THOUGHTS

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FRESH START

In a sense, New Year's resolutions are a form of forgiveness. We put the past behind us to have a fresh beginning. God does the same, removing our sin, "as far as the East is from the West," (Ps. 103:12) and, "remember their sins no more." (Jeremiah 31:34b).

I love the announcement made by the Lord as His people are fully redeemed in the future Heaven that awaits us, "Behold, I am making everything new (Rev. 21:5)!" That is what we really want, to be made new, to be free of sin and its terrible effects. We want a fresh start. That is what God gives to those who adore Jesus as their Savior! It will be so wonderful to be renewed completely in body, mind, and spirit when we experience the fresh start of Heaven!

NEW YEAR'S VISITORS

On the first Sunday of the new year, we had visitors to Our Shepherd Lutheran. They were not your typical visitors, but a family that fled Pakistan as refugees in 2017. Imagine how pleased I was to inform them that in 2022 The Word Today expanded into Pakistan!

Thank you! I will say it again, thank you for your faithfulness in spreading the Good News of Christ! Your support has enabled the expansion of TWT into not only Pakistan but also Thailand, and two new languages in Indonesia! That family can now send back word that the Gospel is being broadcast in their mother tongue in their homeland! How wonderful is that? Take great delight in what the Spirit of God is doing!

DEEPEST HOLE ON EARTH

The Kola Superdeep Borehole is 9" wide and 40,230 feet deep! The name is a bit misleading, as it is a series of holes with the deepest main hole equivalent to the height of the 37.8 Eiffel Towers! It was started during the arms race at the time that America had been the first to put a man on the moon. The hole was an attempt to reach the center of the Earth. The U.S. started its "Project Mohole" in 1958 and stopped in 1966, but Russia continued until the 1990s. Yet, they only reached .19% of the distance to the center. There is currently a dig underway in the Indian Ocean, as the Earth's crust is thinner in the oceans and is easier to dig. The goal is to punch through the crust and reach the uppermost portion of the mantle, the lithosphere. Supposedly it would yield better knowledge of events such as volcanos and earthquakes. (What's At The Bottom Of The Deepest Hole On Earth? - Explored Planet).

I was intrigued that nearly 4 miles down, fossils of microscopic plankton were found! That is not shocking because the fossil layers are extensive and thousands of feet deep. The organisms at that layer must have been entombed by a water event. Take a guess as to what sort of water event would put fossils 4 miles below the surface of Earth on land? Correct, the biblical universal Flood! It is intuitive to think that in the ocean, fossils would be found thousands of feet deep. Would it be expected to find extensive, as in continent covering,

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sedimentary rock thousands of feet thick on land? No, it would not – unless there was a global deluge! What else could have deposited billions of living things (fossil beds typically contain a mix of sea and land life, something that is downplayed by Evolutionists) globally into a sedimentary soup, trapping them to become the fossils we discover today? Nothing else had the capacity to do so.

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The popular secular theory is that a gigantic meteorite impacted the Earth and sent out massive tsunamis which buried the animals on land. Note that the global flood was vociferously denied for decades by Evolutionists, who insisted that it was only a local event. They even had illustrations that supported their theory that a massive land dam burst and flooded the region of Mesopotamia. But now, subtly, they have switched to talk of an alternative explanation for the massive sedimentary deposits that Creationists have used for decades as evidence of the global Flood!

I have previously written about the analysis of the content of space meteorites, and that it does not match up with the level of such elements on Earth. If meteorites slammed into Earth and caused global upheaval, the rock layers should confirm it by the proportion of unique materials carried by the meteorite causing the impact layer, but they do not match up. There are proportionately far less of the intruding materials in the impact layer than expected. In other words, the extent of the meteorite impact was not nearly as devastating as promoted. A giant meteorite did not kill the dinosaurs, which did not live 65M years ago. We have dinosaur fossils with soft tissues in them and Carbon 14 which cannot exist beyond 100K years! We have sedimentary evidence of how only a global flood could have laid down the thousands of feet of softer rock containing the fossil beds, a record of destruction, not evolution.

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Children and young adults in public education will not learn these things, and consequently, they will grow up thinking that science supports a Secularist worldview. We see how this generation is dismissing God and turning to lascivious behavior. Their worldview is founded upon purposelessness, and it yields hedonism and ultimately hopelessness. In contrast, the Christian worldview sees the fossil record as a stark reminder that God has the capacity to say, "I've had enough of this wickedness," and wipe out mankind. There is no larger warning sign on Earth! Yet, the Christian does not live in fear, but in hope of redemption through Jesus Christ. We do not accept a worldview with inherent cognitive conflict, the idea that matter makes itself and improves itself. God alone has the power necessary to create the ancient world and clearly, He has the power to destroy it. It is confirmed by the discovery of microscopic plankton fossils 4 miles deep on land! You did notice the fossil was of plankton, which blankets the oceans of the world? Ocean creatures, buried 4 miles down, inland...

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Blessings, Douglas W. Schroeder