.
5. Light is provided before the sun and the moon are created.
6. Day and night are divided.

1. Abraham wrote his account in view of the *plans* that were made in the grand council of the Gods.
2. Gods are identified in the third person plural.
3. Light is provided.
4. Day and night are divided.
5. Beginning of the first time that they called day and night.

Figure 2-D
Reflections on The Second day

Genesis 2

Moses 2

Abraham 4

1. The waters are separated, those above from those beneath.
2. The firmament appears to be the atmosphere, the skies, or the heavens.
3. The heavens are prepared so that rain may fall later.

1. Few changes made by Joseph Smith regarding the second day's activities.
2. God continues to speak in first person.
3. The waters are separated, those above from those beneath.

1. Abraham's account uses the term *expanse* in place of *firmament*.
2. Events are completed as ordered on this day.
3. The waters are separated, those above from those beneath.

Figure 2-E
The Third Day of Creation

Genesis 1

9 ¶ And God said, Let the "waters under the heaven be gathered together unto "one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so.

10 And God called the dry land "Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that *it* was good.

11 And God said, Let the earth bring forth "grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.

12 And the earth "brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his "kind: and God saw that *it* was good.

13 And the evening and the morn- ing were the third day.

Moses 2

9 And I, God, said: Let the "waters under the heaven be gathered to- gether unto "one place, and it was so; and I, God, said: Let there be dry land; and it was so.

10 And I, God, called the dry land "Earth; and the gathering together of the waters, called I the Sea; and I, God, saw that all things which I had made were good.

11 And I, God, said: Let the earth bring forth "grass, the herb yielding seed, the fruit tree yielding fruit, after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed should be in itself upon the earth, and it was so even as I spake.

12 And the earth brought forth grass, every herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed should be in itself, after his "kind; and I, God, saw that all things which I had made were good;

13 And the evening and the morn- ing were the third day.

Abraham 4

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

10 And the Gods pronounced the dry land, Earth; and the gathering together of the waters, pronounced they, "Great Waters; and the Gods saw that they were obeyed.

11 And the Gods said: Let us pre- pare the earth to bring forth "grass; the herb yielding seed; the fruit tree yielding fruit, after his kind, whose seed in itself yieldeth its own like- ness upon the earth; and it was so, even as they ordered.

12 And the Gods organized the "earth to bring forth grass from its own seed, and the herb to bring forth herb from its own seed, yield- ing seed after his kind; and the earth to bring forth the tree from its own seed, yielding fruit, whose seed could only bring forth the same in itself, after his kind; and the Gods saw that they were obeyed.

13 And it came to pass that they numbered the days; from the even- ing until the morning they called night; and it came to pass, from the morning until the evening they called day; and it was the third time.

Figure 2-G
The Fourth Day of Creation

Genesis 1

14 ¶ And God said, Let there be "lights in the firmament of the hea- ven; and let them be for "signs, and for "seasons, and for days, and years:

15 And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so.

16 And God made two great lights; the "greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the "stars also.

17 And God set them in the "firma- ment of the heaven to give light up- on the earth,

18 And to rule over the "day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that *it* was good.

19 And the evening and the morn- ing were the fourth day.

Moses 2

14 And I, God, said: Let there be "lights in the firmament of the hea- ven, to divide the day from the night, and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and for years;

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

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

17 And I, God, set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth,

18 And the "sun to rule over the day, and the moon to rule over the night, and to divide the light from the "darkness; and I, God, saw that all things which I had made were good;

19 And the evening and the morn- ing were the fourth day.

Abraham 4

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

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

16 And the Gods organized the two great lights, the "greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night; with the lesser light they set the stars also;

17 And the Gods set them in the expanse of the heavens, to give light upon the earth, and to rule over the day and over the night, and to cause to divide the light from the "dark- ness.

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

19 And it came to pass that it was from evening until morning that it was night; and it came to pass that it was from morning until evening that it was day; and it was the fourth time.

Figure 2-F
Reflections on the Third Day of Creation

Genesis 1

1. The land emerges from the water and becomes dry.
2. The land mass was probably in one piece, not fragmented as continents and islands are now. (See D&C 133:23-24).
3. God commands the earth to bring forth the vegetation.

Moses 2

1. God is still speaking in first person.
2. The land is separated from water, as in the Genesis account.
3. Plant life is brought forth.

Abraham 4

1. Land and water are separated, as in Genesis and Moses accounts.
2. Different point of view is introduced in this account. Here the earth is *prepared* to bring forth plant life but vegetation is not placed on the earth.
3. The earth was organized to *bring forth* vegetation.

Figure 2-H
Reflections on the Fourth Day of Creation

Genesis 1

1. Two great lights are made, the sun and the moon, and also the stars.
2. This is after the events of the first day when "light" was created.
3. These heavenly bodies are to be for signs, seasons, days, and years.

Moses 2

1. No significant changes on this day from the Genesis account.
2. God speaks in first person.
3. Some greater detail. The greater light is identified as the sun and the lesser light as the moon. Things were made according to God's word.

Abraham 4

1. The gods organize the lights in the "expanse" of the heavens.
2. The sun, moon, and stars may have been organized away from where the earth was first organized.
3. The earth at this point in the Lord's time was yet near Kolob, not yet receiving its light from our present sun and moon (see Abraham 5:13).

Figure 2-1
The Fifth Day of Creation

Genesis 1

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

21 And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind; and God saw that it was good.

22 And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth.

23 And the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

Moses 2

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

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

22 And I, God, blessed them, saying: Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the sea; and let fowl multiply in the earth;

23 And the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

Abraham 4

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

21 And the Gods prepared the waters that they might bring forth great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters were to bring forth abundantly after their kind; and every winged fowl after their kind. And the Gods saw that they would be obeyed, and that their plan was good.

22 And the Gods said: We will bless them, and cause them to be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas or great waters; and cause the fowl to multiply in the earth.

23 And it came to pass that it was from evening until morning that they called night; and it came to pass that it was from morning until evening that they called day; and it was the fifth time.

Figure 2-K
The Sixth Day of Creation

Genesis 1

24 ¶ And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so.

25 And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

26 ¶ 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.

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

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

29 ¶ And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.

30 And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so.

31 And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

Moses 2

24 And I, God, said: Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping things, and beasts of the earth after their kind, and it was so;

25 And I, God, made the beasts of the earth after their kind, and cattle after their kind, and everything which creepeth upon the earth after his kind; and I, God, saw that all these things were good.

26 And I, God, said unto mine Only Begotten, which was with me from the beginning: Let us make man in our image, after our likeness; and it was so. And I, God, said: Let them have dominion over the fishes of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

27 And I, God, created man in mine own image, in the image of mine Only Begotten created I him; male and female created I them.

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

29 And I, God, said unto man: Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree in the which shall be the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.

30 And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to everything that creepeth upon the earth, wherein I grant life, there shall be given every clean herb for meat; and it was so, even as I spake.

31 And I, God, saw everything that I had made, and, behold, all things which I had made were very good; and the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

Abraham 4

24 And the Gods prepared the earth to bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle and creeping things, and beasts of the earth after their kind; and it was so, as they had said.

25 And the Gods organized the earth to bring forth the beasts after their kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after its kind; and the Gods saw they would obey.

26 And the Gods took counsel among themselves and said: Let us go down and form man in our image, after our likeness; and we will give them 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.

27 So the Gods went down to organize man in their own image, in the image of the Gods to form they him, male and female to form they them.

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

29 And the Gods said: Behold, we will give them every herb bearing seed that shall come upon the face of all the earth, and every tree which shall have fruit upon it; yea, the fruit of the tree yielding seed to them we will give it; it shall be for their meat.

30 And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, behold, we will give them life, and also we will give to them every green herb for meat, and all these things shall be thus organized.

31 And the Gods said: We will do everything that we have said, and organize them; and behold, they shall be very obedient. And it came to pass that it was from evening until morning they called night; and it came to pass that it was from morning until evening that they called day; and they numbered the sixth time.

Figure 2-J
Reflections on the Fifth Day of Creation

Genesis 1

1. God commands the waters to bring forth life.
2. The fowls are created to fly in the firmament, or skies.
3. All life is commanded to multiply after its own kind.

Moses 2

1. God is still speaking in first person.
2. God creates the fish of the sea and the great whales.
3. Winged fowl are created.
4. All fish and winged fowl are commanded to multiply after their kind.

Abraham 4

1. The gods *prepare* the waters for life.
2. They also *prepare* for every winged fowl.
3. The gods state they will bless the fish of the sea and the winged fowls to multiply (future tense.)

Figure 2-L
Reflections on the Sixth Day of Creation

Genesis 1

1. God made the beasts, cattle, and creeping things.
2. God creates man and woman.
3. Man and woman to have dominion over all other life.
4. They are commanded to multiply.
5. They were given every herb bearing seed and the fruit of trees to be used for meat.
6. Herbs are given as meat for the beasts.
7. Things were pronounced "very Good" before the Fall.

Moses 2

1. God creates the beasts, cattle, and creeping things.
2. Man and woman are created.
3. They are commanded to multiply, subdue the earth, and have dominion over the animals.
4. They are given plant and tree seeds. Fruits and herbs are to be used for meat.
6. All things pronounced "very good" before the Fall.

Abraham 4

1. The gods *prepare* the earth to bring forth the living creatures, cattle, creeping things, and the beasts.
2. The gods take counsel to go down to form man (future time).
3. The gods go down to *organize* man in their own image.
4. Male and female go down to form man and woman. (Note verse 27.)
5. The gods *will bless* them.
6. The gods *will give* them seeds of edible plant life.
7. The animals *will be given* life.
8. The gods say they *will do everything* as they had planned.

Figure 2-M
The Seventh Day of Creation

Genesis 2

THUS the heavens and the 'earth were finished, and all the 'host of them.

2 And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had 'made; and he 'rested on the seventh day from all his 'work which he had made.

3 And God blessed the 'seventh day, and 'sanctified it: because that in it he had 'rested from all his work which God 'created and made.

Moses 3

THUS the 'heaven and the earth were finished, and all the 'host of them.

2 And on the seventh day I, God, ended my work, and all things which I had made; and I 'rested on the 'seventh day from all my work, and all things which I had made were finished, and I, God, saw that they were good;

3 And I, God, 'blessed the seventh day, and 'sanctified it; because that in it I had rested from all my 'work which I, God, had created and made.

Abraham 5

AND thus we will finish the heavens and the earth, and all the 'hosts of them.

2 And the Gods said among themselves: On the seventh time we will end our work, which we have counseled; and we will 'rest on the 'seventh time from all our work which we have counseled.

3 And the Gods concluded upon the seventh time, because that on the seventh time they would 'rest from all their 'works which they (the Gods) counseled among themselves to form; and 'sanctified it. And thus were their decisions at the time that they counseled among themselves to form the heavens and the earth.

Figure 2-O
The Recapitulation Statements

Genesis 2

4 ¶ These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were 'created, in the day that the 'LORD God made the earth and the heavens,

5 And every 'plant of the field 'before it was in the 'earth, and every herb of the field before it grew; for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was not a 'man to till the 'ground.

6 But there went up a 'mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground.

7 And the LORD God 'formed 'man of the 'dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the 'breath of life; and 'man became a living 'soul.

Moses 3

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

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

6 But I, the Lord God, spake, and there went up a 'mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground.

7 And I, the Lord God, formed man from the 'dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the 'breath of life; and 'man became a living 'soul, the 'first flesh upon the earth, the first man also; nevertheless, all things were before created; but spiritually were they created and made according to my word.

Abraham 5

4 And the Gods came down and formed these the generations of the heavens and of the earth, when they were formed in the day that the 'Gods formed the earth and the heavens,

5 According to all that which they had said concerning every plant of the field before it was in the 'earth, and every herb of the field before it grew; for the Gods had not caused it to rain upon the earth when they counseled to do them, and had not formed a man to till the ground.

6 But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground.

7 And the 'Gods formed man from the 'dust of the ground, and took his 'spirit (that is, the man's spirit), and put it into him; and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living 'soul.

Figure 2-N
Reflections on the Seventh Day of Creation

Genesis 2

Moses 3

Abraham 5

1. God *ended* his work on the seventh day.
2. He rested from all his work.
3. God blessed and sanctified the seventh day.

1. God *ended* his work on the seventh day.
2. He *rested* from all his work.
3. He blessed and sanctified the seventh day.

1. The gods *will end*, or complete, all their work on the seventh day--all that they *had counseled* to do.
2. They will *also* rest from all their work.
3. These were their *decisions* in the premortal councils.

Figure 2-P
Reflections on the Recapitulation Statements

Genesis 2

Moses 3

Abraham 5

1. The statement "and every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew" is not connected in this account. Its meaning is unclear.
2. All things were prepared, but no man is on the earth.
3. Man is formed of the dust of the earth.

1. All things were prepared; man not yet on the earth.
2. Verse 5 appears to be in interpolation. This verse is inserted here to explain that although the earth was prepared for life, there was none yet placed on it. Reference is made to the fact that all things to be placed on the earth had a spirit body creation in the premortal existence. We have no day-by-day account of this creation, only this statement that it happened. Jesus, not Adam, was the firstborn of the spirit children of God.
3. A *mist* from the earth waters the whole face of the ground for the first time.
4. Man is placed on the earth. He is the *first flesh* and the first man.
5. The animals come after Adam is placed on the earth.
6. Life is placed on the earth on the *seventh day*.
7. The seventh day is, therefore, *blessed* and *sanctified* because God had rested from all his work.
8. The "rest" of the Lord is defined as a "fulness of his glory" (D&C 84:24).

1. The gods do as they had said they *would do*.
2. No rain, no man.
3. A mist waters the ground.
4. The gods finally form man and give him life.
5. "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" (D&C 77:12).