

Old Earth and the Gap Theory

The debate over the age of the earth has rumbled on for over two centuries. But only two centuries.

Before the 1800's, no one spoke of earth age, so, it is a recent phenomenon. It began with various archaeological discoveries, unfounded evolutionary imaginings, and the efforts of science-so-called to date things using dubious, unproven, and unprovable dating methods.

They could do just as well with a Ouija Board.

Without factual, verifiable information, what people call "naturalistic science" is nothing more than another wayward religion of people following a false god of their own making. Really, this is a religion of "anything but God", and "any way to deny God exists". The disciples who follow these false religions are the ones you read about in the Bible called "lost".

The "Not So Great" Thinkers

In the 1900's, C. I. Scofield and other religious theologians bought into the "science-so-called" of old earth. In an attempt to accommodate proponents who claimed the earth was billions of years old, these men of false religion created a "Gap Theory". The gap idea taught that a whole world of people lived and died between Genesis 2:1 and 2:2, and that God destroyed that world and created this one. The Gap Theory simply tried to explain how the world could be as old as some people claim by making up a story that has no biblical merit. The argument for such a theory is unfounded, not supported by scripture, and is just as goofy as the idea of "billions of years".

The whole "age" argument is quite silly; nothing more than a satanic attempt to discredit God and the Bible through deception and distraction.

Earth age is not the question we should be asking. The Bible has a very narrow focus: God and man. God created man, man chose away from God, and God made a way possible for man to return to Him. Who cares how old the earth is? This reconciliation of God and man is the entire theme of the Bible. Not cherry pie recipes, flying lessons, tips on tuning carburetors, not even geology or earth age. In fact, the Bible says nothing about almost everything. Just God and man. On this subject, God provides all the information we will ever need to know.

God created man, man disobeyed God's sole command and ate from the tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. God told Adam that if he ate from the tree he would die.

Genesis 2:17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

Here is something no one seems to understand. The time interval between the creation of man, then the creation of woman, is unknown and unknowable. The time between the creation of woman and the fall of mankind, and the pair subsequently leaving the garden of Eden, is unknown and unknowable. Religious people who insist the world is only 6000 years old cannot possibly know how old the world is: they were not there.

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In their perfect state, it is impossible to know how much time might have elapsed after the creation of Adam, or how long Adam lived before the creation of Eve, or how long the happy pair lived in the Garden of Eden in a perfect world without sin or death before their fatal transgression. We do know that when sin entered the world, so too, death. Before sin, no death. Consider this: Adam lived well over 900 years in a world of sin and death.

Romans 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

When Adam left the Garden, time began. There would be 6000 years of man in sin for God's plan to play out.

The Bible, in the Old Testament (Genesis to be exact), provides a time line of mankind by using the genealogies of man – a calendar of sorts. This is the only place on earth you will find this information. From these genealogies, well-meaning individuals, using the Genesis record, make the assumption that the earth is only 6000 years old. Big mistake! For this to be true, God had to make the world and all that is in it, then create Adam and Eve, and they had to walk directly to the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, eat the fruit thereof, then leave the Garden in sin and death. Nowhere does it say that happened. In fact, the Bible says that absolutely did not happen.

Instead, **the Bible genealogies show the time of mankind in sin**, and that time is, so far, 6000 years since Adam and Eve walked out of the Garden. The genealogies do not claim to show the age of the earth. Indeed, as of this writing, Adam and Eve, the world's first parents, ate from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil 6000 years ago, were inexplicably altered into their sin state, then ushered out of the Garden of Eden to prevent them from eating from the Tree of Life and living forever in their fallen condition.

When Adam and Eve ate the forbidden fruit, sin entered the world and also death. It was then that the time-line of man in sin began. Before the fall, there was not sin and death, and the Bible does not record this period of time. Adam and Eve walked out of the Garden 6000 years ago, only ~130 generations ago (~65 generations from Adam to Christ and ~65 generations from Christ to today).

But understand this: the clock did not begin to count-up. It began to count down. Throughout the Bible, God repeatedly demonstrates that the time of mankind's rule over the earth is only 6000 years and no more. Time has all but run out for the people of the earth and most are completely unaware.

How old is the earth? It doesn't matter. How little time the world has left is the question of the hour.

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