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A-CENTRICITY

INTRODUCTION

The earth is insignificant and obviously non-special in the vastness of the universe or universes, the esteemed of the world dictate. The best of the best of the astronomers proclaimed, saying, *“The Earth is a very small stage in a vast cosmic arena. Think of the rivers of blood spilled by all those generals and emperors so that, in glory and triumph, they could become the momentary masters of a fraction of a dot. Think of the endless cruelties visited by the inhabitants of one corner of this pixel on the scarcely distinguishable inhabitants of some other corner, how frequent their misunderstandings, how eager they are to kill one another, how fervent their hatreds. Our posturings, our imagined self-importance, **the delusion that we have some privileged position in the Universe**, are challenged by this point of pale light. Our planet is a lonely speck in the great enveloping cosmic dark. In our obscurity, in all this vastness, **there is no hint that help will come from elsewhere to save us from ourselves. The Earth is the only world known so far to harbor life. There is nowhere else, at least in the near future, to which our species could migrate. Visit, yes. Settle, not yet. Like it or not, for the moment the Earth is where we make our stand. It has been said that astronomy is a humbling and character-building experience. There is perhaps no better demonstration of the folly of human conceits than this distant image of our tiny world. To me, it underscores our responsibility to deal more kindly with one another, and to preserve and cherish the pale blue dot, the only home we’ve ever known”** (excerpt from Carl Sagan, *Pale Blue Dot: A Vision of the Human Future in Space* (NY: Ballantine Books, 1997 reprint).*

Dr. Sagan perpetuated the Gnostic belief that man is insignificant in the flesh and will eventually be absorbed into the cosmos with no future suffering or judgment (how is he handling his current status?). Dimly-illuminated natural man embraces this perspective and focuses upon his egocentric self with corresponding behaviour to champion his desires and causes with no regard or regret for anyone else. Self-centeredness is pursued and death even by suicide or abortion is embraced by the vast hopeless majority of Adam’s fallen race.

THE PROBLEM

Practically, for the Christian this pursuit and culmination is not only verbally denounced but behaviorally rejected. But theoretically for many Christians, the door has

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already been opened to receive and believe the drastic and tragic tenet of Sagan's philosophy. His view of A-Centricity (no center) has been paved by the out-dated Copernican Principle of Heliocentricity. The philosophers and astrophysicists have exploited this infantile view for the common population which believes that the earth races around the sun annually because "we all know" that "sun up" and "sun down" are phenomenological terms! Heliocentricity is the hand maiden to A-Centricity and ushers more and more of the earth's population into despair, despondence, dejection, and ultimate destruction. The rejection of biblical Geocentricity leads to the ridiculousness of Heliocentricity which leads to the recklessness of A-Centricity.

For the intellectually sophisticated Christians who are embarrassed about such a ridiculous archaic ideation of an immobile earth, they must ignore the factual truth that God has written the Bible from a geocentric telling. Where are the verses that state that the earth revolves around the stationary sun? There is no positive biblical argument advanced in Scripture for their Heliocentricity—just denial and deflection! The only argument posited is the phenomenological argument that from earth's vantage point it looks like the sun goes up and down, but in reality it does not. The untenable conclusion is that the Lord Jesus Christ and God the Father are in collusion, perpetuating the phenomenological perspective when They both know it is not true. The One calling Himself the Truth, asserted, "That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust" (Mt. 5:45).

THE CHALLENGE

For the university educated supercilious Christians who dismiss such antiquated views, would they dare respond to several biblical texts? For instance, in Genesis One, what day of the first week did Heliocentricity begin: Day One, Day Two, or Day Three? Where were the earth and sun on Day Four? Did the sun and moon stand still during the long day of Joshua (Josh. 10:12-14)? Did Habakkuk express centuries later that the sun/moon stood still (Hab. 3:11)? Did David declare that the sun moves through her circuit (Ps. 19:4-6)? Of course that is mere poetry one may argue! But poetry must be based on reality or it is not poetry (cf. Num. 2:3; Josh. 12:1; Pss. 50:1¹; 113:2; Isa. 41:25; 45:6; 59:19; Mal. 1:11; Mk. 16:2)! Was the wisest man beguiled when he declared, "The sun also ariseth, and the sun goeth down, and hasteth to his place where he arose (Eccl. 1:5-6)? The LORD asserted to proud man about His laws concerning the heavens, saying, "Thus saith the LORD, which giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar; The LORD of hosts is his name: If those

¹ Even the modern versions perpetuate the diabolical hoax, as the *NET* paraphrased, "*A psalm by Asaph*. El, God, the LORD speaks, and summons the **earth to come from the east and west**" (Ps. 50:1).

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ordinances depart from before me, saith the LORD, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me for ever. Thus saith the LORD; If heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will also cast off all the seed of Israel for all that they have done, saith the LORD (Jer. 31:35-37). The effort by man to confound the biblically revealed “ordinances” within God’s creation, are clearly anti-Semitic and therefore Anti-Christ! In fact, the LORD challenged Job, saying, “Knowest thou the ordinances of heaven? canst thou set the dominion thereof in the earth?” (Job 38:33). Does puny man know what is moving and what is immobile, and does he know that the speed of light on earth is the same as the speed of light in the cosmos?

The modern Christian is faced with the conundrum of receiving the Bible teaching by faith and being ridiculed and shamed by man, or rejecting it and being shamed by the precious Lord at the Bema (cf. II Tim. 2:15). What will it cost me to receive all of the counsel of God—prestige, popularity, acceptance, financial support? What will denial cost me when I see the Lord? The fear of man is a terrible condition and an unworthy walk for the believer. Solomon averred, “The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the LORD shall be safe” (Prov. 29:25). Who do we fear? Jesus or Copernicus? Jesus or Carl?



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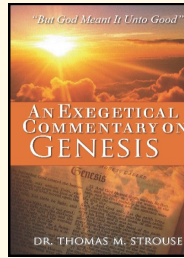
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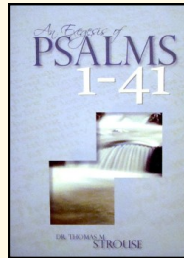
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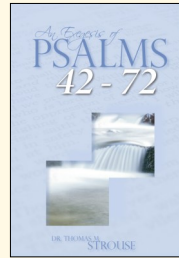
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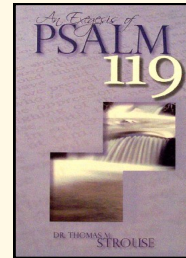
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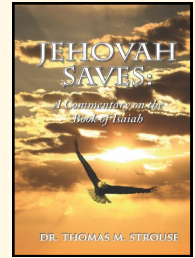
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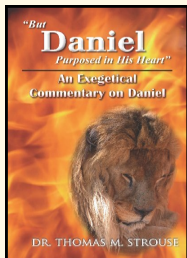
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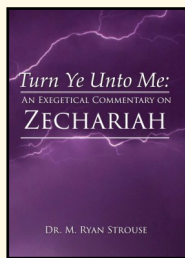
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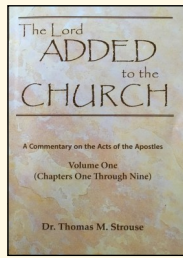
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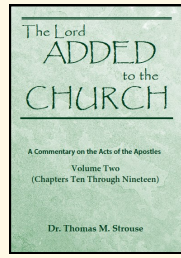
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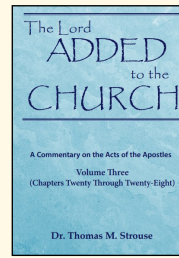
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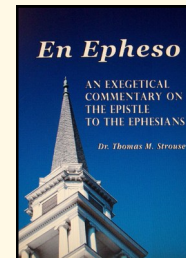
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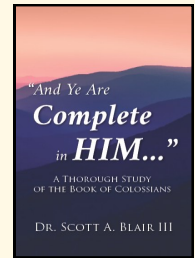
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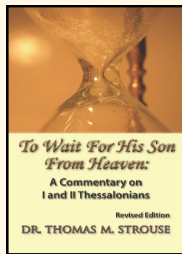
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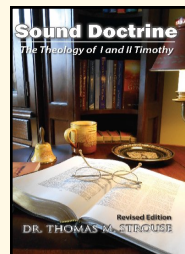
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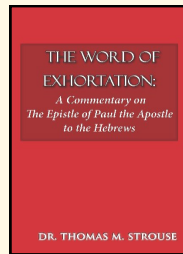
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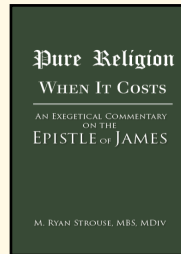
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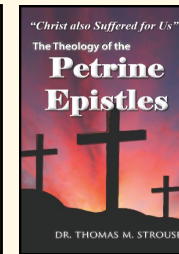
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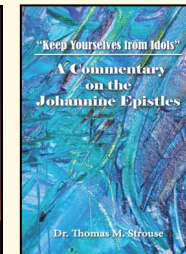
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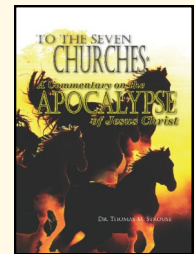
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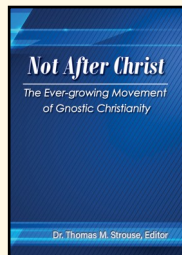
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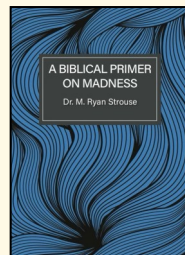
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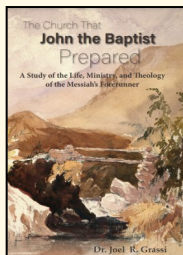
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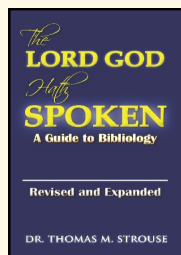
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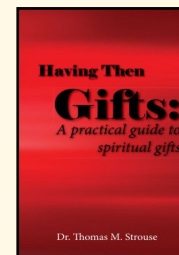
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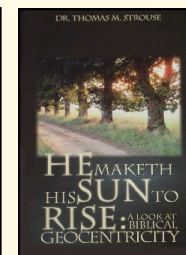
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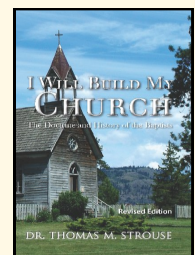
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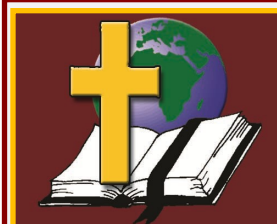
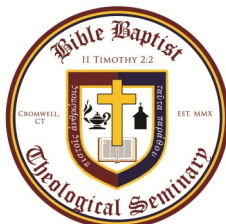
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