

THE GROWING EVANGELICAL APOSTASY THAT DENIES GENESIS 1-11 AS LITERAL HISTORY

An Exegetical Analysis of Progressive Creationism

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- I. Nature = 67th Book of the Bible
 - A. Problems with equating interpretations from the natural world with biblical interpretation
 - 1. Interpretations of the natural world are not scientific facts
 - 2. Misuse of the concept of general revelation
 - 3. Not *sola scriptura*
 - 4. Interpretations of the natural world are limited
 - B. Biblical interpretations are more certain than interpretations of the natural world
 - 1. Holy Spirit's guidance (1 Cor 2:10)
 - 2. Written revelation
 - 3. Limited revelation
 - 4. Perspicuity of Scripture
- II. Day Age Theory
 - A. Problems with the Day Age Theory
 - 1. Context of Gen 1
 - 2. Exodus 20:8-11
 - 3. 10 alternative ways of communicate ages
 - 4. Wreaks havoc on other concepts in Gen (Gen 5:5)
 - B. Answering objections to the ordinary day view
 - 1. Too many events on the 6th day?
 - 2. God enjoys his work?
- III. Local Flood
 - A. Motive
 - B. Gen 7:19-23
 - C. Two tactics used to dismiss the universal language
 - 1. Illegitimate totality transfer
 - 2. Phenomenological language
 - D. Other arguments against a local flood
 - 1. Why an ark?
 - 2. New Testament parallel with future global eschatological events
 - 3. Church history
- IV. Death Prior to Sin
 - A. Problems with death prior to sin
 - 1. Sin/death texts (Gen 2:17; Rom 5:12; 8:19-21; 1 Cor 15:21-22)
 - 2. Gen 1:31
 - 3. Rev 21:4
 - 4. Hurts evangelism
 - B. Answering objections to no death prior to sin
 - 1. Plant death?
 - 2. Gen 2:17?
- V. Luminaries Existed Prior to Day Four
 - A. Motive

- B. *Bara* on day 1 and *asah* on day 4
- C. Problems with the luminaries in existence prior to day 4
 - 1. Semantic overlap of *bara* and *asah* (Gen 1:26-27)
 - 2. Ra'ah (Gen 1:9)
 - 3. Merism of Exodus 20:11
- D. Answering the objection of light on day 1 before the sun on day 4

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