

# CREATION MOMENTS

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## THIS WEEK'S CREATION MOMENT

### Luther on Genesis



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Martin Luther wrote an extensive commentary on Genesis in which there are a number of issues relevant to creationism where Luther had strong views. One of these was the age of the Earth. On this subject, Luther wrote: From Moses however we know that 6000 years ago the world did not exist.

A theistic evolutionist might retort that this was what everyone believed in Luther's day. Not so. Luther comments on those who have other views, saying: Aristotle leaves the problem in doubt whether or not the world is eternal, yet he is inclined to the opinion that it is eternal.

Luther understands that a biblical position is in opposition to the prevailing philosophical opinions of his time. Augustine, for example, had developed an elaborate allegory to explain Genesis. Luther made short work of that view. With respect, therefore, to this opinion of Augustine, we conclude that Moses spoke literally and plainly and neither allegorically nor figuratively.

So Martin Luther's commentary appears to leave no opening for those who want to suggest that the world is millions of years old.

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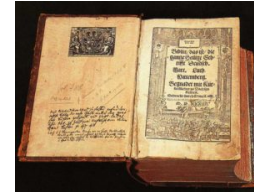
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