

The Creative Days

A Testimony Against the Power of Religious Tradition Devoid of Revelation

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Every elementary student in the United States and the western world is confronted by the apparent conflict between what is taught in the public schools and what is taught in Sunday School about the creation. And, without revelatory confirmation, parents and authorities in the church argue what they assume is the “faith” position, that God created the universe, the earth, and all living things on the earth in six, twenty-four hour days.

But is this really the “faith” position? Does Genesis really present the creation of the material universe, the earth, and mankind as taking place in six twenty-four hour days?

Do not be alarmed. I am not presenting an evolutionist point of view. I am a Creationist, and so was Albert Einstein, the great twentieth century mathematician and physicist who declared that the ordered existence of space, time, and matter demonstrated an intelligent, deliberate, eternal, and non-material origin. Yet, his logical, intellectually perceived conclusion did not lead him to a revelatory awareness of that origin.

What concerns me is that the church apparently finds it easier to challenge science than it does to challenge traditional, commonly held religious beliefs, even if those beliefs are erroneous.

Creationist attempts to present scientific evidence that the history of the earth and all creation is much, much shorter than the time periods claimed by geologists and physicists is an example of the church ignoring the weight of empirical scientific evidence rather than re-examining our tradition of interpreting the scriptural creative days as being 24 hour periods of time.

But we are not the only ones guilty of honoring tradition over an inductive examination of the facts, and it is easily demonstrated that there is absolutely no verifiable scientific evidence of any kind for the biological evolution of species at any level, which is a HUGE conundrum for evolutionary “science” at this present time.

Yet, in spite of the controversy of opinion within the scientific community, the tradition of evolution is being taught without question as established fact.

Before Charles Darwin, when the sciences of astrology, physics, geology and biology were not advanced to the point of recognizing the age of the universe or

the age of the earth, the six, literal 24 hour “day” interpretation of Genesis became the traditional understanding of the creative days.

Where the church of Jesus Christ has erred, because we are apparently unaware of the revelatory truth contained in scripture as that truth relates to the creation, is in our acceptance of the six literal 24 hour day interpretation on the basis of the assumed authority of traditional interpretations that came down to us from a time when there was no reason to doubt the six literal day interpretation.

What this exposes is the household of God’s tendency to give religious tradition more authority than it deserves, as though tradition equals truth, rather than the revelatory, Spirit-guided understanding of scripture being the genuine source of truth.

As an example, Protestants are highly aware of the fact that Roman Catholic tradition is filled with erroneous doctrines and practices, but they tend to be blind to the fact that the somnolent Protestant church’s division into thousands of denominations and conflicting traditions today reveals, not only to us, but to the whole world, that our divisive doctrinal traditions are proof of the existence of massive amounts of traditional “truth” that is in reality “error.”

The conclusion demanded by logic, then, is that tradition does not automatically equal truth, and may be, in reality, a spiritual stronghold of error that prevents us from receiving the truth.

Therefore, the attitude of many born-again, regenerated believers in Jesus Christ is that we will not know the answer to certain difficult questions like this until we are in the heavenly presence of the Creator Himself.

Yet, the author of biblical scripture, the Spirit of Truth, has openly stated that the creation itself is evidence for creation, and this tells us that true science and the revelatory understanding of biblical scripture are not in disagreement.

For that which is known about God is evident to them and made plain in their inner consciousness...(revelatory understanding)..., because God [Himself] has shown it to them.

For ever since the creation of the world His invisible nature and attributes, that is, His eternal power and divinity have been made intelligible and clearly discernible ...(to the rational mind)... in and through the things that have been made ...(the creation itself)... – His handiworks. So [men] are without ...(rational, scientific)...excuse – altogether without any defense or justification;

Because when they knew and recognized Him as the God...(the origin of creation)..., they did not honor and glorify Him as the God, or give Him thanks...(for their existence).... But instead they became futile and godless in their thinking – with vain...(man-creature centered)...imagination, foolish

reasoning and stupid...(non-revelatory)... *speculations – and their senseless minds were darkened...*(so that they no longer received the light of revelatory understanding).

Claiming to be wise, they became fools – professing to be smart, they made simpletons of themselves. Romans 1:19-22 Amplified (inserts and emphasis are the author's)

What this passage demonstrates is that true science and the revelatory understanding of biblical scripture are in perfect harmony, and God has made Himself evident in the physical creation itself as Albert Einstein noted.

This passage also explains why non-Christians reject the intellectually perceivable evidence for an eternal, omniscient god-source not only because of their vain, intellectual, pseudo-scientific reasoning, but because they are offended in many cases by the vain, pseudo-truth of those who claim the absolute, immutable truth of God when all they have in reality is a religious tradition based on the intellectual speculations of men devoid of the revelatory truth of God.

The question we have to ask ourselves is why we Christians (speaking of the corporate whole, but not of all believers) make claims for scriptural truth concerning the creation that are not evident in the creation itself, when God tells us that it IS evident in the creation itself.

Would the Creator provide evidence in the creation itself that would deceive men, and then hold them accountable for being deceived? Would He plant observable “evidence” of a lengthy creation event and then tell us is in God-ordained, God-breathed scripture that the creation from start to finish took place during six literal, 24 hour days with a seventh “day” that began long, long ago and has not, yet, ended?

I for one will not accuse Him of that.

Therefore, if the evidence that God has provided in the creation and is intellectually perceivable to man leads us to conclude that the creation account in Genesis cannot be six 24 hour days, should we not then re-examine the creation account in scripture with minds open to being “guided” by the Spirit of Truth?

As we acknowledge the obvious conflict, the first thing we need to do to is to examine the Genesis account with a desire to re-connect the first chapter of Genesis with the entire matrix of God's truth in scripture and with the natural evidence the Creator deliberately left in the creation itself.

The Hebrew word for “day,” transliterated from the Hebrew as *yom*, as in “Yom Kippur,” the day of atonement, is the word used in Genesis for the six creative days as well as the seventh day of God “resting” from creation, a “day” we

should note, did not end 24 hours later, and still has not, yet, ended. It is also used in all OT references to “the day of the Lord,” which is not a reference to a single day, but to an event beginning with His appearance in the sky on the last day of this present age, called by John, “the first resurrection,” and including all of the events through the ordination of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the Messiah, to begin the kingdom age.

Therefore, the *yom* “day of the Lord” will begin on some future 1 Tishrei and end on the following 21 Tishrei according to God’s calendar of appointed times and feasts of the Lord given to Israel in Leviticus 23.

But even this thousand year reign of the Lord of Lords and King of Kings is not the beginning of a new “day.” It is the final 1000 years completion of the present seventh “day.”

Yom, then, can be interpreted in much the same way that “day” can be interpreted in English. It can mean a twenty-four hour span of time. It can mean the daylight part of a twenty-four hour span of time, or it can mean an eon or epoch with an unspecified amount of time between a definite beginning and a definite ending.

And there was evening and there was morning, one day. Genesis 1:5

Literalist Bible scholars clinging to the traditional interpretation, see Genesis 1:5 as being absolute proof of a literal 24 hour creative day.

Yet, biblical scripture contains a massive amount of metaphorical language that requires supernatural “guidance” by the Spirit of Truth, the author of biblical scripture, in order to be accurately understood and received by men.

When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth...
John 16:13 ESV

This revelatory “guidance” is like a supernatural light that causes men to “see,” comprehend, recognize, and confirm truth that is not apparent to the intellect alone. And, as I have proclaimed frequently, as it relates to the obvious division of the somnolent, corporate body of Christ, the intellect divides, and the Spirit of truth unites, instantly alerting us that the corporate body of Christ as a whole is being “guided” more by intellect than by the Spirit. And, as a result, we honor non-Spirit revealed intellectual religious traditions passed down through the generations as though they are revelatory truth when, in fact, they are not, reminding us of the status of the intensely religious Pharisees at the time of the Lord’s first advent.

What we are guilty of doing is honoring intellectual biblical scholarship over the absolute, immutable truth of God as that truth is revealed supernaturally by the Spirit of Truth.

And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Genesis 1:31 ESV

Here we see the rationale for the Jewish day beginning at 6pm rather than beginning at 12:01am. And Bible scholars, clinging to the traditional interpretation of the creative day as being a 24 hour time frame, note that an ordinal number (“sixth”) is indicated here, supposedly favoring a literal interpretation.

But when viewed metaphorically it reads like this: “**And there was a beginning and an ending to the sixth eon of creation.**”

Likewise, Genesis 1:15, quoted previously, reads metaphorically as: “**There was a beginning and an ending of one eon of creation.**”

The consensus of almost all biblical scholars is that there is no absolute, intellectual way to determine how the word, *yom*, is intended in the Genesis account of creation. Therefore, the preference is for the tradition of interpreting it as meaning a 24 hour day. But it is my testimony that the revelatory truth intended by the Spirit of truth is that the creative days were “eons” with a definite beginning and a definite ending, rather than 24 hour days, and it is only our intellectual need to cling to the illegitimate authority of non-revelatory, intellectually conceived religious tradition that prevents us from receiving and confirming the revelatory truth in this matter.

And, yet, to our surprise, the revelatory truth is entirely logical once achieved.

As we read the Genesis account the one thing that should get our attention, is that the order of creation described in scripture follows the exact pattern of our modern interpretations of astrology, physics, biology, and the geological record.

We should also recognize that the odds on Moses being able to speculate accurately on the order of creation are astronomical. Therefore, the Genesis account is itself one of many proofs that biblical scripture was God-breathed.

Day (eon) one: the Big Bang (or something similar to it) and the creation of a material universe, including time, space, matter, and energy;

Day (eon) two: the development of an atmosphere and water on planet earth;

Day (eon) three: the emergence of land and plant life;
Day (eon) four: the semi-permanent orbits of earth around the sun and the moon around the earth;
Day (eon) five: the continued emergence of plant and animal life, first in water, then on land (birds);
Day (eon) six: land animals and, finally, man.

This is absolute, shocking proof that Moses, who could not have been intellectually aware of the order of creation, received that information by supernatural revelation from the Creator Himself.

It is also proof that the Creator had a purpose in dividing the creation event into six eons of creation rather than doing a flash creation in which the “big bang” resulted in an instantly completed creation. But there is no conceivable purpose for limiting these creative “days” to twenty-four hour events, which suggests the likelihood that *yom* was intended to mean an eon with “evening” and “morning” being metaphors for beginning and ending.

When the six creative “days” were finished God “rested,” meaning that the seventh “day,” the “day” we are now living in, which has lasted a lot, lot longer than 24 hours, will eventually end.

Keep in mind that an eternal, omnipotent, omniscient god-source experiences time only as creative tool. The creation itself has been subjected to temporal existence, but the Creator has not.

Neither millions of years, 24 hours, or a single micro-second limit an omniscient, timeless, Creator-God. The entire universe could have been brought into existence in its present state instantaneously by the will of God.

Why, then, did He choose to create an expanding, constantly changing universe that includes a long, six stage creative development of the planet where He would place His created spirit-being man at the end of the sixth “day” to begin the final eon of the natural creation in which the great drama of God’s created spirit-being man would unfold?

My answer is why not? Why not create an unknowable universe beyond our present ability to comprehend and a planet already rich with a diverse creative history as “evidence” just to awe the mind of His created spirit-being, man, whom He deliberately created to be, not only the steward over all the natural creation, but created to have a permanent covenant relationship with Himself?

As an interim note, the number of man is six (6) and the number of God is one (1). And what we find illustrated in scripture from Genesis all the way through Revelation is that seven (7), man plus God, is God in the form of the Son, permanently linked with His created spirit-being, man, as Jesus Christ, the

Messiah and redeemer of an elect remnant of mankind from Adam all the way through the last millennial saint.

And it is this God-man, Jesus Christ, that the great seventh “day” drama is intended to reveal in and through His corporate body, the church, of which He, and He alone, is head.

We are, therefore, now at that point in this seventh “day” drama where it appears that the villain will triumph over the protagonist, but the ending of this seventh “day” drama has been scripted by the Author of all existence. And He has given us the script in advance so that we will not grow weary and lose heart at the height of the villain’s dominance.

What the Spirit has caused me to “see,” in addition to all this, is that the present “day” will be followed by a final “day,” a creative eternal day without end. This final “day” will be the age in which the natural creation will be renovated by spiritual fire to become our eternal spiritual home, and, like all the “days” before it, it will be accomplished by the hand of God alone.

For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind. Isaiah 65:17 KJV

Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. 2 Peter 3:13 KJV

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