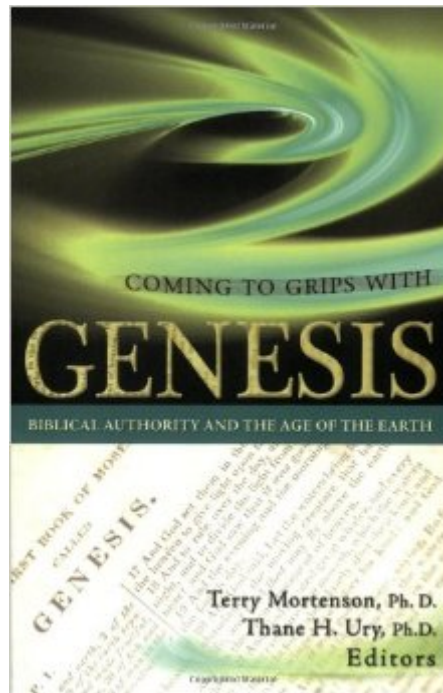


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# Coming To Grips With Genesis: Biblical Authority And The Age Of The Earth



## Synopsis

Fourteen theological scholars address key topics related to the age of the earth, which is the crucial issue of debate in the church today regarding origins. Bringing to bear rigorous biblical, theological, and historical arguments in favor of a six-day creation, the global Flood, and a young earth, they also provide much-needed critiques of a number of contemporary old-earth interpretations of the book of Genesis. This fresh defense of the literal history of Genesis 1-11 nicely complements other studies which focus more on the scientific evidence of young-earth creationism. As such, this book can serve as a versatile supplement to other works, but is also designed to be used as a standalone text for seminary and Bible college professors and students, pastors, missionaries, and others who want in-depth apologetic resources. Coming to Grips with Genesis: Biblical Authority and the Age of the Earth includes: Forewords by Dr. John MacArthur, President of the Master's Seminary and Senior Pastor of Grace Community Church, Sun Valley, CA; and the late Dr. Henry Morris, Founder and President Emeritus, Institute for Creation Research. Detailed analysis of the verbs of Genesis 1. A defense of the Genesis 5 & 11 genealogies as strict chronologies. Reasons for rejecting millions of years of death and natural evil before Adam's sin. Careful reflection on Jesus' teachings regarding a young earth.

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The following review is by Michael J. Vlach, Assistant Professor of Theology, The Master's Seminary Journal, pp. 114-116, Volume 20, Number 1, Spring 2009. Vlach writes: "The early

chapters of Genesis continue to be a battleground in the debate over the age of the earth. The case for six-day creation, a global flood, and a young earth finds a great ally with *Coming to Grips with Genesis: Biblical Authority and the Age of the Earth*. The editors, Terry Mortensen and Thane H. Ury, have assembled fourteen formidable theological scholars to defend a young-earth view and critique contemporary old-earth interpretations of the book of Genesis. "This defense of a literal view of Genesis 1-11, which is also a tribute to the life and ministry of early earth advocate, John C. Whitcomb, is not intended to be a scientific presentation for a young earth. Instead, this book admittedly complements young earth science books by focusing on a correct exegetical and theological understanding of Genesis. As such, it is intended to be a stand-alone text for seminary and Bible college professors and students, pastors, missionaries, and all interested in what the Bible really says about creation." Readers should appreciate the two forewords. The first is by Henry M. Morris, who penned his words shortly before his death. This reviewer is glad that Dr. Morris was able to see the fruit of this outstanding book before he left this earth to enter the presence of His Lord. Both editors acknowledge the great influence of both Morris and Whitcomb on their views of Genesis. The second review is by John MacArthur, who also heartily commends this book. "Coming to Grips with Genesis consists of fourteen chapters followed by two appendices. The first appendix, by Paul J.

For all those Christians who say they really want to "engage the science of evolution," and deal with it seriously, here is a book to read and internalize. While this isn't a book on science, very few collections so effectively present the various angles of argument against reading billions of years into the Genesis account from a textual perspective. The end result is that billions of years simply won't fit. Either we must take the Scriptures seriously, or we must abandon them to what scientist currently believe (although this will certainly change in the course of our lifetime, if not our children's lifetime). This book is a collection of essays, each dealing with a different aspect of the Genesis account of Creation and some specific attempt to place humans much farther back than what a plain reading of the text indicates. The first chapter begins the collection with a look at what the Early Church Fathers --often cited for support in putting billions of years into Genesis-- really taught about these first three chapters of the Scriptures. The result will surprise many who have assumed Christians throughout the ages didn't put any emphasis on the literal qualities of the Creation narrative. Chapters 2, 5, and 8 deal with hermeneutical issues in reading Genesis 1-11. A general overview of the chapters is given, an overview of modern ways of reading this section, the genre of the section is discussed, and a very targeted examination of the framework approach to reading

these chapters is provided. Taken together, these chapters form a strong spine for the thesis that "deep time" simply cannot be embedded in Genesis, a point made clearly in chapter 7. Richard Mayhue, in chapter 4, deals with the relationship between nature and the Scriptures.

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