

Getting Back to the Bible on the Age of the Earth

At the 2019 Synodical Conference, the LCMS passed a resolution affirming its belief in a six natural day creation. That was a great step in getting back to the Bible on creation. However, there is another significant question regarding creation. When did God create? When was the beginning? The chronogenealogies of Genesis 5 and 11 give a clear Biblical basis for determining an age for the earth of 6-8000 years.

The 1932 Brief Statement says, “We reject every doctrine which denies or limits the work of creation as taught in Scripture,” yet over the years, the LCMS has made no specific statements on the age of the earth. The church has made several statements on creation, (Brief Statement of the Doctrinal Position of the Missouri Synod (Adopted 1932), A Statement of Scriptural and Confessional Principles (1973), and 2019 Synod Convention Resolution 5-09A), but none of them have contained a clear statement on the age of the earth. Compromise on the age of the earth was suggested in the Concordia Journal in the Summer 2017 edition, and never recanted by Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.

The Denver Society of Creation is, therefore, sponsoring a conference May 18-20 at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, 500 Drake Street, Denver, Colorado, which is intended to challenge the LCMS to commit to an age for the earth based on the Bible.

The conference entitled, “Getting Back to the Bible on the Age of the Earth” features several knowledgeable speakers: Dr. Robert Carter, Pastor Brian Flamme, Rev. Dr. Joel Heck, Rev. Dr. Adam Koontz, Pastor Jared Melius and Pastor Bryan Wolfmueller.

Topics to be discussed include the following:

- Is the Age of the Earth Important?
- Creation in the New Testament
- Hermeneutical Humility
- The Genesis Genealogies
- Were the Pyramids Built Before the Flood?
- The Biblical Minimum and Maximum Age of the Earth
- The History of the Earth’s Age in the Missouri Synod

Please join us for the conference. All are welcome! Cost for the conference will be \$25,00. For more information, please visit www.denversocietyofcreation.org.