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The Renewal of All Things: Creation and Re-creation

by Adam Habluetzel

As we celebrate Resurrection Day, it's profound and wonderful to realize that, in a very real sense, the major themes of the gospel can be boiled down to creation... and re-creation! What do I mean? As a result of sin, humanity's original relationship with God was broken. To remedy this, Jesus died and rose to redeem all things to Himself – beginning with you and me. The good news of Christ is all about God's work in creating and re-creating what has been lost or destroyed. Consider the following:

Genesis 1:27 and 2 Cor. 3:18

God created mankind, male and female, in His image. The Gospel declares that the redeemed are now being re-made into the image of Jesus His Son!

Genesis 1:28 and John 3:3-8

God included humans in life-making by commanding us to be fruitful and multiply. In fulfilling this mandate, children would be born naturally, and the earth would be filled. The Gospel teaches that, to enter the kingdom of heaven, one must be born a second time by the Spirit. To be born again is to be re-created in Christ Jesus!

Genesis 1:26 and 2 Cor. 5:17 Each of us has been physically created by God, knit together by Him in our mother's womb. In Christ, however, the Gospel says that we are brand new creations, the old passing away and the new continually remaking us. Not only that, but we also have the promise of new, glorified bodies to replace our decaying bodies of death (Phil. 3:21)!

Gen. 2:7 & 1 Cor. 15:45, 49

The first Adam was created a living being, shaped out of the dirt by God's own hand and made alive by God's own breath. Now, the Gospel declares that we who are saved from sin are being re-created into the image of the "Second," or "Last Adam," Jesus Christ, whom Scripture calls a "life-giving spirit"!

Gen. 2:16-17 & Eph. 2:1-5

In the day that Adam sinned, he died spiritually. We all share the same fate with our first father (Rom. 5:12-19). But the Gospel proclaims that, in Jesus, we who were once dead in sins have been brought back to life. We have proof of this because His Holy Spirit lives inside of us, making us new from the inside out!


Genesis 2:1 & 2 Peter 3:13

In the beginning, God created the wonders we call the heavens and the earth and all that is in them. The current creation groans under the weight of sin and death. The Gospel foretells of a coming re-creation, a new heaven and new earth, in which dwell righteousness – promised to all whose hope is in Christ (Rom. 8:18-25)!

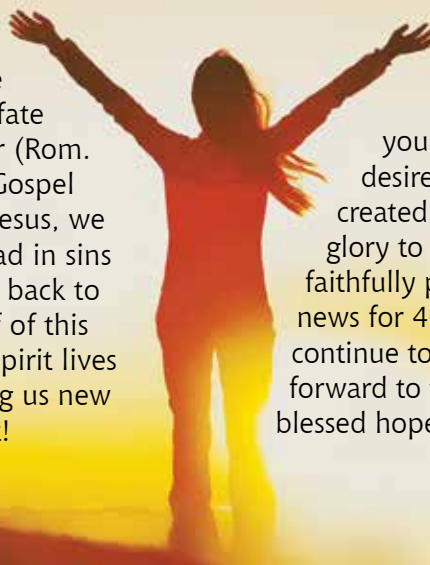
Genesis 1:31 & Rev. 21:4-6

God created everything "very good." It doesn't take much to see that all has fallen apart because of mankind's sin. However, Jesus promises He is going to make all things new. The Gospel heralds a coming restoration of creation (literally, a "re-genesis" – Matt. 19:28). We who possess the new life of Christ are the first fruits of the renewal of all things!

There are MANY more scriptures that declare creation and re-creation as the heart of the Gospel.

These are just a few. Remember always that the One who created you, created you for a purpose and desires that you be re-created in Jesus Christ – from glory to glory! AOI has been faithfully proclaiming this good news for 40 years and will continue to do so as we move forward to the culmination of this blessed hope. 

Celebrating
40 years of
Ministry! Save
the dates:
April 26-27.



AOI Expands!

by Dave and Mary Jo Nutting

We are blessed to have an amazing and faithful staff who have been very dedicated to spreading the message of Creation and the Gospel throughout the USA and abroad.

Now, Josiah & Stephanie Wilhelm and Adam & Angel Habluetzal have recently completed internships and have been officially commissioned by the Board as part of the AOI staff!

Josiah and Stephanie, along with their 2 young children, are heading to Indiana to establish AOI's first official "Satellite Team." They plan to spread the Creation message and Gospel in their home area. We are



excited to see how God will use them there! However, there is a prior claim to being an AOI Satellite. The Costa Rican team we have been working with and training for a long time have frequently referred to their team of several individuals

as AOI-Costa Rica – A Costa Rican Satellite!

Adam and Angel Habluetzal came to AOI with many years of ministry experience. They are working with Brian and Aimee Mariani to impact the Colorado Mesa University (CMU) campus. Both couples enjoy involving their children in this ministry. They are establishing solid relationships and identifying those who could be trained. They are



actively seeking leaders to impact students within this local campus and for those students to be trained and go wherever God may call them.

This is part of AOI's long-term vision. Would YOU like to be trained to be "armed and dangerous" with answers to evolutionary and anti-God philosophies? We are looking for people who want training in Creation ministry for children, teens, college, or adults. Training opportunities include: mentorship while attending CMU; AOI's intensive "Gap-Year" training/DCTA program (see brochure); as well as individualized internships. Online learning is an option. Please call AOI at 970-523-9943 for more info. 

What You Aren't Being Told About Astronomy

Review by Dave Nutting

Discover what you aren't being told about our Universe! Join Spike Psarris, former NASA engineer, as he guides you through a whirlwind tour of **Our Created Solar System**, **Our Created Stars and Galaxies**, and **Our Created Universe**.


An objective evaluation of the evidence does not support a self-creation of the cosmos. Instead, the heavens declare the glory of God!

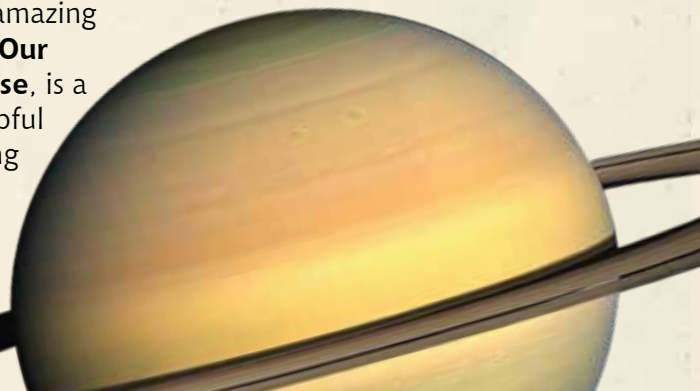
The first video, **Our Created Solar System**, has been updated and would be a great preparation or



follow-up to experiencing the April 8 solar eclipse. The second in the series, **Our Created Stars and Galaxies**, really gives one a sense

of awe for our amazing Creator. Part 3, **Our Created Universe**, is a tremendously helpful analysis of the Big Bang theory and its problems. Spike goes back and forth between what secular scientists

claim and what the Bible says. This ends with a great, awe-inspiring worship of our Creator! Special price: Full, 3-volume set: **\$45** plus S/H. 



The Sun: An “Average Star” or God’s Design?

by Brian Mariani

It’s become fashionable these days to minimize the significance of our place in the universe along with the elements and conditions that make life on earth possible. The highly acclaimed and influential cosmologist (and atheist) Carl Sagan expressed it this way:

“We live on an insignificant planet of a humdrum star lost in a galaxy tucked away in some forgotten corner of a universe in which there are far more galaxies than people.”¹

But, is our star, our beloved sun, simply humdrum or average?

Some of you may be blessed to observe the upcoming solar eclipse crossing our nation from Texas to the northeastern states on April 8th. Historically, solar eclipses have been viewed as extremely mysterious and magical events. Today, they are significant for our scientific advancement. For example, some of Einstein’s hypotheses have been confirmed by solar eclipses.

In addition, eclipses help us better observe what’s happening on the surface of the sun. Of particular interest are solar flares – localized emissions of radiation being ejected from the sun. Maybe some of you are nerdy like me and get updates regarding solar flare activity. This phenomenon

is significant because any large solar flare could interfere with our satellite communication systems.

Despite its seemingly volatile activity, Spike Psarris, former NASA engineer, indicates, **“Our sun is**

very stable and has small flares. If the flares were bigger they could rip away our atmosphere and fry the earth...A superflare could be deadly, but there is no evidence

of any superflares...our sun is very unusual because of this.”²

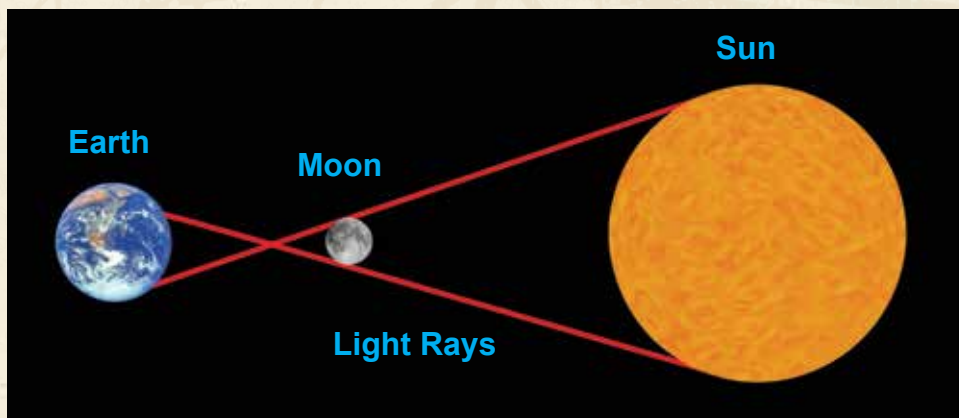
Additionally, as Charles Seife, in New Scientist magazine, writes, **“Sun-like stars normally produce a bright superflare about once a century...a consensus is emerging that our sun is extraordinarily stable.”³**

Think of that! For supposedly 3 to 4 billion years, the earth’s temperature needed to be very stable for things to “evolve.” It seems miraculous that the sun has not erratically changed the earth’s temperature, nor scorched off its atmosphere over that long epoch of time. There are many problems posed by belief in an ancient sun. One in particular, is the Faint Sun Paradox. It is widely accepted that the sun is fueled by the fusion of hydrogen gas and burns progressively hotter over time. An “early” sun then, would

design. For an eclipse to be viewed on Earth, the earth has to be the perfect distance from the moon and the sun! The earth has to be the right (and very consistent) distance from the sun so we don’t freeze or melt every year. The moon is the perfect distance to create the necessary tides on the earth to refresh our oceans.

I have never experienced a solar eclipse, but many testify that it is a very “religious” or “spiritual” experience. Unfortunately, there will be many observers of the eclipse that will worship “the creature” or this created world “rather than the Creator” (Rom 1:25). Wherever we are when it happens, hopefully, we are taking advantage of where God has us in order to, like the moon, reflect the SON’s light in this dark world.

For those in the path of the solar eclipse, there will be an influx of people to your area coming for a common interest. On our website,



have been dimmer and caused colder Earth temperatures resulting in an icy planet!

So, is Carl Sagan right? Is our sun just average? Or, did God create it perfectly for us here on the earth? The more we learn about our universe, the more it requires a lot of faith to believe that we have simply been really lucky with our sun. Notice the

we have posted this article along with other information and a Gospel message for you to download, print, and give to your family, friends, or those you encounter. See www.DiscoverCreation.org/Eclipse. **AOI**

¹Sagan, Carl, Cosmos, Episode 7, “The Backbone of Night”

²Spike Psarris, What You Aren’t Being Told About Astronomy, Vol II Our Created Stars and Galaxies, Creation Astronomy Media, DVD, 2012.

³Seife, Charles, “Thank Our Lucky Star,” 1999, New Scientist 2168:15.

Director's Column: 40th Anniversary

by Dave and Mary Jo Nutting



As we celebrate 40 years of ministry with AOI, our hearts and minds are drawn with gratefulness for God's

faithfulness and blessing! So many memories – so many stories! So many miles, cities, states, and nations! So many churches, schools, camps, tours! **Most of all**, so many lives impacted by God's goodness!

We are grateful for you who have sponsored seminars, hosted us, joined us on creation vacations, donated, volunteered, and prayed faithfully! We are especially thankful for our board members as well as past and present staff. This includes our latest additions: Adam and Angel Habluetzal (campus ministry/coordination) and Josiah and Stephanie Willhelm starting a satellite of AOI in Indiana! (pg. 2.)

Did you hear shouts of praise coming from the AOI office when we finally received the Certificate of Occupancy? The upstairs remodel is finished! Excitement is building to meet the students and interns who God will bring to be part of our "Upper Rooms" Community – those eager to be trained and be part of AOI's CMU outreach and/or our "Gap Year" discipleship program (DCTA)! We believe God has much more for AOI to be and do in the future. Join us as we launch into the next 40 years together.

Thank you to all who have been involved in any way with AOI over the past 40 years! Rejoice with us in God's goodness, faithfulness, protection, and provision. If you can, come join us April 26-27 for AOI's 40th Anniversary Celebration in Grand Junction! Meet our new staff and join with us in prayer and hopefulness for the future. 

Twin Peaks Creation Family Adventure

July 21-26, 2024



Canyons and Dinosaur Museum tours included!

Contact AOI or visit:

DiscoverCreation.org/camps-tours/family-camp-colorado/

Join our support team!

We are very thankful for those who support this ministry. Here are **2 ways to give:**

1. Mail to AOI, PO Box 4343, Grand Junction, CO 81502
2. Visit www.DiscoverCreation.org/donate

Yellowstone Tours

June 16-21, Aug. 23-27, & Aug. 30-Sep. 3, 2024



40th Anniversary Celebration!

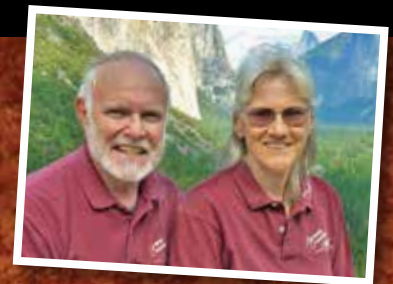
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Join the AOI family for a weekend of celebration, learning, and recounting God's goodness!

- Staff Presentations
- Eugene, the Lion Puppet
- Children's Program
- Creation Tours
- Worship Music
- Lots more!

For more info:

www.DiscoverCreation.org/40TH



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