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Ten Years! God is Faithful!

(by Dave and Mary Jo Nutting)

As Alpha Omega Institute turns ten in 1994, we are reflecting on the past and looking to the future. We could fill pages listing miles travelled, lectures given, copies of **Think & Believe** handed out, people reached with the creation message, etc. **The real story, though, is God's faithfulness through it all.**

We praise God for the privilege of being used in this ministry. Mary Jo's speech teacher certainly never suspected she would ever do a ministry like this, but God's grace is abundant! When He calls, He provides the necessary strength, wisdom and abilities.

God is good! We are so grateful for His protection and provision, for the many open doors, for the special people we've met along the way, for health and strength to "keep on trucking," and especially for the truth of His Word. Like you, we have had struggles, "good" times and "bad," (at least from our perspective). At times we've wondered, "Lord, why are we doing this?" Occasionally we've been tempted to get a "real" job and live a "normal" life (whatever that is), **but God has sustained us and brought encouragement** -- often through a note or special gift just when we needed it most. (Thanks for being available to Him!)

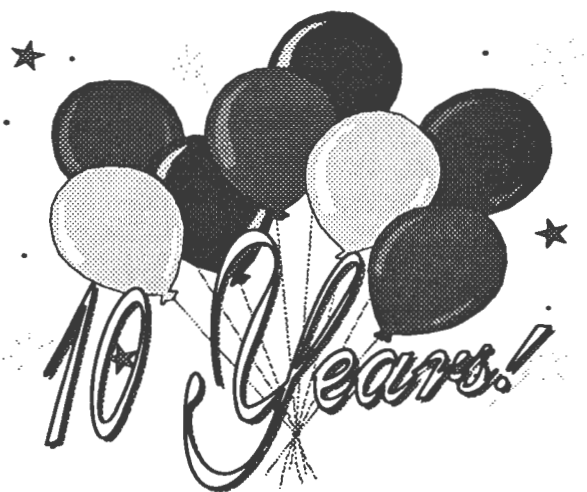
We're also grateful to our boys, Tim (18) and Steven (16), for their part in the ministry. They have endured thousands of miles on the road, sleeping on many floors, helping with music, seminar set-up, computer work, book tables, children's work, etc. Pray for them as they seek God's will for the future.

Where do we go from here? Well, we seem to have a one-track mind, and unless God changes that track, by His grace, we plan to "keep on keeping on."

Many Christians are waking up to the importance of creation, but much of our society has lost its Biblical foundation, and the resultant moral decay is escalating. We need to return to our Creator if we ever hope to solve the great problems facing our society today. One key to doing this is reaching children with the truth.

Praise God! He has raised up Lanny and Marilyn Johnson and their girls, Mandy and Robin. Using puppets, crafts, games, songs, and demonstrations, they teach children the truth of creation and equip them to stand firm. The Johnsons are excited about joining us full-time in this ministry as the Lord provides. We are grateful for their enthusiasm and are already seeing fruit from their ministry.

Please pray with us for open doors, for spiritual and physical strength and protection, and for continued financial provision. **We recognize the real battle is a spiritual one.** Our goals remain to strengthen Christians, to reach unbelievers, and to wake up the sleeping church. In ourselves, we are not sufficient to the task, but God can provide all that we need each day. **Praise Him for His faithfulness!**



NOTES & QUOTES

■ Did you feel the shock waves generated when the school board in a small Colorado community invited us to give a strictly scientific lecture on creation/evolution at an assembly for their students? You would have thought we'd been given permission to tie the students up and force them to bow down before a Bible. The invitation was withdrawn when the district was falsely told it was illegal and a lawsuit was threatened, even though **parents and students wanted the seminar** and students were given the opportunity to "opt out," Who controls local school districts anyway? Obviously not parents and local school boards.

■ A letter received by one of our readers gives some insight as to what's happening in the schools. The letter, dated September 1993, was written on National Center for Science Education stationery and addressed, "Dear Fellow AAA [American Anthropological Association] Member." It moans:

□ According to a number of recent polls, less than half of our fellow citizens accept the idea that evolution took place, and in a September, 1993 Gallup poll, *fully 47% of them believe that human beings were specially created about 10,000 years ago.* [Praise the Lord!]

■ It states that "vocal opponents of evolution" are "having a great deal of success at getting creationism into the curriculum, and/or getting evolution out." (Funny thing, it seems to us just the opposite is taking place.) The letter then lists instances where creationists have supposedly "wormed" their way in. One is particularly interesting:

□ In **Washington** state, a school allowed a group of high school students to "opt out" of biology class because they were offended when the teacher "taught evolution as a fact". [Ed. Academic freedom? **Everybody** has to learn evolution, but even those who are **interested** can't hear anything else.]

■ The letter is very open about the agenda of the NCSE. While claiming that NCSE is "religiously neutral," it states:

□ The National Center for Science Education, Inc., is the nonprofit organization that sponsored the Committees of Correspondence that were so effective in combatting creation science in the early 1980's.

■ It goes on to tout the work of NCSE:

□ What has NCSE done? In addition to supporting grass-roots efforts to combat creationism through its "hot line" and other services, NCSE

* has worked with state agencies to be sure that evolution is included in state curricula;

* has worked with publishers to be sure evolution is not left out of the textbooks;

* has worked with publishers to provide them with scientific expertise for pre-publication science content review;

* has worked with national teacher organizations to improve pre-college teachers' understanding of evolution;

* has even produced its first two classroom videotapes on evolution.

■ The letter ends by soliciting members and donations. It is signed by Jane Buikstra, Former President, AAA. On the enclosed card, it says, "Here is my donation to keep evolution in our science classes." Why do they want donations? They tell you clearly in the letter:

□ **But the heart of NCSE is to provide the all-important expertise needed to keep evolution in the classroom and keep "scientific" creationism out.** [Bold added.]

■ Recognize the tactic? Evolution is presented as **science**, while creation is declared to be religion. It's the same old game plan we've seen many times. Remember the statement by L. Harrison Matthews in the Forward to the 1971 edition of Darwin's **Origin of Species**:

□ Belief in evolution is thus exactly parallel to belief in special creation -- both are concepts which believers know to be true, but neither up to the present, has been capable of proof.

■ Evolution is **not** a strictly scientific theory. It cannot be "proven" scientifically but must be accepted by faith. It is the foundational tenet of atheism and secular humanism--the dominant faith presented in our schools today. **Our schools have not "gotten rid of religion," they have simply changed religions.**

■ We recently talked with a pastor who ministered in Russia. He asked some top Russian scientists what it was that led their country into atheism -- was it Marx, Lenin, Stalin. They answered, "No, these men were mere politicians. What led to atheism was the widespread acceptance of the theory of evolution." Hearing that gave us a sick feeling in our stomachs, especially knowing what's going on in our schools today. **This is not just an interesting scientific debate -- it is a major spiritual battle. Our children are being held captive and brainwashed by evolutionary indoctrination, but we are determined to go forward in God's might, speaking wherever He leads.** Will you join with us in prayer and support of this important work?

SPOTLIGHT ON SCIENCE

Human Fossils: Why So Few?

People often ask us why so few human fossils are found in lower rock layers. Several explanations can be given, but the most detailed model we know about was presented by John Woodmorappe in Creation Science Research Quarterly (Volume 20, December, 1983, pp. 167-171). Though it cannot be "proven" since it deals with past events, it offers some interesting possibilities. A summary of his article follows.

Woodmorappe begins with the "lack" of human fossils. He notes that significant numbers of human fossils in lower layers have been reported, but most are disputed or ignored by evolutionists. Others have probably been mis-identified, mis-interpreted or simply left unidentified, either intentionally or unintentionally because they don't "fit" with the prevailing evolutionary bias. Thus, there may be more than we think.

Woodmorappe argues fossil human remains are not too prevalent, though, because the pre-Flood human population was probably fairly low. He notes that Whitcomb and Morris, in The Genesis Flood (1961, pp. 273-275), had suggested a population of 1 billion, based on the assumption of 6 surviving-reproducing children per generation. Woodmorappe obtains only 10 million by dropping this number to 4.6. He notes that though animals had been created in **populations**, only two humans were created. He also argues that the pre-Flood reproductive rate was probably fairly low due to rampant homosexual, zoophilic and pedophilic behavior, as well as promiscuous heterosexual behavior, rampant venereal disease and widespread use of contraceptives by women interested only in external beauty. In addition, he suggests that there was probably a high murder rate, widespread infanticide and child sacrifice. These factors combined would lead to a relatively low population. He backs up these suggestions with the idea that a merciful God would surely have withheld the Flood if any significant percentage of the population was not totally depraved.

Using this assumption and estimates of the amount of Phanerozoic rock in the earth's crust, Woodmorappe calculates the concentration of fossils likely. He arrives at the conclusion that even if human fossils were uniformly distributed, there would only be one specimen per 70 cubic kilometers of rock. That's a big haystack in which to find a needle! Since fossils are not uniformly distributed, though, he makes another calculation. Assuming that **all** 10 million remains were concentrated in only 1 million cubic kilometers, he finds that there would still be only 10 specimens per cubic

kilometer, and the chance that any cubic kilometer is one of the "special" ones would be only 1 in 700. Again, the chances of an intrepid fossil hunter finding these specimens would be exceedingly small.

Woodmorappe goes on to present a model of pre-Flood population distribution and early Flood events. He suggests that the human population centers would have been situated near rivers, as in most ancient civilizations, to facilitate transport and trade. Dense forests probably made land travel extremely difficult.

As the "windows of heaven" opened and the "great fountains of the deep" broke open, the run-off would rapidly swell rivers to flood stage. At this stage there would be little or no flood-plain deposition. Some of the people and their implements might have gotten buried in river delta deposition, but most probably floated on out to sea where their bodies decomposed or were eaten by scavengers. Their bones were scattered and probably decomposed rapidly.

This possible explanation for the scarcity of human fossils in "old" rock doesn't paint a pretty picture of God's judgment during the time of the Flood, but judgment isn't pretty. Woodmorappe bases his arguments on the Biblical fact that "wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." (Gen.6:5) Certainly today's widespread warfare, violence, abortion, homosexuality and euthanasia must try God's patience. The Bible warns that judgment again is near. What are we going to do? Fortunately, we have an "ark" of safety. Acts 16:31 says "...believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, ..." Do you?

Book Review

John Woodmorappe is a meticulous researcher. According to Dr. Henry Morris, "His writings are all comprehensively documented and persuasively reasoned, comprising a highly valuable but little known resource in the study of the "Flood Model" of historical geology ..."

Nine of his most important works have been compiled in one volume entitled, Studies in Flood Geology. These technical articles should prove interesting and valuable to anyone seriously interested in the Flood Model. (Available from Alpha Omega Institute, \$15.00 included postage.)

EVENTS

(Call local contact for time and place.)

- Jan 21-22: Austin, TX:** Area Conference.
Sponsored by CHEA. Contact Chris Long, 512-280-3632.
- Jan 23: Kingsland, TX:** First Baptist Church.
Contact Church, 915-388-4507.
- Jan 24-25: Fredericksburg, TX:** Area Seminar.
Contact Velna Jackson, 210-644-2380.
- Jan 26-27: Boerne, TX:** Area Seminar.
Contact Jack MGinnis, 210-981-8188.
- Jan 28-29: San Antonio, TX:** Area Conference.
Sponsored by FEAST. Contact 210-692-7214.
- Jan 31- Feb 1,2: Alamo, TX:** Alamo Community Church.
Contact Church Office, 210-787-2474..
- Feb 7-8: Austin, TX:** Oakland Baptist Church.
Contact Velna Jackson, 210-644-2380.
- Feb 9-10: Fredericksburg, TX:** Tentative.
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- Feb 20: Molina, CO:** Molina Baptist Church.
Contact church office, 303-268-5810.
- Feb 25: Grand Junction, CO:** Alpha Omega Science Fair
Contact Ted Seaman, 303-242-9078.
- Feb 28, Mar 1: Fort Collins, CO:** First Christian Church.
Contact church office: 303-223-5770.
- Mar 2-3: Longmont, CO:** Longmont Four Square.
Contact church office, 303-776-3263.
- Mar 4-10: Springfield, MO:** Area Seminar.
Contact Tim Smith, 417-9260-4047.
- Mar 21-25: Estes Park, CO:** National HS Basketball Tourn.
Contact FEAST, 210-692-7214.
- Mar 26: Loveland, CO:** Agape Family Schools Education Fair.
Contact Julie Soricelli, 303-587-5020.
- Apr 4-9: Winter Park, CO:** Snow Mountain Family Adventure.
Contact us, 303-245-5906.
- Apr 10: Kremmling, CO:** Kremmling Community Church.
Contact church office, 303-724-3655.
- Apr 23-May 1: Grand Canyon:** ICR Grand Canyon Adventure.
Contact ICR, 619-448-0900.

PLEASE KEEP THIS SCHEDULE AND PRAY FOR US!

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New Children's Ministry! Welcome on Board!

Lanny and Marilyn Johnson,
Mandy & Robin
our
Creation Puppeteers!



The Johnsons have a heart for children. Using puppets, songs, crafts, drama, and hands on science, they teach children the Biblical and scientific evidence of creation. They are available with our regular seminars, or for camps, schools, VBS's, or other children's programs. Call us now to schedule them!

Please pray for us and the new children's ministry. Any expansion is a step of faith, but through your prayer and support as the Lord guides, the "Creation Puppeteers" will enhance and bless the Alpha Omega ministry.

Register today for a 1994 Creation Vacation!

April 4-9 Snow Mountain Winter Family Adventure
July 3-8 Twin Peaks Family Science Adventure
August 14-19 Redcloud Family Mountain Adventure I
August 21-26 Redcloud Family Mountain Adventure II
September 2-5 Id-Ra-Ha-Je Labor Day Family Camp

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