

Kingdom Report

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The Alpha and the Omega: But When is the End?

Jesus said to His disciples, "**Heaven and earth shall pass away but my word shall never pass away.**" And they asked "When shall this be?" The answer was not for their time. But since 1995 cosmologists can answer it . And it has profound implications for the vision of the Church of the 21st Century.

In Matthew 24 the disciples looking on and admiring the great temple in Jerusalem, Jesus startled them by declaring that the day is coming when "**there shall not be one stone upon another that shall not be thrown down.**" Meaning the destruction of Jerusalem and its temple was coming.

They being intrigued wanted Him to elaborate on this coming catastrophe so asked Him three questions: (Mat. 24:3)

- "Tell us when shall these things be?"
- "and what shall be the sign of thy coming?"
- "and the end of the world?"

Most prophecy writers get the answers wrong to these three questions. In this blog I want to give you a radical idea of the answer to the third question which only our generation can understand and there is a reason for that.

But let me make just a quick answer to the first two:

The answer to when will Jerusalem and the temple be destroyed is an easy answer because Jesus answers that straight forward..."this generation shall not pass away till all these things be fulfilled." (verse 34)

Now be careful here because from verses 4-34 He describes all the things that would happen before that generation passes....and that generation was from 33 AD to 70 AD when Jerusalem and the temple were destroyed. And by the way that included Jesus coming in the clouds of judgment as He said He would to carry out the judgment on Jerusalem that He said He would do. That is what He meant in these verses when He talks about His to earth after death and resurrection.

But what about the third question? The end of the world....

Well He answers that also very straightforward...verses 35-36 "**Heaven and earth shall pass away but my words shall not pass away. But of that day and hour knows no man no not the angels of heaven but my Father only.**"

Now please note here that Jesus is answering the question of when is the end of the world that they wanted to know by assuring them that heaven and earth will pass away but the day and the hour nobody knows. He is not answering the question of when will He return as every prophecy writer I know of uses this scripture.

Now what I want to do here is to try to answer the question of when will heaven and earth pass away. I know this seems impossible as Jesus clearly says that no man knows except the Father. But let me say this to that....

Jesus also said that "there are many things I wish to say to you but you are not able to bear them now but when the Spirit of truth is come he will guide you into all truth." (John 16:12-13)

So I make the following conclusions:

- Every generation has a job to do for the kingdom and God gives that generation truth and revelation for their time.
- Truth is found in the written word of God and also found in the spoken Word of God, the Logos by which Jesus created all things...so by studying cosmology, the stars of the heavens and physics, we discover truths of His creation. In fact Psalm 19 tells us to listen to the stars for they silently have a message for us.
- And Genesis 1:14 says "let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years."
- So the lights of the heavens, the stars are there with a message, they tell us of times and seasons and years.

Now here is my argument...we are now able to look deeper into the heavens than any other generations before us and they tell us not only of years...but of ages! And there are very clever cosmologists who only since 1995 after looking at all the data are now able to tell us about how many ages to come....until the end of the heavens and the earth. Not the day or the hour...but within about billions of years.

This is not idle speculation. It is crucial information for our generation to know and plan the expansion of the Kingdom of God and the great work ahead of us.

Lets start with this interesting fact from Genesis 1:1....

הָאָרֶץ׃	וְאֵת	הַשָּׁמַיִם	אֱלֹהִים	בָּרָא	בְּרֵאשִׁית	
the-earth	and	the-heavens	***	God	he-created	in-beginning (1:1)

Hebrew reads from right to left. Now read it like this "in-beginning, he-created, God (Elohim)....and now here is something fascinating in the original Hebrew text. Two letters that are never translated in your Bible. But they are there in the original Hebrew text. They are the two letters "Aleph" and "Tov or Tau"....those are the first and last letters in the Hebrew alphabet. In Greek it would "Alpha" and "Omega".

Who do you think "Elohim Aleph Tau" refers to? This is what Jesus said of Himself..

Rev. 1:8 "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending"

Rev. 1:11 "I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last"

Rev. 1: 17 "....fear not I am the first and the last"

Rev. 22:13 "I am Alpha and Omega the beginning and the end, the first and the last."

Isaiah 41: 4 ""Who has wrought and done it calling the generations from the beginning? I the Lord the first and the last; I am he."

Isaiah 44:6 "I am the first and I am the last and besides me there is no God."

Isaiah 48:12 "I am he, I am the first and I am the last".

You see "...all things were made by Him and for Him and He is before all things and by Him all things consist." (Col. 1:16-17)

So you see this aspect of our Lord Jesus Christ as the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end is very important idea in scripture. Now what end are we really talking about here? On one level we are talking about the end of heaven and earth. But Paul in 1 Cor. 15 also ties "then comes the end" with Jesus completing the work of the Kingdom of God and then delivering that Kingdom to the Father which he states as follows:

"For then comes the end when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God even the Father when he shall have put down all rule and authority and power...that God may be all in all."

So heaven and earth will pass away when the purposes of God are finished with this universe which Christ the Alpha and Omega created with a beginning and an end and when He has come to the completion of the Kingdom agenda in this universe then He hands His completed work over to the father.

So then it is logical to assume that He who knows the generations of man from the beginning to the end knows how much time and space He needs to accomplish His purposes and therefore created that time and space framework right from the beginning of His creation, right to the end.

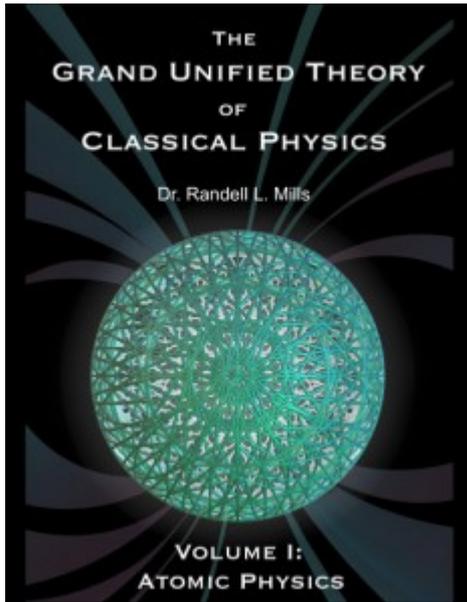
So how long to the end?

Well previous generations could not know the answer to that question. That is why the eschatology of say the 19th century is totally inadequate for the church of the 21st century. The Bible says "we know in part and we prophecy in part". That is God can only give us vision of things to come according to what our knowledge of His word is and of His word creation.

It is only in the last 100 years that we know of things like stars and galaxies. Or since Einstein's theory of relativity do we know of "space/time" or that time is variable in that the faster we move the slower time is and that as we approach the speed of light time is so slow that it stops.

One of the great issues of cosmology these last decades has been is the universe expanding or is it contracting or is it in a steady state. That could only be answered depending on if space/time is curved or flat.

And it was only in 1995 that the first accurate prediction of what is the destiny of the universe is going to be was made. It was made by Dr. Randell Mills. I was so intrigued by his theories that in 2000 while in America I bought his groundbreaking book of new theories in physics....

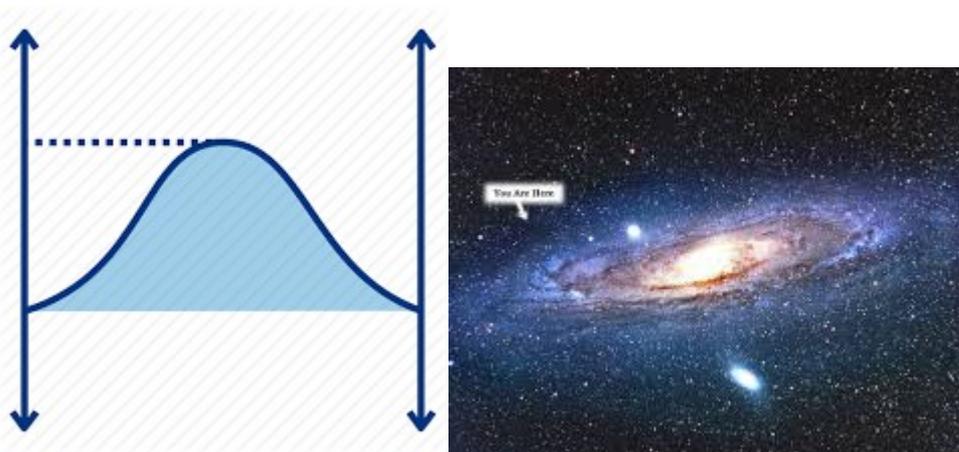


Now this is what he said in his 1995 edition of the book (and amplified in the above later addition)

He predicted that not only is the universe expanding but that it is currently in a phase of expansion that is speeding up its expansion. It was only after he made this prediction that accurate data started coming through from the old Voyager 1&2 probes that were sent out back in the 1970's and now beyond Pluto that their speed and trajectory showed that space time, the fabric of the universe (what Genesis calls "the firmament") is not only expanding but that the expansion is speeding up.

Dr. Mills was proven correct to everyone's astonishment. But his other highly complex calculations were this:

The universe expansion is like a sine wave pulse....



He says creation starts out as light and then condenses into matter, as it condenses then space time (the firmament) expands....then it reaches the end of expansion and then it contracts back into light.

Now here is the staggering calculation he made: The time of one cycle of expansion to contraction is somewhere between 900 billion and 1 trillion years. You see that "amplitude" in that wave. That will tell you how large the expansion is going to

be...or how many galaxies. We are now about 13-14 billion years into the expansion and still speeding up. We have currently about 1-2 trillion galaxies in our current expansion....there are countless trillions of galaxies still to form as expansion of the universe proceeds. (that is one galaxy in the picture with about 100 billion stars).

As you try to absorb this information think of what the Psalmist said (Psalms 8)
" When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;
What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?
For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour.
Thou made him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all *things* under his feet:

Folks here is my message to you this week:

We have the Genesis 1:26-28 Dominion Mandate to fulfill.
We are to have dominion over all the works of God's hands.
God did not make the earth or the galaxies void...He made them to be inhabited
(Isaiah 45:18)

Our Kingdom agenda is about another 900 billion years long and trillions of galaxies to possess for the King and subdue and made productive.

Heaven and earth will pass away one day as Peter says "the heavens shall pass away with a great noise and the elements shall melt with fervent heat and the earth also and the works that are there in shall be burned up"....

That is all correct and scientists like Dr. Mills agrees entirely with that is actually how the heavens and the earth will end....in about 900 billion years.

Until then lets get on with the Kingdom agenda!