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A Doctor's Testimony

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Does the teaching of creation truly make a difference? The following letter from Dr. Thomas Davis gives a resounding YES! It demonstrates what happens when the stumblingblock of evolution is removed and the **whole Bible** can be believed.

"Dear Creation Scientists,

*I need to tell all those involved with Creation Science how much your work has meant to me. I am a physician and **of course** I have always **thought** that evolution was a scientific fact, proven beyond question with evidence in abundance. Therefore, even though I believed in God (I considered myself a Theistic Evolutionist), I had many biases and prejudices that are the natural result of evolutionary thinking. I'll list a few ... people who believe in a literal interpretation of the Bible are poorly educated, possibly illiterate, radical, and fanatic; the Bible is fallible -- written by fallible people; mankind is just one rung up from the other animals of creation; evolution is moving toward an endpoint (perhaps "Gaia", a universe self-aware).*

Several months ago (even in February of 1994) I still believed in evolution, but I accepted Jesus Christ ... Then something truly wonderful happened ... I listened to a tape about Creation Science I was absolutely shocked! Could it really be that evolution was merely a faith system? To make a long story short I soon followed-up with a lecture series at our church by Dave and Mary Jo Nutting from Alpha Omega Institute. Then I purchased a Creation Science textbook.

*A **miracle** has happened in my faith. I now know **beyond doubt** that evolution is a faith system (and a truly terrible one); that God really does love us and He created us just the way we are; that the Bible is the*

inspired Word of God, and a great "owner's manual" for anyone with a human body.

*My faith in Jesus Christ is now unshakable. He is my Rock and my Redeemer. He is the Son of the only living God. I owe Him my life. The **Bible leaps out to me every day** and shows me truths that inspire me with awe. ...*

In large part I owe my new life to those of you who helped me understand the myth of evolution. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. Thank God for your work."

Thank you, Dr. Davis, for sharing your experience with us. Creation teaching is not an end in itself, but it certainly can make a difference in how one views the Bible. We encourage our readers to share the evidence with others so it can make a difference in their lives, too.



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NOTES & QUOTES

■ Thanks for responding to our questionnaire. Your feedback and comments were helpful and encouraging. Over and over again we heard how important the creation message has been in your lives. We hope the following comments by some of our readers will encourage you and give you ideas of how to use the material too.

● Even though I do not need scientific proof to believe the Bible, it always thrills me to know that true scientific evidence actually supports the Bible, and we don't have to turn off our brains to believe! (Oklahoma)

● I am a science and math teacher at [a public high school] ... This newsletter is a great inspiration to me as I stand in my faith. There has been some -- not much -- opposition to my lessons on origins and evolution. It is a joy to present the science of creation in a rational and confident way. Thanks to your newsletter, I have the intellectual and moral support to continue teaching in a manner pleasing to God. I appreciate the fresh insights on geology and cosmology. Being trained as a scientist in the evolutionary school, it is a continual process of relearning. (Colorado)

● We hope you are planning another winter ski family science week. We hope to participate if we can take the week off. (Texas) [Ed: We are! April 3-8, 1995. See enclosed brochure and call us today!]

● I have a notebook that I keep **Think and Believe** in. ... I point out information as it relates to our experiences in many conversations with our children about evolution vs creation. This is helpful as the boys are constantly bombarded with evolution in school. (Colorado)

● The work you do is very important. The single most important reason people don't believe in God in today's Europe is the theory of evolution. (Finland)

● **Think and Believe** is very useful for me since I use the information and ideas contained in my weekly TV program in Greece. (Athens, Greece)

● Our week at your seminar at Twin Peaks [Family Science Adventure] was great. -- Best vacation we've had! (California) [Ed: Register now for 1995 vacations!]

● We must continue to attack evolution at its foundation, and we must continue to teach Genesis as ... REAL, NOT a collection of quaint stories like many churches are doing. Without a belief in Genesis, we have no basis to believe at all, because it almost puts Jesus as just "happening to show up." (Texas)

● I am a senior at [a church-sponsored college]. There is a big need for the views and truth of creation here.... Many of my biology professors are evolutionists as well as "fence riders." ... The material and instruction that I need to be able to stand against worldly views in the classroom is not taught here. I attended a seminar of yours in high school and know [my college] would benefit and needs to hear from you. (Nebraska)

● We mentioned to you ... that we would be willing to help with electrical work for a camp [of your own] for Alpha Omega if you were to get one. The offer still stands.... We will donate our labor for the project. (Missouri) [Ed: We have been praying about the possibility of a camp/training center to multiply this ministry. Maybe God will bring it about through volunteer labor and donated materials. Interested? Pray with us.]

● After having a secular evolution-based education for twelve years, it is a true blessing to have people scientifically refuting seeds of doubt. I am 33 and still affected by evolution. (Oregon)

● It is a blessing to know that there are believers out there speaking out and educating others on the TRUTH of God ... specifically about HIS creation. So sad to see and hear about those "wise and learned" scholars of today who can't and refuse to believe such a simple fact that God spoke and it was. (Colorado)

● Thank you so much for this breath of fresh air in the stale air of scientific theory. I really enjoy reading the articles. (Minnesota)

● Thank you for the wonderful program you presented [at the homeschool leaders camp] in Arizona. We had children in both age groups and we are still hearing about everything they did. (South Dakota)

● We really appreciate your ministry. It really is necessary that you continue your battle. Please do not just minister to already Christian churches and groups, but also stay on the cutting edge with non-Christian colleges and groups. They really need to see their deception of thinking. (Colorado) [Ed: We do, and are always eager to minister to more secular high schools, colleges and groups. See what you can set up for us.]

■ Thanks for writing! It is encouraging to know that you are spreading the word and giving copies of **Think and Believe** to family, friends, teachers, and students. Keep up the good work. **God is multiplying** the impact of this ministry through you!

SPOTLIGHT ON SCIENCE

The Ice Age and the Genesis Flood

The Ice Age is a fascinating mystery in earth history. As with other events in the past, scientists are limited to circumstantial evidence and projections based on conditions and processes which exist today. Thus, as can be expected, there is wide-spread disagreement on the causes, extent and effects of this unknown time.

According to meteorologist, Michael Oard, over 60 theories of the Ice Age have been advanced, but all have serious deficiencies. He proposes a radically different model with starting conditions consistent with those expected immediately following the Flood. A summary of his model follows. For more information see his book, **An Ice Age Caused by the Genesis Flood**.

Oard claims that the main requirements for an Ice Age are much colder summers and higher snowfalls than today. He assumes plausible initial conditions and determines their impact on precipitation, temperatures, prevailing winds, etc. The resulting model seems to fit the evidence and answers many problems found in other models.

The first problem is how to get summer temperatures at least 10-12 degrees Celsius lower than today. Oard notes that there is evidence of extensive volcanism associated with the Flood and that volcanoes today spew great quantities of dust and gases into the atmosphere. He suggests that just before the Ice Age, the dust and gases reflected much of the incoming sunlight back into space and provided the main summer cooling mechanism over the mid and high-latitude continents. Later, snow-covered ground and heavy cloud cover associated with frequent storms contributed to sustained cooling.

While the above conditions produced cold summer temperatures on land, many other factors created and maintained warmer ocean temperatures. Much evidence from the fossil record suggests that the earth as a whole had a more uniformly warm climate before the Flood, so one would expect that the early oceans were warmer than today. Underwater volcanism during the Flood may also have contributed to their heat content. In addition, the Bible says that at the start of Flood, "... the fountains of the great deep were broken up." It is not entirely clear what this means, but super-hot waters coming from deep underground reservoirs would certainly have added to the overall warmth of the oceans.

With these conditions in place, according to Oard's model, the stage was set for the heavy snowfalls needed to produce the Ice Age. Storm after storm hit the land as warm, moist air from the oceans met the cold, dryer continental air. Snow began to accumulate in northeastern North America, eastern Antarctica and in mountainous regions. The lowlands near the ocean received plenty of rainfall, but were too warm for glaciation during much of the Ice Age. In fact, parts of eastern Asia and Alaska escaped

glaciation entirely due to the moderating effects of the then-warm Arctic Ocean.

Various factors combined to maintain the temperature differential for quite some time. As surface waters cooled, they sank and were replaced by warmer water from deeper in the ocean. Also, currents formed as warmer water from the tropics moved in to replace the colder. Undersea volcanism continued to add heat to the oceans while terrestrial volcanism contributed to cool air temperatures on land. Ice sheets expanded and mountain glaciers grew and spread to lower elevations.

Oard estimates that the glacial maximum was probably reached about 500 years after its start when ocean waters finally cooled to a critical point. Then precipitation decreased signalling the beginning of deglaciation. Warm summers in the mid and high latitude continents caused rapid melting. The colder, but dryer winters did not produce enough snowfall to maintain glaciation and in 100-200 years, most of the glaciers were gone.

Changing climatic conditions greatly impacted plants and animals. Sea ice eventually formed in the Arctic Ocean and winters became increasingly bitter. Many animals, like woolly mammoths, which had flourished in the moist, relatively mild climate of northern Alaska and Siberia during most of the Ice Age, were not able to survive. In addition, some were caught and buried by torrential flooding produced by the rapidly melting glaciers. This may explain the "mystery" of the frozen mammoths, most of which are found in now-frozen flood deposits.

This is a simplified explanation of Oard's model. While the broad overview makes a lot of sense, that doesn't mean it has been "frozen" in fact. Admittedly, Oard's model is far from complete. Obviously there are many factors to be evaluated and problems to be researched. However, this is a start of a serious attempt to model conditions which would be consistent with Biblical teaching about the pre-Flood world and the Genesis Flood. It is important to remember that uniformitarian models suggested by evolutionary scientists have fallen far short of solving the many problems. We encourage any of our readers with expertise in related disciplines to evaluate Oard's model and correspond with him.

An Ice Age Caused by the Genesis Flood is available from Alpha Omega Institute (\$22.00 includes shipping). Also available, is Oard's **Life in the Great Ice Age** (\$15.50 includes shipping). This colorful and informative 2-part book for children and adults is based on Oard's model. It answers questions about the Ice Age and how "Cavemen" fit into the picture. Part I also contains a fun, fictional story about a family living during the Ice Age.

EVENTS

(Call local contact for time and place.)

- Jan 13-14: Cedaredge, CO:** Community Center
Contact Geri Arbaney, 303-323-5681.
- Jan 22: Fort Morgan, CO:** Life Fellowship
Contact: Kurt Miller 303-867-7939.
- Jan 23-24: McPherson, KS:** First Baptist Church
Contact: Church Office 316-241-6400.
- Jan 25: Cherryvale, KS:** Cherryvale Christian Church
Contact Louis Celaya, 316-336-2533.
- Jan 26-28: Van, TX:** Several Locations
Contact Gretchen Tate, 903-963-5523.
- Jan 30-Feb 4: Fredricksberg and Surrounding Areas**
Contact Velna Jackson, 210-644-2380.
- Feb 10-11: Victoria, TX:** Faith Family Church and School
Contact Gay Patek. 512-578-8387.
- Feb 12-18: Houston and Dallas:** Details in progress.
Contact us, 303-245-5906.
- Feb 19-22: Fort Worth, TX Area:** Southlake Bible Church
Contact Church, 817-488-5381.
- Feb 26: Mountain Grove, MO:** First Free Will Baptist
Contact Tim Smith 417-926-4047.
- Feb 27-28: Springfield, MO:** Location TBA
Contact Doug or Amber Virnig 417-744-2043.
- Mar 1-2: Joplin, MO:** Location TBA
Contact us, 303-245-5906.
- Mar 5: Broomfield, CO:** Calvary Evangelical Free
Contact Church 303-466-9750 or Jerry 303-753-4164.
- Mar 24-Apr 2: ICR Grand Canyon Adventure**
Contact ICR 619-448-0900.
- Ap 3-8: Winter Park, CO:** Snow Mtn Creation/Ski Adventure
Contact us, 303-245-5906.
- Ap 5-6: Estes Park, CO:** Nat. Homeschool BB Tourn
Contact FEAST 210-692-7214. (Tourn. Ap. 2-8)
- Ap 17-18: Estes Park, CO:** Details in Progress
Contact us, 303-245-5906.

Please keep this schedule and pray for us!

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