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A YOUNG Earth - An OLD Truth

Some Comments on remarks on the Bible's account of creation by deceived and deceitful Evolutionists

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A Replica of Noah's Ark in the theme park

Recently, the opening of a "Noah's Ark" theme park by Dr Ken Ham, founder of "Answers in Genesis" organisation, aroused the ire of evolutionists who so hate any setting forth of the Bible truth of a 6-day creation and a young earth view.

The following comments were published by The Telegraph of 8th July 2016.

"Nathaniel Jeanson is a Harvard-educated biologist. For the past year, he has been involved in a spectacular \$100 million project, designed to educate and astonish the world.

His project, however, has left many scientists in despair.

For Dr Jeanson is one of the advisers of Ark Encounter – billed as "a life-sized Noah's Ark." The 510-ft long boat and its surrounding attractions, unveiled in Kentucky on Thursday, has sparked a wave of protests, but he insisted that, far from being an outrage, the theme park was a gift to humanity.

"This is not anti-science," he said, speaking to The Telegraph on the eve of the theme park's opening. "I would say we embrace all science.

"We are just teaching people to think differently."

Indeed, he admits that his thinking is radically different to that of many of his Harvard peers.

He and his Creationist colleagues believe that the Bible is a book of historic record. They argue that Genesis tells a factual story explaining that the Earth is only a few thousand years old, that man and dinosaur co-existed, and that Noah built an ark to save animals from a flood.

Evolution, he believes, is a myth: Darwin's work has been misinterpreted.

But many scientists are in despair at the museum, created by controversial Australian Creationist Ken Ham, and funded by donations, junk bonds and tax incentives – which have been challenged in court.

"To me, this is a perversion of what religion is intended to do," said Dr James Krupa, who teaches evolutionary biology at the University of Kentucky. The movement, known as young earth creationism, emerged only about 60 years ago, and has remained a marginal creed within Christianity. Even many Bible-believers and evangelicals accept the science showing that the universe is billions of years old – some reasoning that each of the six "days" of creation in the Book of Genesis may have lasted millions of years, not 24 hours."

Dr Krupa said the theme park was intended to "advance ignorance," and described the museum's opening as a "very, very sad" day for the nation.

"That Ken Ham is trying to ignore vast evidence to the contrary and convince people the world is 6,000 years old is an embarrassment to Kentucky, the US, and to Christianity," he told The Telegraph."



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Bible-deniers

Of course these Bible-deniers reject not just the Bible's account of Creation but also its record of the Flood and the Ark Noah built whereby specimens of all land animals were preserved.

But while these blinded fools or as W. P. Nicholson termed them - "Educated eejits" - glibly dismiss the Bible's record of these matters, we should ever remember who endorsed the view that current Bible-believers embrace.

Some 712 years before the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ, Isaiah the prophet uttered these words as he was directed to do so by the Lord. "For this is as the waters of Noah unto me: for as I have sworn that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth; so have I sworn that I would not be wroth with thee, nor rebuke thee," Isaiah 54:9. The Lord uses the fidelity of His promise to Noah, given some 2350 years before, after the flood had subsided and the new earth revealed, to illustrate the trustworthiness of His promise of ultimate mercy to Israel, which will be manifested in the latter days. The earth has not and will not be flooded again as it was in the days of Noah when all the mountain tops were covered. So the promise to Israel of God's covenant mercy will stand sure.

Here is one of God's many endorsements of the historicity of the Bible's account of the flood. To reject the Genesis account is to call into question the whole Bible and with it the whole basis of Christianity.

The Lord Jesus Christ and His apostles embraced and promoted the authenticity of the Biblical flood amongst first century believers.

"Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away. But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only. But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be," Matthew 24:35-39.

Here is the Saviour's clear and unequivocal endorsement of the Genesis record of the flood.

"By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith," Hebrews 11:7.

In Paul's advocating of the virtues of Faith, he lists the testimony of the actions of the patriarchs of the ancient world as evidence supporting his view. Noah and the flood are found there at the beginning of that list. Reject Noah and the flood and you must reject the authenticity of all those named and also the genuineness of the basis of New Testament Christianity.

Peter likewise refers to Noah in a fashion that plainly indicates that he fully embraced the record of Genesis regarding the man and its account of the flood.

"And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly," 2 Peter 2:5.

The context of these words of Peter's tell why the evolutionists and liberal critics of God's Word act as they do toward any reference to the accuracy of the Bible's accounts of the Creation and other events such as the Flood.

"But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not," 2 Peter 2:1-3.



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Peter is using the occurrence of the Flood as an illustration of the patience of God toward wicked men in the past which had its end in their destruction, as they rejected God's offer of mercy and misapplied God's longsuffering. So it will be again at the end of this age, Peter is saying.

The voice of the critics of the account of Noah's flood is but a reminder of the accuracy of God's prophetic truth!

Foundation

The very foundation of Bible truth is the fact of God creating the heaven, the earth and man in six days.

"I have made the earth, and created man upon it: I, even my hands, have stretched out the heavens, and all their host have I commanded," Isaiah 45:12.

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made," John 1:1-3.

"Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: in whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: for by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: and he is before all things, and by him all things consist," Colossians 1:12-17.

Christians have nothing upon which to base their faith if the Evolutionist and his ungodly philosophy are correct. Bible Christianity is destroyed!

That is the ultimate objective of the Evolutionist. But bless God, his theory is but that, a THEORY! A man-made notion that will be proved empty, vain and deceitful and of no more value than the theory once held by those who believed in a flat earth! That theory was eventually proved worthless and profitless as will the Evolutionists' balderdash!

Young earth

The belief that the earth is young and is not billions of years old, as Dr James Krupa, who teaches evolutionary biology at the University of Kentucky, would have us believe, is no "60-year old" notion as Krupa stupidly states. The view of a young earth is not new but rather it existed since the beginning, long before the comparatively new "Evolutionary notion". The article in the Telegraph stated: "The movement, known as young earth creationism, emerged only about 60 years ago, and has remained a marginal creed within Christianity. Even many Bible-believers and evangelicals accept the science showing that the universe is billions of years old — some reasoning that each of the six "days" of creation in the Book of Genesis may have lasted millions of years, not 24 hours."

There is no more truth in that statement than there is in the rest of the Evolutionist's notion.

I have already quoted verses in which it is clear that God's people have accepted the record of Genesis. The six days were not six periods of time enduring for billions of years but rather six period bounded by an evening and a morning. The days of Creation consisted of an evening, the beginning of the night and a morning, the beginning of the daytime.

This truth was perpetuated in the keeping of the seventh 24 hour day holy in the Old Testament and the first day in the New Testament. The Sabbaths of rest were 24 hour periods of time as were the days of creation.



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Another newspaper article

I was interested in another newspaper article on the subject of Noah. It was headlined:

Priceless ancient mosaics of the Red Sea parting and Noah's Ark have been found under the floor of a fifth century synagogue in Israel.

The synagogue dates back to the height of the Roman Empire and the mosaics have now been removed from the site, in the ancient Israel village of Huqqaq, for conservation.

The unearthed mosaics show an ark and pairs of animals, including elephants, leopards, donkeys, snakes, bears, lions, ostriches, camels, sheep and goats.

Jodi Magness, director of the excavations and professor in the University of North Carolina, said: "These scenes are very rare in ancient synagogues."

The mosaic's prominent Bible scenes were found during annual excavations when the panels were found in the late synagogue.

The mosaics are in the floor of a fifth century synagogue, showing images of the Pharaoh's soldiers being swallowed by huge fish, overturned chariots, and other animals."

- Daily Express Sat, July 9, 2016.

The Bible's account was obviously embraced by these Jewish worshippers some 1500 years ago!

A work of unmatched scholarship

In addition to the Bible's record, although it is proof sufficient, the labours of renowned and prolific Biblical scholar, James Ussher (4 January 1581 – 21 March 1656) may be added.

He was Archbishop of Armagh when he died. He was a good man and the Presbyterians of Ulster owed much to him for his easing of the restraints that Prelacy imposed upon them. Had he lived, he doubtless would have promoted the further reforming of the Church of England and Ireland and bringing them into line with Biblical Presbyterianism.

He is best known for his chronology - "The Annals of the World."

It is said of his work: "Ussher's chronology represented a considerable feat of scholarship: it demanded great depth of learning in what was then known of ancient history, including the rise of the Persians, Greeks and Romans, as well as expertise in the Bible, biblical languages, astronomy, ancient calendars and chronology. Ussher's account of historical events for which he had multiple sources other than the Bible is usually in close agreement with modern accounts – for example, he placed the death of Alexander in 323 BC and that of Julius Caesar in 44 BC. Ussher's last extra-biblical co-ordinate was the Babylonian king Nebuchadnezzar, and beyond this point he had to rely on other considerations. Faced with inconsistent texts of the Torah, each with a different number of years between Flood and Creation, Ussher chose the Masoretic version, which claims an unbroken history of careful transcription stretching back centuries — but his choice was confirmed



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for him, because it placed Creation exactly four thousand years before 4 BC, the generally accepted date for the birth of the 'Jesus' of the Christian faith." (Wikipedia).

Before men like Dr James Krupa open their mouth to mock and sneer at the Biblical hypothesis of a "young earth" let them match the scholarship and the research of Dr Ussher.

Since that will never happen, Christians may rest without fear in the Bible's declaration of a "young earth" and refuse the self-evident, silly fallacy of "evolution"!

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