

# **My Articles discussing Various Facets of the Science and Religion Question from an "Ancient Creation" Perspective**

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## *INITIAL-IZATION*

- CTCR: Commission on Theology and Church Relations, a branch of the LCMS  
ELCA: Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
LCMS: The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod  
OCC: Old Cosmos Creation (the universe is billions of years old)  
YEC: Young-Earth Creationism (creation is 6-10 thousand years old)

Up until the beginning of 2019 I served as a Pastor in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod for eleven years. Since I had already embraced Big Bang cosmology at the time I entered into the LCMS through colloquy, I expected that my views on the relationship between science and theology would represent the minority position. But I was shocked at being rejected wholesale across the entire synod to such an extent that I was denied the opportunity to publicly employ such evidence from science as indicators of God's existence. It is for this reason that I sought to persuade LCMS officials to revisit the question of a correct and viable interpretation of the text of the creation account in Genesis 1:1-2:4.

1. Read This Opening Summation First
2. No Truth? Then No Rationality...And No Society
3. "Not Enough 'Jesus!'"? My Reasoning

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

4. Could God Do a Noahic Global Flood?
5. But *Did* God Do a Global Flood?
6. The Biblical Demand to Take Another Look: Ten "Compelling" Exegetical Reasons the Creation Days of Genesis are 24-Hour" (Same contents as #1, but 15 pages)
7. Creation Texts Must Reconcile with Science in Order to Qualify as Truth
8. Critique by an LCMS university professor of my paper, "The Biblical Demand..."
9. Defusing the Alleged Conflict Between Scientific Fact and the Literary Text of Genesis 1 Without Compromising Either One
10. How Genesis 1:1 Easily Accommodates the Big Bang
11. Romans 1:18-20 and its Bearing on Receptivity to the Testimony of Nature
12. Sixteen Clues in the Text of Genesis 1 Indicating that Creation is Ancient (one page)
13. Straight to the Highest Authority

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

14. A Contentious Interchange with LCMS professor David Adams
15. YEC Astrophysicist, Dr. Jason Lysle and My Rebuttal of His Position
16. By *Which* Authority? (the Bible or tradition)
17. CTCR Challenge and Response (to Dr. Joel Lehenbuer)
18. My Critique of Joel Heck's article, "Bible on Beginnings"

19. Dear Dr. Paul Maier, High LCMS Official, who supports my Views on the Big Bang
20. A Diet of Worms and Two Plates on the Table Today
21. Does God Exempt Himself from Substantiating His Claims?
22. Does the Bible Permit Denigrating Science in order to Maintain our Faith?
23. Does the LCMS Make a Valid Case for Young-Earth Creationism?
24. Dr. Heck, My Very Critical Review
25. Ham Must Not be Swallowed Whole
26. How the LCMS Betrays One Glaring Vulnerability: And Why it Matters
27. In Christ All Things Hold Together (a critique of the CTCR book by that name).
28. Is the LCMS Objection to the Big Bang Biblically Sound?
29. The LCMS' Official Self-Imposed Bondage to Non-Biblical Boundaries
30. My Rebuttal of the Lutheran Witness Critique of the Big Bang
31. Not Even Biblical *Writers* are Infallible (Except in Scripture!)
32. Not Just One Hermeneutical Criterion; But Three!
33. Biblical Answers to "Christian" Opposition to the Big Bang
34. My Rebuttal of Matthew Harrison's Article, "Concerning Six-Day Creation"
35. Should Tradition Trump Scripture? (plus, interchange with Matthew Harrison)
36. So You Say the Big Bang Never Happened!
37. Three LCMS Statements Rebutted
38. Truth is Never Less than One
39. We Were Not There; And it Matters Not!

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

40. Damaging Ramifications Far More Extensive than Dating the Earth
41. Growing Churches Demand a Strict Diet of Worms
42. How Young-Earth Creationism Undermines the Convicting Power of God
43. My Strategic Rationale for Employing Apologetics in Service of Evangelism (outline).
44. Should the YEC/OCC Factions Simply Call a Truce?
45. The Biblical View of Scientific Knowledge and its Bearing on Interpreting Genesis 1 and Noah's Flood Story
46. The Elephant Standing Between Secularists and their Receptivity to the Gospel
47. The Urgency of Uniting Truth with Christian Proclamation
48. What Darwinists and Young-Earth Creationists Have in Common
49. What Use is Evidence to the Holy Spirit?
50. When Christians Fail to Take Up their Arms
51. Why the Big Bang is Such a Vital Aspect of Christian Apologetics.

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

52. Eight Reasons to Employ Apologetics as Evangelists
53. Growing Churches Demand a Strict Diet of Worms
54. How Did the Early Church Grow?
55. Martin Luther and the Lutheran Confessions on Apologetics and the Use of Reason
56. One Minute Apology file, frequently updated
57. The End of Apologetics...is its Power to Convict Us of Sin
58. The Pervasive Employment of Apologetics in the Bible
59. Why Luther's Magisterial/Ministerial Dialectic does Not Denigrate the Authority of Science and History
60. Why a Defense of Christianity is Consistent with a Living Faith in Jesus Christ

## **V. Articles Affirming that Jesus of Nazareth is the Risen Christ Who was Crucified for our Sins**

61. 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.
62. Hoax? Myth? Or Literally True?
63. How Scientific Pretenders of Any Stripe May Get Caught with their Pants Down
64. Faith, Fact, and Confusion (The Da Vinci Code book review)
65. Marcus Borg, a *Jesus Seminar Fellow*, and my interchange with him

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

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67. "*Creationism's Trojan Horse*" book review
68. "*The Design Revolution*" book review
69. Five Darwinian Tenets Scrutinized Using David Hume's Analytical Criteria
70. Fox News Alone Visually Connects the 2020 Summer Rioting to the Guilty Party
71. Dear Dr. Paul Maier, High LCMS Official, who supports my Views on the Big Bang
72. Life on Other Planets
73. My *Everett Herald* newspaper letter to the editor on questions of extra-terrestrial life.
74. Michael Shermer, Founding editor of *Skeptical Magazine*, my email exchange with him
75. My initial invitation to the Humanists of North Puget Sound (Seattle region) to enter into public debate on the existence of God.
76. *God's Prints are Everywhere*, my booklet
77. My Rebuttal of astronomer Neil deGrass Tyson
78. Sean Carroll's Sleight-of Hand Evasion of a Creator
79. "The Prints are Everywhere" critique by atheist Jim Corbett
80. The Truth About Donald Trump and White Supremacy
81. The Virgin Birth: Can Science Actually Discredit It?
82. Was the Big Bang the Big Beginning?
83. Why Information in the Cell is Fatal to Darwinism (my review of Dr. Stephen Meyer's book, *The Signature in the Cell*).
84. Why the *Scientific* Case for Genesis 1:1 has NOT been Overthrown
85. Why the Meteor Hit the Moon

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

86. Antifa's Intellectual Nakedness Underneath their Black Cover
87. Climate Change Militants Caught in a Gross Scientific Lie
88. As a Conservative I Would Never Seek to Censor Leftist's Views
89. Ask Skeptics What it is They Believe
90. The Broad Array of Ploys the Left Employs
91. Ditch the Term "People of Faith"
92. Don't Swallow Leftism's Demonstrably Pseudo-Scientific Demands
93. Does Science Really Undermine the Virgin Birth?
94. Exposing the Emperor's Nakedness (A defense of Intelligent Design)
95. Have Skeptics No Intellectual Obligations?
96. Harris and Biden Caught on Video of Lying about Donald Trump's Words
97. How the Left Has "Won"
98. How Two Parties Can Take-Away Opposite "Facts" About the Exact Same Phenomenon

99. Humanistic "Morality" Never Has Created a Free and Just Society
100. Inconvenient Climatic Truths Chronically Neglected
101. The Infinite Gap Between Rationality and Rationalism
102. In What Way is Science the Answer
103. Why Just Saying "No" is So Intellectually Foolish
104. Merriam-Webster's Attempt to De-Racistify Blacks by Definition
105. My Declined Letter to the Editor, January 22, 2021
106. My Letter to the US House of Representatives re. the "Equality Act."
107. *Naturalism* Misapprehends the Nature of Nature
108. No Truth? Then No Rationality...And No Society!
109. Only One Way to Establish Truth
110. In What Way is Science the Answer, my letter to the Editor
111. *Scientism* is Not Science
112. The Choice: Flawed Liberators or Ruthless Thugs?
113. The Democrat Party's Designs for the Supreme Court are Irrational
114. The Greatest Miracle that Science has ever "Proven" is the Big Bang
115. The Intellectual Death Toward Which Secularism is Taking our Society
116. The Irrationality of Rejecting, Out-of-Hand, Religion Based on Revelation
117. The Plethora of Leftist Phobias
118. The Self-Contradictory Aspect of Transgenderism Public Policy
119. The Self-Contradictory Core of the "Cancel-Culture" Agenda
120. The Sheer Irrationality of Leftist Agendas
121. Thirteen Darwinian Objections to Intelligent Design Answered
122. Truth is Falling Everywhere Except...
123. What Atheism Cannot Explain
124. Why Censorship by Secularist Social Media is Utterly Irrational
125. Why our Culture Simply Cannot Have its Cake While Devouring it!
126. Why No One Will Evade a Guilty Verdict Before God
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128. Willful Ignorance is Anti-Science
129. "You Can't Prove God's Existence"...is nothing but a trivial evasive slogan!

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131. My Compilation of References in the Koran to "Isa" (Jesus)
132. Conceal-Carry Rights Rationale
133. Getting our Understanding about Sexuality Right
134. My Doctrinal Position Statement in my Application to BIOLA University
135. Inconvenient Truths Chronically Neglected
136. Lutheran Theology and Decision Theology
137. The Self-Contradictory Policies of "Liberal" Transgenderism Public
138. Christian Discipleship in Light of the Fulfilled New Covenant
139. What's Really Wrong with the World?

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145. Science, Non-Science, and Nonsense
146. Good Things, god-Things, and All Things in Terms of Orientation to our Maker
147. Thinking Holistically as Lutherans about the Necessity of the New Birth
148. The Hypocrisy of the Leftist Self-Acclaimed Apostles of Science
149. Sense, Sensuality, Sensual, and Godliness in the *Wholeness* of Life
150. Let the Light Shine: Why I Regard God's Law as my Best Friend
151. The Perversely Pervasive Neglect of Persuasion
152. No Christ, No Democracy!
153. Why a Long-Distance Relationship with Jesus is Conceptually Impossible
154. Why Metaphysics Does NOT, in Principle, Contradict Physics
155. Without Metaphysics We Would Not have Physics
156. Set the Standard by Every Time Calling-Out Double-Standards
157. Let the Gospel Enlarge your Own World!
158. Freedom Isn't Secured by the Absence of a Master, But Serving the Right One
159. Physicality, Spirituality, and Biblical Spirituality
160. The Hypocrisy of Self-Acclaimed Apostles of Science-Only
161. Focusing Biblically on the Love of God (1 John 4:10)
162. It's Past Time to Directly Decimate Morally Corrupt Journalistic Reporting
163. Naming the Prevailing Power in Key Modern Western Military Successes
164. Did Jesus Advocate Pacifism?
165. Damnable Ignorance
166. How *The Four Spiritual Laws are Wrong* with Respect to Sin