

GAP, AGES, OR DAYS?

Genesis 1

One of the big questions of life is where did we come from? It is the study of origins. Today when one surveys the answers given to this question, it is discovered that there are two totally opposing viewpoints. Either the answer is a form of evolution or a special creative action by God.

Today it is estimated that 95% of all natural scientists in the world BELIEVE that all physical and biological complexities in the universe come into existence by pure chance. Non-life produced life...

God's Word tells us that He spoke and everything that is came into being. (Hebs 11:3) This is His world. How then should we think about Genesis 1? Is there room for evolution in this account?

THREE COMMON UNDERSTANDINGS OF THE CREATION WEEK AMONG BELIEVERS MOVING US TO PROPER WORSHIP.

For we totally reject any thought of a godless beginning. We begin with God..."In the beginning GOD..."

I. The Gap Theory: Finds Room For Evolution Between Genesis 1:1-2.

- A. This theory states: "God created a perfect world perhaps billions of years ago, then destroyed that world at the fall of Satan and then later re-created the world in 6 literal days."
 - 1. Genesis 1:1 tells of the very beginning of the material universe. Genesis 1:2 tells of a much later time when God re-created the ruined world.
 - 2. This is a theory that arrived late, early 1800's and did so only as a way to try and harmonize the then current geology thoughts with the Bible.
 - 3. It was the first edition of the C.I. Scofield Bible(1909) that made this view popular among Bible-believing people. This view was presented in his notes on Genesis 1. The later edition (1967) placed it further back as a note in Isaiah 45:18.
- B. Arthur Custance continues to teach this today. (Without Form and Void)
- C. Critic of this: The grammar of Genesis 1:1-2 does not support or suggest any time-lapse between the verses. Custance attempts to take 1:2 as "the earth BECAME formless and void..."NO! Though this view deals with the historical fall of Satan, it fails in attempting to harmonize...

II. The Day-Age Theory: Finds Vast Periods Of Time Between The Days.

- A. This theory states: The days of Genesis are either vast periods of time, or 24-hour days with vast periods of time between them. God used evolution in the development of His world.
 - 1. This theory attempts to harmonize modern science with the Bible.

