

Lesson No. 2

CREATION

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Question:

How can the account of the Bible that God created the world in six days coincide with the opinion of geologists that the earth is thousands, even millions, of years old?

Answer:

The days of creation are not 'solar days' as are our days now.

The 'day' of creation is an unknown period of time, it could have been a second or thousands of

millions of our years. This period was determined by A..... so the evening and morning were...@.

The proofs for this are many and we will mention a few of them:

1. The 'solar day' is a period of time between the rising of the Sun and its rising again on the next day or between its setting and its setting again. Since the Sun was not created until the fourth day (Genesis 1:16-19), the first four days were obviously not solar days.
2. Regarding the seventh day, the Bible does not state that it is yet over. The Bible does not say, 'so the evening and morning were the seventh day' and thus thousands of years have passed from the time of Adam until now without the end of the seventh day. Accordingly, the days of creation are not solar days, but unknown periods of time.
3. On the topic of creation and its six days, the Bible states, AThese are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens,...@ (Genesis 2:4). Thus the Bible sums up in the word 'day' all six days of creation.

Therefore, whatever is said by geologists about the age of the earth is not contradicted by the Bible because it does not mention any particular period.. The way in which the Lord looks to the measurement of time is explained by Saint Peter when he says, ABut, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.@ (2 Peter 3:8)

Question:

In the book of Genesis there are two stories about the creation of man, the first is present in the first chapter where it is stated that God created humans, male and female; the second account is in the second chapter where Adam and Eve were created. Do these two accounts coincide with each other?

Answer:

The account of the creation of man is one story, regarding the same man.

The account is mentioned as a whole in the first chapter but is detailed in the second chapter.

In the first chapter the creation of man was a part of the creation process as a whole, its details then came in the second chapter. The second chapter then mentions the way in which Adam was created from dust, after which God breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; Eve was then created from one of Adam's ribs. Chapter two also mentions the way that Adam felt before and after Eve's creation as well as mentioning the naming of Adam and Eve.

The two accounts are integral parts of each other, in the first one may find the blessing which was given and the foods which were allowed to be eaten. In the second, one may find how these were created, the names which were designated to them, and the mention of paradise.

Conclusion:

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