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or it will not work at all.*

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FROM CHAR'S DESK

We ended the year with such a great blessing! Our wonderful supporters gave us such a lift by their generous donations to this ministry! We can't thank them enough! God is so good and faithful and our praise and worship goes to Him, our precious Savior, whom we give all the glory to!

This year we have plans to go out in the field more often to share Jesus with our Mormon friends at their churches. Please pray for God to open their hearts as we share His love with them.

If you know any Mormons you would like us to share with, please let us know. We also go door to door witnessing so we just need to know the street they live on and then we will know we will eventually be witnessing to them as we share with each neighbor the gospel!

Have a blessed New Year and God bless you!

CARY'S COLUMN

Fathom God

Job was asked, "Can you fathom the mysteries of God? Can you probe the limits of the Almighty?" (Job 11:7).

The more this author and former Mormon attempts to fathom God, the more baffled and awed I become. One only needs to contemplate God's immensity and aseity (I'll explain that word in a little bit) to empathize with this feeling.

Humor me for a few moments and think about this: While our Sun is 93 million miles away, which takes 8 minutes for its light to reach us, the next nearest star (Alpha Centauri) is so far away that it takes 4.367 years for its light to reach us. Can you fathom that distance?



Now fathom this: Our galaxy has 100 billion stars. Most other galaxies have around 300 billion stars (some with even 1 trillion stars). With stars having distances of thousands of light years apart from each other, try to fathom the size of our galaxy as you look at this cluster of stars within just one constellation: Assuming that we can fathom such size and distance, let us attempt to fathom a ridiculously larger proportion. The next photo is a cluster of galaxies with each having billions of stars. Have fun trying to fathom that.



This photo is just a view from a rather big telescope pointed upward in one direction. It shows a tiny patch of sky, about the size of a penny held 75 feet away. There are millions of more directions we could point our big telescope. I think we have just reached a point where we can't even fathom our inability to fathom, lol.

“Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens,” Isaiah exclaimed, “Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one and calls forth each of them by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing” (40:26).

If you are privy to contrasting the physical god of Mormonism to the true God of the Bible, you know that God's very essence and nature is pure spirit (Jn. 4:24) Who fills all of His creation (2 Chr. 6:18). This is humbling and frankly embarrassing when we realize that we once believed in the Mormon concept of God.

As we mature in deeper studies of God, we find how much more unfathomable He is. For instance, since God created everything, He exists outside of creation. Fathom that.

Consider God's aseity (A Latin word that simply means “from Himself“ or “of Himself”). God never came to be, He simply is. He is the “I Am” (Ex. 3:14). He is the One from Whom, through Whom and to Whom are all things (Rom. 11:36). He has never had a cause and has therefore never relied on anyone or anything. As He

asked Job, “Who has first given to Me, that I should repay him? Whatever is under the whole heaven is Mine” (Job 41:11).

The more this writer contemplates the mysteries of God, the more my soul sings *How Great Thou Art*.

I wonder if we should add a fifth “law” to the *Four Spiritual Laws*—A law to precede the original four, that even the Bible alludes to what should come first, which is, “The fear [awe] of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge” (Pr. 1:7). When someone begins to fathom God as awesome and unfathomable as He is, they will begin to discover their want of Him.

CITATIONS OF CONCERN: (from LDS leaders)

Several brief examples from the King Follett discourse serve to introduce this aspect of the prophet's teaching. “If you were to see [Heavenly Father] today, you would see Him in all the person, image, very form of man, for Adam was created in the very fashion of God.” In a second example, Joseph's revealed knowledge of the eternities led him to replace the word *create* in Gen 1:1 with the more appropriate word *organize*, thus dismissing the idea of ex nihilo, or out-of-nothing, creation.

The prophet further clarified that the phrase, “in the beginning God created” is better rendered, “the head one of the Gods brought forth the Gods.” (Ensign/Aug 2002)

Shedding new light on Isaiah 2:3, the Prophet taught that Zion in Old Testament prophecies points toward the New Jerusalem to be built in America. (Ensign/Aug 2002)

(Mormons believe this will be near the town of Jackson County, Missouri)!!

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