

2 Peter 3:5-7

The Leak in the Logic of Skeptics

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Fail to Factor in His Control of the Past

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2 Peter 3:5-6 The Past

The Beginning of Human History on This Earth Was Initiated By the Direct Supernatural Working of God

For when they maintain this (the 2nd Coming is fantasy because there is no God who intervenes in our world) it escapes their notice that by the word of God *the* heavens existed long ago and *the* earth was formed out of water and by water, through which the world at that time was destroyed, being flooded with water.

2 Peter 3:7 The Future

The End of Human History on This Earth Will Be Initiated By the Direct Supernatural Working of God

But by His word the present heavens and earth are being reserved for fire kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.

Notice the Past and the Future are the Key to the Present

Those who deny that God will end human history on His terms (our "Hope") start with this faith position: God did not start history...But this brings them to a logical dead end.

**If anything now exists, Something or Someone must be eternal or otherwise
the universe popped into existence by nothing and out of nothing**

- 1: The Universe is Imaginary-Common Sense Disproves this
- 2: The Universe is Eternal-("The Steady State Theory")-Modern Physics Disproves This
- 3 The Universe Came Into Being by a Transcendent Person/Agent // Scripture
- 4: The Universe Popped into Existence By Nothing and Out of Nothing // Skeptics

How Christians Think about Origins

We shouldn't be surprised by the fact real Christians interpret the details of future events surrounding the 2nd Advent/the Book of Revelation in (3) different ways way...
...we should not be surprised that real Christians interpret the details of past events surrounding the beginning of human history/the Book of Genesis in (3) different ways.

That Said: It is Still True That "The Main Things Are Plain Things":

All three views affirm the world we live in is FRAMED by Supernatural Acts of God, that is a Supernatural Beginning and End.....and we now live in the middle with "hope"

1: The Initial Chaos View (Young Universe)

Satan Rebelled AFTER Genesis 1:1-2 (Between the End of Ch 2/Start of Ch3)

Advocates: John Calvin, Derek Kidner, Henry Morris

Genesis 1:1 Single Point Act-the absolute beginning of MEST and all of the Angels...while Earth is a project in process (see 1:2)

Genesis 1:2: The Product of God's Original Creation-The Earth was w/o Form and Void (Tohu Wubohu)-Construction Site/Raw Materials Scattered About

Genesis 1:3 Process of Organization of Earth Begins

2: The The Gap Theory (Old Universe)

Satan Rebelled BETWEEN Genesis 1:1 and Genesis 1:2

Advocates: C.I. Scofield; Harry Rimmer, Arthur Custance

Genesis 1:1 The Past Creation of Matter/Energy, Space/Time and Angels
.....Satan and 1/3 of the Angels Rebel.....

Genesis 1:2 The Result of God's Judgment-The Earth is Dark/Flooded

Genesis 1:3 Process of Restoration of Earth Begins Leading to Introduction of HBs

3: The Pre-Creation Chaos View = Old Universe/Recent Renovation of Earth

Satan Rebelled BEFORE Genesis 1:1

Advocates: Merrill Under, Bruce Waltke, Allen Ross

Genesis 1:1 Title Statement for the Unit (Genesis 1:1-2:3)

Genesis 1:2: The Starting Point-of God's Supernatural Creation of the Present "Heavens and Earth" was a major mess-the aftermath of God's judgment on Planet Earth** (Lucifer's CP-the god of this world then/now-but only temporarily).

Genesis 1:3 Process of Restoration of Earth Begins

**The OT use of the term: "without form and void" is not consistent with it being the first positive step of a construction process but rather a description of the end product of divine judgment/catastrophe"

1: Jeremiah 4:23 used for the judgment on Israel thru the Babylonians

2: Isaiah 34:11 used for judgment on Earth leading to the 2nd Advent

3: Isaiah 45:18 God did not originally create the Earth as a waste place/tohu

THE PAST-The Beginning of Human History on Earth v5-6

For when they maintain this

That the 2nd Advent is fantasy based on the leaky logic of uniformitarianism

IOWs: they assume there will be no future “outside” intervention into nature/universe

it escapes their notice

1: Logic DEMANDS: the universe/world we live in MUST have a transcendent Creator

The IF Statement

2: Scripture DEMONSTRATES the universe/world we live in is FRAMED by Supernatural

Acts of God at the Beginning and the End-while we are living in the middle

that by the word of God

IOWs: through the supernatural intervention of God

1: *the* Heavens existed long ago (before Genesis 1:1?)

2: *the* Earth (as we know it today) **was formed out of water and by water through which the world at that time** (Gen 1:2a) **was destroyed** (the aftermath of God’s judgment on Lucifer’s CP at the end of the 1st phase of the Angelic Conflict) **being flooded with** (liquid) **water**

THE FUTURE-The Ending of Human History on Earth v7

But (in spite of the skeptics that laugh about it) **by His word the present Heavens and Earth are being reserved for fire, kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men** (at the 2nd Advent of Christ).

Take This To Heart

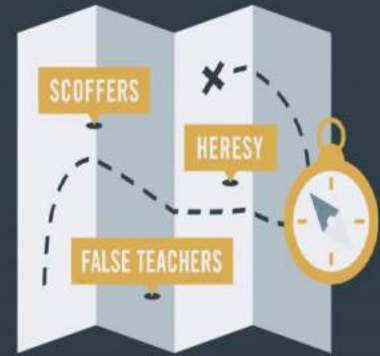
**Those Who Laugh about God’s Control of The Future Fail
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Rather than being surprised or paralyzed by the fact that some people will scoff at our faith, our Savior rejecting both Divine Creation in the past and Divine Consummation in the future...we should expect this and “always be ready/able to make a defense to everyone who asks us to give an account for the hope that is in us, yet with gentleness and reverence.” 1 Peter 3:15



— GIVING ALL DILIGENCE —

3:5-7



2 PETER

Holiness, Heresy and Hope



W A R N I N G

2 Peter Chapter 3

Don't Be Shocked/Surprised

By Man's Present/Future Mockery v1-7

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They Laughed Him to Scorn

They'll Laugh at Us Too

So Don't Be

Surprised/Paralyzed

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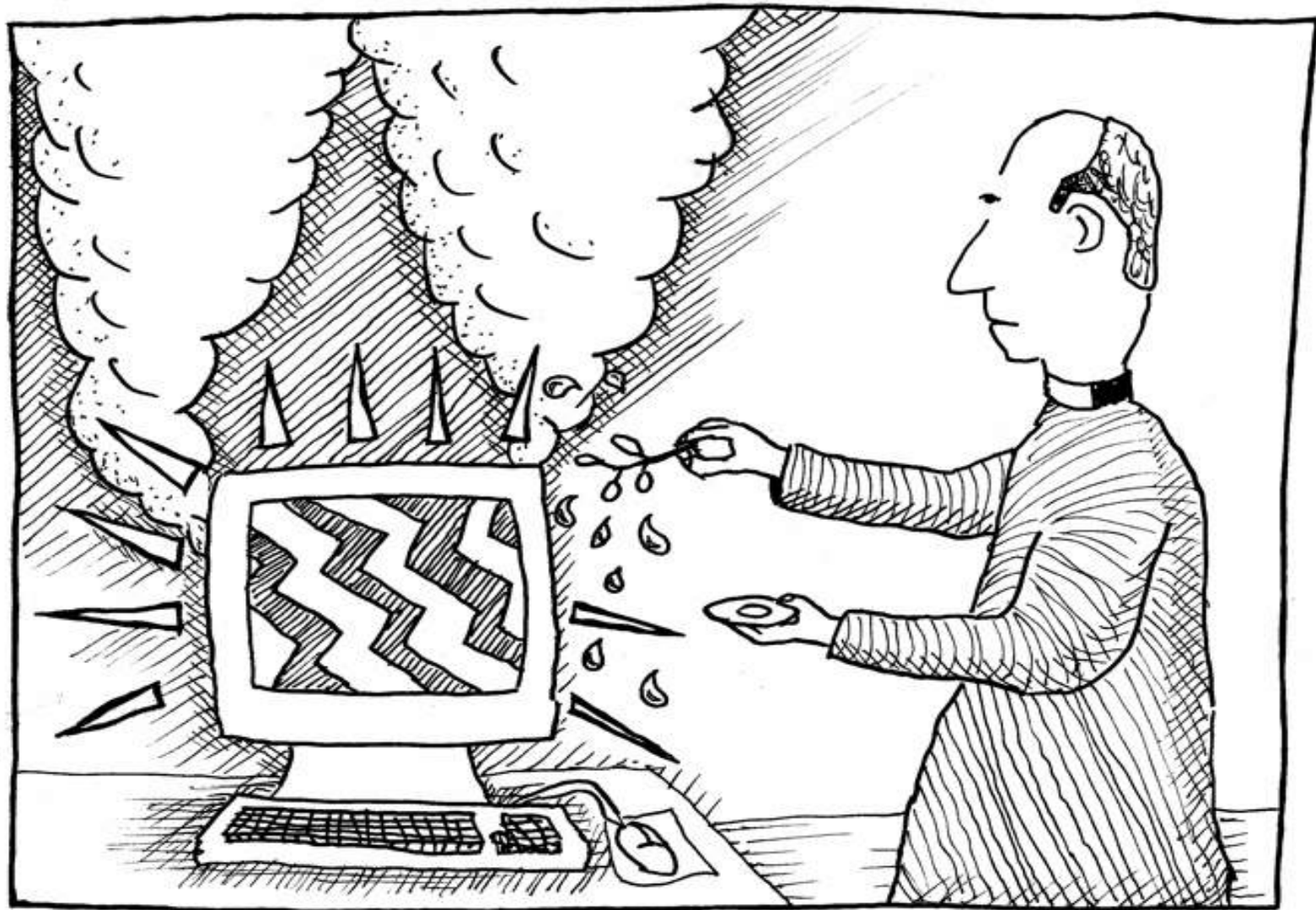


"Basically, we're looking for an innovative pastor with a fresh vision who will inspire our church

FAITH CAN MOVE
MOUNTAINS!









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The Message of 2 Peter

A Christ-Centered **HOPE** Should Motivate
Believers Now to Embrace a Lifestyle of True
HOLINESS and to Avoid the **HERESIES**
(Morally/Doctrinally) of False Teachers.

2 Peter

Therefore beloved...be diligent to be found in Him
in peace, spotless and blameless...grow in the grace
and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

HOPE Chapter 3

HERESY Chapter 2

HOLINESS Chapter 1

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Holding a Positive and

Optimistic

Perspective Now Based on an Eager

Expectation of Our F-Future w/Jesus

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The BOHH Was Initiated by the Direct
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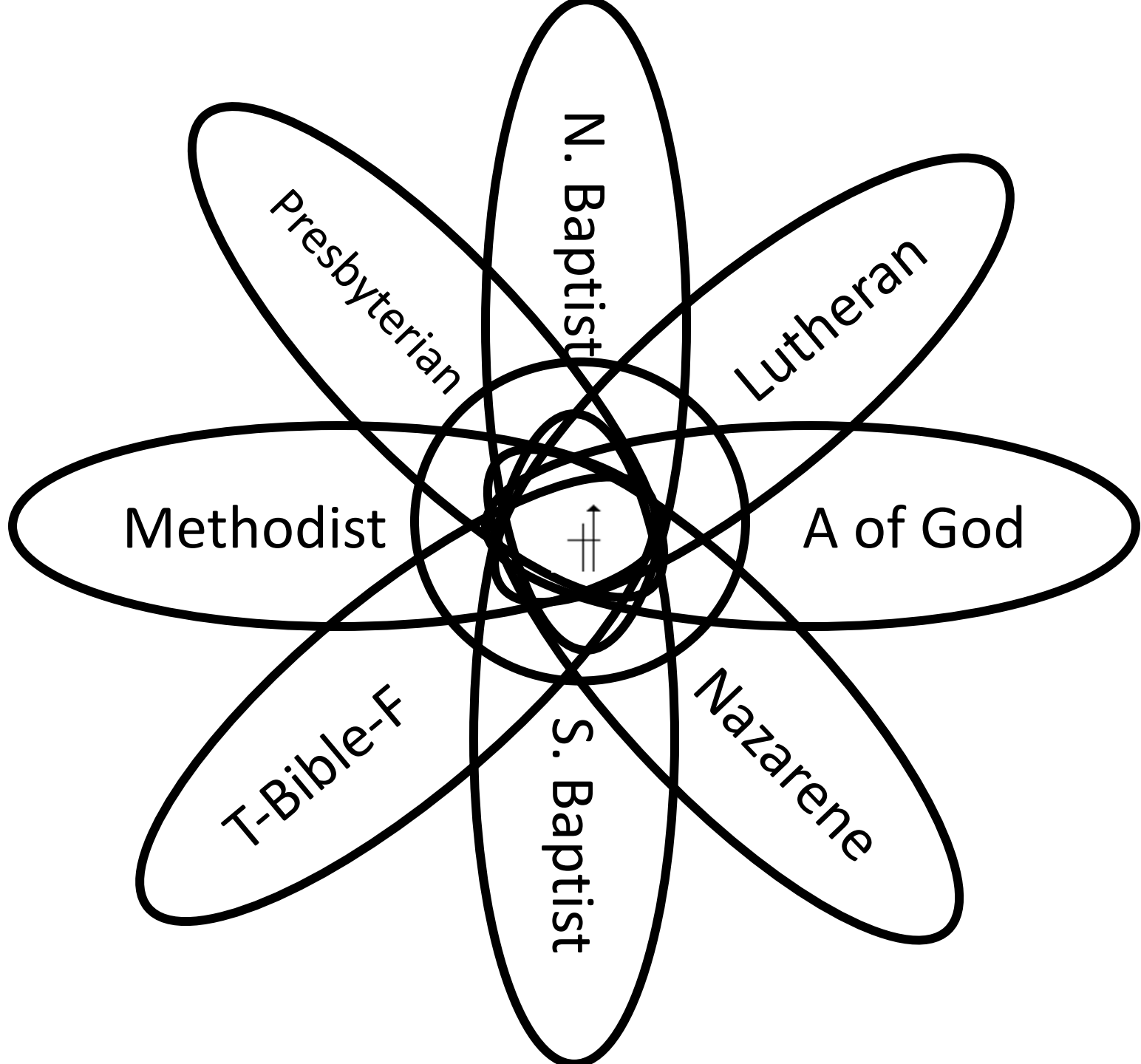
The Future

The EOHH Will Be Initiated by the Direct
Supernatural Working of God v7

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2: The Gap Theory

3: The Pre-Creation Chaos View



1 Corinthians 15:1-4

Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of **the Gospel** I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand...that **Christ died for our sins** according to the Scriptures, that He was buried and that **He was raised on the third day** according to the Scriptures

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Genesis 1:2a

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**tohu wubohu = the result of divine judgment

Jeremiah 4:23 God's judgment thru the Babylonians

Isaiah 34:11 God's judgment of Earth...2nd Advent

Isaiah 45:18

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The Bible

A SYNTHETIC OVERVIEW



ONE MAJOR PREMISE:

All Humans are Sinners/Die...

ONE MAJOR PREMISE:

Jesus of Nazareth is the Savior/Alive...

ONE MAJOR PROMISE:

...the Savior is Coming!

ONE MAJOR PROMISE:

...the Savior is Coming Back!

The OT Law is Holy, Just and Good BUT It is Only Partial, Preliminary and It Points to the Jewish Messiah/Savior of the World: Jesus Christ

Skeptics Assume Things in the Future Will
Proceed Pretty Much as They Do Now

“The present is the key to the past.”

Scripture Affirms Human History Is Framed
By Direct Supernatural Intervention

“The past (God’s Work in Creation-Gen 1-2) is the key to the
present (God’s Work in Regeneration-John 3:16) and the
future (God’s Work of Consummation-Rev 21-22).”