

Two False, Dangerous Theories About Creation

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A straight-forward reading of Genesis indicates that God created everything in six days and rested on the seventh. Subsequent passages throughout both testaments consistently support this. However, the craving for “*some new thing*” is not unique to the Greek philosophers (Acts 17:21). That longing, coupled with the fear of being out of sync with the so-called “scientific” view of a multi-billion-year-old universe, has resulted in two false and dangerous theories about creation.

First is the “Gap Theory,” taken from a warped view of Genesis 1:2. The plain statement that “*the earth was without form and void*” is twisted by Gap theorists to say that the earth “became” void and without form. They envision a perfect creation, including humans, becoming corrupt through the agency of Satan, resulting in total destruction. This, then, is followed by the six-day creation in Genesis 1:3-31 (which would actually be a re-creation).

Paul, inspired by the Holy Spirit, refers to Adam as “*the first man*” (1 Corinthians 15:45). If people were made in some previous creation, then Adam was most assuredly not the first man; so Paul (and the Spirit of God) made a colossal blunder. Who can believe it?!

Jesus Himself said that “*from the beginning of the creation God ‘made them male and female’*” (Mark 10:6, quoting Genesis 1:27 regarding Adam and Eve). Jesus said nothing of any second creation. He indicates Adam and Eve were created “*from the beginning,*” which rules out any people existing in some fanciful previous creation.

Then we have the second supposition, commonly known as the “Day-Age Theory.” Rather than creation

occurring in six days, the speculators imagine that a “day” is a figure of speech for some indefinitely long period, perhaps millions of years. We are somewhat amused that an era or epoch would be marked by an evening and a morning, as were the creation “days”! And the idea of the Sabbath law being based on the fact that God rested on the seventh “age/era/epoch” makes us wonder how the Hebrews ever got any work done at all, if they rested for an entire era! (See Exodus 20:8-11.)

Christians ought to quit trying to make the Bible “respectable” to the unbelieving world. Men’s theories change daily; God’s inspired word stands on its own merits

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What Love Is

It’s silence when your words would hurt.

It’s patience when your neighbor is curt.

It’s deafness when the scandal flows.

It’s thoughtfulness for another’s woes.

It’s promptness when stern duty calls.

It’s courage when misfortune falls

--via Krum, TX bulletin

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A careless word may kindle strife.

A cruel word may wreck a life.

A timely word may level stress

A loving word may heal and bless

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UNTIE YOUR COLT

"Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' tell him, 'The Lord needs it' " (Luke 19:30-31).

Jesus was getting ready to make his triumphant entry into Jerusalem. This sacred moment would be a public display of the coming of the Prince of Peace. When Jesus sent two of his disciples to retrieve the colt, they found it just as he said they would. It showed their faith and confidence in the Lord's request. The riding of this colt into Jerusalem would be a fulfillment of the prophecy of how the Messiah would enter Jerusalem.

The faith to take Jesus at his word, and find the situation just as Jesus had told them would be a faith builder. The owners of the colt were just as faithful in their response when they learned that the Lord needed it. No questions or explanations needed - take the colt.

Trusting in Jesus and his word has helped many of us to realize that the Lord knows just how things are going to turn out. And the fact that he needs something we have should be a great joy and privilege in the sharing and giving.

Too many of us, keep things tied up that the Lord could use to carry out his mission. We tie up our blessings whether it be money, time, possessions or talent. If the Lord has need of it - whatever it is - we must let it go cheerfully. What a privilege it is to allow Jesus to use us and all that we have to bring peace, joy, happiness, and hope to others.

The grace of our Lord is not only sufficient enough to save us, but also to put us into His service. So if the Lord asks us to untie our colt, whatever it is, let us cheerfully let it be used in His service.

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