

Plain Path

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“Teach me thy way, O Lord, and lead me in a plain path... Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and He shall strengthen thine heart” (Psalm 27:11-14)



A “LIKELY THEORY” IS REVISED AGAIN...

by Bob Pulliam

If it weren't so serious, it would be comical. Kind of like listening to Abbott and Costello discuss “Who's on First”. But this is about whether the Bible is an accurate record of origins. It really comes down to the question of whether there is a God. Therefore it becomes a question that affects the salvation of souls, and that is no laughing matter.

LiveScience came out with an-

other propaganda article this week, telling us how old the universe is; but more specifically, how old the earth is (Becky Oskin, “Earth Moon Smashup Happened Earlier Than Thought”, (*LiveScience*, June 12, 2014)). It's all about the alleged timing of our moon being formed by a planet colliding with Earth after the “big bang”. These kinds of articles come out all the time, so I usually ignore them; but

this one hit my sensibilities just right. So I have to point out a few details.

We are told in the article that *we now know* that the Earth's moon was formed earlier than thought. The hidden message is: Science had it wrong, but now we're right. But the effective message to the reader is: The Bible cannot be trusted, because the Bible says God created it without an interplanetary impact. But don't you kind of miss the admission that science had something wrong? And aren't you led away from the logical question of whether this new finding could be wrong too? And aren't you expected to conclude that the present finding *proves* the “science” behind the “big bang”? And aren't you asked to be impressed, and just accept this because this was all figured out by sheer genius?

Masked in the article are admissions that this is all based on assumptions made by the researchers. The article does admit that the

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“We Would See Jesus”

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June 23 - 26 (10 - 11:30 AM)

Monday AM - **Jesus, the Word**

Tuesday AM - **Jesus, the Light**

Wednesday AM - **Jesus, the King**

Wednesday PM - **Jesus, the Shepherd**

Thursday AM - **Jesus, the Resurrection and Life**

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scientists had to make assumptions to draw their conclusions. But they try to make it sound like they are insignificant assumptions. But the fact is, the assumptions were what drove the conclusion. So if assumptions were the basis of the conclusion, couldn't we accurately say that the conclusion is nothing but an assumption? But that wouldn't be much of a headline.

Now, if you read this article, did you see those words "leading theory" at the beginning of the piece? The proposition that the moon was formed by a planet colliding with the Earth *is a theory*. They know that. But they've actually named the planet that they can't even be sure existed! Naming theoretical things... isn't that science fiction? A *theory* is a guess (assumed to be an *educated* guess),

or conjecture about what might really have happened, or how something works. So, we're dealing with a *theory*! But the article quickly begins to tell about the impressive procedure to "correct" a date by 60 million years. But don't forget! They don't even know for certain that the moon was formed in the way that they claim, or that the planet they've named even existed! And they mock the Bible?!

In the middle of the article we have another reference to the theoretical nature of this discussion when we read that our "moon was *likely* born after a Mars-size body slammed into Earth" (emphasis mine -bp). *Likely* means that something is apparently true, or looks like a probable cause or result. And they laugh at us for knowing the names of the first man and woman!

Oh!... Did I mention that one of these scientists is a doctoral student. He's working on a thesis. He's trying to get a degree from an institution that expects advancement of evolutionary theory. Is he trying to make points with his thesis? Hmmmm. I guess that isn't really important to the assumed results about an unproven theory.

In the midst of this is the reader's mind trying to compare this *data* with what the Bible says. Children (which *LiveScience* caters to heavily) are wondering if the Bible really contains the truth, because "science" has "proven" the *theories* that seem to contradict it. And bear in mind that this all falls back on the concept of intellectualism. That axiom which says, *the higher your level of education, the less impeachable your assertions*.

The Bible says:

"Then God said, 'Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night, and let

them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days and years; and let them be for lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth'; and it was so. And God made the two great lights, the greater light to govern the day, and the lesser light to govern the night; He made the stars also. And God placed them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, and to govern the day and the night, and to separate the light from the darkness; and God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, a fourth day."

(Genesis 1:14-19)

Why should you believe the Bible when science says it is incorrect on this subject? First, the Bible is 100% accurate in every point that science has actually proven. Many scientific laws (e.g. biogenesis, Mendel's, etc...) were all in Scripture before men quantified them in textbooks. But more importantly, the Bible has never had to come back and revise itself (e.g. because it had a theory wrong). Second, the Bible has done the impossible. Prophecy within has never failed, but has always been fulfilled. Prophecies about the Messiah's kingdom and His death were a paradox that still found accurate fulfillment in time and detail (Dan 2 & 7; Ps 22; Isa 53; etc...). Once you conclude from this second point that there is a God, you end up with a third point: Third, Intelligent design is the only answer that explains the organization and viability of the world around and within us. **A designed universe created by blind chance, or by a designer?** Kinda answers itself doesn't it? Think for a moment about life.

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THIS WEEK'S DAILY BIBLE READINGS

NEW TESTAMENT READING

LUKE 13 - 16

June 15 - 17

OLD TESTAMENT READING

NUMBERS 23 - 28

June 18 - 21

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FAMILY NEWS & NOTES

News and Notes of Interest
to Fry Road Members

Because of the large number of visitors to our services, we would ask those wishing to identify with the congregation to do so by expressing this interest directly to the elders.

Upcoming Meetings & Events:

V.B.S. ("We Would See Jesus")
June 23 - 26, 2014

Gospel Meeting (Rick Moore)
July 12 - 13, 2014

Annual Singing
September 6, 2014

Gospel Meeting (Joseph Casimier)
September 7 - 10, 2014

Sick and Shut-Ins

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Prayers Requested...

Sermons:

Next Sunday:

The Lord's Vineyard

Tonight:

Lessons in Courage & Integrity

Directory Info

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One second after a cell dies, everything is present that was there when it was alive. Every "nut" and "bolt" of the cellular structure is intact. But it is dead. Nothing is missing. But it is dead. No one stepped on it. But it is dead. Hook up a battery to it, and it will still be dead. Why? Truth is, death is as much an evidence of God creating as life is. Claiming that it wore out does not change the fact that everything is still there. And science has never been able to adequately explain it. Sadly, there are people claiming to believe the Bible who try to explain Genesis 1 by scientific theory. There are questions only God can answer. And we need to learn our place.

Science molded by evolutionary theory says that we came about by chance, and evolved to where we are now. Come on! Bible believers who turn from Genesis to explain how God did it by science (better known as theistic evolution), have denied the very words you read above. God set the sun, moon and stars in place to be for "seasons, and for days and years". There are no millions of years in Genesis 1, let alone billions of years.

What is the problem here? We've allowed atheistic scientists (and not all are atheistic) to impress us, and convince us that they really have proven significant things that cast doubt upon the Bible record. But nothing proven as scientific law has cast a single doubt upon the Bible. Only by theory and assumption do they attack Scripture. Parents: When you see articles like this, read them with your children and point out words like *theory*, *if it happened this way or that*, *we think*, *probable*, *best guess*, *assumption*, etc... Then sit down with Genesis and note the lack of those words.



FOR THE RECORD

WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS

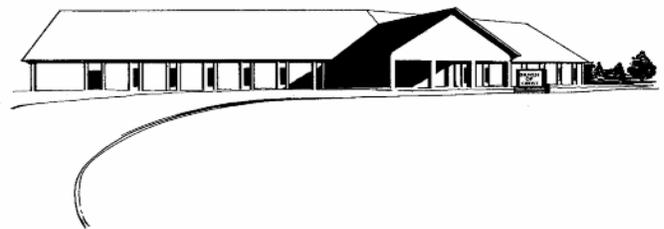
MONTHLY ASSIGNMENTS

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IN KEEPING WITH OUR LONG STANDING AGREEMENT, THOSE SERVING PUBLICLY ARE REMINDED TO PLEASE DRESS IN A MANNER RESPECTFUL OF THE GOD WHOM WE SERVE.

ELDERS:

Ruben Amador
Matthew Heaton
Donnie Mangrum
Steve Voss



DEACONS:

John Coleman	Ken Dunsmore
David Ellison	Ray Farrell
Aubrey Garner	Steve Geraci
Steve LaGrasta	John Light
Steven Martin	Mike McMurray
Jason Mock	David Stevenson
Glenn Tomblin	

TIMES OF SERVICES

Sunday Bible Classes	9:30 AM
Sunday Morning Assembly	10:30 AM
Sunday Evening Assembly	6:00 PM
Wednesday Bible Classes	7:30 PM

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