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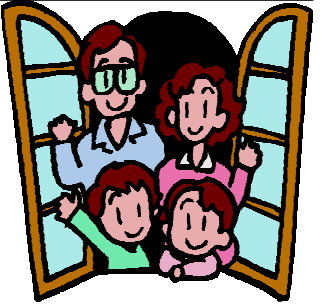
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“Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.” I Timothy 4:12.

WEST SIDE WINDOW

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FALLING INTO THE “GAP” TRAP

By Ted J. Clarke

NOTE: There will be articles to follow this one. Please keep these for future reference.

Introduction

Many Christians are concerned that if we do not reconcile the Bible’s account of creation with the scientific theories which demand an ancient earth, that the scientific community will have no respect for the Scriptures. Since God is the author of both true science and the Bible, the two will never actually contradict each other, although one’s misunderstanding of either or both may seem to create a conflict between the two. We should not be too quick to jump when science makes some claim, scurrying to try to adapt the Bible to the latest scientific theories. Claims are one thing, convincing proof of those claims against the Bible is something which science is still trying to develop.

Science, perhaps we should say pseudoscience, contends that the earth is billions of years old and that a long, slow evolution of the earth and forms of life can be proved by studying the earth’s geologic layers. Some Christians, anxious to honor the claims of science without meaning to dishonor the Bible, have sought to find ways to reconcile Genesis 1:1-31 with these so-called scientific facts. In place of accepting Genesis 1 as a creation chapter which deals with a single six-day creation, beginning with verse 1 and concluding with verse 31, these brethren look for ways to squeeze the vast amounts of time demanded by science into the creation record of Genesis.

There are two basic places in Genesis 1 where this “time” is forced into the text. The first is immediately after verse 1, where it is insisted that there must have been a “gap” in time of possibly billions of years between the time God “created” the heaven and earth and the time when God began to “make” or refashion the earth for man in verses 3-31. We are told that the original creation of verse 1 was possibly a creation which God allowed to evolve slowly from simple to more complex forms of life, until He was ready to prepare the earth for and to create mankind. Another suggested possibility is that for some reason God destroyed this previous creation (whatever it consisted of) and that the fossils formed in the earth’s strata are indicative of this creation and the vast “gap” of time supposed to exist between Genesis 1:1 and the rest of that chapter. The second place some have sought to insert long periods of time into Genesis 1, in order to accommodate the claims of science, is in the “days” of the creation. This theory says that each of the six days of Genesis 1 is an exceptionally long period of time, during which evolution occurred, resulting in the fossils and geologic stages which science claims are billions of years old. Quite a bit has been written on the “day equals a long age theory,” so we will consider only the “gap” theory in this article. There are variations of both the day/age and gap theories, and whether intended or not, all efforts to promote such bring about a compromising of the Genesis record and other Scriptures.

SERVICES

Sunday Bible Study — 9:30 am
Worship — 10:30 am & 6:00 pm
Wed. Bible Study — 7:00 pm

MINISTER

Larry G. Reynolds

ELDERS

Brian Huffman
Larry G. Reynolds
Herb Smith
Larry Taylor

DEACONS

Don Allison, Youth
Bill Gaw, Building & Grounds
Mike Haviland, Mission/ Evangelism & Fellowship
Jerry Hoyt, Benevolence
Lowell Huffman, Bible Correspondence Course and Widows/Widowers
Volker Jaromin, Building & Grounds
Gary Reynolds, Seminars
Todd Stults, Finance
Jim Witty, Upon The Rock

MISSION WORKS

Cochran, Georgia
Willie Smith
South Central Church of Christ
Robert Ray
Tanzania, Africa
Christopher Mwakabanje plus two preaching school students
Memphis School Of Preaching
Andrey Kostine
David Dixon

**WORSHIP FOR
DECEMBER 6
MORNING WORSHIP**

Song Leader: Dwayne Odle
Opening Prayer: Gary Reynolds
Scripture Reading: Sam Arnold
(Luke 4:42-44)
Sermon: Larry G. Reynolds
Sermon Topic: "The Preaching of Jesus"
Announcements: Larry Taylor
Closing Prayer: Volker Jaromin

COMMUNION SERVERS

West Side- Assist: Drew Odle
Prayer: Jerry Hoyt
East Side- Prayer: Lowell Huffman
Assist: Jim Clark

EVENING WORSHIP

Song Leader: Dwayne Odle
Opening Prayer: Don Allison
Scripture Reading: Jonah Stults
(Luke 6:27-36)
Sermon: Larry G. Reynolds
Sermon Topic: "Love Your Enemies"
Communion Table: Mark Stewart
Closing Prayer: Todd Stults

**PULPIT PREVIEW FOR
DECEMBER 13, 2009**

AM: "Known By Our Fruit"
(Luke 6:43-45)
PM: "Take Up Your Cross and Follow"
(Luke 9:23-26)

DECEMBER

GREETERS:

East Door: Ginger, Lela, & Cannon
Front Door + Ushers:
Jay Kellow & Clayton Parker

COMMUNION:

Prep: Lowell & Charlene Huffman
Clean-up: Maria, Teresa C., Shawna

BUILDING CLEANING: Richard & Janet and Lowell & Charlene

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Janet Akins, friend of Debbie Perry and Cindy Taylor
Sally Anderson, her mother, and grandmother Peggy Berry, friend/co-worker of Jim & Marjorie's son, has cancer and is taking chemo.
Barbara Blaser, friend of Lisa
Martina Conaster, Gail Parker's aunt
Ron Dunscomb, Pamela's father-in-law
Marvin and Madeline Kortman, Debbie's parents—send encouragement to 1833 Key Ave.; Madison, IN 47250
Molly Hemmings, Dorothy's niece
Pat Hutson, 93-yr-old aunt of Cindy, is improving
Brandon Lee
Norma Norris, Grant's grandmother
Ryburn Perry
Mike Perry, Vada & Ralph's neighbor
Nora Lee Robbins, Gail Parker's mother
Maggie Roberts, Cindy & Nancy's sister-in-law—undergoing chemo.
Kent Sanders
Carrie St. John, Michelle Mann's friend
Kay Thomason, Howard Goodman's sister. Send encouragement to 1219 Kelly Dr., Elizabethtown, KY 42701.
Betty Topper, Leonard's sister, is having complications from back surgery
George & Ellen Welker
David Witty
Everett & Ann Witty
Shut-Ins: **Virginia Ashley** - Westminster. **Juanita Broderick** - The Woodlands. **Christine Daniels**—Elmcroft. **Twyla Monroe** - The Woodlands. **Mary Norris** - The Woodlands
Away in the Military: **Grant Kellow** - Iraq—see bulletin board for change of address. **Brian Noonkester** - Germany. **John Welker**—Ft. Benning
Sympathy: **Brother Ray Gastineau** passed away recently. Continue to remember his family in your prayers. Marylou's sister, **Doris Noble**, also passed away. Remember Marylou and her family in your prayers.

**MARK YOUR
CALENDARS**

Dec 6—Elders will meet today.

Dec 6—Group 3 (Mike & Herb) will meet after evening services. This group is also responsible for making sure the building is secure and lights are out after each service.

Dec 8—Men's fellowship breakfast at IHOP at 8 AM.

Dec 8 & 10—Ladies exercise at 9 AM at Debbie's home.

Dec 9—Make plans to join us for fellowship and dinner at 5:30.

Dec 20—Elders and deacons will meet.

Dec 27—Carry-in lunch and early evening services.

Jan 3—Preacher's Pals begins at 5:50 PM. All children are welcome.

WANTED
Anyone willing to host a Teen Devotion in their home see Don Allison.

**ATTENDANCE FOR THE
WEEK OF
NOVEMBER 29, 2009**

Sunday Bible Study	84
Sunday Worship am	129
Sunday Worship pm	88
Wednesday Bible Study	78

WILLIE SMITH WRITES...

Dear Brethren:

Greetings from the Cochran Church that belongs to Christ. Enclosed is our financial reports for the past three month. We are pleased that we are making some progress. Our attendance and the contribution are both showing improvement..

We are very much aware of the problem facing the Lord's church in this community. We realize that most of our members are up in age and if the church is to continue to function in this community it is our responsibility to bring in new converts. It is a problem that is constantly before us all. We are addressing this problem in several ways. Our members have learned that it is not just the preacher's responsibility to invite people to our service, but every member of the church is responsible. Our members are now inviting their friends and relatives to come with them to service.

The church has been actively involved in hosting community outreach programs every quarter this year. Our focus is on benevolence with the objective of addressing some of the physical needs of the community to gain the opportunity to solve their spiritual needs. We hosted a clothes giveaway in the Spring, our first Vacation Bible School in the summer, and a fall door knocking campaign that concluded with a gospel meeting. Volunteers from two of our support congregations as well as volunteers from the Three Corners Christian Recovery Residence Inc, were instrumental in assisting us in this work. We are still having some success from the work.

Our Winter campaign is being hosted by the Hendersonville church of Christ, from Hendersonville TN. They have a mission field team of retired members who volunteer their skills to assist small congregations of the Lord's people like ours. They have donated winter coats for the children of this community. We are in the process of distributing these coats to the children. The mission workers will be here knocking doors and assisting us in inviting people to come hear the gospel. The kick off is the 3rd of December. The coats will be distributed on the 5th and a gospel meeting will begin on the 6th through the 9th. Keith Parker is the speaker. They are doing all this at their own expense, they have a support group within the congregation to supply their needs.

Don't give up on us brethren, we will right the ship. We are making some progress. Though it may seem slow, it appears we are heading in the right direction. Enclosed is a flyer that was inserted in the Cochran Journal newspaper which has a circulation of 2000. As always we are expecting great things from this campaign.

Willie L. Smith
Preacher