

AN UNCERTAIN SOUND??

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Blowing the bugle for reveille, to the colors, mess call, and taps at summer camps was lots of fun...many years ago! If I did give "an uncertain sound" for these standard calls, I suppose the campers would just look at their watches and know what to do! But other calls, like "attack," or "retreat" are not time related, so an uncertain call could be a disaster.

I am a military veteran, so I think in terms of orderliness and accuracy. I also try to "Think Jewish, think like they thought when the Bible books were written." So I also enjoy blowing my shofar on Yom Teruah (aka Rosh HaShana)! Young's Analytical Concordance lists lots of trumpet verses. Israel had 2 silver trumpets for specific calls, and the shofar for all other calls. "Shofar sho good."

For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself for the battle? 1Cor 14:8.

Like it or not, Believers in Yeshua are in a battle, 24/7. Have we prepared ourselves for this battle? True, we are at Rest in Yeshua and He mostly fights our battles for us, as we Trust in Him, but we also have many responsibilities to "blow the trumpet in Zion" with a certain sound, a clear, definite sound of solid Bible Truth as His witnesses, His sent ones: Matt 28:18-20. The battle is primarily over the Bible and Yeshua.

Recently a Believer asked me, "When I read my Bible and compare with the teachings and practices in my church, there are differences. What gives? Particularly, with all the talk today about defending the display of the 10 Commandments (he finally read them!), what happened to #4 about the Sabbath Day? I asked my pastor and he gave me some spiritualized reasons for the change to Sunday that seemed to me out of context, avoiding the issue. Can you explain it to me?"

Some people are waking up! Are we prepared to answer them, teach them, with the "certain sounds" of the Scripture? This is the privilege of all Believers. Torah teachers, Messianic leadership should also be equipping themselves and the congregation with information that is not easily gleaned from a Bible in English.

However, there is much that is obvious if we take the Bible at face value, even in English! We must not give "uncertain sounds" on these basic Truths!

CREATION. "In the beginning (of time) God CREATED the heavens and the earth," in 6 days of 24 hours each! This was about 6000 yrs. ago. This is the plain sense of the text and the context of Scripture, equally valid with John 3:16, etc. Any deviation from this Foundational Truth is telling God that you do not believe Him. As a scientist, I can guarantee that there is absolutely NO evidence for macroevolution whatsoever, and NO evidence that mankind came from any source other than a direct creation by God. Mankind is unique in all of creation.

Microevolution, small changes within groups does occur, like the variety in dogs, but this is not the big leap that evolutionists claim. A dog does not change into a horse, for instance. The "kinds" in Genesis never change into one of another "kind." However, some evolutionists claim that these small changes are "proof" that, over billions of years and millions of these little changes, the big leap is possible, like a land animal from a fish, or a dog into a horse. The utter complexity of all living beings, and common sense, show the absurdity and impossibility of all such ideas!

Evolution is a desperate attempt to deny the existence of God, to avoid any responsibility and accountability to Him, and to explain everything in naturalistic terms. It is NOT a "theory"! In science, a theory is something that has been proven in the laboratory time and again with no deviation. Evolution is a speculation, a pure guess with no evidence, and should be in the category of a religion.

A scientist starts out with a speculation, an idea, even a wild idea. He then forms a hypothesis to work on, to test his idea. After many testings that hold true, by him and others, with no deviation found so far, then it can be called a "theory," because in the future some deviation might be found to challenge it. It does not become a "law" unless it is concluded that there will not and cannot be any deviation, like the Law of Gravity.

Theories do change. Between 1951 when I finished my BS degree in professional chemistry and 1969 when I completed a master's degree, the atomic theory had changed quite a bit, as new evidence surfaced!

Therefore, in science, the progression is: speculation, hypothesis, theory, law. Evolution remains in the category of speculation. Creation is a law, as there will not and cannot be any deviation to what God has plainly said and done. Believe it and teach it, as Creation with a Young Earth is a basic Foundational Truth. The evidence found in nature supports Creation.

THE FLOOD of Genesis 6-9. The plain sense of Scripture is that The Flood was worldwide, it covered all mountains to 15 cubits above the highest one at its fullest after 150 days of heavy rain, every living thing on land died (fish had a big feast), the waters gradually receded, and after one year on the ark, Noah and family and the animals on the ark were able to disembark onto dry land.

How did it happen? There are many speculations about it, even some hypotheses, but since they cannot be thoroughly tested, no theory can be stated. Some may call their ideas “theories,” but that is speaking colloquially, not scientifically nor accurately.

In grad school, my geology professor said it was a local flood, blown into a universal flood story by primitive writers. Of course, he did not mention the evidence that all over the earth, even on high mountains, there is fossil evidence of marine life, showing that the mountains at one time were under water. And of course, he did not care a bit about the facts in the Bible.

The Flood is a law, as there will not and cannot be any deviation to what God has plainly said and done. Believe it and teach it, as The Flood is also a basic Foundational Truth.

The TOWER OF BABEL. The Tower was built as an attempt to defy God. God therefore changed the one language of all mankind into the “70 languages” of the earth, which have developed since that time into the 6000+ languages of today. Why? Decentralization is necessary for mankind to have any hope of freedom. All attempts to get mankind to speak one language again have miserably failed. The “One Worlders,” trying to rule the world with one government, one religion, one economic system, etc. are again defying God. “Let us make a name for ourselves.”

The Tower of Babel and the Confounding of Languages is a law, as there will not and cannot be any deviation to what God has plainly said and done. An attempt will be made at “the end,” but it will be short lived. Believe it and teach it, as The Tower of Babel and the Confounding of Languages is also a basic Foundational Truth.

There are many other Foundational Truths, but these in Genesis are many times ignored because of fear of the hatred and onslaught of many scientists and philosophers with their pseudoscience and anti-God teachings. With money and political power, they have forced their teachings into all the public school systems. This dominance is beginning to break as evidence mounts and parents are getting fed up with these lies. Also, many creation scientists are producing documented books affirming Creation as stated in Genesis. Our children are precious! Be sure they learn these Foundational Truths at home!

Peter dealt with the issue very well. *...knowing this first, that there will come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, and saying, ‘Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.’ For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the Word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water, by which the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished. 2 Pet 3:3-6.*

Peter begins with ‘uniformitarianism’ (all things continue as they were from the beginning), which is the foundation of evolution and its daughter, humanism. He shows that this is a false position, because its proponents are ‘willingly ignorant’ of the facts of Genesis, and also the evidence found in nature.

In contrast, God shows His position as ‘catastrophism,’ as all things have NOT continued from the beginning as they are observed today. God has interrupted the normal order of things for His own purposes: The Flood, Confounding of Languages, the plagues upon Egypt with 3 days of pitch blackness, the sun standing still, the sun moving backward by 10 degrees, the miracles of Yeshua, etc.

Torah Communities, Messianic Congregations, should be taught these Foundational Truths and should not be ashamed to teach them widely. In the Torah reading cycle, do a thorough treatment of Genesis, the foundation to build upon! Not compromising in any way with the plain sense of Scripture shows that we believe in and Trust God. We, His Family members, must live consistent with His Word and not play games with it. Too many Christians, and Christian colleges, compromise with Truth in order to be accepted by the academic world, and soon, down they go into institutions against God, as the original “colleges for preachers of the Bible” like Harvard, Yale, Princeton, etc. have done.

The breakdown of society can be traced to a culture based on evolutionary thinking. We are just “animals,” so the survival of the fittest is legitimate. There is no hell or heaven, so “eat, drink, and be merry” as this life is all there is! Enjoy it any way you want to. Abortion? It is only a blob of flesh, not a person yet! Stealing? Fine, just don’t get caught, etc.

Therefore, as God’s ambassadors and witnesses, we have an important ministry to the world! Explaining salvation to the unsaved based on this understanding of Genesis will lend authenticity to the Bible and to your message! The experience of Adam & Eve with God illustrates salvation beautifully, Ephesians 2:8-10 in action.

Let us all be true to our calling as God’s children, true to His Word as we implement Torah, and true to each other in The Family as we stick together with a unified stand for His Word. “Jew and Gentile, one in Messiah, one in the Good Olive Tree...” The enemy uses mocking, harassment, derogatory comments to make us shrink back, but the facts of the Bible and nature stand true. We gladly stand firm and speak out like The Prophets of old against all twisting of God’s Word. “Has God said?” YES, HE HAS!! Believe it, teach it with authority (a ‘certain sound’), and live it!!