

man is a direct distinct creation of God toward the end of the process. We learn that plants and animals were to reproduce after their kind. I'm not sure there is any proof that a kind is bigger than Linnaeus' species, but if there is such, I certainly don't think there is any proof ~~there is a genus~~ it is a genus.

And if there should be such I certainly don't think there is any proof it's bigger than a family. In other words it would take a million different missing links to really prove it, and if we have any evidence of it there are very very few indeed. There is no reason scientifically why we need have any fear to stand on Genesis. God created the world in the way here described in Gen. 1 and 2. But he has only given us a few glimpses of the way he did it and what we gather from those glimpses we can stand upon and know that it is true. But let's not read into it. We hear scientific theories which fit with this, and the newer scientific theories fit more with it than the older ones did. But let's not say these scientific theories have proven it because they fit with this. 20 years from now they be disproved and new theories advanced. But there's no scientific reason for giving up anything in Genesis.

The vital thing is that we know God the creator of the Universe, who is just as active now, and who is here now and interested in each of us and who created this world as a place for man to live and then man fell into sin, and God in His wonderful grace did not leave us to die in our sin but sent the Lord Jesus Christ to give his life that whosoever believes on him might not perish but have eternal life.

You don't have to believe in the Gen. story of creation to be saved. You don't have to believe particular facts to be saved. All you have to do is to look to Jesus Christ, turn from you sin and accept Him as Saviour! But if you're going to live a worthwhile Christian life and do Him service as He wants every Christian to do, you must be ready to take this book for your life, as your means of sanctification, your means of progress, and it's pretty hard to do that and have reservations about the truth of some part of it. There is no scientific reason for us to have serious doubt as to the accuracy of the statements in Gen.

But let's not read into them things that aren't in them. Let's take what's there and stand upon it.

Let us pray: We thank you for the book you have given us and for its marvelous truth. Thank you for the evidences that have come to light to show its accuracy. It never is out of date, but often ahead of date. Help us to learn about these scientific matters. Help us to learn about these historical matters, but above all help us to know Jesus Christ as Saviour. Help us to look to him and follow him. Help us to be changed into the image of Christ and slough off the sin that remains upon us, to grow into his image that we may bring honor to him. We ask in Jesus' Name. Amen.