

Daily Bible Reading Schedule		
Date	Morning	Evening
01/12/09 Monday.....	Genesis.....23-24	Matthew.....12
01/13/09 Tuesday.....	Genesis.....25-26	Matthew.....13
01/14/09 Wednesday.....	Genesis.....27-28	Matthew.....14
01/15/09 Thursday.....	Genesis.....29-30	Matthew.....15
01/16/09 Friday.....	Genesis.....31-32	Matthew.....16
01/17/09 Saturday.....	Genesis.....33-34	Matthew.....17
01/18/09 Sunday.....	Genesis.....35-36	Matthew.....18

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TIMES OF SERVICE

- Sunday Morning Bible Study.....9:30
- Sunday Morning Worship.....10:30
- Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00
- Wednesday Evening Bible Study.....7:00
- Ladies Bible Class 3rd Monday Evening of Each Month.....7:00

OUR PLEA:
BACK-TO-THE-BIBLE

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WHAT IS OUR STANDARD? (3)

Jerry D. McDonald

“We have a controversy going on in ... now about the acceptability of the Paluxy footprints in creationism. The issue is that we are dealing with presuppositions. Creationists have accepted the presuppositions of evolutionists, and are trying to present evidence to them based on those presuppositions. Creationists have abandoned the idea of God as ultimate reality, and think that there is some kind of secular standard outside of God on which reality can be judged. Western science has made itself irrelevant to reality; that is the problem here. **We should not be trying to live up to the standards of Western science. We should be trying to live up to God's standards, and allow Western science to fall into the dustbin of history, if that is what its adherents want.**”

Why do we say that these people have abandoned the idea that God is the ultimate reality? We say this because they have allowed the standards of evolutionary “science” to become the source of truth rather than God’s word. One thing all of them have in common is that they all think that science is the source and that the Bible can be interpreted to fit into their interpretation of science.

Whether these people claim to be theistic evolutionists, progressive creationists or old earth creationists they all have the same idea; when you understand science then you can have a clearer understanding of the Bible. Men like Hugh Ross call themselves “progressive creationists” or “old earth creationists” teach that the universe is billions of years old and that it evolved over those billions of years just like the non-theist (atheist) evolutionists teach with the exception that the “progressive creationists” (old earth creationist) teaches that God would intervene miraculously from time to time to get over the gaps that show up in the evolutionary theory. The theistic evolutionists claim that God used Darwin’s theory of evolution to bring about everything and did not intervene. The only difference is that one claims that one is wholly natural and the other has supernatural influence at different times during the evolutionary process. In both cases they claim that man evolved from lower life forms and God used that process to bring about all that there is. They both claim that this process took billions of years from the big bang until present.

They cannot accept a literal interpretation of the Genesis account of creation because to do so would contradict their precious “science” and “science” must be true no matter what. Therefore they have to work to make the Bible fit evolutionary theory in order to be consistent.

God doesn’t need millions of years to do anything. The Bible tells us that “*God said, let there be light and there was light*” (Gen. 1:3). He didn’t need anytime at all to create it. He spoke it and it was there. Some think that the light was Jesus Christ, but that makes Jesus a created being. Jesus was never a created being, he is God (Jno. 1:1-3,14). He is the first cause of creation (Col. 1:15; Rev. 3:14). It didn’t take God millions of years to create light, he just spoke it and it happened. Those who try to interpret the Bible through the eyes of evolution can never have a complete understanding of the Bible. One theistic evolutionists recently told me that atheists only made up about 20% of the people who believed in evolution, that the other 80% were theists, as though that carried any weight. All that tells me is that the 80% has made their beds in the atheistic camps. O many of them claim that they believe in God and his miraculous power, but apparently he doesn’t have enough miraculous power to create everything in six literal 24 hour days and make that creation fully mature. Their God is powerful, but he isn’t that powerful. They worship a much weaker God than I do. The Bible speaks of a God that can do all things that do not go against his nature, or against possibility.

He cannot sin because sin is against his nature “*thou art of purer eyes than to behold sin*” (Hab. 3:13). He cannot make a round square because such would be an impossibility. He cannot do something that would involve a logical contradiction. However to make a star system and make it fully grown would be no more of a logical contradiction or no more impossible for God than making Adam fully grown, and the scripture plainly teaches that Adam was a fully grown man.

So what is the source of our authority, Western science (i.e., evolution) or the Bible? Jesus said “*Sanctify them through Western Science, for Western Science is truth*” (Jno. 17:17). THAT IS WHAT HE SAID ISN’T IT? WELL...ISN’T IT? O...I see, it says “SANCTIFY THEM THROUGH THY TRUTH, THY WORD IS TRUTH” (Jno. 17:17). Well, now I am sure that Western Science is in there some where, let’s see: “*He that rejecteth Western Science and receiveth not Western Science, hath one that judge him, the Western Science that Richard Dawkins hath spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day*” (Jno. 12:48). That must be it! NO! ARE YOU SURE? Well, what does it say, “*He that rejected ME and receiveth not MY WORD, hath one that judgeth him, the WORD THAT I HAVE SPOKEN, the same shall judge him in the last day.*” Well, I think we can see, that Western Science is not the standard that we are to follow. The Bible is the one that is truth, and the Bible is the one that we will be judged by, therefore the Bible is the one we had BETTER be living by and not worrying about Western Science. After all Western Science will change from time to time and God’s word will never change. So what is our source? The word of Almighty God.

News & Notes

THOSE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

We need to remember all those who are sick and afflicted in our daily prayers. We need to remember those who are in the nursing homes, and in the military. We also need to keep Doris Pendleton, Ruby Backus, Tex Kinman, Bill and Verna Butler, Gary Cooper, Lynna Shanks, Verma Long, Connie Gass, Nelta Brock, Cheryl Harris, Janet Patrick, Evonelle Calkins, Vera Dreysse, Elnora Shanks, Bill Habermehl, Dawn Tivoli, Savana Shanks, David Shanks, Richard Massey, Ben Smith Betty Brown, Elwood and Ethel Runge and Danny and Barbara Keeney in our daily prayers. Chesley Shanks continues to get better. He is now back with us. Also continue to remember Gary Wallace.

He is home now and continues to improve. Also remember Taylor Shanks in your daily prayers. Also please remember Adrian & Jean Swindler in your prayers.

THOSE TO SERVE January 11, 2009	THOSE TO SERVE January 18, 2009
A.M.	A.M.
Greeters.....David Shanks & Jerry McDonald	Greeters.....Andy Shanks & Elwood Runge
Announcements.....Jerry McDonald	Announcements.....Thomas McDonald
Song Leader.....Danny Keeney	Song Leader.....Andy Shanks
Opening Prayer.....Elwood Runge	Opening Prayer.....Gary Wallace
Lord’s Supper.....Andy Shanks & T. McDonald	Lord’s Supper....David Shanks & Danny Keeney
Sermon.....Jerry McDonald	Sermon.....Jerry McDonald
Closing Prayer.....Leroy Thomas	Closing Prayer.....Leroy Thomas
P.M.	P.M.
Song Leader.....Danny Keeney	Song Leader.....Andy Shanks
Opening Prayer.....Elwood Runge	Opening Prayer.....Thomas McDonald
Sermon.....Jerry McDonald	Sermon.....Jerry McDonald
Closing Prayer.....Andy Shanks	Closing Prayer.....Elwood Runge
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY
Song Leader.....Danny Keeney	Song Leader.....Andy Shanks
Opening Prayer.....David Shanks	Opening Prayer.....Thomas McDonald
Devotional.....Thomas McDonald	Devotional.....Jerry McDonald
Closing Prayer.....Jerry McDonald	Closing Prayer.....Danny Keeney

FAIR HAVEN CHILDREN’S HOME

The items for Fair Haven Children’s Home this week are “Chicken Broth,” and “Vanilla.”

Sermons for the Next Two Weeks

A.M. For January 11, 2009: “God Is Calling The Prodigal.” The P.M. lesson will be “Introduction To Philemon.”

A.M. For January 18, 2009: “God Is Great” The P.M. Lesson will be: “Balanced Christianity.”

Ladies Bible Class

The ladies Bible class will meet on Monday January 19, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.,. All the ladies of the congregation are invited to attend this class.

Videos

Don’t forget about the videos “Obsession” and “Expelled” that are available to the congregation. Contact one of the McDonald’s to find out about getting hold of a copy.

BUILDING CLEANING

We will be cleaning the building after the evening services on January 11, 2009. All who can stay and help with this chore are invited to do so.