The Age Of The Earth

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INTRODUCTION

- I want to talk to you about the age of the earth.
- Science rejects the creation account of Genesis chapter 1. But here, young people, are some things that you should know.

1 Science Starts With Anti-God, Anti-Supernatural Assumptions

Genesis 1; Genesis 6

- Some involved with science are anti God, anti supernatural in their agenda.
- They start with the assumption that everything came to be as a result of only and completely natural causes.
- The apparent age of the earth, from what we observe through science, cannot begin to accurately assess God's creative work.
- He was one day old, but he didn't look one day old. And that could go for the whole earth and universe as well.

2 Gap, Day Age and Day Gap Theories

Genesis 1:1–5

- Verses 1 and 2, who knows how much time that was.
- But that would suggest some creative work earlier. Would it not? And so why isn't that one of the days of creation?
- Those six days, evening and morning, well, that's just accommodative, and it really wasn't twenty four hour days. And I think, again, that's a compromise with science.
- There's six literal days in which God created in Genesis 1, but between each day, there might have been many years.

3 How Old Is the Earth? I Don't Know

Matthew 1

- The age of the earth, Tony, how old the earth? I don't know.
- He based his work, Usher did, on the genealogies of the Bible.
- There's nothing to suggest these genealogies are complete.
- But that still doesn't get us into the three million year range. Maybe a few thousand years older than Usher's date.

4 Let Me Tell You What I Do Know

Hebrews 11:3; Exodus 20:11

- By faith, we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible.
- What do you think Moses thought about the creation days of Genesis chapter 1? Do you think he thought they were six literal days?
- Speculation is rampant. There are so many think-so's in evolutionary thought and in the age of the earth discussion.
- Nobody was there to witness it or see it in its origin or beginning.

5 I Believe Because Jesus Rose From the Dead

John 10:35; John 1:3; 1 Corinthians 15:1–4

- I want to tell you why I believe in the creation story of Genesis chapter 1. Because I believe in Jesus of Nazareth. And I believe he rose from the dead.
- He referred to the Old Testament, including the book of Genesis. He referred to them over and over again as scripture.
- You can't have Jesus and reject Genesis 1. You can't do it. And if you try, you're rejecting Jesus.
- I don't know about the age of the earth, but I know Jesus rose from the dead and that he's the creator of the world.
- I don't have to know everything about creation. I only need to know what God has told me about it and about who did it.

6 We Bear the Fingerprints of Our Creator

Romans 1

- I know we bear the fingerprints of our creator's work. Do not cease marveling at what God created.
- How does evolution account for my conscience? It's the handiwork of God is what it is. He made us that way.
- You look at our world, we're left without excuse. All of this design demands a designer.

THE CHALLENGE

If we can help you to obtain that tonight, won't you come as we stand and sing together?

MY NOTES