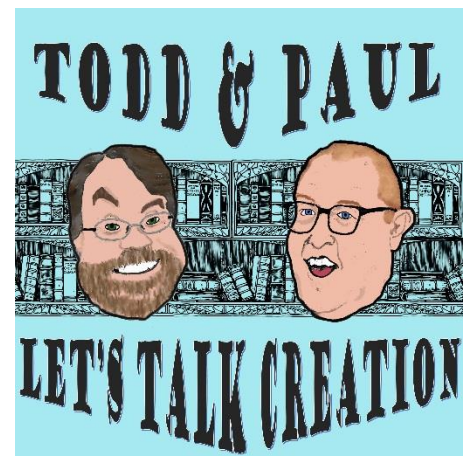


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Mind the Gap







SUMMARY:

This week on *Let's Talk Creation* Todd and Paul discuss Gap Theory, from its origins in the 19th century and popularization by Pember, Chalmers, and Scofield to the soft Gap Theory of today. Todd and Paul explain what Gap Theory was originally, what it has become today in the soft-Gap Theory, and how Young Age Creationists should respond. Take some time and listen to the science podcast that is just for you!

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