All human beings—male and female—are created in the image of God. Each is a beloved spirit son or daughter of heavenly parents, and has a divine nature and destiny. Gender is an essential characteristic of individual premortal, mortal, and eternal identity and purpose.

In the preeminent realm, spirit sons and daughters knew and worshiped God as their Eternal Father and accepted His plan by which His children could obtain a physical body and attain earthly experience to progress toward perfection and ultimately realize his or her divine destiny as an heir of eternal life. The plan of happiness enables family relationship to be perpetuated beyond the grave. Sacred ordinances and covenants available in holy temples make it possible for individuals to return to the presence of God and for families to be united eternally.

The first commandment that God gave to Adam and Eve pertained to their potential for parenthood as husband and wife. We declare that God’s commandment for His children to multiply and replenish the earth remains in force. We further declare that God has commanded that the sacred powers of procreation are to be employed only between man and woman, lawfully wedded as husband and wife.

We call upon responsible citizens and officials for the survival of Israel. Few, if any, have fought against you, the Palestinians, more for the survival of Israel. He was a son of Israel, who dedicated himself to his country. The world has lost one of its greatest men.