THE MANY FAILINGS OF A LITERAL THEORY OF THE SECOND COMING.
It has been said; ‘No man inspects the foundations of the house in which he lives.’ This is also true of theories. Futurism admits to a few minor hiccups, but the wider extent of the problem has never been made explicit. The following 95 sample statements are a partial critique of the ‘future to us’ Apocalypse and challenge the relation between Futurist Observation, Theory, and Belief.

The ‘Yet Future’ theory of Jesus Christ’s Second Coming is unsatisfactory. After 2000 years it has failed to unify the biblical data, and instead, mainly-Futurist Christianity is divided into a Hydra of over 30,000 sub divisions all claiming to be the head. It is not possible. ALL can’t be true. No two truths contradict, therefore the field is still open to a competing theory that can unite the field. An alternative theory must of necessity be unfamiliar and different.

We affirm Futurism never offered any observational or rational basis for belief. We offer to defend the following 95 sample theses to exhibit more widely the full extent of the problem. Our purpose is to bring into open discussion the; Practical Evils, Logical Fallacies, Faulty Conclusions, Faulty Method, Denial of Facts, Absence of Causes, Context, Rational Methodology, and lack of Biblical Meanings.

These factual, logical, and methodological inconsistencies lie at the bottom of the current model of prophetic interpretation, and are offered to facilitate a more critical scrutiny of futurism.

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2 According to David Barrett et al, (ed. the “*World Christian Encyclopaedia*, Oxford University Press, 2001. *A comparative survey of churches and religions - AD 30 to 2200,*)” there are 34,000 separate Christian groups in the world today. “Over half of them are independent churches that are not interested in linking with the big denominations.”
THE NINETY–FIVE THESES

The practical effects of Futurism over 1800 years has shown that it:

1. Has Failed in Every Generation for 2000 years
2. Tends to Apocalyptic Fear-Mongering of humanity on a Global scale
3. Tends to Generate Homicidal Elements on an Historical Scale
4. Is the Pragmatic Basis of: Religious Authority
5. Religious Division
6. Religious Confusion
7. Religious Unbelief
8. Religious Dogmatism
9. Contains No Mechanism for Human Change or Societal Progress
10. Is a Logically Closed and Hypothetical System of Thought that failed in its own
generation but claims it will Certainly be successful 2000 years later.

Futurist reasoning commits:

11. The Fallacy of Assuming the Premise - Only Literal meanings are biblical
12. The Fallacy of Circular Reasoning I - ‘Literal Therefore Future’
13. The Fallacy of Circular Reasoning II - ‘He will return because He hasn’t’
14. The Fallacy of Circular Reasoning III - ‘It must be future because not past’
15. The Fallacy of Irrelevant Evidence. - Not time based, but literal event based.
16. The Fallacy of Ad Hominem - Preterism Heresy (Hymenaeus. 2 Tim 2:17)
17. The Fallacy of Sense Proof - Eg. Sun circles earth = Proof (Geocentrism)
18. The Fallacy of Appeal to Emotion - Preterism ‘disturbs too much’
19. The Fallacy of Appeal to Authority - Preterism Heresy b/c Futurism Orthodoxy
20. The Fallacy of Texas Sharpshooter - Cherry picks Descriptive Clusters of facts

The statements of Futurism do not jibe with Bible observation:

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<td>‘Some of You (C.1°) standing here.’ Mk 9:1</td>
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Faulty conclusions in Futurism;

31. Claims Old Covenant Disappeared in fact at the Cross of Jesus - False. Heb 8:13
32. Claims New Covenant Appeared in fact at Cross of Jesus - False. Rom 11:27
33. Implies New Covenant Day Appeared at the Cross of Jesus - False. 2 Pet 1:19
34. Implies Old Covenant Night Disappeared at the Cross of Jesus - False. Rom 13:12
35. Implies All New Covenant Salvation in fact at the Cross - False. Rom 13:11
36. Implies All Old Covenant sins Forgiven in fact at the Cross - False. Rom 3:25-26
37. Implies Universal Judgment NOT in that generation - False. Mtt 11-12
38. Implies OT Dead (in Hades) NOT related to that generation - False. Mtt 11-12
39. Implies End of All things NOT at hand in that generation - False. 1 Pet 4:7

The Methodology of Futurism is faulty;

41. Breaks All Three Rules of Evidence: Relevance, Admissibility, Weight.[3][4][5]
42. A Time Theory not Suggested by any Time Fact in scripture
43. A Time Theory that Does not Explain any Time Fact in scripture
44. A Time Theory that Cannot Predict any new Time Relation in scripture
45. Breaks Simplicity Rule - rather more Complex. (Breaks Occam’s economy rule.)
46. Futurism is a Time Theory that: cannot be Observed
47. Cannot be Falsified
48. Cannot be Demonstrated
49. Cannot be Proven
50. Is Contrary to every Time Fact, & Marries an Assumption (‘Its literal’) via a mental Deduction (‘Therefore’) to the Convenient Future (Conclusion. ‘Its future to us.’) with no facts for either.

Futurism Denies the plain statements of :-

51. Matthew: ‘ALL THESE [signs] come on THIS GENERATION’ Mtt 24:34
52. Mark: ‘THIS GENERATION will not pass till ALL fulfilled’ Mk 13:30
53. Jesus: ‘Going to Jerusalem… ALL THINGS accomplished’ Lk 18:31
55. Luke: ‘THIS GENERATION will not pass till ALL things occur’ Lk 21:32
57. Paul: ‘US upon whom the ENDS OF THE AGES HAVE come’ 1 Cor 10:11
58. James: ‘The παρουσία is AT HAND… judge IS STANDING right at door’ Jas 5:8-9
59. Peter: ‘The END OF ALL THINGS IS at hand’ 1 Pet 4:7
60. John: ‘Spirit of Antichrist already. We KNOW it IS the last hour’ 1 Jn 2:18

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[4] The first general rule of the law of evidence is that to be admissible evidence must be directly or indirectly relevant to a fact in issue, that is it must render the existence of that fact more or less probable. Waight, P.K; Williams, C.R. Evidence Commentary & Materials. 7th Ed. Lawbook Co. NSW. P. 1.
Futurism has an absence of causation sufficient and necessary;

61. Cannot explain Why Jesus Did Not Return in that Generation Mtt 24:35-37
62. Cannot explain Why Jesus’ Coming needs to be Delayed 2000 years
63. Cannot explain How Jesus can Return when there Is NO Temple to return to? Mtt 24:1-3
64. Cannot explain Why Jesus did Not keep promises to His C.1st audience.
65. Cannot explain Mechanism for Redemption of Old Cov. dead. Rom 3:26; Heb 9:15,26
66. Cannot explain the Relation between Destruction of Temple &1000 years Rev 20
67. Cannot explain the Relation between Jesus’ death, Jerusalem’s demise AD 70 Rev 18-19
68. Cannot explain the C.1st causal Relation between Jerusalem, New Jerusalem Rev 21
69. Cannot explain the Cause-Effect Relation between Heaven/Earth & Temple Mtt 24:34-35
70. Cannot explain Causal Relation between ‘Creation’ & Resurrection of Dead. Rom 8

Futurism lacks an explanatory context for Matthew 24 and Revelation;

71. Cannot Connect C.1st Generation in Jerusalem to End time. Mtt.23:36 to Mtt. 24:34
72. Has No C.1st Context for End of Temple and End of Age. (αἰων) Mtt 24:1-3
73. Has No C.1st Context for End of Age and (παρουσία) Coming. Mtt 24:1-3
74. Has No C.1st Context for (παρουσία) Coming & Abomination. Mtt 24:16
75. Has No C.1st Context for Temple Abomination & Tribulation. Mtt 24:21
76. Has No C.1st Context for Jesus’ Coming in Clouds. Mtt 24:33/34
77. Cannot Connect C.1st to Fulfilment of ALL SIGNS. Mtt 24:34
78. Cannot Connect Revelation’s Temple to C.1st Jerusalem. Rev 11:1-8
80. Theory Ignores Jesus’ C.1st Context & Transposes Ancient Ideas onto OUR Future with no factual necessity.

Futurism is an irrational and unified system;

81. Time Theory that irrationally Interprets End time Facts Subjectively. (Eg. Mtt 24:21)
82. Time Theory that irrationally Interprets Bible Against its Appearances. (Eg. 1 Jn 2:18)
83. Time Theory irrationally Distorts Logical Coherence (Eg. Mtt 23-24-25)
84. Time Theory that irrationally Destroys non-existent Temple. (Mtt 24)
85. Time Theory that irrationally Ignores Biblical Usage. (Eg. Clouds)
86. Time Theory that irrationally Expands ‘near’ to suit 2000 year Theory. (Eg. ἐγγύσιον)
87. Time Theory that irrationally has Modern war as ‘sign’ in ancient Text. (Eg. Mtt 24:6)
88. Time Theory that irrationally claims Ancient Bible a Modern Law against itself.
89. Time Theory irrationally claims 100% Certainty with NO SINGLE time fact.
90. Has No Rational credibility in a Scientific Age when measured Objectively.

Futurism denies the biblical meanings of words and insists they are ‘only literal’;

91. Affirms Biblical Basis of Meaning on ‘only Literal’ Basis
92. Denies Biblical Meanings of Biblical Words in Preference for ‘Literalism’
93. Relies on Deductions with no Objective Method to Locate Biblical Meanings
94. Relies on the State of Modern Knowledge to Explain the Meanings of Ancient Words
95. Fails to first Identify Biblical Meanings of Biblical Words, …
…and here finally is the single common origin of Futurism; **literalism**. The basic error of Futurism is to *isolate NT terms from their OT meanings*, then make them **Modern-Literal**. Without Literalism *first*, there would be no need for Futurism *second*. Logically, if Literalism is the initial problem, then it follows the *first step to a solution is to Identify Biblical Meanings* of Biblical Terms. All of the above 95 problems may be resolved by this single first-step.

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