

God doesn't give us dates in the OT. Some of them we can figure out. Many others he has not give us the date to figure out. One of the most important things in studying the Bible is not to go to it and say, Does it teach this or that? But does the Bible teach this, that or is it silent on this question? I think it is very important we don't read into the Bible.

Suppose you read this statement in the Bible, of course you wouldn't read anything about me in the Bible, but suppose you did. Suppose you read, Dr. McRau went from Seattle to Cape May. I was in Seattle Monday, I'm here now. Suppose it was an inspired statement, it's in the Bible. It's absolutely true. Fine. But now someone says, How did he go from Seattle to Cape May? The Bible does not say. The statement does not tell you how I came. Did I walk, ride horseback, come by train, come by plane, swim around thro the Panama Canal? How did I come. The statement wouldnot say. If it says I came by plane, did I come by United or by Northwest? Or did I come down thro Los Angeles, or did I come through Denver? Did I come directly through or did I stop somewhere along the way? There are 1000 questions you could ask that the Bible does not answer, but what the Bible does say that we can stand upon and know. So the Bible says that God created heaven and ~~the~~ earth. We can know He did. When the Bible says He created them to reproduce after their kind, we can know He did. When it says He created man as a direct creation we can know He did. But when these things happened the Bible has not revealed tous.

I think it's important we do not make dogmatic statements about things the Bible does not say.

I want to say a word about the scientific evidence on this matter. I feel that is out of my field. My field is Biblical studies. I certainly don't intend to go into it and become a master on the scientific aspect. But I think there are two or three things everyone should know. It isn't a matter of one missing link, it is a matter of a few million missing links, because life as we find it is in many different kinds and fossils as we find them are in many different kinds. To prove that everything came from the simple to the complex is a tremendous vague theory and it is taken by faith but it would take a tremendous amount of evidence to prove it.

I'd like to mention two very interesting things from a scientific viewpoint. One of these was pointed out to me by a biochemist. Did all life come from one simple start, say a one celled animal? This biochemist told me the ameoba and other one celled animals even simpler than the amoeba, one celled -- think of it so small it takes a microscope to see it -- you think it's the simplest thing imaginable, isn't it? Well, in that ameoba, he said, there are as many as 100 different enzymes working together as a system to produce chemical changes in utilizing chemical elements doing things that you and I ~~cannot~~ cannot do, and we have to have so-called lower life to get some of the things we need in order to live. But the very simplest we can find has that complicated mechanism inside. It would have taken tremendous ~~effort~~ evolution to have developed that. The very simplest would have to be a long long distance back of that.

The other thing I wanted to mention is about a man who used to teach in the U. of California. Taught botney ~~there~~ there and then he took a position with a rose company with which he spent many years. He has just retired from this rose company. He was there working for them developing new varities of plants. He told me, I have found