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Honor Him and Give Thanks

by Dave and Mary Jo Nutting

For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God, or give thanks; but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing to be wise they became fools ... (Romans 1: 21-22, NASB).

Frequently, when we talk to evolutionists and read their writings, we sense arrogance and pride. They frequently refer to creationists as "ignorant," yet, when you begin to examine their ideas, you find so many "futile speculations" being accepted as "scientific facts." For example, astronomers have said, "In the beginning, there was only hydrogen and from that, everything evolved." Did they really believe that given enough time, an odorless,

tasteless, colorless gas could turn into people without any outside intelligent intervention? What's the evidence? Has anyone ever seen it happen – or is this just a modern fairy tale?

People are often quick to reject God because they cannot see, hear or touch Him. Yet, they believe in other intangibles. The difference is they attribute all the order and complexity in the universe and living things to chance rather than to an intelligent, powerful Creator. That is the basis for the philosophical worldview of Naturalism which holds that everything in the universe including the universe itself, can and must be explained by only natural processes excluding any designer-God. The "Holy Trinity" of Time, Chance, and Natural Processes becomes their god. Biologist Ernst Mayr has said, "The chance of life evolving on earth is infinitesimal." However, Mayr and those who hold to naturalism believed it happened. What's the evidence? Nothing, except that we are here.


The world around us exhibits incredible design, yet

people continue to suppress the truth and reject this evidence of God. Romans 1:20 says that when they do this they are "without excuse," and that they become "foolish in their speculations" as they refuse to honor God as God and give thanks. "Professing to be wise they become fools."

As creationists, it's easy to laugh at these "futile speculations," but we need to be on guard lest we become foolish and arrogant ourselves.

Romans 1:21 implies that we will fall for futile speculations when we do not "honor

Him as God or give thanks." What does it mean to really honor God as God? Are we truly thankful for Him and all that He is?

It's important for each of us to examine our hearts and see if we are really honoring Him as God, and truly giving thanks. God, the Almighty Creator, humbled Himself and came to earth to live and die on our behalf. Yes, He came as a baby in a manger, but He is so much more. He is King of Kings, and Lord of Lords, the Sovereign Ruler of the Universe, Savior of our souls, and Supplier of all our needs. Let us together learn to honor Him as our great Creator, Sustainer, Redeemer, and give Him thanks with a humble heart. 

[Note: This article was first published in **Think & Believe** November/December 1993. It has been somewhat edited here.]



Congratulations Jesse!

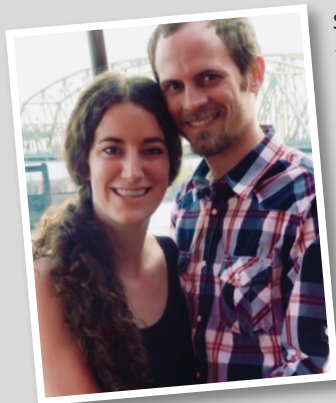
by Dave Nutting

One of AOI's first official DCTI students was Jesse Hey, who we appreciated for his servant and pastoral heart. We were recently sent a link to an article printed in September, 2024 entitled, "New Pastor's Ministerial Roots in Science and the Bible" (<https://www.sweethomenews.com/new-pastors-ministerial-roots-in-science-and-the-bible/>) Here is some of that article:

"I [Jesse Hey] like working with my hands, building things, taking things apart," he explained.

"But as time went on, Hey said he began feeling God calling him elsewhere as his thoughts began turning

his sights onto more spiritual matters. He had begun taking an interest in the creation-science argument.



"People say science disproves the Bible, so I wanted to look a little more into that," he said. "...no, actually, good science backs up the Bible. So that was kind of an interesting journey."

"[Jesse] Hey went to attend Alpha Omega Institute in Colorado for a year where he learned the subject matter more in depth and also learned how to teach it. Then his interest kind of evolved, so

to speak, into ministry as he realized he enjoyed teaching. It had morphed from the science perspective into the core of the fact that Jesus Christ is Savior and Lord, he said. Ultimately, he just wanted to teach God's word.

"Science is observation and experimentation,' ... 'When we look at what the Bible says for how life comes from life – that is, God, who is a life, created a life – we say, 'Oh, that matches with observation,' versus Darwinian evolution [which] says there was no life and then suddenly there was life."

We at AOI are thankful for Jesse and the fact that his Sweet Home, Oregon Evangelical Church also hosted a seminar on "Science & the Bible" in October. Go Jesse, go! **AOI**

Climate Change for Kids...and Parents Too!

– Ken Ham and Jessica Deford

Review by Dave Nutting

In the last issue of T&B, we featured this crucial book. While speaking in Minnesota, (where they certainly wouldn't mind a bit of global warming), we wished we had a bunch more of these books along. Parents immediately saw the value of it in helping their kids not be sucked into the hype from climate change activists who (I believe) are being used to fuel global control.

This book takes a very needed, balanced approach with actual

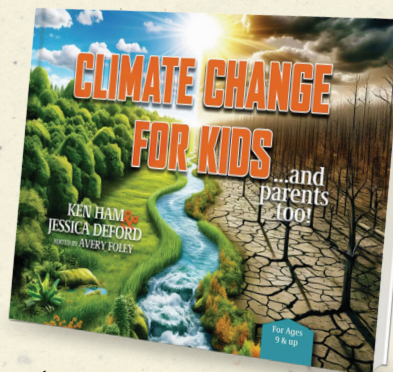
facts (not made up "facts" or deliberately misleading interpretations of the data).

Printed in May of this year,

this beautifully illustrated, full-color book equips families to navigate this complex issue.

Ken Ham and Jessica Deford, combine actual, true science, scripture, and logic to give a Biblical worldview for these very important questions:

- Will the earth really be destroyed in the next 10-25 years?
- What does the Bible claim about that? (See Genesis 8:22.)



• What does real, observational science indicate when the hype is stripped away?

• Are humans the cause of the current climate trends?

• What is there about the Earth and the Sun's natural cycles which significantly influence climate patterns?

This is an important book that helps kids (and adults) develop a strong Biblical worldview relating to the "hot" topic of climate change.

Hardback, 80 Pages, **\$22** plus shipping/handling. Remember, your purchase helps the ministry of Alpha Omega Institute. **AOI**

Evolutionary Myths Busted

by Dave Nutting

Here are a few “proofs” of evolution that have generally become obsolete. Although their isolated use may continue, they have essentially “hit the trash” of mainstream science.

Peppered Moths

Because of a late train when we were speaking in Dublin, Ireland, God arranged for us to speak with a former University professor. She had taught evolution and genetics at major universities in several parts of the world. When we asked her what she thought was the best evidence of evolution. She answered, “By all means, the Peppered Moth.” Mary Jo thought under her breath, “Oh, good, that one is easy!” This “best” evidence was not universally accepted as evolution as it only represented a small change in the relative numbers of light versus dark colored moths. Moths were, and are, still moths. This “proof” was later exposed as fraudulent. The famous pictures of moths on the tree trunk were staged (glued or pinned) to the trunks. Peppered Moths are nocturnal, land under the leaves, and almost never land on the trunks as pictured in textbooks. Our sons wrote in their journal the next day that God had stopped all the trains in southern Ireland for an hour so that mom and dad could talk to this lady.

Junk DNA

A major “proof” given for evolution was that “98-99 % of all human DNA (the master computer program in each cell) is junk – leftover from millions of years of evolution. Several major research studies have concluded, it is not junk! It plays many vital roles including fighting disease and regulating embryonic growth. In fact, you wouldn’t even be alive if it wasn’t for the important functions that “junk DNA” have now been discovered to serve.

The “Simple Cell”

Charles Darwin thought cells were hardly more than simple, gelatinous blobs.” The advent of modern technology has now shown, however, that the cell is not simple. It is extremely complex.

Each of your trillions of cells operates like a city. There is a computer control center (DNA); assembly plants that take computer instructions and manufacture long chains of very specific amino acids to form proteins. There are also copy

machines, snipping

machines, folding machines, transport systems like UPS, highways, and sophisticated energy producing machines –

all inside the cell! Anyone today who says the cell is “simple” just hasn’t studied the amazing world of the cell. (See DiscoverCreation.org/ November/December 2018.)

Darwin’s Origin of Races

Today, Charles Darwin would be called a racist based on what he proposed in his book, **The Descent of Man**. He thought the various

aces of humans originated from 5 species of apes. The European race in his estimation was, of course, the most evolutionarily evolved and thus superior to the “savage races.” Black people were told they were dumber than whites and would never achieve anything of academic prowess. (Tell that to Dr. Ben Carson and see what he says.) This belief has led to many atrocities around the world.

In our seminars, we show pictures of twins born to medium skin-colored parents. One has white, Caucasian characteristics while the other has mostly “black” characteristics. Where is there room for racial discrimination in a family like that?

One study concluded, “...the story of skin color evolution isn’t so black and white.” and “...adds to established research undercutting old notions of race. You can’t use skin color to classify humans...” ‘There is so much diversity in Africans that there is no such thing as an African race.’¹

Humans and apes share 98% of their DNA.

This claim was originally made before researchers had enough information. In some cases, they had compared only sections of the genome that were already similar in the two. Later studies showed similarities were only 86-93%. Taking into consideration *all* of the “junk DNA” (which turned out not to be junk) the differences became even more pronounced.

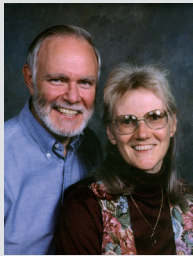
The next time someone gives you “absolute proof” of evolution, ask yourself if there is another way to interpret the data. Or, just wait and see how long that “proof” lasts. **AOI**

¹“How Africans evolved a palette of skin tones,” Ann Gibbons, Science, Oct 13, 2017, p. 157



Director's Column

by Dave and Mary Jo Nutting



Here are a few highlights from 40 years of creation ministry.

1. Amazing timing, provision, connections, and God's

faithfulness to go ahead of us to open doors for ministry.

2. Meeting so many people who love God both here and abroad. It really has been a privilege to experience the extended family of God with people groups from around the world.


3. Making lasting friendships with people we would never have known, who have ministered to us as well.

4. Hearing of lives changed through this ministry, such as:

- "What you said blew my mind. Do you realize you are running

around this country blowing people's minds?" – Atheist turned believer.

- "Your husband just changed my life." – Seminar attendee
- "You just destroyed everything I have been taught at this university." – U of M student

One of the recorded sessions from AOI's 40th Anniversary Celebration gives many more examples of God's working! It tells of the mighty works of God which we titled, "On the Road Again, and Again, and Again. View it at: <https://www.youtube.com/live/04-M7clmw7k?t=6215s> 

Lord, we are so thankful for How you have led us and done amazing things that we could never have dreamed of or imagined.

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For more information, visit: www.discovercreation.org/camps-tours/yellowstone-national-park-creation-tour/

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At the U of Minnesota this fall, Mary Jo and I experienced "stormy" anti-creation antagonism. Opponents stole the large advertisement posters, magnet boards, and stands. Some were found in dumpsters. Other advertising was blotted out. Please pray the "open-minded" students or faculty would see the light!

Have a Happy Thanksgiving and wonderful CHRISTmas!



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