

In the beginning God created the Heaven and the Earth. 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 and God said, "Let there be light;" and there was light. And God saw the light that it was good.

And God divided the light from the darkness. And God called the light day and the darkness he called night. And the evening and the morning were the first day. And God said: "Let there be a firmament in the face of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.

- After the creation of many other wonderful things, God created man in his own image--in the image of God created he them, male and female created he them. And as God created the firmament in those first days of his creation that divided the waters from the waters, the night from the day, and after gathering together the seas, called forth the land, so has fallen since man's first inheritance upon this earth, a job for father comparable in all earthly respects to that which our own Heavenly Father has fulfilled in the past. God had now finished his job for the most part. To be sure, he had made a great creation, and now having given to man materials, tools, and an insight to work, had also given him his most precious gift; his free agency. With this free agency, man became like unto his father in Heaven, literally--a creator. Not driven by dictative forces, as Satan, the leader of one-third the hosts of heaven would have had him, he had the power to do, to make, to build, to create with his own hands that which his heart most desired.







To that I wish to pay my deepest tributes. For thousands of years since the time of the first father, Adam, Man has had his free agency and the power to create. In all that time fathers and mothers as the Lord commanded have been fruitful multiplied and replenished the earth. As was the privilege given them by the father and mother of our spiritual bodies and as our father in Heaven created the world for our Fathers and mothers to habitate, so has our earthly father created homes for his children, and has by his own free agency provided the necessities of life for his children. To me, has fallen the privilege of paying a tribute to our fathers.

But to you can never be paid a tribute so deep as the tribute you already silently, yet obviously, have paid to us.

For you have given us earthly bodies endowed with physical, mental, and spiritual possibilities, which life under the Gospel's great plan has provided. We must then say that you as fathers have paid us the greatest tribute possible. May we then, as future fathers pay you a tribute that only results from living lives which will reflect the tribute you have already paid to us.