

Creation, my belief and understanding  
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Where should I start? At the beginning. What is the beginning? For me that is my birth. I was born in 1969 in Johannesburg South Africa to two very young parents. My mother had just turned 18 and my father was 19, almost 20. Why should this be the beginning on an article about my understanding of creation? It is because my life view starts with the ideas that I was taught as child, both directly and indirectly.

My mother tells that at my birth she was laughing at another woman in labour. The doctor was not impressed and said to her this is not a laughing matter. It is a serious matter. My mother was always a bit rebellious and followed her own path in life. So perhaps one of the first sounds I hear was my mother's laughter.

Birth and motherhood have become a more compelling to me since I have become a grandmother and witnessed the birth of my granddaughter. This experience inspired me to do a doula course. It was an intense 6 months of training and 36 hours of practical training at government MOU (midwives' obstetric units). This was a wonderful experience for me and I devoured all the information I was given.

Birth is a beginning of life outside the womb, but life begins in the womb. It the culmination of 9 months of development in the womb as the mother's body and the child's body work together to create a new life. Birth is a death of the union between mother and child's body. The mother continues to care for her child and her body still produces the amazing mother's milk that sustains her child exclusively for another six months but the symbiotic relationship of pregnancy has ended in the miraculous birth, where bodies of mothers and child work together to achieve the birth.

I think the creation story we have in the old Testament is the story of the birth, but the genesis version does not give us the story of the pregnancy, life in the womb and before. It is only a small part of a much bigger picture. The creation story is the story from the point of view of this earth.

Our bodies and our world are constantly creating. Creation is going on all around us. What is creation? This law of conservation of mass comes to mind:

Matter can change form through physical and chemical changes, but through any of these changes, matter is conserved. The same amount of matter exists before and after the change—none is created or destroyed. This concept is called the Law of Conservation of Mass. 1

So one definition of creation is changing matter from one state to another. As a woman's body does when a child develops within her.

The next stage of life the child begins to experience and interact with the physical world and develops awareness of many different things. The development of a child in the first 3 years is amazing and rapid. Children learn from their parents, their environment and from the culture of the society that surrounds them. These variables help construct one's world view and beliefs, but I believe there is more than this, some inherent part of you that comes with you, a unique personality that is not dependent on any of these things and eternal part of you that is constant.

To illustrate this point, I would like to tell of an experience I had as a young mother. My oldest daughter was about 2 years old. I taught her to pray as soon as she could understand and talk since I believe in God and that prayer is essential to the relationship with God. Samantha learned to talk very early. One night after she prayed, she began to cry. I asked her why she was crying. She said "because I miss my Heavenly Father so much".

This was an amazing revelation to me and a confirmation to me of one of my core beliefs that I have obtained through my religion and personal revelation (which I will try and explain). The principle is that the spirit existed before birth. The spirit is an immortal being that has always existed in some form and will always exist in some form. This can be described as intelligence, consciousness, personality. It is the part of us that is truly unique and the core of who we are determines how we will react to our environment, parents and society. Below are some verses from my religion and support this view

#### [Abraham 3:22](#)

Pearl of Great Price

22 Now the Lord had shown unto me, Abraham, the [intelligences](#) that were organized before the world was; and among all these there were many of the [noble](#) and great ones;

29 Man was also in the [beginning](#) with God. [Intelligence](#), or the [light](#) of [truth](#), was not [created](#) or made, neither indeed can be.

DC93:29

This brings me to my next point: The existence of God and revelation.

Many have theorized, wondered and disputed the existence of god. My belief is that God reveals himself to those he chooses to. He has done this many times in the past and is recorded in the scriptures of mankind. The Christian bible is a record of God's dealings with some of his children. God reveals to mankind truths and ideas that he wants us to know. God communicates with his children and sometimes has them record these communications. God communicated with Abraham and Moses and this is recorded in the bible.

Communication with God is one of the fundamental principles that I believe in.

My faith in God began when, as a 14-year-old, I was questioning in my mind if God existed. I remember the day of my revelation as though it was yesterday. I was sitting in what we called the quad at school. It was a pleasant peaceful place with lots of plants. It was a warm, sunny day. I was

with my friend, we were discussing the existence of God. I was about to tell her that I was not sure God existed and as I was about speak, I felt a knowledge pour through me that God existed and that I existed and always have and always will. I felt Gods presence and also knew at that moment that my state of existence, whether happy or sad depended on the relationship and respect I gave to God. This was a moment of pure knowledge for me. A moment that I cannot forget or deny. It is the tenant that I have built my life and faith on. It cannot be proved scientifically or any other way, but it is my reality and my anchor. A moment that defined my life, faith and belief.

Even after this even I have many questions and over the years I have found some answer, but still have questions.

God created the earth though his son Jesus Christ, Jehovah. Jehovah acted under the direction of Elohim- The father. The scripture bellow seems to haunt me as I so often read it. It did not seem to sink in to my understanding for a long time:

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2 The same was in the beginning with God.

3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

[John 1:1-5](#)

God, (Jehovah under the direction of Elohim) took matter and formed it into the earth. light and dark. Waters separated. Then plants were placed on the earth. Animals came next and last of all man was formed

I have been taught the creation story as is in the Old Testament since I was a child. I have read it many times and read many ideas about it. Is the how of creating important. Is the order of creation important? Why the creation of the earth?

One of the theories I have about creation is that the creation story from the bible describes some kind of Terraforming experiment. Where God is not doing something new but following a pattern that He has been given. Terraforming, (Terraforming or terraformation (literally, "Earth-shaping") of a planet, moon, or other body is the hypothetical process of deliberately modifying its atmosphere, temperature, surface topography or ecology to be similar to the environment of Earth to make it habitable by Earth-like life.) from Wikipedia

This brings me to another point that I believe. God is a Higher intelligence than man. God lives away from the earth on a planet near a star called Kolob. This comes from a book that is part of the Church of Jesus Christ of latter-day saints canon of scripture. I have quoted from this book below

And I saw the stars, that they were very great, and that one of them was nearest unto the throne of God; and there were many great ones which were near unto it;

3 And the Lord said unto me: These are the governing ones; and the name of the great one is Kolob, because it is near unto me, for I am the Lord thy God: I have set this one to govern all those which belong to the same order as that upon which thou standest.

4 And the Lord said unto me, by the Urim and Thummim, that Kolob was after the manner of the Lord, according to its times and seasons in the revolutions thereof; that one revolution was a day unto the Lord, after his manner of reckoning, it being one thousand years according to the time appointed unto that whereon thou standest. This is the reckoning of the Lord's time, according to the reckoning of Kolob

#### [Abraham 3:2-4](#)

#### Pearl of Great Price

In my belief system the story of this world begins before the creation of this world in a place we call the pre-existence. This is a time a place before birth where our spirits lived with God. Gaining knowledge and light. A plan was presented to us about how we could progress. We chose to follow this plan and come to earth and receive a body which is a vehicle we need to help us to progress and become more like God. He has a body and wanted us to have bodies too.

Jesus, Jehovah, under the direction of God the father, Elohim, created the earth for this purpose. Jesus was born on earth the literal son of God and an earthly woman, Mary. He came to pay the price and reconcile man with God, so that mankind can progress and become like God. He made a bridge between Man and God that was necessary because of the fall of Adam and Eve and the introduction of sin into the world which separated God and Man. The purpose of this life is to learn how to control the body, find out true selves, be tested and find our eternal destiny.

Why is God concerned about mankind? Mankind is God's greatest creation (experiment) and the culmination of his plan. Mankind have the seeds of Godhood, Divine nature, consciousness and creativity. He wants us to become more like him. We sing a hymn in my church which teaches this principle:

I Am a Child of God

[31243, Hymns, I Am a Child of God, no. 301](#)

1. I am a child of God,  
And he has sent me here,  
Has given me an earthly home  
With parents kind and dear.

[Chorus]

Lead me, guide me, walk beside me,  
Help me find the way.  
Teach me all that I must do  
To live with him someday.

2. I am a child of God,  
And so my needs are great;  
Help me to understand his words  
Before it grows too late.

3. I am a child of God.  
Rich blessings are in store;  
If I but learn to do his will  
I'll live with him once more.

The role of the holy Ghost, Holy Spirit or baptism of fire: the holy Ghost is part of the God head and his role is to aid the communication between God and man.

The names of Christ as recorded in the bible are fascination to me. On the names of Christ that interests me is: I am, that I am or (the self-existent one)

God exists and I exist. This has always been and always will be. God is an eternal being and I am to. This is my core belief. Earth is a place for mankind to progress and become more like God. It is a great separating experiment like a prism separates white light into colours so is life separating eternal beings into their true natures. The creation of the earth is just the vehicle to accomplish this. The earth was created for mankind's progression toward the eternal destination that God has in mind for us.

In the past knowledge being hidden but this is not true anymore. There is a new consciousness. Knowledge for all. Information is shedding light on things that were once hidden. The truth will come out and cannot be hidden any more. The truth is true whether you believe it or not. The only way to prove truth is through observation and experiment.

Knowledge that was once reserved for only a few is now obtainable by those who seek. Many people today know things that I ancestors had no way of knowing.

I believe this awakening and gaining of knowledge will increase as the consciousness of mankind increases. We will all come to a better understanding of God and creation. As we understand creation, we understand God and his intentions for mankind. We are linked to God, He is interested and concerned about his creation: mankind.

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