

The Bible has not told us. There are very clear gaps in the genealogies. God intentionally did not give us the material on which to base a precise chronology.

I could get into a jet airplane and cross the ocean in a few hours (if I had money to buy the ticket), yet if you asked me to build one I'd be quite lost. If you asked me to explain the details of its construction, I'd be quite lost. I can trust it. I can believe it will take me safely there without understanding these details. If somebody wants to take a year or two to explain all this to me, and if I don't have other things I have to do that year, I would enjoy trying to learn. But it would not make it any easier for me to get to Europe than it is now.

We do not need to understand the details of creation, but it is very important that we recognize that it is clearly taught in Scripture that God created the world and all that is in it. It says in Genesis that God created everything to bring forth after its kind. Again we have a question: What does the word "kind" mean? Does it mean that when a human being has a child, that that child is exactly like the parents? Is he brought forth exactly after his kind? Is that what it means? Or does it mean that every living creature can bring forth a living creature? Because a kind would be a living creature. Would a mouse bring forth an oak tree, for instance? They are both living. The "kind" could be an extent or it could be made very narrow. The Bible does not tell us. Why then is this matter of evolution so tremendously important? It is important because it has made a tremendous change in the intellectual climate of the Western World.

I picked up a textbook on evolution not long ago written by a professor at Stanford University in which he says in the intro-