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The Eons of the Bible

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by — Joseph E. Kirk (1904-1974)

he teaching of the Scriptures about the eons provides answers to frustrating questions concerning the meaning of human existence. God's purpose in creating man and God's purpose of the eons are inseparably related. Many are unfamiliar with this important subject because the facts have been concealed by incorrect and mislead-

ing translations of the Bible from the original languages into English.

The eons are the longest periods of time referred to in the Scriptures. Time-wise they are of indefinite duration, but event-wise they are distinctly marked off by great cataclysms which affect the whole earth.

FACTS REVEALED CONCERNING THE EONS

THE EONS HAVE A BEGINNING

	Literal Translation	King James	
Hebrews 1:2	God made the eons	God made the worlds	
I Corinthians 2:7	before the eons	before the world	
II Timothy 1:9	before times eonian	before the world began	

THE EONS END, INDIVIDUALLY AND COLLECTIVELY

Hebrews 9:26	the end of the eons	the end of the world
I Corinthians 10:11	the end of the eons	the ends of the world
Matthew 24:3	the end of the eon	the end of the world

How Many Eons Are There?

(A minimum of five eons indicated)

Colossians 1:26	hid from the eons	Past	hid from ages
Luke 20:34	this eon	Present	this world
Ephesians 2:7	eons to come	Future	ages to come

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The words "eon" and "eonian" occur 199 times in the New Testament. They are translated as follows in the King James Version:

aion or eon			aionios or eonian		
Ages	2	Never	7	Everlasting	25
Course	1	Evermore	4	Eternal	42
World	40	Eternal	2	World	3
Ever	72			Ever	1

The fact that the same word translated "for ever," "ever-lasting" and "eternal" is also translated "world" is a shocking surprise to many believers. Had God meant "world" in these places He would have used the Greek word "kosmos" which means world. In the best literal translations the words aion and aionios are consistently rendered "age" and "age-abiding" or transliterated "eon" and "eonian." 1

God made the eons (Hebrews 1:2) and fitted them out (Hebrews 11:3) for the accomplishing of His purpose (Ephesians 3:8-11; 1:9-11). During the *eonian* times, sin, suffering and death enter God's creation, serve their purpose and are abolished by Jesus Christ (I Timothy 4:9-11; Colossians 1:20; I Corinthians 15:22-28; Romans 5:18-19; Philippians 2:9-11; John 12:32,33; I John 3:8).

The existence of God is not confined to the eons. He made the eons; therefore, He existed before they began. At the conclusion of the eons Jesus Christ will do away with sin (Hebrews 9:26) and will abolish death (I Corinthians 15:22-26). All will then be subjected to God and God will be All in all (I Corinthians 15:27-28). Therefore, God continues to exist after the eons have ended. The statement "from everlasting to everlasting thou art God" (Psalms 90:2) is literally "from age to age thou art God." This does not limit God's existence to the eons any more than the statement, "I am the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob" (Exodus 3:6), excludes Him from being the God of others also. The same is true of the reference to Him as "the eonian God" (Romans 16:25-26).

During the present wicked eon (Galatians 1:4), sin reigns. Satan, who is said to be "the god of this eon"

(II Corinthians 4:4) blinds and deceives mankind, and death swallows up the race (I Corinthians 15:22). Notwithstanding, God is over all and is in supreme control. He is the *eonian* God. In due time He will deliver the entire creation and bring good out of all of the suffering that mankind is called upon to endure (Romans 8:18-23).

Neither is it true that, if the eons end, the life of believers in Christ must end. Believers do receive *eonian* life; but if this is all that God promised, there would be no assurance of life beyond the eons. However, at the end of the eons God abolishes death from His universe (I Corinthians 15:26). This is accomplished by imparting the resurrection life of Christ to all who have not previously received it. *Eonian* life assures one of life up to that point. Beyond that, death is impossible. Furthermore, believers are made immortal when the Lord returns (I Corinthians 15:50-57). When one has been made immortal, death is impossible.

In the Greek Scriptures, endlessness is *never* expressed in terms of *eons* or of that which is *eonian*. The Scriptures *never* speak of "the endless eons of eternity." Endlessness is expressed by the use of negatives: "not," "no not," "un," "less." For example:

of His kingdom there shall be no end [ouk estai telos] (Luke 1:33).

endless life [akatalutou] (Hebrews 7:16).

endless genealogies [aperantois] (I Timothy 1:4).

nevermore [ou me eti] (Revelation 18:21-23).



See Rotherham's Emphasized Version; Young's Literal Translation; or the Concordant Literal New Testament.

COMPLETE CONCORDANCE

The Noun "Aion" and its Adjective "Aionios" Translated "Eon" and "Eonian"

Eon in the Singular

- 1. The present eon Galatians 1:4; I Timothy 6:17: II Timothy 4:10; Titus 2:12.
- **2. This eon** Matthew 12:32; 13:22; Mark 4:19; Luke 16:8; 20:34; Romans 12:2; I Corinthians 1:20; 2:6-8; 3:18; II Corinthians 4:4; Ephesians 1:21; 6:12.
- **3.** The eon of this world Ephesians 2:2.
- **4. From the eon** Matthew 21:19; Mark 11:14; Luke 1:55; John 6:51, 58; 8:35; 12:34; 14:16; II Corinthians 9:9; Hebrews 5:6; 6:20; 7:17, 21; I Peter 1:23, 25; II Peter 2:17; I John 2:17; II John 2; Jude 13; Hebrews 7:24; 7:28; I Corinthians 8:13.
- **5.** Not for the eon Mark 3:29; John 4:14; 8:51-52; 10:28; 11:26; 13:8.
- **6. Before all the eon** Jude 25.
- 7. From the eon Luke 1:70; Acts 3:21; Acts 15:18.
- **8.** The conclusion of the eon Matthew 13:39-40, 49; 24:3; 28:20.
- **9.** The coming eon Mark 10:30; Luke 18:30; Hebrews 6:5.

- **10.** That eon Luke 20:35.
- 11. For the day of the eon II Peter 3:18; compare Deuteronomy 32:7; Micah 5:2; 7:14; Malachi 3:4.

Eon in the Plural

- 1. God made the eons Hebrews 1:2.
- **2. God equipped the eons** Hebrews 11:3.
- **3. Purpose of the eons** Ephesians 3:11.
- **4. King of the eons** I Timothy 1:17.
- **5. Before the eon**s I Corinthians 2:7.
- **6.** From the eons Ephesians 3:9; Colossians
- 7. For the eons Matthew 6:13; Luke 1:33; Romans 1:25; 9:5; 11:36; 16:27; Hebrews 13:8; II Corinthians 11:31.
- **8.** For all the eons Jude 25.
- **9.** The on-coming eons Ephesians 2:7.
- **10. Conclusion of the eons** Hebrews 9:26.
- 11. Ends of the eons I Corinthians 10:11.

Eon Twice in the Same Phrase

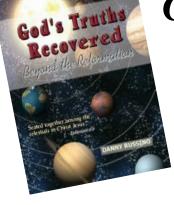
1. The eons of the eons – Galatians 1:5; Philippians 4:20; I Timothy 1:17; II Timothy 4:18; Hebrews 13:21; I Peter 4:11; 5:11; Revelation 1:6, 18; 4:9-10; 5:13-14; 7:12; 10:6; 11:15; 14:11; 15:7; 19:3; 20:10; 22:5.



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2. The eon of the eons – for all the generations of, Ephesians 3:21.

In the *King James Version* the Greek word for "generations" is wrongly translated "ages" in this passage. The eon of the eons is the last and greatest eon of them all. In it God's saving purpose is brought to its climax and consummation in the Salvation of all.

3. The eon of the eon – Hebrews 1:8. This is a reference to the last eon which issues out of the one which precedes it.

The Adjective Eonian

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- **1. Before eonian times** II Timothy 1:9; Titus 1:2.
- 2. In eonian times Romans 16:25.
- 3. Eonian life Matthew 19:29; Luke 18:30; John 3:15-16, 36; 4:14; 5:24; 6:27, 40, 47; 12:50; Acts 13:46; Romans 6:22; Galatians 6:8; I Timothy 1:16 (everlasting); Matthew 19:16; 25:46; Mark 10:17, 30; Luke 10:25; 18:18; John 4:36; 5:39; 6:54, 68; 10:28; 12:25; 17:2-3; Acts 13:48; Romans 2:7; 5:21; 6:23; I Timothy 6:12; Titus 1:2; 3:7; I John 1:2; 2:25; 3:15; 5:11, 13, 20; Jude 21.
- **4. Eonian redemption** Hebrews 9:12.
- **5. Eonian salvation** Hebrews 5:9.
- **6. Eonian glory** II Corinthians 4:17; II Timothy 2:10; I Peter 5:10.
- 7. Eonian kingdom II Peter 1:11.
- **8.** Eonian inheritance Hebrews 9:15.
- **9. Eonian** II Corinthians 4:18.
- **10. Eonian house** II Corinthians 5:1.
- 11. Eonian habitations Luke 16:9.
- **12. Eonian consolation** II Thessalonians 2:16.
- 13. Eonian covenant Hebrews 13:20.

- **14. Eonian gospel** Revelation 14:6.
- **15. Eonian God** Romans 16:26.
- **16. Eonian Spirit** Hebrews 9:14.
- 17. Eonian power I Timothy 6:16.
- 18. Eonian judgment Hebrews 6:2.
- **19. Eonian condemnation** Mark 3:29.
- **20. Eonian fire** Matthew 18:8; 25:41; Jude 7.
- **21. Eonian chastening** Matthew 25:46.
- **22. Eonian extermination** II Thessalonians 1:9.
- **23. Eonian** Philemon 1:15.

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