

GLEANINGS — January 11, A.D. 2015
Taking a Stand

*"The One who made the Pleiades and Orion, Who turns darkness into dawn
and darkens day into night, Who summons the waters of the sea and pours
them out over the face of the earth — Yahweh is His name." (Amos 5:8)*

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In A.D. 1650, James Ussher's diligent work resulted in the publication of an exhaustive chronological tome, The Annals of the World. It asserted that 4,004 B.C. was the year in which divine creation took place. Other Bible believing chronologists since Ussher have agreed with him in essence, offering creation dates that differ at the most by a decade or so. Most people today find this conclusion — that the world is just a little more than 6,000 years old — utterly incredible.

Caring little for whatever incredulity, ridicule, or opposition might come from within the Church or from skeptics without who despise her, let those who love God's word affirm these things:

1. Time, space, matter — along with whatever else we exceedingly limited creatures might dare call the "rudiments" of the creation of God — are themselves only a decade or so older than six millenia. Only God is without origin; time, space, and matter are part of His created order.

2. This roundish orb, teeming with life, is not merely the garden spot of what is called the solar system. The sun itself is much more than merely one in a cluster of stars; a cluster that along with many other similar clusters (galaxies) is merely the chaotic detritus of a big bang which somehow formed an ultimately meaningless universe. We are NOT "stardust."

3. The cosmos (the universe) is the work of the Almighty builder, Who called it the **heavens and earth**. The heavens contain many wonders; they declare the glory of God. One divinely revealed purpose of them is to be "for signs and seasons, and for days and years...and to give light on the earth." The sun and the moon are the two greatest of earth's created light-givers, signs, and time keepers.

4. That amazing earth is not just a planet. It is mankind's unique dwelling place, whereupon the Creator Himself became incarnate as a Man. The earth is not fragile, and no human power will ever destroy it.

5. Evolution, which has never been observed in even one of the highly adaptive life forms made by the Giver of all life, is a destructive myth. Sadly at present, it hinders applied science insofar as it opiates the minds of the appliers. The true scientific method (*which never proudly presents theory as dogma*) has its roots in minds unencumbered with such superstitious hogwash...minds which would have found evolution to be absurd, along with its false presuppositions of deep time and a big bang.

6. Reality surpasses science fiction's greatest speculation. God's astonishing creation includes non-human, rational "extraterrestrials!" They are called angels. Most of these mysterious beings faithfully continue to serve their sovereign, righteous, eternal Lord as He works out His plan for His cosmos and all its inhabitants. Some of these "Biblical aliens" have turned aside in rebellion against Him unto unrighteousness. Their wicked, despotic master is called the deceiver...the accuser of the brethren...that ancient serpent who comes only to kill and destroy.

Reject all his tempting sophistry, shiny lies, and siren calls! As at the beginning, they are packaged as the desirable key to some deeper, secret knowledge, but lead only to the everlasting lake of fire and brimstone, prepared for the devil and his angels, which is the second death.