

Some Things God Did Not Say & Some Things God Did Say

Have you ever played the game “telephone” where one person says something and then it passed verbally down the line? By the time it gets to the end of the line, the message is not what it was at the beginning. This is the game being played by people who think God either said or did what he did not say or do. On the other hand, there are certain things God did say or do and people deny them.

The Creation in Genesis 1

In studying Genesis 1 some believe God said, “I will create the universe and all living beings using the mechanism of evolution. Each day shall be as millions or billions of years and during that time one cell will become as two cells and two cells as three cells. Eventually complex life forms shall begin to appear and evolve until more complex life forms appear.” Such is the belief of those teaching the doctrine of Theistic Evolution. They attribute evolution to God, believing each day in Genesis 1 represents millions or billions of years, the so called “Day Age Theory.” Others believe there is a gap between Genesis 1.1 and verse 2, the so called “Gap Theory.” Folks, God never said or did any such thing!

Genesis 1 says God created out of nothing everything; the universe, including all living organisms including man. “God said” is found eight times in Genesis 1. Then we read, “and it was so” five times. In Genesis 1.7 “God made” is followed by “it is so.” God’s word created the universe and all living things. Everything was made complete and mature. For instance, the fish did not evolve from nothing until they became “fish” but were fish from the beginning, man was not some lower life form but was man from creation on ward, Genesis 1.26-27.

Part of the importance of what God did and said is applied in other places in the Bible. Romans 1.16 tells us the power of God’s word to save mankind. Those not believing God can create everything in six days are

limiting the power of God's word to create and save. John 1.1-2 tells us everything was created by the Word of God. John 1.14 then tells us Jesus is the Word. By making evolution the mechanism of creation one either takes Jesus out of the picture or redefines Him as an evolutionary process!

The Kingdom of God

Many believe God promised to establish a physical kingdom when the Messiah came to earth. Such a doctrine teaches Israel is still God's holy nation and is to inhabit the land of Canaan today. Usually this is tied in to the Doctrine of Premillennialism and is believed by most "Christian based" religions today.

God did promise the land of Canaan to Abraham (Genesis 12), Isaac and Jacob later on in Genesis. We do read of the people of Israel entering Canaan in the Book of Joshua. Eventually, Israel took control of the land and became a great nation. During his reign Solomon made the following statement, "Blessed be the LORD, who has given rest to His people Israel, according to all that He promised. There has not failed one word of all His good promise, which He promised through His servant Moses." (1 Kings 8:56)

God never promised the land to Israel forever. In fact, He placed the condition of obedience to the habitation of the land. "But it shall come to pass, if you do not obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments and His statutes which I command you today, that all these curses will come upon you and overtake you:... Then the LORD will scatter you among all peoples, from one end of the earth to the other, and there you shall serve other gods, which neither you nor your fathers have known-wood and stone." Deuteronomy 28:15,64 Such did happen to the Northern Kingdom of Israel during the time of Isaiah and the Southern Kingdom of Judah during the days of Jeremiah.

Jesus did come to establish His kingdom and said it would be established in that time period. "Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing

here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power." (Mark 9:1) In His conversation with Nicodemus, Jesus told him how to enter His kingdom. "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God." (John 3:3-5) One was born into the physical kingdom of Israel by means of physical birth but one is born into the spiritual kingdom by means of a spiritual birth. Such is only possible through Jesus Christ.

Have you been 'born again'? Do you understand what that second birth encompasses? If not, let us know. We will be happy to sit down with you and the Bible so as to learn and have that second birth into the Kingdom of God. – Dennis Tucker