

some of the older Bibles say, "Creation 4004 B.D." Where do they get that? There is no such statement anywhere in the Bible. The Bible doesn't tell us when Adam lived. For all we know, Adam lived at 200,000 B.C. The Bible doesn't tell us anywhere when Adam lived. We don't know. We don't know when Adam lived; and we don't know how long it was. The course of the six days of creation. We don't know whether that was all together, maybe half an hour each--of our present time; or maybe a billion years each - we don't know. God didn't tell us. And we don't know how long it was between the original creation of matter, described in verse 1, "In the beginning God created(the)heaven and(the)earth." and the situation described in verse 2 when the earth was without form and void. We don't know. That may have been a million years for all we know. We just don't know. So don't try to say that the Bible gives us chronology. It doesn't. Well, somebody says, "What a silly thing for the Bible not to tell us when Adam was created. Isn't that awful." Is it awful? - not to tell us when Adam was created? You tell me when your great-great-grandfather was born. How many of you could tell me? Chances are that most of you don't even know the name of your great-great-grandfather - say nothing of telling when he was born - what day of the week he was born

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we forget them - we go to dust, and in a few generations we are completely forgotten. And then we think the Bible is going to give us these precise dates just because we during the last 1400 years have developed what was previously unknown, a very beautiful system of numbering years one after another, a convenient system to indicate. But God didn't give us that. God doesn't give us dates in the Old Testament. Some of them we can figure out. Many others he has not given us the date to figure out. You know, I think one of the most important things in studying the Bible is not to go to the Bible and say, "Does it teach this or that?" But to say, "Does the Bible teach this?" ~~XXXXX~~ Does it teach that? or is it silent on this question?" I think that's very important - that we don't read in to