

to give us the material on which we could construct an exact chronology.

David,

When we get back to the time of ~~JESUS~~, we cannot at all sure of dates. When

we go beyond Abraham, there are long stretches which are not filled in.

The geneologies simply give us sample individuals, does not attempt to give

us a full, complete story. There may have been thousands of years. We

of exegesis

do not have time now to discuss this point/at length. We can only say that

we ~~xxx~~ accept ... we have no doubt that everything that is said about the

individuals in the Old Testament is true, but that the length of time occu pied

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by individuals prior to David's time.... but the dates before David's/are simply

not told. And when we get back to Abraham, we have no way ~~of~~ whatever of

knowing ~~far~~ how far back they may stretch. So that, it is impossible to set

a date for Adam at all. The idea has been so widely spread that the Bible

teaches that the world was created 4004 B.C. or that Adam was created 4004

B.C. This is very unfortunate. I should make a very good guess on the

basis of the data available It was only a guess, and it was a guess without

not

sufficient evidence on which a guess can/really be made at all.

and guesses

There is no harm in making inferences/from the Bible. However, it

would be much better, if we should label them as such, otherwise ~~the~~ people

may think that our guesses are what actually the Bible teaches, and then

when they find ~~that~~ something that disproves this, they will think that the

Bible has been disproved.

Going back before the creation of Adam, we come into the six days

of Genesis one. Here ~~is not~~ it is not the purpose of this paper to discuss

the time involved in the six days. I am interested more in the universe as

a whole. We will content ourselves by simply saying that there is no way

of knowing how long these days were. The word day is used in various senses