

Creation Science, Inerrancy and Answers

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The doctrine of inerrancy is one of the most precious teachings of the confessional Lutheran church. The website, bookofconcord.org, has this to say about inerrancy: “When we call Scripture inerrant we are using a relatively modern word to express the utter reliability and truthfulness of Scripture and of all its assertions. The term we use may be somewhat modern, but the conviction it expresses is as old as Scripture itself. The Scriptures teach and assume everywhere their utter truthfulness, and so do our Lutheran Confessions.”

The importance of inerrancy is obvious. Like a chain which would break if only one of its links was weak, our faith in the entire Bible could fail if in only one point Scripture could be shown to be false. Modern science presents many temptations for believers to think there are “weak links” in the Bible. If the first chapters of Genesis could be shown to be false, for instance, then what is there to prevent a person from doubting other parts of the Bible, such as the Gospel itself?

The Lutheran Science Institute exists to provide answers for questions that may be troubling some Christians, especially our young people who, according to some polls, are avoiding church in large numbers. It is not our goal to “prove” the Bible. The Bible would be the true Word of God whether we could prove it or not.

St. Peter said, “Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander” (1 Peter 3: 15b-16).

Creationists, people who accept the Genesis creation account as literally true, often are maliciously attacked for their faith. We need the answers, from science when helpful, to properly respond to these attacks. God willing, we can then hold on to the hope of eternal life which the Lord has given us in Jesus Christ through His inerrant Word.

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