

Presentation



Leader: Dr Tafara Estelle Makuni

Academic Year: 2024-25

Session: Seven Days That Divide The World – John C. Lennox

Date: 13/05/2024

Outline:

- Author: John C. Lennox
- Book Summary
- Any Questions?

Reading List: Academic Year 2024-25



London Christian University Students & Young Adults Group

Great Bible
Study Group
WhatsApp group



In Person: Imperial College London, Senior Common Room, Sheffield Building (West)

Online (Zoom): Meeting ID: 554 662 0291 | Passcode: MTaRN9

Web Link: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/5546620291?pwd=N2trQUU2ZFVvL3k5RllxZTNINXZYrdz09>

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Book Study, Tuesday's, 19:30 - 20:30 (Week starting 12th November 2024). Reading List

Term 1, 19:30-20:30 (28 Sep 24 - 13 Dec 24).

- **Tue 12th** November: *God's Big Picture: A Bible Overview* – Vaughan Roberts (2002).
- **Tue 26th** November: *How to Talk about Jesus* – Andy Bannister (2023).
- **Tue 10th** December: *A Brief History of Time* – Stephen Hawking (2015).

Term 2, 19:30-20:30 (04 Jan 25 - 21 Mar 25).

- **Tue 13th** January: *The Now Generation* – Andy Monks (2015).
- **Tue 27th** January: *Looked After* – Ashley John-Baptiste (2024).
- **Tue 10th** February: *Pure Joy: Rediscover Your Conscience* – Christopher Ash (2012).
- **Tue 24th** February: *Silencio: The Inner Journey* – Jean Pelsier (2023).
- **Tue 10th** March: *Abolition of Man* – C. S. Lewis (1943).




THE GOSPEL & ACADEMIA PROJECT

Introduction: John Lennox



- **John Carson Lennox** (PhD, DPhil, DSc) is a *mathematician, bioethicist* and *Christian apologist* from N. Ireland.
- **Alma Mater:** (i) University of Cambridge (Emmanuel College), (ii) Cardiff University, and (iii) University of Surrey.
- **Fields:** Group theory is abstract algebra that studies the algebraic structures known as groups.
- **Institutions:** (i) University of Wales, and (ii), University of Oxford.
- **Specialism:** The relationship between science and God and has had public debates with atheists including Richard Dawkins and Christopher Hitchens.

About

 johnlennox.org

John Carson Lennox is a mathematician, bioethicist, and Christian apologist originally from Northern Ireland. He has written many books on religion, ethics, the relationship between science and God, and has had public debates with atheists including Richard Dawkins and Christopher Hitchens. [Wikipedia](#)

Born: 7 November 1943 (age 80 years), [Armagh](#)

Education: [University of Oxford](#), [University of Cambridge](#), [MORE](#)

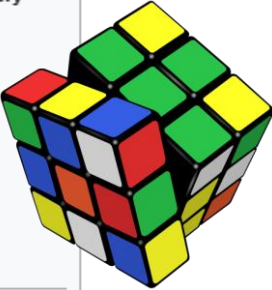
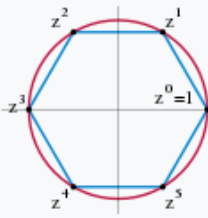
Spouse: Sally Lennox

Children: 3

Doctoral advisor: James Roseblade

Algebraic structure → **Group theory**

Group theory



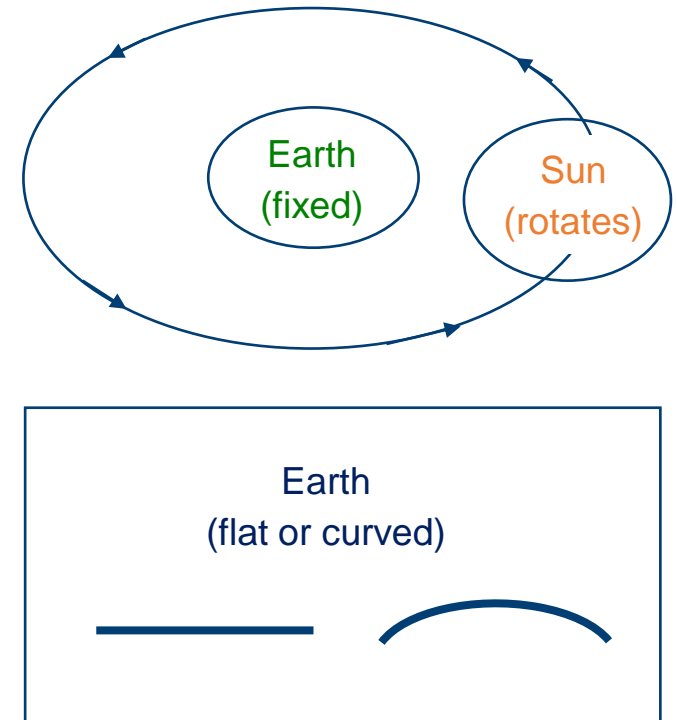
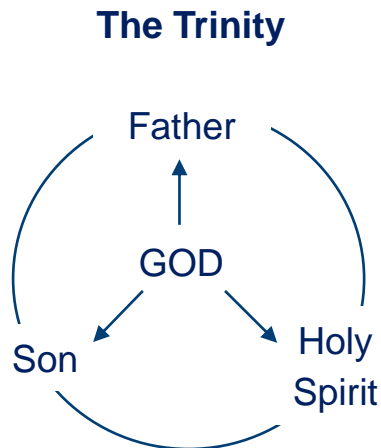
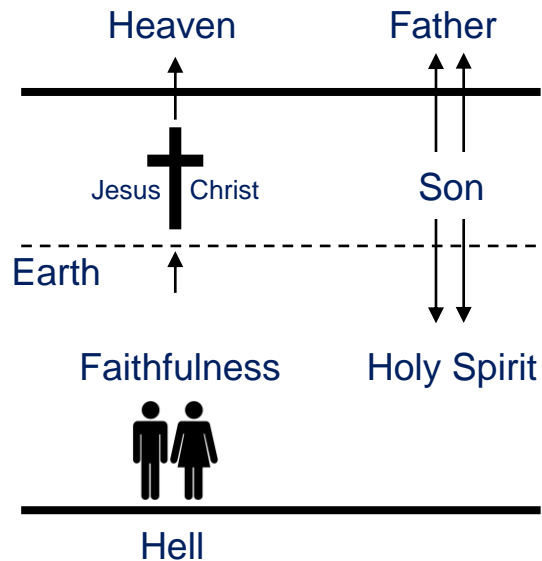
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But Does It Move? A Lesson from History

- What is the relationship between Science and Religion (Genesis)?
- The earth was fixed, and the sun rotated around it.
- Is the earth flat, or is the earth round?

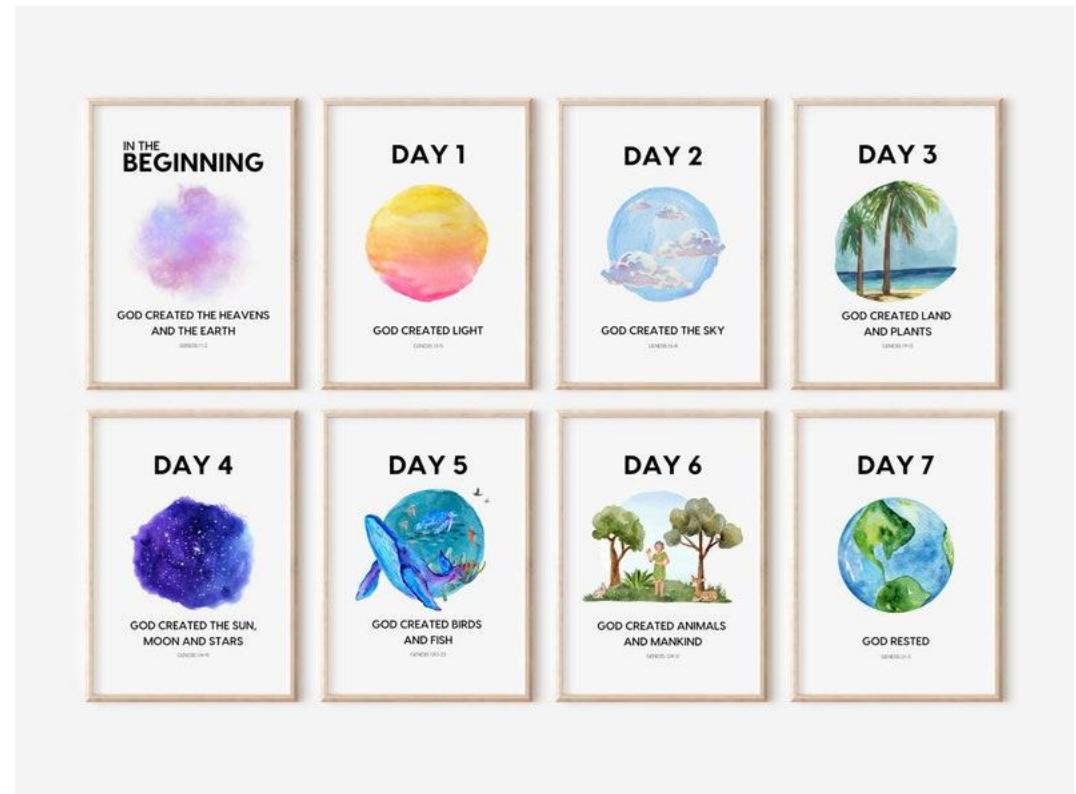


But Is It Old? The Days of Creation

- In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth (Genesis 1:1 NIV).
- God created everything in 6 days, and on the 7th day he rested (the sabbath).
- Common objection: “Some of the views have contrived to make Scripture subservient to science, since no one could have arrived at these sophisticated interpretations in the ancient world.”

The 24-hour view	The days are seven 24-hour days, of one earth week, about six thousand years ago.
The day-age view	The days are in chronological order, each representing a period of time of unspecified length.
The framework view	The days exhibit a logical, rather than a chronological, order.

Day	Forming	Filling	Day
1	Light	Luminaries	4
2	Sky/seas	Sea creatures/ Winged creatures	5
3	Seas/dry land/ vegetation	Land animals/ humans	6



Human Beings. A Special Creation?



- “So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them”. Genesis 1:27. Jordan Peterson has described this statement as the cornerstone of civilization, which we neglect at our peril.
- Jesus Christ is the divine stamp on authority on the human creation of humankind.
- We have our corporate identities in Adam and in Christ!



The Guardian

How dangerous is Jordan B Peterson, the rightwing professor ...
Peterson is not just another troll, narcissist or blowhard whose arguments are fatally ...
7 Feb 2018

About

jordanbpeterson.com

Jordan Bernt Peterson is a Canadian psychologist, author, and media commentator. Often described as conservative, he began to receive widespread attention in the late 2010s for his controversial views on cultural and political issues. Peterson has described himself as a classic British liberal and a traditionalist. [Wikipedia](#)

Born: 12 June 1962 (age 61 years), [Edmonton, Canada](#)

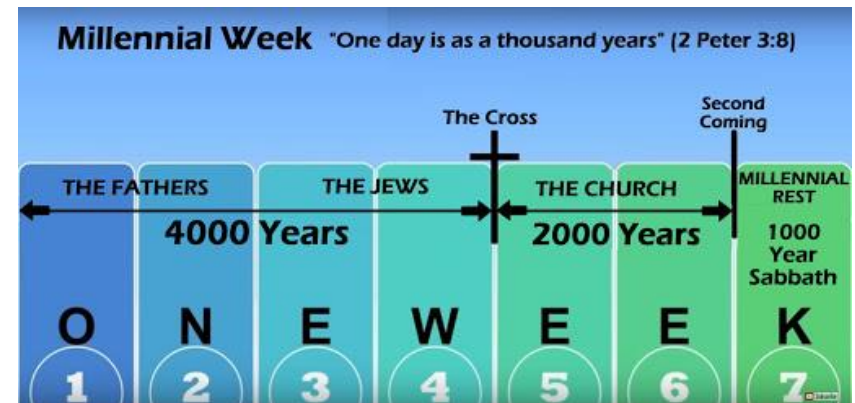
Spouse: [Tammy Roberts](#) (m. 1989)

Children: [Mikhaila Peterson](#), [Julian Peterson](#)

Education: [McGill University](#) (1985–1991), [University of Alberta](#) (1984), [University of Alberta](#) (1982), [Northwestern Polytechnic](#)

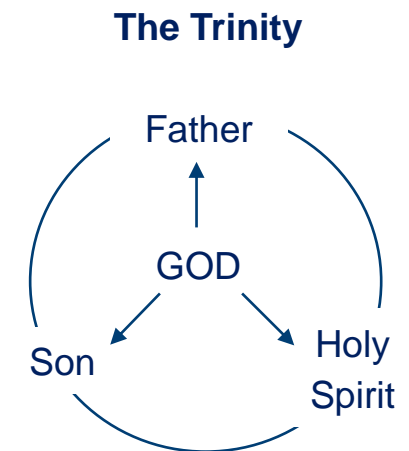
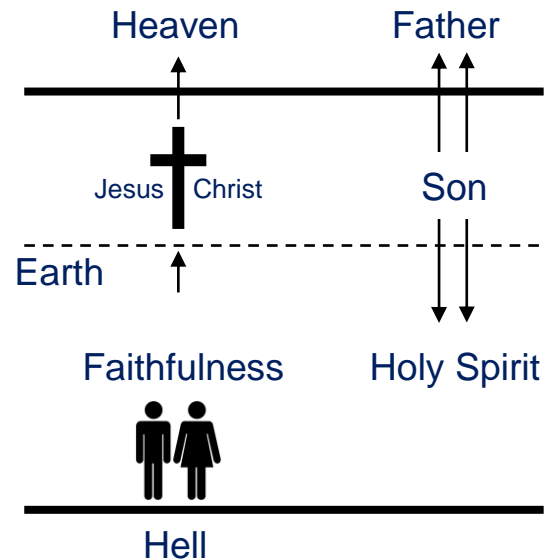
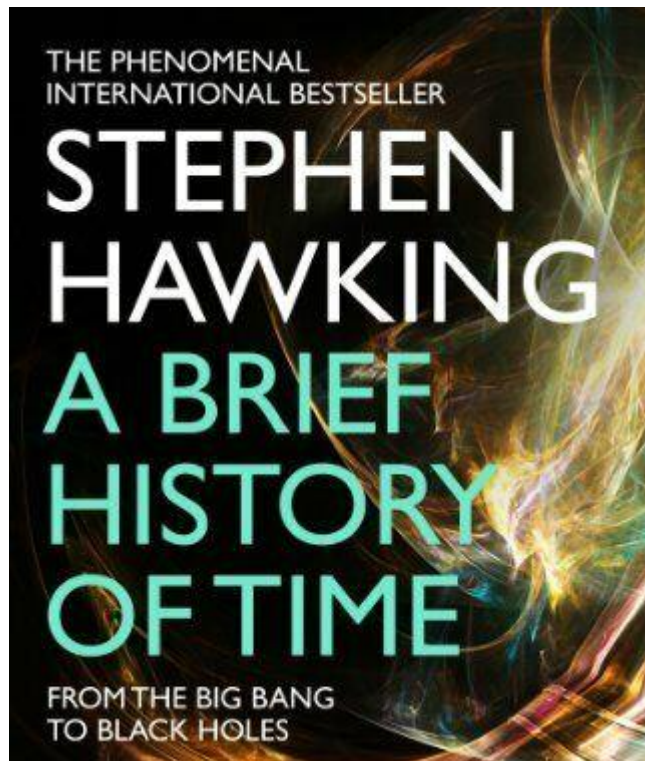
Parents: [Walter Peterson](#), [Beverley Peterson](#)

Affiliation: [University of Toronto](#)



God the Creator

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- God is; distinct from his creation, personal, is a fellowship, has a goal in creation, creates by his Word, the source of light (**C.S. Lewis**), good.
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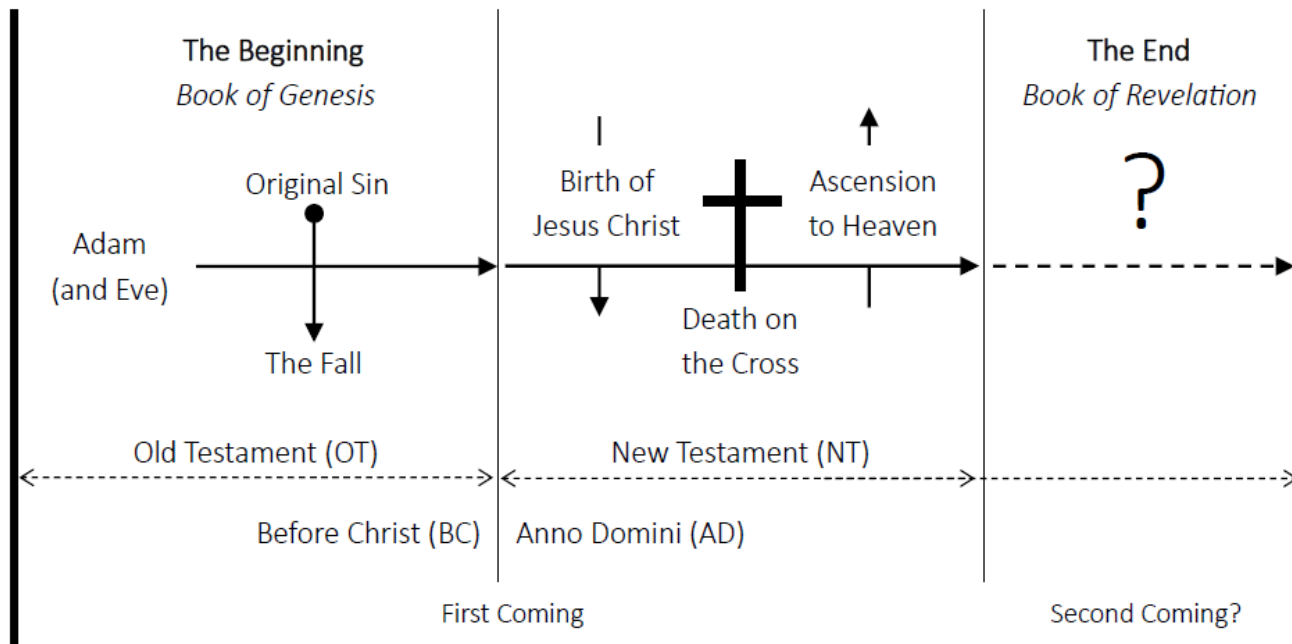


Figure 1: A timeline narrative from scripture showing an outline creation from the beginning until the end of time.

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