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Ready for the Universities?

by Dave Nutting

The fall season is here. Unlike the warriors of old who went out to do battle in the spring of the year and came home during the harsh winter months, AOI continues to launch out. Why? For Mary Jo & I, the church seminars are still very important, but schools have started and the universities are in their new semester with a new crop of impressionable students.

Having spoken on the college campus for many years, my heart grieves to think about comments from so many students. Comments like: **“I used to go to church, but not anymore.” “I used to believe, but evolution is a fact so I gave up those religious myths.” “I can’t believe the Bible, because it has so many errors.” “There is no proof that Jesus ever existed.”**

First of all, these reasons that students usually give for rejecting God and the Bible have huge flaws. Evolution is certainly not a fact and has serious problems. Also, contrary to what they have been taught, the Bible is not full of errors. About the existence of Jesus, let’s get real. There is much more historical evidence that Jesus existed, than

there is for the professors who are making those claims that He didn’t.

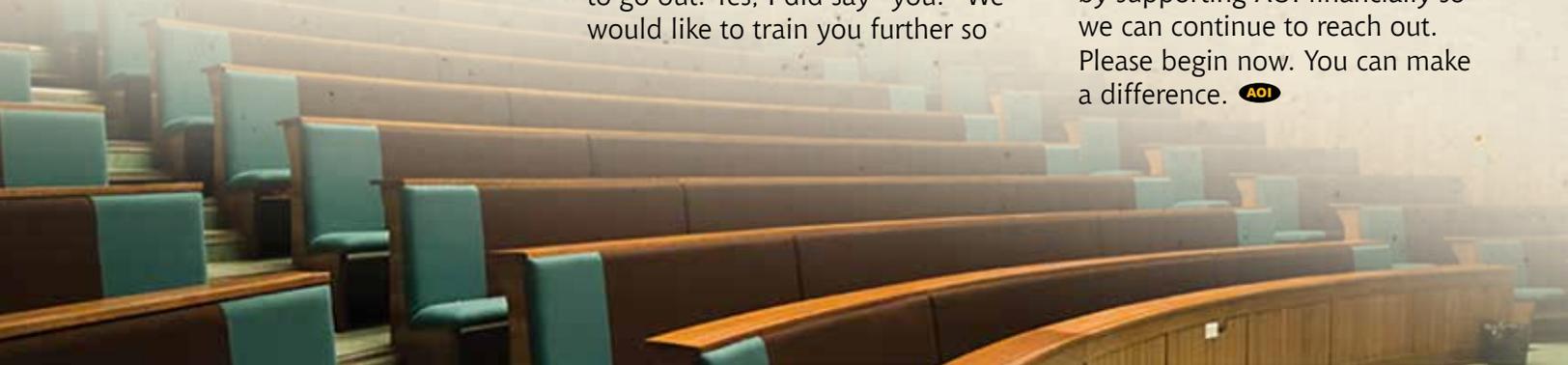
So we go out to do battle – battle for the hearts and minds of the students who are being fed a lot of misinformation. Many times, we encounter quite a contingency of atheists who come to our presentations to protect their turf. Others, including some professors, come out to “roast a creationist.” True, some of those die-hard, committed atheists might come around to the Truth, but a big reason to be at those universities is to come alongside the Christian students to encourage them to stand on the Truth and keep them from becoming casualties. We are also there for those students who are basically teetering on the edge of the fence. They are not sure yet what they believe. Many of these, for the first time in their life, actually see that there is evidence for creation and a reason to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ.

The problem is, we can only reach a few campuses. There are thousands of others. In order to make a bigger dent, we need more of you who have studied this topic to go out. Yes, I did say “you.” We would like to train you further so

that you can have an impact on your church and community. You may not be able to tackle a university professor or student, but can you talk to a middle school or an elementary school child? Please write to us and tell us of your interest in getting more training.

A second option for you is to register your teens and college students in one of our creation action boot camps to bolster their faith and skills in defending themselves in the classrooms. So grab your youth leaders and Go to www.DiscoverCreation.org/BootCamps and begin planning for next summer’s 5-day camps. If you want to sponsor one of these boot camp events in your region or can put us in contact with a camp where we can offer our program in place of the normal teen week, let us know. The more of these our staff can conduct, the more young people can be fortified in their faith.

Please get involved in this battle for the minds of our young people by actively promoting these activities and by supporting AOI financially so we can continue to reach out. Please begin now. You can make a difference. 



Dinosaur Skin Found: The Big Assumption by Dave Nutting

In a recent blog on our website (“Question Your Assumptions”), I related how Mary Jo & I were on a speaking trip and couldn’t locate on our map what appeared to be a major road we had just crossed or the towns that the road signs were pointing to. Assuming we were traveling on the correct highway, we came to the erroneous conclusion that the map was very inaccurate. Consequently, we proceeded down the wrong highway. After encountering another road sign, we discovered that we were heading toward a city where we did not want to go and that we had gone a considerable distance out of our way. At that point, we finally realized that we must sometimes question our assumptions and make a U-turn to get back on track.

An April 26, 2013 article (<http://www.lightsource.ca/media/>

[media_release_20130426.php](http://www.lightsource.ca/media_release_20130426.php)) reported on a find that should call some assumptions into question. Dinosaur skin was found intact. In fact the skin could actually be peeled off! This is an amazing find! In the article, the discoverer asked the question of just how in the world the dinosaur skin survived intact for 70 million years and said that he was planning to undertake more research to figure that out. We have previously mentioned research showing that red blood cells were found in Tyrannosaurus Rex bones. Still other articles reported that soft tissue has been found in many petrified dinosaur bones as well as strands of DNA.

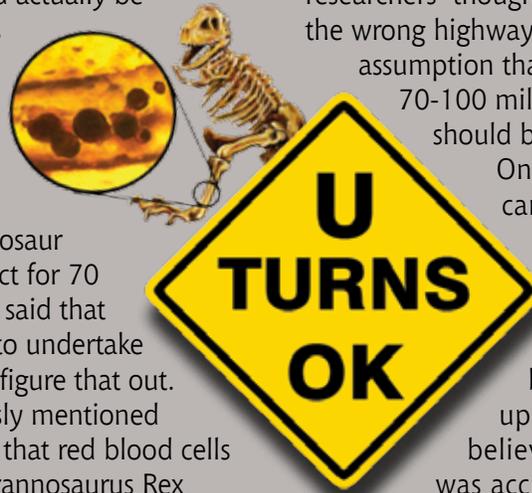
In each case, researchers asked the puzzling question: How in the world

could those features remain intact over 100 million years?

Do you see the big assumption in all of these cases? Perhaps the researchers’ thought process is on the wrong highway and the huge assumption that the bones are 70-100 million years old should be questioned.

Once I turned my car around on the highway mentioned above, everything began to clear up. Can you believe it? The map was accurate after all.

Similarly, if we realize that the Biblical roadmap is correct and that there really was a global flood not too long ago, these geologic “mysteries” can finally be solved. **AOI**



Book Review: Chronicles of Dinosauria

by Mark Sonmor

Dave Woetzel has personally travelled to locations all over the world to investigate reports of living dinosaurs and record their sightings. The information he relates is current and may surprise you.

For instance, you may have heard of Mokele Mbembe but did you know that research teams have made casts of what they believe to be its footprints and have photographed possible nesting sites? Did you know that more human footprints and dinosaur tracks have been found together in Texas giving new evidence that the two coexisted?



Many of us are familiar with the biblical and historical references to dragons related in numerous books of this type. By now, most people understand the significance of the Coelocanth discovery and have seen pictures of artifacts and depictions of dinosaurs from many cultures and continents. Although *Chronicles of Dinosauria* is no exception, it is unique for two reasons.

First, As an explorer and as director of Genesispark.com, Dave Woetzel has years of first-hand interaction with the newest historical finds that indicate

the contemporary existence of man and dinosaurs.

Second, it is Dave Woetzel’s willingness to delve into the area of Cryptozoology (the science of hidden creatures) and relate his primary research that makes this book refreshing and thought-provoking.

This is not just another dinosaur book. Although children will enjoy it – especially the illustrations, it is truly a chronicle of one man’s passion and investment in support of the Biblical account of history and thereby helping to intellectually clear the way for others to come to a restored relationship with their Creator through faith in Christ. An extensive resource and great gift. Available from AOI for \$17 + shipping & handling. **AOI**

Why do Cultures Depict Dinosaurs in Their Artwork?

by Dave Nutting

A public school teacher recounted an answer to the question of why people in so many cultures had depicted images of dinosaurs. The obvious answer, of course, is that they actually saw them. However, she showed a video produced by a major museum that actually had a segment where it was trying to explain this from an evolutionary perspective. The gentleman on the video suggested that the dinosaurs were so fierce that the tiny little mammals that were evolving way back “millions of years ago” were living in such dread of getting eaten by them that they had nightmares. These nightmares may have permanently etched their brains and imprinted their DNA. Of course, the mammals evolved later into humans but this imprint did not go away. Instead, it was passed down over all those millions of years through the DNA so that the modern people could draw pictures of those fierce dinosaurs.

When this



teacher asked her students if this was a reasonable explanation, the students said, “No way.”

Can a parent’s nightmares be transferred as the same nightmare in their children? If so, it’s purely coincidental. I’m sure my grandson has no concept of what a tomahawk is even though my distant ancestors lived in fear of those.

If someone really has to deny the obvious, let me at least propose the following, more plausible scenario: Perhaps the people saw the bones of these creatures and came up with pictures of what they thought they looked like. Those precipitated all the dragon legends. We can give this potential answer a “maybe,” “might have,” “could have” rating. However there are some problems. The most obvious being that many of the pictures are from medieval cultures in Europe and China. Yet, the only place some of those bones are found that would be anywhere close to a match, is on the other side of the world.

Another issue is that many of the depictions are highly detailed and closely match the most current museum reconstructions. Early man would not likely have arrived at some of the precise conclusions after merely viewing an array of bones. It would take a lot of modern analytical methods to do so, which we



have no record of ancient people using.

It is amazing what kind of contortions some individuals are willing to go through to deny the obvious. Of course, the big assumption that is being made here is that dinosaurs were extinct millions of years before people came on the scene. Perhaps this assumption needs to be reevaluated. It would be much easier and straightforward to believe that ancient people saw dinosaurs, called them dragons, and crafted artwork that depicted what they actually witnessed. **AOI**

Welcome Brian and Aimee by Dave Nutting



We would like to welcome Brian and Aimee Mariani to the staff of Alpha Omega institute. They arrived at AOI in

Grand Junction on June 21 and immediately began ministering with us at a Boot Camp on June 23 – working with the participants and speaking on “Ancient” Man. Brian has taught high school sciences at a Christian school in Indiana and Aimee has served in camp ministry in the past. Both Brian and Aimee were students in our geology/creation field study course we led for Jackson Hole Bible College.



Brian & Aimee Mariani

Brian also participated in two of our training programs and will further his training over this next year. Along with other teaching, writing, and social media aspects of AOI, they both will be helping us as we develop more training opportunities and expand our Boot Camps and speaking outreach.

Brian and Aimee are currently raising financial and prayer support for their ministry with AOI. We are excited to have them ministering alongside of us in this important battle for the hearts and minds of the next generation! If you know them, I encourage you to get on their support team! Also, if you would like to have Brian speak at your church or group, contact AOI. 

Upcoming Events

Please pray for these events and encourage others to come. If your church or group would like to host an event, please let us know ASAP so we can begin planning. See the web for details of these, and other events.

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- 9/18, Albuquerque NM**, New Song Christian Fellowship, Jerry Johnson, (505) 898-4508 **J**
9/18-19, Albuquerque, NM, Paradise Christian School, Tim Johnson **J**
9/18-22, Pinedale, WY, Dave Harper, Rich Stepanek, (970) 640-1331 **S**
9/19, Rio Rancho, NM, Word of Life Baptist Church, Kevin Haney, (505) 892-6602 **J**
9/20, Albuquerque, NM, Promise Keepers, Thornton Schwenk **J**
9/21, Albuquerque, NM, KKIM Radio, Mark Tross, (505) 998-0021 **J**
9/21, Albuquerque, NM, Paradise Hills United Methodist Church, David Mueller, (505) 898-1991 **J**
9/22, Grants, NM, Victory Church of God, Mark Tross, (505) 867-6383 **J**
9/23, Grants, NM, Victory Christian Academy, Mark Tross, (505) 867-6383 **J**
9/24-28, Jackson, WY, Al & Diane Galbraith, Richard Stepanek, (970) 640-1331 **S**
9/25-26, DeKalb, IL, Northern Illinois University, Contact Tom May, (815) 519-5214 **N**
9/27, Big Rock, IL, Cyrus Ministries Training Center, Contact Pastor Rich Fick, (630) 803-5914 **N**
9/29, Waterman, IL, Waterman Christian Fellowship, Contact Jim Fang, (970) 791-7072 **N**
9/30/-10/2, Paonia, CO, Bible Center Church, John & Cindy Owen, (970) 527-4196 **S**
9/30-10/5, MN Universities, Grant Buse, (612) 242-8272 **N**
Mon, **9/30**, U of M, Minneapolis
Tues, **10/1**, U of M at Duluth
Wed, **10/2**, U of M, Maranatha Christian Church
Thu, **10/3**, St. Cloud State University,
Friday, **10/4**, U of M, Minneapolis
Sat, **10/5**, U of M, Maranatha Christian Church
10/6-10, Mankato MN, Minnesota State University and Maranatha Campus Church, Contact Johnathan Bislew (612-644-0422) **N**
10/26, Grand Junction, CO, Life Community Church, Contact Tim Nutting for details, 970-250-7521 **N**
11/3-17, Buena Vista, Salida, and Canon City, CO. TBA **N**

CREATION ACTION BOOT CAMPS

Don't let evolution and other philosophies run you over! These 5-day recreational and learning opportunities are a blast! They will equip college and high school guys and gals to stand on the truth and thrive on the road of life. Youth groups welcome!

Equip your heart & mind!

Host your own boot camp or mini-boot camp! Full week?

Weekend retreat? We would love to work with you to equip your students at your facility.

“AOI's teaching is what got me through college with my faith intact.”

– student

Call AOI for more info or visit us on the web.

Financial Update

AOI could certainly use your support! Some of the ministry opportunities we are planning could have a huge impact, but not always bring the necessary financial return. So, we depend on the Lord to provide through other means. Because God often uses His people to do that, we rely on Him, working through you, to provide gifts – both large and small. May God bless you abundantly!



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