

## A Brief Criticism of Creationist Organizations

Generally speaking, I'm a big "fan" of *any* of the handful of Christian, Six-Day Creationist organizations, and more specifically, those two stand-outs, Answers in Genesis (AiG) and Creation Ministries International (CMI). Both AiG and CMI have contributed mightily to the strengthening of my own faith, as well as the faith of countless others worldwide. Both are to be commended for their Christ-honoring work in teaching the Biblical *and* science-confirmed truth about *origins*, or the "*first things*." I *love* 'em for that, and I won't attempt to dissuade anyone from supporting either or both of these organizations, especially in some due proportion to what an individual may have gained in legitimate knowledge by absorbing the excellent instruction they offer. So far, so good, we may say, but caveats must follow.

When I coined — to the best of my knowledge, that is — the term, "Evillusion" (combining *evil*

and *illusion*), and wrote a 124-page book (PDF) on how *evolutionary “theory”* IS that *evil illusion* that has probably destroyed more souls in the last few centuries than anything else going, I relied heavily on the works (books, articles, audio, and video) produced by those associated with CMI, AiG, or *both* (God has seen fit to bring forth *two* top-shelf organizations out of one, several years ago; this is a rather clear illustration of Divine Providence, in my estimation). With reluctance, but with equal resolve, I’ll now get to the criticisms, which quickly narrow to these two areas of concern;

1. While AiG, CMI, and others *excel* at telling the story of the *first* things, they *ALL* blow it when talking about the *last* things (end-times teachings, or *eschatology*); they are *futurists* without any discernible exception, and therefore, are failing to take the *entirety* of Christ’s words as inerrantly true; they need “excuses” to explain how Jesus was “off” in this area.

2. While many staff members of both CMI and AiG (and once again, *others* as well) are professing **and confessing** Christians — that is, they have subscribed to the Westminster Confession or the London Baptist Confession, for example, and the accompanying *standards* for all matters of faith and practice — they seem perfectly willing to ignore those Biblically-derived parameters when it comes to “Christmas” (literally, the “*mass* of Christ”), “Easter,” which is *unquestionably pagan* in origin (as is Saturnalia-Yule-X-mass, BTW), Lent, Halloween, and all of the other inventions of mere sinful men who insist on doing what’s “right” in *their* eyes, regardless of what God thinks or commands. I can’t help but think that observing these **plagiarisms of perverse pagan practice** is a matter of expedience, and a way to add to the company bottom line during “holy day” seasons. If so, how is that justified? By *God’s Word*, I mean? Sorry, but it can’t be done!

So now that I've aired my grievances, let me remind any reader who may have happened upon this little "diatribe" that when we're discussing the teachings of Scripture, I stand *squarely* on the same side with the 6-day Creationists of today, and the *vast majority* of all professing Christians throughout history, from Adam — *made* on that Sixth Day, and the Creator certainly clued *him* in on that fact — and onwards, through Moses, the Apostles John, Paul, and Peter, Jesus Christ Himself, and all who have taken God's words on *everything* to be true without exception. But when it comes to what all of the *Spirit-inspired* OT prophets, NT writers, and Jesus Christ Himself said and wrote about the *last* things, well, it's a completely different story, isn't it? It sure is. On *that* subject, even those who claim to adhere to the essential principle of *Sola Scriptura* (from Scripture *alone* should we get our doctrine and patterns for practice) are clambering over every ant-hill in search of the pebble that must be overturned to reveal *THE* secret that all others have missed!

It's just so much futility and *nonsense*! I find it *beyond aggravating* that those who claim to always take God at His word and/or to take the Bible as the absolute truth, can find everything BUT truth in what Jesus, the Son of God, has actually said; what the equally-omniscient God, the Holy Spirit, has breathed into every New Testament writer; what MUST be true because God can NOT lie (**Numbers 23:19; Titus 1:2; Heb 6:18, etc.**). And that group of *doubting futurists* — those who insist that Christ has NOT returned as and when He and all the others prophesied, predicted, and in at least “some” cases *witnessed* (**Mt 16:27-28; Mark 8:38 & 9:1; Luke 9:26-27**) — most certainly includes every ministry “leader” from the Creationist organizations I've mentioned. I beg them: *stop MISleading on this very important issue!* Yes, I know it's a “hard sell.” But it's the truth, so teach it as a vital part of the *whole* counsel of God (**Acts 20:27**). Yes, you might have to swallow hard and steel your spiritual backbone, but would you rather hear, “Well done, sales are up in the last

quarter!” from another human being, or “Well done, good and faithful servant!” (Mt 25:21) from the Creator-King-Lord-Judge-Savior? I can hardly think of a bigger no-brainer for the true follower and servant of Christ. Don’t play games with your level of obedience, or continue to be slow in it.

The Holy Spirit often commends immediate and full obedience in the pages of His Scriptures, and I seriously doubt that even a single redeemed soul in Heaven will regret that he or she was *too* obedient, that they went *overboard* in the holiness department! Not gonna happen, not even *possible*!

Well, let’s take a deep breath, assess things a bit, and proceed. What I’m really “on” about here is that all of us should take our cues in every matter of faith and practice from *God’s* words that are laid out for us in written form; those words do not change, and they are unfailingly true. What God commands, let us do. Let’s do it willingly, completely, and from this moment forward. What God has said, let us believe. Let’s believe it *adamantly*,

without exception, and let *God* be true, though every man be a liar (**Rom 3:4**; that verse is in our Bibles for a reason!). Stop listening to those who have stopped listening to God themselves; they can only lead you into the ditch that serves as a graveyard for the ever-failing predictions of men. Resolve to listen to the ever-*prevailing* truth of the Truth Himself (**John 14:6**). What He said, as it was faithfully recorded in **Mt 24:34**; **Mt 23:36**; **Luke 21:20-32** can only be *true* — there's no room for *falsehood* in each case because it was Jesus Christ (*GOD*) speaking — and it can only apply to a specific generation in history: the *First Century*, especially from AD 30 through the AD 70 destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple.

These are truths that you can't get around, and only *spiritual laziness* at "best" or condemnable *faithlessness* at worst will make one desire *to* get around them. They block the road, with no escape route back to the False-Fantasy Land of lies, where Lindsey, Camping, Hagee, LaHaye, Missler,

Van Impe, and all the other propped-up “giants” go to and fro with their Dispensational War-clubs, keeping the gullible populace in a state of fear. In their warped world, the Doomsday Horror Show — yes, *that* one, the earth-burning end-all of *literally* biblical proportion (as they want you to believe it to be) — is *always* just around the corner. So the next time a leader from “Russo” to the north looks cross-eyed at a modern-day Israeli, it just HAS to be Armageddon, and haven’t we been telling you so for lo, these many years! It makes me gag. **It’s blatant fear-mongering, book-selling, and name-building, but there are two things it most certainly is not: either Biblical (capital B) OR the least bit true.**

The fundamental error that EVERY futurist makes, including the close-but-yet-so-far “partial preterists” (or *full-time fence-sitting futurists*) is not hard to pinpoint: **they are looking in the wrong direction *entirely*.** All of their energies and inventive schemes are *pure waste*; they signify nothing,

and they simply can NOT produce accurate predictions. To put it another way, the problem is that they're *predicting...*(*wait for it...*) a false...*past!*  
That's right, I *meant* to say *past*, and NOT *future*.  
Let's untangle this before heads explode.

In order for any of the countless futurist predictions to even be *minimally* plausible, that is, to be "bought" by the masses of the Biblically *illiterate*, what *actually* took place in real time and space history *AND* the spiritual realm must be kicked out of sight and *buried*. Because when the average Christian reads the clear statements of our Lord like..."Some. Standing [right] HERE [now, within the very sound of My voice, in AD 30]. Shall NOT taste death [die!]. Till [until]. THEY [from among those standing here now]. SEE [experience with the sense of sight]. The Son of Man [Myself, Jesus]. *Coming in His kingdom* [what isn't clear in those 4 words?]....the absolutely *natural* reaction is to ask why so many millions throughout history, right on up to today (and beyond) got it *wrong!*

The average reader can feel *betrayed* by so many a teacher/pastor for so many years because it's just sooooo *simple*: Jesus was saying that *not* all of those already alive in AD 30 and standing in His audience at that time would *die* BEFORE the ("second") coming, or His *return*. Which means.... now think it out....His return/second coming either had to take place WITHIN THE LIFETIMES OF SOME OF THOSE STANDING THERE IN AD 30 OR... we're still thinking this through..... there are some REALLY ancient people — at *least* 1,990 years old (if only 3 years old, and somehow comprehending what Jesus was saying in AD 30) — who ARE alive today, and waiting to see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom! [NOTE: that would more than DOUBLE the age of Methuselah, acknowledged as the "world-record holder" with his paltry 969 years of life on earth; puh-lease, people, THINK!]. So the average reader is gonna have some pertinent questions for you, if you keep insisting on a yet-future "second coming" of Christ. And you CAN'T answer them!

You have an insurmountable problem: you can't tell anyone that Jesus, the Son of God, and very God Himself, could either *lie OR speak in deceptive ignorance*. GOD, and ONLY God...gets it *all* right. *Every* time. If Jesus of Nazareth got even one little thing wrong, he wasn't flawless, and therefore, could not have been the perfect Savior sent by the Father. It inexorably follows that if no sinless God-man HAS come into our world from God the Father and successfully completed His mission to save multitudes of sinners BY living a perfect life as a fully-human person under the Law and making *Himself* the holy sacrifice *accepted* by God the Father, then NONE of us is accepted, and NONE of us has a genuine Savior. Those are the consequences. That's "the rub." You simply can't have both an *erring* Jesus and a *saving* Jesus in the same divine person. The *unbelievers* get this; why don't you professed believers and supposed "teachers of Israel" (**John 3:10**) *not* get it? And yet you go on, presuming to teach, pulling down greater condemnation on yourselves (**James 3:1**). *Deplorable!*

Time to make the simplest of points: in the Bible, when Jesus told someone — usually His beloved disciples — *where to look* for someone or something, what happened? Without fail, they found exactly what Jesus said they would find. No less than four instances popped into my mind within two minutes of beginning to contemplate that question. I tracked 'em down in the pages of God's Word, and I encourage *you* to read these faith-confirming passages as well: **Mt 17:24-27** (the tax money was found in the mouth of a fish); **Mt 21:1-6** (the donkey and the foal); **Mark 14:12-15/Luke 22:7-12** (the man with the upper room to be used for the Passover); **John 21:2-10** (futile session of fishing; Jesus tells them to cast their nets on the other (*right*) side of the boat, and their nets almost break with the tremendous catch). **The lessons are obvious:** 1. Look where CHRIST tells you to look, and you find it; 2. Look where a know-nothing tells you to look, and you come up empty; 3. Look anywhere other than the place or *time* where Christ has directed you, and you fail.

Finally, we come to the obvious *applications* with regard to the ways otherwise commendable 6-day Creationists can so profoundly *disappoint* faithful Christians who are tuned in to the *Biblical* wavelength. If you can replay in your mind a summary paraphrase of the previous pages, I hope it would come out something like the following. First point: it's great if you can nail down "first things" (*origins*), using the Bible as your sure foundation, and science as confirmation (for the skeptical), *BUT...* if you abandon that solid foundation in the area of "last things," in favor of every cock-eyed notion of ignorant, sinful men, how does your Service-to-Christ's-Church Scorecard read? Your *service* is undone by your *disservice* in teaching an extremely flawed, Christ-*dishonoring* eschatology, isn't it? You have misled people and planted seeds of doubt about Christ's divinity after all, so what is gained by your witness in sum? Second point: if you defend the observance of *unscriptural, uncommanded* "holy days," you compromise God's truth and your witness to Him. *Please,...* stop it!