

Isaiah 45:18

For thus says the LORD, Who created the heavens, Who is God, Who formed the earth and made it, Who has established it, Who did not create it in vain, Who formed it to be inhabited: "I am the LORD, and there is no other."

When we die, God will not ask us if we knew how old the earth was, like God is giving us some kind of a test to enter into heaven, and if you don't know the answer, you won't make it into heaven.

Think about that, the world says the earth is billions of years old, and as believers, we believe it's a little over 6,000 years old. But honestly, it really doesn't matter how old the earth is. Think about it; How many have argued about the age of the earth, and by the time the argument was over, there was no real agreement on the age of the earth?

Now the only thing that the bible tells us about the age of the earth, is how many days it took God to create it, along with everything on it.

† **Exodus 20:11** *For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.*

So, if it was really that important for us to know the age of the earth, God would have mentioned it in the bible, and would have told us how old it was.

But personally, I believe that things like, the age of the earth, and did Adam have a belly button, and which came first the chicken or the egg (which is actually answered in Genesis) are ploys from the enemy to get the focus off of Jesus, and salvation, and to have us talk to non-believers about things that really don't matter at all.

What if you did convince a non-believer that the earth is only 6,000 years old instead of billions of years old? You would think, "Wow, I won that argument", but that non-believer would still go to hell because you didn't tell them about Jesus, only about the age of something (the earth) that is going to be destroyed anyway.

† **Revelation 21:1** *Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea.*

And 2,000 years from now, no one will care, because we will be in the new heaven and this old earth will be gone anyway, and we will have better things to do than try and figure out how old the earth was.

So, anytime someone is questioning things that don't matter, like the age of the earth, or why does God allow whatever, or how come there is this or that. Realize that it is the enemy that is causing people to ask those questions.

And the reason is that the enemy is; One, trying to throw you off your game (so to speak) of sharing the gospel, and two to have you stop talking about Jesus. Because if you can't answer meaningless questions that really don't matter, people may not want to believe you about Jesus. It's like they think that since we are Christians that we should know everything. But you know what, we don't and won't know everything. We are not God and we do not have all the answers. But the answer that we do have as believers, is the most important answer, and that is how to obtain eternal life.

Did Jesus tell us to go into the world and convince everyone that it's not billions of years old? No, *He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."* **Mark 16:15**

What did Paul say about such things: *"Do not waste time arguing over godless ideas and old wives' tales. Instead, train yourself to be godly."* **1 Timothy 4:7 (NLT2)**

Arguing with others is usually two people giving their opinion, and we are not told to share our opinion about Jesus or things that really don't matter. The scribes and Pharisees tried to argue with Jesus, but instead of arguing with them, Jesus spoke the truth, so much so that it shut them up.

† **Luke 20:39-40** *Then some of the scribes answered and said, "Teacher, You have spoken well." But after that they dared not question Him anymore.*

So, when you are sharing Jesus with others, do not fall into the trap of arguing or even discussing useless things. But stick you your guns, which is sharing what Jesus did on the cross for the world. Speak what you know for sure, and that is that, Jesus is God who came to this earth in the flesh and died for all of our sins. He rose on the third day, and is alive and sitting at the right hand of the Father, God, in heaven right now!!!

You can also tell them when they ask how old the earth is, that we really do not know, but to give their life to Jesus, repent of their sins, then when they die, they can ask God, and I think He would be happy to tell them.

† **1 Corinthians 2:1-5** *And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling. And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.*

† **2 Timothy 2:11-14 (NLT2)** *This is a trustworthy saying: If we die with him, we will also live with him. If we endure hardship, we will reign with him. If we deny him, he will deny us. If we are unfaithful, he remains faithful, for he cannot deny who he is. Remind everyone about these things, and command them in God's presence to stop fighting over words. Such arguments are useless, and they can ruin those who hear them.*