

IS THE BIBLE A MYTH?

Creation Message Series Week 5

2 Colossians 2:1-10

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See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy... Colossians 2:8a

Errant philosophy: Gnosticism

Gnostics taught secret knowledge and denied that Jesus was truly human.

Paul explained Christ is the source of all knowledge and wisdom. He also affirmed the physical humanity of Jesus.

Origin of “Fine sounding arguments”

Genesis 3:1-5

Fine-sounding argument #1: Truth is relative.

- Reality does not work like that.
- This is a self-defeating argument.
- How can finite, fallible beings decide reality/truth?

Fine-sounding argument #2: The Bible is a myth.

- For years, people have questioned the Bible saying it contains errant history. They claim the non-existence of the Hittites and Pontius Pilate, both of which have now been verified by archaeology.

- A big problem for sceptics is the resurrection.
- Jesus appeared to over 500 people after His resurrection.
Why didn't Romans and Jews simply produce the body?
The disciples were not brave enough or skilled enough to risk going against trained Roman soldiers.

Fine-sounding argument #3: Evolution is a fact.

- Evolutionary sleight of hand:
Evidence is easily given for changes within a kind, but little evidence is given for changes between created kinds.

Examples: Darwin's finches
Stickleback fish

- God created diversity and the ability for organisms to diversify. But these changes always happen within the limitations of a created kind.

So, how do we discern truth from fine sounding arguments?

- Always compare to Scripture.
- If the argument contradicts the plain teaching of Scripture, then we know that it is not true.

Additional resources:

- answersingenesis.org
- icr.org
- creation.com
- christiananswers.net