

Introduction

I would count it a privilege to be invited as your presenter. Whether you are interested in a single-evening event, a one-day seminar, or a multiple-day conference, I am able to accommodate your need.

My area of expertise is the age of the earth: Is it thousands or billions of years old? Science and the Bible speak to this issue, but there is a lot of confusion (both scientifically and Biblically) with regard to where the evidence ends and interpretation begins. I enjoy helping an audience seek out the line between hard facts and story-telling. We begin with the science, because it is important to earn people's respect by showing them that truth – as established by evidence – is the goal. I desire to have non-Christians in the audience, and I appreciate that it is the Christian's responsibility to prove that we do not ask anyone to commit intellectual suicide. Once the scientific line between evidence and interpretation is clear, we investigate the Bible. Again, the goal is to discern between what the data (in this case, the text) demands, versus where personal preference is allowed.

In many Christian circles, the age of the earth is considered “irrelevant” – it is believed that either the truth is not important, or else the truth can not be known. In the secular scientific community, it is *very* important – to the point that the ability to earn an educational degree or obtain a job may be at stake. Who's correct? What hangs in the balance? *Can* the truth about the age of the earth be known? If so, what is the cost of defending it, versus ‘not bothering with it’? I seek to show audiences that it is *worth the effort* to investigate the answers to these questions.

The audience is strongly encouraged to be like the Bereans. Scripture commends this group as “noble,” because they “received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, [in order to know] whether those things [Paul said] were so” (Acts 17:11 KJV). These were people who wanted to know the difference between truth and story-telling; they were people who did not ‘take the speaker's word for it’ – rather, they checked the evidence and the text for themselves.

Who is the Audience?

What is the age group of the audience? Is this event intended to reach out to non-Christians? Is this event designed specifically to help Christians dig deeper into the Word of God? Is this an audience that will soon be visiting the Grand Canyon? Is this an audience that has invited creationist speakers in the past – meaning that they are already familiar with one or more creation models? If so, which ones?

If you are uncertain which workshops are best-suited for your audience, the answers to these questions will help me make a recommendation.

