

Creation Science

Part 12

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2 Timothy 2 AMPC

1 So you, my son, be strong (strengthened inwardly) in the grace (spiritual blessing) that is [to be found only] in Christ Jesus.

2 And the [instructions] which you have heard from me along with many witnesses, transmit and entrust [as a deposit] to reliable and faithful men who will be competent and qualified to teach others also.

3 Take [with me] your share of the hardships and suffering [which you are called to endure] as a good (first-class) soldier of Christ Jesus.

4 No soldier when in service gets entangled in the enterprises of [civilian] life; his aim is to satisfy and please the one who enlisted him.

5 And if anyone enters competitive games, he is not crowned unless he competes lawfully (fairly, according to the rules laid down).

6 [It is] the hard-working farmer [who labors to produce] who must be the first partaker of the fruits.

7 Think over these things I am saying [understand them and grasp their application], for the Lord will grant you full insight and understanding in everything.

8 Constantly keep in mind Jesus Christ (the Messiah) [as] risen from the dead, [as the prophesied King] descended from David, according to the good news (the Gospel) that I preach.

9 For that [Gospel] I am suffering affliction and even wearing chains like a criminal. But the Word of God is not chained or imprisoned!

10 Therefore I [am ready to] persevere and stand my ground with patience and endure everything for the sake of the elect [God's chosen], so that they too may obtain [the] salvation which is in Christ Jesus, with [the reward of] eternal glory.

11 *The saying is sure and worthy of confidence: If we have died with Him, we shall also live with Him.*

12 *If we endure, we shall also reign with Him. If we deny and disown and reject Him, He will also deny and disown and reject us.*

13 *If we are faithless [do not believe and are untrue to Him], He remains true (faithful to His Word and His righteous character), for He cannot deny Himself.*

14 *Remind [the people] of these facts and [solemnly] charge them in the presence of the Lord to avoid petty controversy over words, which does no good but upsets and undermines the faith of the hearers.*

15 Study and be eager and do your utmost to present yourself to God approved (tested by trial), a workman who has no cause to be ashamed, correctly analyzing and accurately dividing [rightly handling and skillfully teaching] the Word of Truth.

16 *But avoid all empty (vain, useless, idle) talk, for it will lead people into more and more ungodliness.*

17 *And their teaching [will devour; it] will eat its way like cancer or spread like gangrene. So it is with Hymenaeus and Philetus,*

18 *Who have missed the mark and swerved from the truth by arguing that the resurrection has already taken place. They are undermining the faith of some.*

19 *But the firm foundation of (laid by) God stands, sure and unshaken, bearing this seal (inscription): The Lord knows those who are His, and, Let everyone who names [himself by] the name of the Lord give up all iniquity and stand aloof from it.*

20 *But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also [utensils] of wood and earthenware, and some for honorable and noble [use] and some for menial and ignoble [use].*

21 *So whoever cleanses himself [from what is ignoble and unclean, who separates himself from contact with contaminating and corrupting influences] will [then himself] be a vessel set apart and useful for honorable and noble purposes, consecrated and profitable to the Master, fit and ready for any good work.*

22 Shun youthful lusts and flee from them, and aim at and pursue righteousness (all that is virtuous and good, right living, conformity to the will of God in thought, word, and deed); [and aim at and pursue] faith, love, [and] peace (harmony and concord with others) in fellowship with all [Christians], who call upon the Lord out of a pure heart.

23 But refuse (shut your mind against, have nothing to do with) trifling (ill-informed, unedifying, stupid) controversies over ignorant questionings, for you know that they foster strife and breed quarrels.

24 And the servant of the Lord must not be quarrelsome (fighting and contending). Instead, he must be kindly to everyone and mild-tempered [preserving the bond of peace]; he must be a skilled and suitable teacher, patient and forbearing and willing to suffer wrong.

25 He must correct his opponents with courtesy and gentleness, in the hope that God may grant that they will repent and come to know the Truth [that they will perceive and recognize and become accurately acquainted with and acknowledge it],

26 And that they may come to their senses [and] escape out of the snare of the devil, having been held captive by him, [henceforth] to do His [God's] will.

2 Timothy 3 AMPC

1 But understand this, that in the last days will come (set in) perilous times of great stress and trouble [hard to deal with and hard to bear].

2 For people will be lovers of self and [utterly] self-centered, lovers of money and aroused by an inordinate [greedy] desire for wealth, proud and arrogant and contemptuous boasters. They will be abusive (blasphemous, scoffing), disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy and profane.

3 [They will be] without natural [human] affection (callous and inhuman), relentless (admitting of no truce or appeasement); [they will be] slanderers (false accusers, **troublemakers**), intemperate and **loose in morals and conduct**, uncontrolled and fierce, haters of good.

4 [They will be] treacherous [betrayers], rash, [and] **inflated with self-conceit**. [They will be] lovers of sensual pleasures and **vain amusements more than and rather than lovers of God**.

5 For [although] they hold a form of piety (true religion), they deny and reject and are strangers to the power of it [their conduct belies the genuineness of their profession]. Avoid [all] such people [turn away from them].

6 For among them are those who worm their way into homes and captivate silly and weak-natured and spiritually dwarfed women, loaded down with [the burden of their] sins [and easily] swayed and led away by various evil desires and seductive impulses.

7 [These weak women will listen to anybody who will teach them]; they are forever inquiring and getting information, but are never able to arrive at a recognition and knowledge of the Truth.

8 Now just as [a]Jannes and Jambres were hostile to and resisted Moses, so these men also are hostile to and oppose the Truth. They have depraved and distorted minds, and are reprobate and counterfeit and to be rejected as far as the faith is concerned.

9 But they will not get very far, for their rash folly will become obvious to everybody, as was that of those [magicians mentioned].

10 Now you have closely observed and diligently followed my teaching, conduct, purpose in life, faith, patience, love, steadfastness,

11 Persecutions, sufferings—such as occurred to me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra, persecutions I endured, but out of them all the Lord delivered me.

12 Indeed all who delight in piety and are determined to live a devoted and godly life in Christ Jesus will meet with persecution [will be made to suffer because of their religious stand].

13 But wicked men and imposters will go on from bad to worse, deceiving and leading astray others and being deceived and led astray themselves.

14 But as for you, continue to hold to the things that you have learned and of which you are convinced, knowing from whom you learned [them].

15 And how from your childhood you have had a knowledge of and been acquainted with the sacred Writings, which are able to instruct you and give you the understanding for salvation which comes through faith in Christ Jesus [through the [b]leaning of the

entire human personality on God in Christ Jesus in absolute trust and confidence in His power, wisdom, and goodness].

16 Every Scripture is God-breathed (given by His inspiration) and profitable for instruction, for reproof and conviction of sin, for correction of error and discipline in obedience, [and] for training in righteousness (in holy living, in conformity to God's will in thought, purpose, and action),

17 So that the man of God may be complete and proficient, well fitted and thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 4 AMPC

1 I charge [you] in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, Who is to judge the living and the dead, and by (in the light of) His coming and His kingdom:

2 Herald and preach the Word! Keep your sense of urgency [stand by, be at hand and ready], whether the opportunity seems to be favorable or unfavorable. [Whether it is convenient or inconvenient, whether it is welcome or unwelcome, you as preacher of the Word are to show people in what way their lives are wrong.] And convince them, rebuking and correcting, warning and urging and encouraging them, being unflagging and inexhaustible in patience and teaching.

3 **For the time is coming when [people] will not tolerate (endure) sound and wholesome instruction, but, having ears itching [for something pleasing and gratifying], they will gather to themselves one teacher after another to a considerable number, chosen to satisfy their own liking and to foster the errors they hold,**

4 **And will turn aside from hearing the truth and wander off into myths and man-made fictions.**

5 **As for you,** be calm and cool and steady, accept and suffer unflinchingly every hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fully perform all the duties of your ministry.

6 For I am already about to be sacrificed [my life is about to be poured out as a drink offering]; the time of my [spirit's] release [from the body] is at hand and I will soon go free.

7 I have fought the good (worthy, honorable, and noble) fight, I have finished the race, I have kept (firmly held) the faith.

8 *[As to what remains] henceforth there is laid up for me the [victor's] crown of righteousness [for being right with God and doing right], which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me and recompense me on that [great] day—and not to me only, but also to all those who have loved and yearned for and welcomed His appearing (His return).*

9 *Make every effort to come to me soon.*

10 *For Demas has deserted me for love of this present world and has gone to Thessalonica; Crescens [has gone] to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia.*

11 *Luke alone is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is very helpful to me for the ministry.*

12 *Tychicus I have sent to Ephesus.*

13 *[When] you come, bring the cloak that I left at Troas with Carpus, also the books, especially the parchments.*

14 *Alexander the coppersmith did me great wrongs. The Lord will pay him back for his actions.*

15 *Beware of him yourself, for he opposed and resisted our message very strongly and exceedingly.*

16 *At my first trial no one acted in my defense [as my advocate] or took my part or [even] stood with me, but all forsook me. May it not be charged against them!*

17 *But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the [Gospel] message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was delivered out of the jaws of the lion.*

18 *[And indeed] the Lord will certainly deliver and [a]draw me to Himself from every assault of evil. He will preserve and bring me safe unto His heavenly kingdom. To Him be the glory forever and ever. Amen (so be it).*

19 *Give my greetings to Prisca and Aquila and to the household of Onesiphorus.*

20 *Erastus stayed on at Corinth, but Trophimus I left ill at Miletus.*

21 *Do hasten and try your best to come to me before winter. Eubulus wishes to be remembered to you, as do Pudens and Linus and Claudia and all the brethren.*

22 *The Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Grace (God's favor and blessing) be with you. Amen (so be it).*

Paul told Timothy to address what people were falsely spreading in the church, he named the people who were not telling the truth. You have to know as the leader, pastor, preacher, teacher what is going on with the your church and the church world and put an end to foolish talk by speaking The Truth... put an end to it and calling out what is false or a lie. There's not multiple Truth's there's only one and confusion occurs when error, lies, false teaching is not addressed and corrected.

John 17:17 KJV

17 **Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.**

John 17:17 AMPC

17 **Sanctify them** [purify, consecrate, separate them for Yourself, make them holy] **by the Truth; Your Word is Truth.**

John 14:6 AMPC

6 Jesus said to him, **I am the Way and the Truth and the Life;** no one comes to the Father except by (through) Me.

Truth Defined: Webster Dictionary 1828

TRUTH, noun

1. **Conformity to fact or reality;** exact accordance with that which is, or has been, or shall be. The truth of history constitutes its whole value. We rely on the truth of the scriptural prophecies.

My mouth shall speak truth Proverbs 8:7.

Sanctify them through thy truth; thy word is truth John 17:17.

CONFORMITY, noun

1. Likeness; correspondence with a model in form or manner; resemblance; agreement; **congruity (agreement) with** something else; followed by to or with.

A ship is constructed in conformity to a model, or in conformity with a model.

True happiness consists in conformity of life to the divine law.

2. Consistency; agreement.

Many instances prove the conformity of the essay with the notions of Hippocrates.

3. In theology, correspondence in manners and principles; compliance with customs.

Live no in conformity with the world.

From the timing of the rapture of the church, alcohol, homosexuality, sex outside of marriage, foul language, pride (spiritual haughtiness), gossip, a divisive spirit from speaking that which is not true or a lie. Kingdom now mentality, the rapture already took place? Paul called that out 2,000 year ago - preaching that the rapture already took place.

Romans 16:17-20 AMPC

17 I appeal to you, brethren, to **be on your guard concerning those who create dissensions and difficulties and cause divisions, in opposition to the doctrine (the teaching) which you have been taught.** [I warn you to turn aside from them, to] **avoid them.**

18 For such persons do not serve our Lord Christ but their own appetites and base desires, and **by ingratiating and flattering speech, they beguile the hearts of the unsuspecting and simpleminded [people].**

19 For while your loyalty and obedience is known to all, so that I rejoice over you, I would have you well versed and wise as to what is good and innocent and guileless as to what is evil.

20 And the God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah) be with you.

Titus 3:10-11 AMPC

10 [**As for**] **a man who is factious [a heretical sectarian and cause of divisions],** after admonishing him a first and second time, reject [him from your fellowship and have nothing more to do with him],

11 Well aware that such a person has utterly changed (is perverted and corrupted); he goes on sinning [though he] is convicted of guilt and self-condemned.

Paul said if anyone preaches something different...

Galatians 1:6-10 AMPC

6 I am surprised and astonished that you are so quickly [a]turning renegade and deserting Him Who invited and called you [b]by the grace (unmerited favor) of Christ (the Messiah) [and that you are **transferring your allegiance**] **to a different [even an opposition] gospel.**

7 Not that there is [or could be] any other [genuine Gospel], but **there are [obviously] some who are troubling and disturbing and bewildering you [[c]with a different kind of teaching** which they offer as a gospel] and want to pervert and distort the Gospel of Christ (the Messiah) [into something which it absolutely is not].

8 But **even if we or an angel from heaven** should preach to you a gospel contrary to and different from that which we preached to you, **let him be accursed (anathema, devoted to destruction, doomed to eternal punishment)**! 9 As we said before, so I now say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel different from or contrary to that which you received [from us], let him be accursed (anathema, devoted to destruction, doomed to eternal punishment)!

10 **Now am I trying to win the favor of men, or of God? Do I seek to please men? If I were still seeking popularity with men, I should not be a bond servant of Christ (the Messiah).**

If someone (pastor, preacher, christian) can get something wrong that is very obvious, clear, Old and New Testament confirmed in multiple area, they can apply that reasoning, that formula for how they were misled in one thing and utilize it for another. When you build upon a lie or are building your knowledge on a premise because you are misinformed or believe the lie then God's Word becomes murky and people can make it say what they want and get caught up into man made fictions.

God is not the author of confusion and The Truth does matter unless Paul would of not spoken about stay away from fairy tales, fables, lies, false teaching... why? Because it is divisive and churches split when there is multiple options to one Truth. If the pastor is giving an opinion, and can not rightly divide the word, says it doesn't matter, why can't another group or faction in the church divide the Word incorrectly, have their opinion? what does it matter? Everyone is right in their own eyes.

Paul warned Timothy, who is training pastors to watch out for man-made fictions, fables, legends in the church...that is an important statement regarding not just this series but in general regarding God's Word and applying it to all areas of our life.

Colossians 2:8 AMPC

8 See to it that no one carries you off as spoil or makes you yourselves captive by his so-called philosophy and intellectualism and vain deceit (idle fancies and plain nonsense), following human tradition (men's ideas of the material rather than the spiritual world), **just crude notions following the rudimentary and elemental teachings of the universe and disregarding [the teachings of] Christ (the Messiah).**

Some of these things may seem trivial, of no importance but building on a little error or slight inclination causes the entirety of the outcome to be spoiled or ruined.

Galatians 5:9 AMPC

9 **A little leaven (a slight inclination to error, or a few false teachers) leavens the whole lump [it perverts the whole conception of faith or misleads the whole church].**

2 Timothy 2:15-16 AMPC

15 Study and be eager and do your utmost to present yourself to God approved (tested by trial), a workman who has no cause to be ashamed, **correctly analyzing and accurately dividing [rightly handling and skillfully teaching] the Word of Truth.**

16 But **avoid all empty (vain, useless, idle) talk, for it will lead people into more and more ungodliness.**

There are many things taking place in the church that is attacking God's Word, the infallible Word of God, the never changing Word of God. Pastors, preachers and teachers themselves are deceived and the result is deceiving others and or causing confusion. As a result, factions in the church make up their own doctrine or religion as well... if you the pastor can't rightly divide the Word who's to say they aren't? (2 Timothy 2:15)

Flat earth... this is just one of many error's, lies, empty talk, vain deceits and crude **teachings not addressed** happening in the Church. Jesus, Peter, Paul, Jude and John said these "things" would happen.

Matthew 24:11 AMPC

11 And many false prophets will rise up and deceive and lead many into error.

We looked at the theory of a flat earth in part 11 and the main verses and topics that are used to to perpetuate this lie.... and it is a lie.

“Four Corners”

Revelation 7:1 and 20:7–8 mention that the earth has four corners. So it’s obviously not a sphere because a sphere doesn’t have corners, right?

Most people recognize that the earth’s four corners is an idiomatic expression referring to the remotest parts of the earth. That’s how believers have always understood the words, and it is the correct understanding.

If the flat-earth interpretation were correct, it wouldn’t help them anyway. A square earth might have four corners, but in the flat-earth model the earth is round! How can a round earth have four corners?



“Ends of the Earth”

What about the phrase “ends of the earth,” which appears 28 times in the Bible? Surely, flat-earthers reason, a globe earth has no ends, but a flat earth does.

Here again, words have more than literal, spatial meanings. In several instances, the phrase “ends of the earth” refers not to geography, but to people scattered across the earth (Psalm 67:7, 98:3; Isaiah 45:22). Clearly, these uses do not refer to a physical edge of the earth. That’s how the church has always read these passages (and what the original authors meant).

Daniel’s Tree Overlooking the Earth

Another verse that flat-earthers use is Daniel 4:11. The prophet describes a tree that grew so tall that it could be seen from all over the earth. Flat-earthers point out that this would be impossible if the earth were a globe, but quite feasible if the earth were flat.

What flat-earthers fail to mention is that this tree appeared in a dream of the pagan king Nebuchadnezzar. If it isn’t clear enough that this is not a literal tree, in Daniel’s interpretation of the dream (Daniel 4:17–27), Nebuchadnezzar was identified as that tree. How can anyone take a tree in a dream with a metaphorical meaning about a king’s power and fame to indicate that the earth is flat?

Satan’s Display of All the Earth’s Kingdoms

Flat-earthers similarly point to the temptation of Jesus found in Matthew 4:1–11, where Satan took Jesus to a high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world. Flat-earthers then reason again that this is possible only if the earth is flat.

If this is to be taken so literally, where is that mountain? They have no candidates because even on the flat-earth model, there are no mountains from which such a literal view is feasible.

Also, flat-earthers generally don't mention the other accounts of the temptation of Jesus (Mark 1:12–13; Luke 4:1–13). There is good reason for their silence. The earliest manuscripts of Luke's account don't mention a mountain at all, but merely state that Satan took Jesus "up" to show him the kingdoms of the world. It's not clear what this up means. It's likely that the temptation took place in the wilderness where Jesus had been for 40 days and nights. It's also likely that this was a vision, not a vista.

The Earth's "Pillars"

Many other verses that flat-earthers cite refer to the earth having pillars, such as Job 9:6 (though flat-earthers never seem to address what the pillars are resting on). Other verses say that the earth does not move, such as Psalm 93:1. Of course, none of these verses make statements about the earth's shape, so you must read a flat-earth interpretation into them without even a hint from the Biblical text. Never mind that most of these verses are found in the poetic books, which use much imagery and other nonliteral language.

Dome over the Earth

What about the dome that sits over the earth, according to their model? Flat-earthers claim that the dome is the firmament described in the day-two account of Genesis 1:6–8. They claim that this is what the original Hebrew word *rāqîa'*, translated "firmament" in early English translations, means.

However, the noun *rāqîa'* comes from the verb *rāqa*, meaning "to stamp, beat, or spread out." That is, the *rāqîa'* is something that was spread out. So most modern English translations render this Hebrew word as "expanse." That is the most natural and clear meaning of the word and what most people have understood over the centuries.

It is true that some people came to view the *rāqîa'* as a hard surface, either a sphere around the earth or possibly a dome over the earth, but that is not necessarily what the *rāqîa'* originally meant or actually is.

What is the rāqîa‘? The day four account (Genesis 1:14–19) places the sun, moon, and other astronomical bodies in the rāqîa‘, and Genesis 1:20 described the birds flying across the face of the rāqîa‘. So in today’s terminology we might call the rāqîa‘ “space and the earth’s atmosphere,” or more simply “sky.”

What is the motivation behind Christians today who believe that the earth is flat?

They often claim high motives, that they want to remain faithful to God’s Word. But in fact they are going outside the Bible to promote their own peculiar view that runs contrary to what godly Christians have understood over the millennia.

One attraction may be similar to the allure of an ancient philosophy called Gnosticism, which infiltrated the early church. One of the tenets of Gnosticism is that special knowledge leads one either to salvation or to a higher spiritual level. Christian flat-earthers seem to believe that they have learned some important teaching about cosmology that has been hidden from most Christians.

Gnosticism: It is derived from the Greek word gnosis, meaning “to know.” In the case of Gnosticism, what is “known” has shifted over the thousands of years since Gnosticism first reared its head during the formation and solidification of the early church. Basically, the Gnostic believes in acquiring special, mystical knowledge as the means for salvation. Today, Gnosticism has evolved and branched out from the exclusively spiritual into the secular and scientific. Psychologist C. G. Jung praised Gnosticism as superior to traditional Christianity as a way of thinking.

1 Peter 5:8 AMPC

8 Be well balanced (temperate, sober of mind), be vigilant and cautious at all times; for that enemy of yours, the devil, roams around like a lion roaring [in fierce hunger], seeking someone to seize upon and devour.

The Gnostic is pursuing goodness, but, instead of seeking to be regenerated by Christ, he grabs hold of a man-centered purpose for living. Gnostic thought makes man “wise in [his] own eyes” (Isaiah 5:21), something Proverbs 3:7 pointedly advises against: “Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord, and turn away from evil.”

They speak of having a much deeper appreciation of God since coming to believe that the earth is flat. In fact, they often claim that many atheists were born again after coming to believe that the earth is flat. (One must wonder what will happen to either group if they ever come to realize that they've been duped.)

This is deadly stuff. Gnosticism was one of the first great heresies to challenge the early church. It challenges the simplicity of the gospel, available to everyone (2 Corinthians 4:3). We don't need to depend on the extrabiblical wisdom of the special few.

Flat-earthers totally believe their myth about the ignorance of past generations. They say that until five centuries ago nearly everyone, especially those in the church, thought that the earth is flat.

Going one step further, they conclude the church should repent of spreading a supposedly false teaching. Imagine. All the great saints of church history, and virtually every church and church leader, have been in grave error all these years.

No need to worry. The facts of history, science, and church history are on your side. (And the Bible most importantly of all.) Belief that the earth is a sphere was well-established in the West even prior to the church's existence. And everything in God's Word is consistent with that view.

Yet this slide into foolishness, vain reasoning is a warning to all of us. We need to be humble before God's Word because any one of us can slip if we begin to lean on our own understanding rather than the clear revelation of the Bible. In the end, we could find ourselves undermining the very things we claim to uphold.

Psalm 119:130 AMPC

130 The entrance and unfolding of Your words give light; their unfolding gives understanding (discernment and comprehension) to the simple.

2 Peter 1:19-20 AMPC

19 **And we have the prophetic word [made] firmer still.** You will do well to pay close attention to it as to a lamp shining in a dismal (squalid and dark) place, until the day breaks through [the gloom] and the Morning Star rises ([a]comes into being) in your hearts.

2 Peter 3 AMPC

1 Beloved, I am now writing you this second letter. In [both of] them I have stirred up your unsullied (sincere) mind by way of remembrance,

2 That you should **recall the predictions of the holy (consecrated, dedicated) prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior [given] through your apostles (His special messengers).**

3 To begin with, you must know and understand this, that **scoffers (mockers) will come in the last days with scoffing, [people who] walk after their own fleshly desires**

1 Peter 1:13-16 AMPC

13 So brace up your minds; be sober (circumspect, morally alert); set your hope wholly and unchangeably on the grace (divine favor) that is coming to you when Jesus Christ (the Messiah) is revealed.

14 [Live] as children of obedience [to God]; do not conform yourselves to the evil desires [that governed you] in your former ignorance [when you did not know the requirements of the Gospel].

15 But as the One Who called you is holy, you yourselves also be holy in all your conduct and manner of living.

16 For it is written, You shall be holy, for I am holy.



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