

God are slow, constant processes. I feel we may properly view our Creator as having a long-term cohesive plan that is carried out with harmony, patience, and order.

My appeal to you is to stop insisting that the Earth is only 6,000 to 10,000 years old. I believe you have defined God and His concept of time too narrowly. Expand your horizons, pray for insight, and believe the Word of God: "But do not let this one fact escape your notice, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years is as one day" (2 Pet. 3:8).

I too am a believer in the inerrancy of Scripture. Those of us who hold this belief have a special obligation and responsibility. It is very important that we be clear about what the Bible *explicitly does say* and what it *does not say*. The Bible is very clear throughout on the central point: *God created the heavens and the earth and everything in it.*

However, the Bible does not give a date in time for the initial creation event nor for any subsequent event of creation. The use of the word *day* in Genesis may be a twenty-four-hour day, or it may be an eon of time. The days or periods of time may be a continuous week, or they may be separated by vast periods of time. We simply do not know.

I believe Jesus is speaking to our current unwarranted fixation with time in the same spirit in which He addressed His curious disciples of old when He says, "It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority" (Acts 1:7).

What does make a difference in our relationship with the Lord is that we personally bow to Him as our Creator. Time after time in the New Testament, the apostles witness to this fact. It is this witness that we are called to give. "And when they heard this they lifted their voices to God with one accord and said 'O Lord, it is Thou who didst make the heaven and the earth and the sea, and all that is in them.'" (Acts 4:24).

To Science Teachers, Parents, and Students:

It is our curiosity, a facet of the intelligence that sets us apart as human, that drives us to investigate such natural phenomena as the Grand Canyon. We stand in awe and want to explore, to discover, and to explain for ourselves God's magnificent creation.

As we explore this world, we find it to be very rationally created. There are natural laws and processes in the Universe. Scientists such as Francis Bacon and Isaac Newton took great pleasure in searching out these laws, well aware of their Creator. They understood the