

FAQ 22

Some Of The Dangers Of The Preterit Viewpoint

Q #22 Is Preterism a viable alternative concerning END TIMES?

On the college campuses we contend (Jude 3) with those who would like to approach matters of question (e.g., on the topic of origins; the Person of Jesus Christ, etc.) similar to the philosophical approach of a *deconstructionist*. Let me explain.

Among other things, a deconstructionist typically approaches a controversy seeking to tear down the established position(s). They often fail to go on to offer either a clear or satisfactory answer to a sincerely problematic situation. Instead of offering helpful ideas on a particular question (especially in support of the position **they** espouse), they often simply attack the views they dislike, for one reason or another. Discern this dear Christian, for it takes place much more often than we think. For example, a deconstruction-like appeal is the main response of the evolutionary community to the Intelligent Design evidence. The evolutionary community is NOT showing evidence in warrant for a naturalistic origin of matter and life as much as they are attacking (primarily so) the position of design. So how much evidence in support of large-scale evolution is factually presented? Hmmmmm (Hang in here, my point is forthcoming as to how this pertains to End Time concerns.)

I recall a philosophy instructor with whom we tried to debate. The topic was “origins.” On **three** occasions we were moving toward a debate. As we simply approached the question in a *you give your view; we give ours* (to state it generally), we found the opposing side was actually unwilling to see the invitation through. **Each time** this instructor cancelled the debate. What a lesson on *some classrooms foster and support certain lingering ideological dictatorships*.

In an academic setting—especially in a debate format—you’d think these who love to tear down the views they reject would quickly enter into an opportunity to promote their view. Guess what? Such was not the case in these settings. Why? In part, because the professor was unwilling to put **his** position of origins on the line, side-by-side another credible position. In fact, it was his final judgment that the position he was to debate was *unworthy* of a debate and so, there was no debate—he made the decision. It ended there. WOW! This happened, in similar ways, three times. Fooled me once, shame on you; fooled me twice, shame on me; fooled me three times: I’m no longer willing to *cast pearl before swine*.

Why do I take the time to tell this true story?

It relates to this question of “End Times.”

You see, Preterit theology is LESS a position about End Times than it is an effort at end-time deconstruction. How in the world can I make such a claim? Read their materials. That which they offer in place of an **end-time** position primarily focuses on a denial of the main passages the Church has used since its inception to speak authoritatively on the topic

of **end times!** Go ahead, ask the Preterist—both the full and the partial Preterist—for his/her view on the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. You may be surprised as to what little they are willing to disclose. The *deconstructionist*, you see, enjoys a very safe position in that they often steer away from offering their position on an important topic. It's so safe to tear down a position. But what are they actually offering by way of constructive insight into crucial concerns. And my friends, the topic of End Times is a crucial concern given the **MANY** signs of our times and given how strongly our Lord Jesus addressed this topic.

One of the reasons why I question Preterism is this: I have not seen or heard a clear presentation concerning what **THEY** hold by way of **end-time** viewpoint. As a result, they really are not offering a position on end times. Oh, as they read this criticism, they may call a meeting and try to come up with an eschatological position—I really doubt they ever will be able to come to consensus on a “Preterit” position on **END TIMES!** And if they ever respond to this fair appeal—that they present what it is they actually hold concerning the days prior to the return of Jesus Christ—it will be **MOST INTERESTING** to hear/see what they have to offer!

Until then, dear believer in God's explicit Word, take the actual content of His kind revelation—contained, for example, in Daniel, Matthew 24, 25 and Revelation—and carefully observe its counsel, for these **eschatological** passages have **SO MUCH** to say about our days!

When these Preteristic Deconstructionists finally come out with **eschatological** substance, then, **YES**, by all means, give them a fair hearing on their **end-time** position. Until then, don't buy their supposition the passages above are not pertinent to us today!

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Would **ANY** Preterist who is deemed an expert on this position care to enter into debate on the topic of **End Times** and the **Second Coming of Jesus Christ?** The expert Preterists are more so historical *experts* (based on their assumptions and position). What we are asking for is a debate on **ESCHATOLOGY**. If there is a willingness to address **this** topic, please contact us and let's talk over this crucial contemporary concern. But one condition to the debate format: This is a debate on Eschatological matters: *you give your view; we give ours*. Any serious takers?

In answer to the question, “Is Preterism a viable alternative concerning **END TIMES?**” I find myself needing to better know what it is they actually believe concerning the days just prior to Jesus Christ's return to earth before I can answer. I know their **INTERPRETATIONS** concerning the material of Daniel, Matthew 24, 25 and Revelation, but I need to hear from them just what it is they believe concerning **the end of human history before God returns and makes everything right**. Is this not a fair appeal!? Will we find **this emperor** to have no clothes?

Please write to us at Endurance Ministries and give us some response to our questions.
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