



"From the cowardice that shrinks from new truth, from the laziness that is content with half truths, from the arrogance that thinks it knows all truth, O, God of Truth, deliver us."

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Do I Have to Believe in a Young Earth?

Recently I preached a sermon that showed why I believe the Bible. I based it on the fact that Jesus believed in the facts of the Old Testament, the History of the Old Testament, the characters of the Old Testament, and the events of the Old Testament.

To deny the historicity of the Old Testament is to deny Jesus is the Christ of whom the Old Testament spoke. To be a Christian and deny what Christ affirmed is ludicrous.

In this article, I want to be even more SPECIFIC. I affirm that to believe in a multi-billion year old earth is anti-Christian. To claim to be a Christian and deny a young earth is ludicrous.

We should never hold a position on any subject that denies the clear teaching of Jesus if we are going to maintain that He is the Christ, the Son of God.

Jesus and His inspired Apostles made statements that cannot be consistently denied while professing to have faith in who Jesus is. The Gospels tells us things of Jesus that affirm a young earth.

FIRST – The genealogy of Jesus in Luke traces Jesus directly back to Adam. **Luke 3:24-38** But someone says that there are gaps because other genealogies fill in the blanks with some additional persons' names.

Suppose we grant it. Are there millions of people and years in those gaps? Then we have a gapology, not a genealogy. Do you think the first readers of Luke who went to the public records to verify Luke's truthfulness about Christ would have accepted a genealogy of Jesus to Adam that contained hundreds of thousands of years in the gaps? Who can believe that?

Yet we know that Adam was made on the sixth day of creation. There is no justifiable reason to reject the days as literal, and no one suggested that scenario until they tried to harmonize the Genesis account with modern false science.

Remember what Jesus said, "**But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female.**" **Mark 10:6** I am not one to correct the Savoir!! Also **Matthew 19:4-6**, And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that **he which made them at the beginning made them male and female**, 5 And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? 6 Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder."

The Genesis account is connected to this very reference. **Genesis 2:24**, "Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh."

Likewise, when foretelling the destruction of Jerusalem He said about the vengeance God intended to take on Jerusalem "That the blood of all the prophets, which was shed **from the foundation of the world**, may be required of this generation; From the blood of Abel unto the blood of Zacharias, which perished between the altar and the temple: verily I say unto you, It shall be required of this generation." **Luke 11:50-51** Cain's murder of Abel is said to be at the the foundation of the world. (*Kosmos*, not *ainos*...age)

I believe Jesus. The Apostle Paul affirms that men have been able to see God's power and Godhead since creation. **Romans 1:20**, "**For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse.**" Note, men have seen this since creation of the world, not since man evolved billions of years later!!

It was since the beginning of the world men could see God's power from creation. **If the world existed 6 billion years and man has been here only 200,000 years, obviously it is not the beginning, nor even the middle, but rather the end of the world that men have been able to observe God's power from nature.** I buy what Paul says, not what false science says.

You can ignore these facts, or try to give an explanation and keep your faith, but you do it while trampling on honesty and integrity.

Was Jesus and Paul mistaken? Didn't Jesus know? Was He less intelligent than your liberal worldly wise Bible College professor? **Do not forget Jesus is creator, and He was there!**

John 1:1-3, 10, "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. 10 He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not."

Colossians 1:16, "For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:"

Hebrews 1:2, "Hath in these last days spoken unto us by *his* Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, **by whom also he made the worlds**;"

Ephesians 3:9, "And to make all *men* see what *is* the fellowship of the mystery, **which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ**:"

Revelation 4:11, "Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: **for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created**."

What are you going to call Jesus? **Ignorant? Misinformed? Liar? Deceived?** We cannot say that in His incarnation He did not know the truth but operated on the limited level of knowledge of men of His day. That won't do! Why? Jesus spoke the Words of God!!

John 14:10, "Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? **the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works**."

John 7:16, "Jesus answered them, and said, **My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me**."

John 12:48, "He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: **the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day**."

If we cannot trust Jesus who only spoke that which the Father would have Him speak, then we are misinformed for it is impossible for God to lie. **Hebrews 6:18**

Let's face it. Unless we admit what Jesus spoke on earth is error or what the Word says is incorrect, the scientific model that many professed Christians have bought into today, is false science.

Imagine He who is the truth was misinformed, ignorant, lying, or deceived. What Jesus believed about Scriptural authority and history is the basis of the Christian faith. To deny His faith in the Word of God is to deny His Deity.

What arrogance and stupidity to believe someone who was not present at creation instead of the creator who was present! Jesus believed the 5 books of Moses and I'm not fool enough to ever question Him.

Jesus is the "I AM" that spoke in **Exodus 20:11**, "For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it."

John 8:58, "Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, **I am**."

If we do not believe that, we will die in our sins.

John 8:24, "I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that **I am he**, ye shall die in your sins."