

# **My Articles Intersecting Scientific Truth, Rational Faith, and Biblical Revelation from an “Old-Earth Creationist” Perspective**

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After having separated myself from the mounting apostasy of the *Evangelical Lutheran Church in America* (ELCA), I took the leap of seeking a new church home in the *Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod* (LCMS) where I served as Pastor for eleven years. I now describe that experience leaping from the frying pan into the fire. Since I had already embraced Big Bang cosmology when I entered the LCMS through colloquy in 2007, I realized that my views on the relationship between science and theology represented a decidedly *minority* position. But I was shocked to discover that they were rejected wholesale across the entire synod to the degree that I was hindered from publicly applying scientific evidence as a powerful indicator that God exists. It is for this reason that I repeatedly sought to persuade LCMS officials to reconsider their effectively anti-science posture in regard to their interpretation of Genesis 1:1-2:4. Although that contention may not represent your concerns, I have concluded that the ramifications that follow from their views are so enormous that, without apology, I give special room on this website (especially sections I-III, below) so that you may reflect on these matters yourself.

## ***Initial*-ization**

**ELCA:** Evangelical Lutheran Church of America

**LCMS:** Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

**CTCR:** Commission on Theology and church Relations of the LCMS

**YEC:** Young-Earth Creation/ism/ist (6-10 thousand year-age)

**OCC:** Old-Earth Creation/ism/ist (13.7 billion year-age)

**ID:** Intelligent Design

1. Read This Opening Summation First, recommended
2. No Truth? Then No Rationality...And No Society
3. “Not Enough ‘Jesus in my list!’”? My Reasoned Reply
4. My “Elevator” Speech (on my business card)
5. Download my list of documents, Every article sorted into its Category, updated frequently

## **I. Biblical Textual Studies Affirming an Ancient Creation**

6. Achieving a Coherent View of Genesis that Leaves No Pieces of the Puzzle Out
7. The Bible Agrees that it Must Harmonize with Science
8. The Biblical Demand to Take Another Look: Ten “Compelling” Exegetical Reasons the Creation Days of Genesis are 24-Hour” (16 pages)

9. Big Bang Cosmology Completely Harmonizes with Genesis 1:1,2
10. Could God Do a Noahic Global Flood?
11. But *Did* God Do a Noahic Global Flood?
12. Critique by an Unnamed LCMS college professor of my "Biblical Demand..." (above)
13. Defusing the Alleged Conflict Between Scientific Fact and the Text of Genesis 1 Without Compromising Either One
14. Genesis 1:1 Easily Harmonizes with the Big Bang
15. The God of Revelation
16. A Hebrew-Faithful Translation of Genesis 1
17. Romans 1:18-20 and its Bearing on Receptivity to the Testimony of Nature
18. Is Science-Honoring-Faith an "Essential" Biblical Tenet?
19. Sixteen Clues in the Text of Genesis 1 Indicating that Creation is Ancient (2 pages)
13. Young-Earth-Creationism Negates Psalm 19:1

## **II. `LCMS Opposition to an Ancient Creation: Challenge and Response**

14. Achieving a Coherent Picture of Genesis 1
15. Apologetic Methods: The Bible's? Or Theirs?
16. YEC Astrophysicist, Dr. Jason Lysle and My Rebuttal of His Position
17. By *Which* Authority? (The Bible or tradition)
18. A Contentious Interchange with LCMS Professor David Adams
19. CTCR Challenge and Response (my letter to LCMS Official, Dr. Joel Lehenbuer)
20. My Critique of Joel Heck's article, "Bible on Beginnings"
21. Dear Dr. Paul Maier, leading LCMS official who supports my Views on the Big Bang
22. Ham Must Not be Swallowed Whole
23. "In Christ All Things Hold Together" (a critique of the CTCR book by that name).
24. Is the LCMS Objection to the Big Bang Biblically Sound?
25. The LCMS's Official Self-Imposed Bondage to Non-Biblical Boundaries
26. Luther's Diet of Worms and Two Plates on the Table Today
27. My Rebuttal of the Lutheran Witness Critique of the Big Bang
28. Not Even Biblical *Writers* are Infallible (Except their inspired Scriptures!)
29. Biblical Answers to "Christian" Opposition to the Big Bang
30. My Rebuttal of Matthew Harrison's YEC Article, "Concerning Six-Day Creation"
31. My Request of the LCMS to Hold a Public Debate on OEC vs YEC
32. Scientific Knowledge and its Bearing on Noah's Flood
33. Should Tradition Trump Scripture? (plus interchange with Matthew Harrison)

34. So You Say the Big Bang Never Happened? (my Reply to YEC proponent Spike Psarris)
35. Three LCMS Statements Rebutted
36. Truth is Never Less than One
37. Young-Earth-Creationism Negates Psalm 19:1
38. We Were Not There; And it Matters Not!

### **III. Ramifications which Follow from the LCMS' YEC Position**

39. Damaging Ramifications Far More Extensive than Just Dating the Earth
40. Should the YEC/OCC Factions Simply Call a Truce?
41. The Biblical View of Scientific Knowledge Concerning Genesis 1 and Noah's Flood
42. The Elephant Standing Between Secularists and their Receptivity to the Gospel
43. The End of Apologetics is its Power to Convict Us of Sin
44. The Urgency of Uniting Truth with Christian Proclamation
45. When Christians Fail to Take Up their Arms
46. Why the Big Bang is Such a Vital Aspect of Christian Apologetics.

### **IV. Articles affirming Apologetics is Biblically-Sound**

47. Eight Reasons to Employ Apologetics as Evangelists
48. Growing Churches Demand a Strict Diet of Worms
51. How Did the Early Church Grow?
52. One Minute Apology file, frequently updated
53. The Pervasive Employment of Apologetics in the Bible
54. The Mission of the Holy Spirit (with respect to Apologetics)
55. Why Apologetics is So Urgently Required
56. Why a Defense of Christianity is Consistent with a Living Faith in Jesus Christ
57. Why Luther's Magisterial/Ministerial Dialectic does Not Nullify the Authority of Science and History

### **V. Articles Affirming that Jesus of Nazareth is the Risen Christ**

58. *Faith, Fact, and Confusion* (*The Da Vinci Code* book review)
59. Historical Facts Confirming Jesus' Resurrection, by Dr. Craig Hazen
60. Hoax? Myth? Or Literally True? (my case for Jesus' historical resurrection)
61. The Sermon that Converted Thousands (How the Early Church Grew)

62. My extended email debate with atheistic Professor of Psychiatry Dr. Kalle Spolander at the University of Stockholm over the question of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.
63. Marcus Borg, a *Jesus Seminar Fellow*, and my interchange with him
64. Twelve Historical Facts Surrounding Jesus' Resurrection, the work of Dr. Craig Hazen

## **VI. Articles Challenging Materialism from an Evidentialist' Perspective**

65. What Atheism Cannot Account For
66. The Case for the Soul
67. "Climate-Change" Militants Caught in a Provable Substantial Scientific Lie
68. *Creationism's Trojan Horse*, book review
69. *The Design Revolution* by William Dembsky, my book review
70. Exposing the Emperor's Nakedness, 12 fallacious attempts to undermine I.D.
71. Five Darwinian Tenets Scrutinized Using David Hume's Analytical Criteria, one of my course papers for my MA Degree on *Science and Religion*
72. *Fox News Alone* Visually Connects the 2020 Summer Rioting to the Guilty Party
73. *God's Prints are Everywhere*, my booklet
74. "God's Prints are Everywhere" critique by atheist Jim Corbett
75. Harris's and Biden's Documentable Lies about Donald Trump's Character
76. Life on Other Planets
77. Michael Shermer, Founding editor of *Skeptic Magazine*, my email exchange with him
78. My Rebuttal of Astronomer Neil de Grass Tyson
79. Professor of Astronomy Dr. Peter Ward, our conversation together
80. Richard Dawkins books, *The Greatest Show on Earth*, my critique
81. How Scientific Pretenders of Any Stripe May Get Caught with their Pants Down
82. Sean Carroll's Sleight-of Hand Evasion of a Creator
83. Stephen Hawking's, *The Grand Design*, my critical review
84. The Truth About Donald Trump and White Supremacy
85. Transgenderism Public Policy that I Decry as Imbecility
86. Unrestrained Secularist' Demands that You "Believe What You Know Ain't So"
87. "God's Prints are Everywhere" critique by atheist Jim Corbett
88. Was the Big Bang the Big Beginning (Or Just the Latest Chapter of our Cosmos?)
89. Why Information in the Cell is Fatal to Darwinism (my review of Dr. Stephen Meyer's book, *The Signature in the Cell*).
90. Why an Entrenched Dismissiveness of a Big Bang Creation is Anti-Scientific
91. Why the Meteor Hit the Moon

## **VII Articles Challenging Materialism on Philosophical Grounds**

92. The Absolutely Urgent Necessity to Persuade
93. Antifa's Intellectual Nakedness Underneath their Black Cover
94. Ask Skeptics What it is They Believe...And Expect Them to Answer
95. The Big Take Away of the Left's Propensity to Take Away the Right's Voice
96. "Black Lives Matter" Declared Goals
97. The Broad Array of Ploys the Left Employs
98. Can Anyone Escape the Judgment of God?
99. As a Conservative I Would Never Seek to Censor Leftist' Views
100. Crocodile Tears over Musk
101. Don't Swallow Leftism's Demonstrably Pseudo-Scientific Demands
102. Does the God of the Bible Exempt Himself from Rational Truth?
103. Does Science Really Undermine the Virgin Birth?
104. Exposing the Emperor's Nakedness (A defense of Intelligent Design)
105. Have Skeptics No Intellectual Obligations?
106. How the Left Has "Won"
107. How two Parties Witnessing the Exact Same Phenomena ...
108. An Indispensable Factor in Minimizing Mass-Shootings
109. The Inept Band of Those Who are Wise in their Own Eyes
110. The Inescapable Connection Between Socialism and the Murder of 100 Million Captives
111. Humanistic Ethics Will Never Create a Free and Just Society
112. Exposing the Intellectual Fraud of Marxist Dogma
113. Rationally Speaking, Only Redemption in Jesus Christ Can Bring Heaven on Earth
114. Confronting Social-ISM with the God of Redemption (a collection of the above four essays)
115. The Unassailable Historical-Geological Facts that Climate-Change Militants Chronically Suppress
116. Confronting Islam with the God of Redemption
117. Flawed Liberators or Clueless Thugs?
118. Ignorance Will Not Be Bliss for Long
119. The Infinite Gap Between Rationality and Rationalism
120. The Intellectual Death Toward Which Secularism is Taking our Society
121. Leftism's Claims to Be Champions of Science is a Gigantic Fraud
122. Why Simply Ignoring One's Opposition is So Intellectually Vacuous
123. Why Materialism is Utterly Irrational

- 124. *Merriam-Webster's Dictionary* Attempt to De-Racistify Blacks by Definition
- 125. *Naturalism* Misapprehends the Nature of Nature
- 126. No Truth? Then No Rationality...And No Society!
- 123. Only One Way to Establish Truth
- 124. Prejudice? Or Bias?
- 125. *Scientism* is Not Science
- 126. Should we Ditch the Term "*People of Faith?*" Why the Biblical Answer is...
- 129. Scientific Pronouncements Must Harmonize with the Birds and the Bees
- 130. The Self-Contradictory Core of the "Cancel-Culture" Agenda
- 131. The Sheer Irrationality of Leftist Agendas
- 132. Thirteen Darwinian Objections to Intelligent Design, Answered
- 133. Truth is Falling Everywhere Except ...
- 134. The Utter Failure (or Refusal) of Leftist Administrations to Give Rationales for their Pronouncements
- 135. What Atheism Cannot Explain
- 136. What's Glaringly Missing from Leftist' Public Assertions?
- 137. Why Censorship by Secularist' Social Media is Utterly Irrational
- 138. Why No One Will Evade a Guilty Verdict Before God
- 139. Why the Big Bang is Such a Vital Aspect of Christian Apologetics
- 140. Willful Ignorance is Anti-Science
- 141. Why Atheist Antony Flew Came to Believe in God – in his own words
- 142. "*You Can't Prove God's Existence*"...is nothing but a trivial evasive slogan!
- 143. Your Personal Freedom Absolutely Requires Your Insisting on Freedom for Others

### **VIII. Lutheran Reformation (an Ongoing Necessity)**

- 144. Christian Discipleship in Light of the Fulfilled New Covenant
- 145. The Failure of the Lutheran Confessions to Substantiate from the Bible the Authority to Denigrate Rational Analysis
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- 147. Lutheran Theology and Decision Theology
- 148. Martin Luther and the Lutheran Confessions on Apologetics and the Use of Reason
- 149. My Doctrinal Position Statement in my Application to BIOLA University
- 150. Straight to the Highest Authority

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- 151. Are God's Purposes Deterred by "Political" Affairs on Earth?
- 152. Conceal-Carry Rights Rationale
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- 155. Why Fearing the Lord is the Only Way to Personal Peace

#### **X. Fun Articles**

- 156. My Sky Diving Experience as a Clue to the Gospel (incl. my skydiving video)
- 157. My Family's Experience of a Solar Eclipse *totality*
- 158. We're Mid-Way (between an atom and our Sun)

#### **XI. Completed Articles Not Posted Due to Space-Shortage**

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- 160. Does the Bible Permit Denigrating Science in Order to Maintain our Faith?
- 161. Does the LCMS Make a Valid Case for Young-Earth Creationism?
- 162. My Initial Invitation to the Humanists of North Puget Sound to Enter into Public Debate on the Existence of God
- 163. My Letter to the U.S. House of Representatives concerning the "Equality Act."

#### **XII. Pending Articles**

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- 166. Christian Enthusiasm
- 167. Christianity is Falsifiable and How That's Good News
- 168. According to Romans 6, the Justifier is Also the Sanctifier
- 169. Christianity is **Only** for the Ungodly
- 170. Christian Worship Assembly is Like an AA Meeting
- 171. You are Responsible for Your Unbelief, Luther-anly-Speaking
- 172. We Christians Have No Grounds for Despairing
- 173. Sexuality Expressed According to the Flesh is Pornography
- 174. Naming the Insurrectionists
- 175. Ascensionally-Pentecostal Lutheranism
- 176. Christianity According to the Apostle Paul's Epistle to the Romans
- 177. Insist on a Single Standard for All!
- 178. The Urgency for You to Walk in the Light (1 John 1:7)
- 179. Can "Green" Energy Ever Evade Fossil or Nuclear Fuels?

180. Does Liturgy Mark the Chief Tenet of Martin Luther's Teaching?
181. Lutherans! Keep the Main Thing the Main Thing!
182. Not the Slightest Chance of a Free and Just Society Except...
183. Christian Freedom or Secularist Hedonism? Reconciling Commandment 6 with the Doctrine of Creation (Sexual Sanctification/Liberated Passion)
184. What God Intends and What He does Not Intend, in Order to Achieve His Law
185. Science, Non-Science, and Nonsense
186. How Young-Earth Creationism Undermines the Convicting Law of God
187. Good Things, god-Things, and All Things in Reconciliation with our Maker
188. Thinking Holistically as Lutherans about the Necessity of the New Birth
189. The Hypocrisy of the Leftist Self-Acclaimed Apostles of Science
190. Sense, Sensuality, Sensual, and Godliness in the *Wholeness* of Life
191. Let the Light Shine: Why I Regard God's Law as my Best Friend
192. No Christ, No Democracy!
193. Why a Long-Distance Relationship with Jesus is Conceptually Impossible
194. Why Metaphysics Does NOT, in Principle, Contradict Physics
195. Without Metaphysics We Would Not have Physics
196. Set the Standard of Calling-Out Double-Standards
197. Let the Gospel Enlarge your Own World!
198. Freedom Isn't Secured by the Absence of a Master, But Serving the Right One
199. Physicality, Spirituality, and Biblical Spirituality
200. The Hypocrisy of Self-Acclaimed Apostles of Science-Only
201. Focusing Biblically on the Love of God (1 John 4:10)
202. It's Past Time to Directly Undermine Morally Corrupt Journalistic Reporting
203. Naming the Prevailing Power in Key Modern Western Military Successes
204. Did Jesus Advocate Pacifism?
205. One Thing Agnostic Saul Alinsky and Christians Can Agree Upon
206. Damnable Ignorance
207. Original Sin Originates Precisely with the Defiance of God
208. Sanctification in Light of Romans Chapters 7, 6 and 8
209. How *The Four Spiritual Laws are Wrong* with Respect to Sin (Isaiah 53:6 – "All we like sheep...everyone to his own way")
210. The Only Way Good Works Can Occur is if the Worker of Good is Invited In
211. The Christian Claim of our Doctrines as Absolute Reality
212. The Inept Band of Those Who are Wise in their Own Eyes
213. What Humans are Capable of Doing (tragically)



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