between science and the Bible, between things that have nothing to do with true science and have nothing to do with true Biblical interpretation. Mr. ---? (Student) I think that is a parody on it. Somebody is making fun of those things. Now, it is true that Archbishop Ussher had a very lovely theory, a theory that just as there are seven days in the week with the Sabbath the seventh day, so there would be seven thousands of years in history, with the seventh thousand being the millennium, and then that leaves two thousand before that since the time of Christ, and Christ was born in 4 B. C. and so if Adam was born in 4004 B. C. it makes exactly four thousand years between the time that Adam was here and the time of Christ and so he tried to interpret the chronological data which are insufficient for a determination in such a way as to get it exactly four thousand years before the birth of Christ. Thus he got the date 4004 B. C. Now there have been at least fifty others who have figured up from those data and gotten at least fifty other dates for the creation, because the data is not c mplete and we do not know when Adam was created. It may have been 104,000 B. C. for all we know. But I do not believe that anyone whom you could call a fundamentalist scholar ever thought of saying anything further than the year but there are those who have ridiculed the idea of 4004 which was, after all, only a guess, and have tried to exactly as he said there. I think that is ridicule and an attempt to make light of fundamentalists. Yes? (Student) There cannot be, because without written

records there is absolutely no way to do it. There are people who will say this is from about 5000 B. C. This is from about 7000 B. C. and when you find out how they figure it up you have an occupation with a certain number of houses, one above the other, and they guess this must have taken just about that length of time. but it's a guess and I heard Heddy describing her excavation in and she was interested in learning smoething about ancient Tarsus and she went there with an exposition and they went outside the modern town of Tarsus and they began digging into a hill there and as they dug into the hill they hadn't gone

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