Are Biblical Creationists a Stumbling Block?

And Jesus answered and said unto them, For the hardness of your heart he wrote you this precept. But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female. – Mark 10:5-6

In his excellent article in Creation magazine "Jesus on the Age of the Earth", Carl Wieland reports that the standard secular timeline of billions of years for the age of the universe is "accepted by most people in the evangelical Christian world." He went on to write, "Some would even say that to even dispute billions of years is to place an unnecessary stumbling block in the way of any scientifically-minded potential converts."

Creation Moments has been attacked countless times by Christian leaders and laypeople … and even pastors! No, young earth creationists are not the stumbling block. We are simply standing up for biblical authority in a world that is rejecting it. As Wieland writes, many authors of the Bible – even Jesus Himself – make it clear that people were on the Earth at the beginning of creation and not millions of years later.

How tragic, writes Wieland, that so many Christian leaders have been "bluffed and intimidated into assuming that secular interpretations of the evidence should dictate their understanding of God's Word." Ironically, this rejection of biblical authority comes "at a point in history when there are more scientific reasons than ever to confirm the utter rationality of trusting the Bible…"

Yes, you can and must trust the Bible. After all, you don't want to become a stumbling block to the gospel by rejecting what the Bible clearly teaches.

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