

One other thought occurs to me. If ~~I~~ were I were making a statement about the creation of man, I ~~would~~ ^{might} think it desirable to state clearly that the Bible does not tell us how long ago the universe was created, how long ago this particular ~~earth~~ earth was formed, or how long ago ~~that~~ ~~was~~ man was created, and ~~so~~ ^{that} we ^{therefore} have no Biblical basis on which to give an exact date for any of these important events. I personally have no great objection even when a scientist may say that man appeared on earth as much as a million years ago. My own guess would be that the ~~C~~ Creation of Adam occurred much more recently than that, ~~but~~ ~~yet~~ if I were to guess, I would think that Noah's flood was perhaps as early as 25,000 B.C. It might be better to leave ~~this~~ ^{the question of time} matter ^{of this} altogether out of his statement. At the same time many people seem to think that belief in Biblical inerrancy ^{requires us}

^{to hold that} a very brief ^{has elapsed} time since God created Adam, and this superficial interpretation of ~~ten~~ results in the assumption of conflict where none really exists.

I hope that the above remarks may be of some value, even though very hastily written. It is always a privilege to make my specialized training available to God's people. I wish I were not so rushed at this particular time.

Sincerely yours in Christ,