

## The Greater Compromise

As you will recall, in 1787 the Constitutional Convention was deadlocked as to how individual states were to be represented in Congress. The larger states insisted that they should have representation based on population. The less populous states insisted that they should have equal representation. Obviously both views were correct. It was Roger Sherman and the wise old Benjamin Franklin who proposed the concept of having two chambers; the House of Representatives would be represented proportionately to the State's population, and the Senate would have two members per state, regardless of the population. This wisdom of constructively embracing two opposing views has been a monumental cornerstone to the 200+ year stability of our nation.

No one would ever question the wisdom of "compromise." Right? Wrong! Of course we question compromise. Some compromise is constructive. Some is destructive. "Compromise" is the act of embracing two opposing views. Therefore, compromising God and His Word is, by definition, embracing satan and his lies. Thus, I have coined the term, "The Greater Compromise."

Are they truly opposing views? Or just differences in opinion? Let's look at two verses of scripture. 2 Tim 3:16 says, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:" Conversely, in John 8:44, Jesus says that satan "*was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.*" I think that we can all agree that compromise of God's word and satan's word would be, by definition, destructive.

Or do we all agree on this point? Let's look at the first chapter of Genesis. Scripture clearly states that God created the earth and all that is in it in six literal days. To remove all doubt that these days are literal days and not years or millenniums, he defines the use of the word "day" (Hebrew word *yom*) six times to include one "evening and one morning." (It is true that the word *yom*, when used in the phrase "day of the Lord" pertains to "ages of time." But this context does not occur until the book of Isaiah. This context is not found anywhere in the entire Pentateuch.)

What difference does it make?

1) Doctrinal point of view: IF, death and destruction have been here for millions of years, then death is NOT the consequence of sin. (Satan's lie.) This viewpoint defies Genesis 3:17-19 "*Because thou hast ...{sinned} thou shalt ... return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return*" and Rom 6:23, "*For the wages of sin is death...*" If "death as a consequence of sin" is a lie, then the balance of Rom 6:23 is also a lie, "*...but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*" IF we are completely illogical and attempt to embrace a concept that death has always been here, but Jesus died for our sins anyway, then AT BEST, Jesus' crucifixion was cheap and unnecessary.

2) Practical point of view: If we attempt to embrace this lie, it is not possible to fully appreciate what Jesus did for us on the cross. We will never fully comprehend our indebtedness to Him! Furthermore, once we minimize or discount one passage of scripture, then we become our own god, and reemphasize or deemphasize any or all passages at our own will. If scripture is not

reliable, then it serves no useful purpose. What was God's intent for scripture? 1 Tim 3:16-17 *"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."*

There are only two world views. We were either created or we evolved. Many people believe we evolved simply because they are going with the flow. YET Rom 1:20 tells us that evidence for creation is so powerful that we *"are without excuse."* Rom 1:20 tells us that the evidence for creation is so overwhelming, that we cannot possibly miss recognizing *"His eternal power and Godhead."*

So I ask you, "Are you just going with the flow?" "Are you living a spiritually crippled life due to a compromised view of scripture?" We are not talking about our car, our boat, or our job. We are talking about our relationship with **God!**

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