

II Peter

(8) Stimulating Wholesome Thinking

Dear friends, this is now my second letter to you. I have written both of them as reminders to stimulate you to wholesome thinking. I want you to recall the words spoken in the past by the holy prophets and the command given by our Lord and Savior through your apostles. 2 Peter 3:1-2, NIV

The purpose of the Epistle of II Peter ...3:1-7

What is the stated purpose of both letters from Peter? 3:1; see IPet.4:7

Intended to remind us, to stimulate us to wholesome (sound) thinking. Pay attention!

And what is the source for this stimulation (to sound thinking)? 3:2; 3:15-16

Recalling the OT, Holy Prophets, and NT, Apostles, Words and commands of Jesus.

How do the OT Scriptures speak of the 2nd coming of the Lord? Is.66:15-16; Mal.4:1-3

Behold, the Lord is coming! To execute judgment by fire/sword. Righteous saved, but.

How do the words of the Apostles speak of it? IThess.3:13; IIThess.1:7-10; Rev.19:11-16

The 2nd coming of Christ is absolutely certain. He will return in glory and judgment.

And, in view of this certainty, what is the first thing Peter reminds us of? 3:3-4

In the last days scoffers (mockers, deriders) will come denying the second coming of Christ.

They will say, "Where is this 'coming' he promised? Ever since our fathers died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation." But they deliberately forget that long ago by God's word the heavens existed and the earth was formed out of water and by water. By these waters also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed. 2 Peter 3:4-6, NIV

What is the basis for the scoffers argument that there is no '2nd coming'? 3:4

Nothing ever changes! Same since creation! Doctrine of Uniformitarianism, i.e. evolution.

Peter points out that such teachings ignore *two huge facts* of history. What's the first? 3:5

Creation was an infinite 'change'! By God's Word heavens/earth created from nothing!

What is today's 'uniformitarian' lie to address this fact of creation?

Evolution points to a big bang as the natural event by which the universe came to be.

What's the second fact of history that evolutionists also *deliberately forget*? 3:6; Gen.7

The waters of creation deluged (completely overflowed) and destroyed the world!

What is the fundamental reason to ignore these two history facts? 3:7 see Rom.2:5

The same Word (of God) promises a fiery judgment and destruction of ungodly men.

So evolution, far from being 'science' is really what? 3:5; Mt.24:37; Heb.11:7

It's a lie to convince us that God doesn't exist or judge sin! Never happened, won't happen

What other lie do we hear today about science vs religion? 3:3-7

Science deals with facts, keep religion out! But this is literal fulfillment of Peter's words.