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Creation Ministry in India

by Mary Jo Nutting

It's always fun to hear good news, so we thought you would like to rejoice in God's goodness with us! Richard and Sue Stepanek, together with long-time AOI friends, Allen and Molly Nance, recently returned from a 2-1/2 week ministry trip to India. This was Rich's 3rd trip to India, but a first for Sue. When I asked her, "How was your trip?" she enthusiastically replied, "Wonderful!" She said it was a real blessing for her to accompany Rich and experience the ministry first-hand.

The Stepaneks and Nances had a busy schedule teaching in churches, Bible Schools, a pastor's conference for 140 pastors, orphanages, and one-on-one, with all 4 members of the team joining in ministry. Overall, the message was very well received.

Molly told us, "The trip was awesome. The people were so hungry for the Word of God." Everywhere the AOI team went, people begged

for more. They spoke both during the days and during the evenings with long discussions afterwards. Sometimes, Rich would be speaking to one group while Allen was sharing with another. Molly also shared with the ladies from a "mother's heart." Their prayer had been to strengthen the church for the work of the ministry, and that's exactly what happened. We are especially grateful for the opportunities that God

gave to talk with pastors and Bible college students. Think about it, speaking to 140 pastors at just one conference means that 140 churches can potentially be reached. Also many of the Bible college students who heard the messages will also become pastors of churches. Wow, what a huge potential to spread the message! Molly said it's like a fluffly dandelion head

— when a breeze comes, the seeds go all around. We are trusting that the Holy Spirit will take these seeds and spread them all over the nation of India and beyond.

As in previous trips, Rich found that many of his listeners had been taught very poor theology regarding Genesis. However, as he showed how both Scripture and true science are consistent with a straightforward understanding of 7-day creation, a literal Fall, and a real, global Flood, most in the audience responded eagerly to the message.

A real highlight for the team was the opportunity to teach numerous times at the children's home run by the church. They were even able to take

the kids on a field trip to a zoo! The children were very excited about the programs, and begged the team each night to come back for more. Another highlight for Rich was the opportunity to spend one-on-one time with a Bible college student whom he had met on a previous trip. This student

rode a train 6 hours round trip in order to spend 3 hours with Rich. Praise God for such dedication and interest.

All of us at AOI praise God for the safety, health, and the wonderful ministry opportunities He provided. Thanks for praying with us. Please continue to pray that the seeds that have been planted will bring forth good fruit and much multiplication. Also pray for open doors for future ministry opportunities in India or wherever God takes us. **AOI**

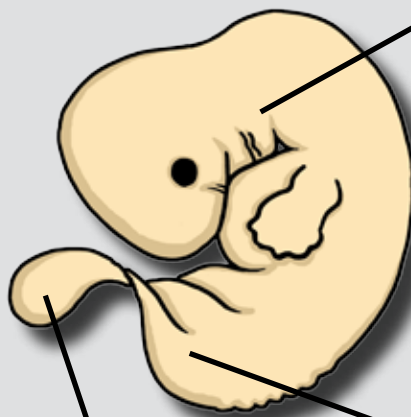


Fraudulent “Proof” of Evolution by Dave Nutting

We have posted the following article to our website with the pictures. Please forward the link to everyone you can think of. Students need to hear the truth so that they are not shaken to the core of their beliefs in our Creator God.

Clear back in 1957, the famous Dr. Spock was totally taken in by a false “scientific fact.” Dr. Spock wrote, “Each child as he develops is retracing the whole history of mankind, physically and spiritually step by step. A baby starts off in the womb as a single tiny cell, just the way the first living thing appeared in the ocean. Weeks later, as he lies in the amniotic fluid of the womb, he has gills like a fish.” (B. Spock, *Baby and Child Care*, p. 223, Cardinal Giant Edition, 1957 as quoted by David Menton in the DVD, *Fearfully and Wonderfully Made*, 2004). Can you believe it? This false idea was based on Haeckel’s fraudulent work which had already been disproven

about 50 years before that! Decade after decade, the same false and very deceptive argument for evolution has been handed down. In fact it is still in the textbooks used today! Let’s set the record straight.



Fiction: Fetus has Gill slits.
Truth: Baby does not have gills or slits!

There is no oxygen transfer. Pharyngeal pouches develop into the:

- Ear canal and part of the middle ear.
- Eustachian tubes, thyroid/parathyroid glands, and other structures in the neck and jaw region.

Why call these important structures gill slits, yolk sac, and a tail, unless someone is trying to deceive you into believing you evolved from a fish? Think about it and pass this article on!
www.DiscoverCreation.org **AOI**

Fiction: Fetus has a yolk sac like a fish.
Truth: Baby has no yolk sac!

- “Yolk” sac makes baby’s first blood
- “Yolk” sac doesn’t contain yolk.
- Baby gets its food from it’s mother.

Fiction: Fetus has a tail.
Truth: Baby has no tail!

- It is the end of the spinal column!
- It is crucial for muscle attachment and upright stance.

Darwin – The Voyage That Shook the World

A Documentary Movie on DVD Review by Dave Nutting

In 2009, schools, universities, and even many churches celebrated Charles Darwin’s 200th Birthday and 150th anniversary of his book, *On the Origin of Species*. To them, Darwin still lives on. Granted, there is no doubt Darwin’s ideas on evolution left a huge impact on the sciences and on society today. But was he right?

This documentary movie re-enacts parts of Darwin’s earlier life, Darwin’s 5-year voyage of discovery on board the HMS Beagle, and his subsequent thinking which would shake the world.

As the publisher says, this DVD “retraces Charles Darwin’s voyage in lavish detail, examining his find-

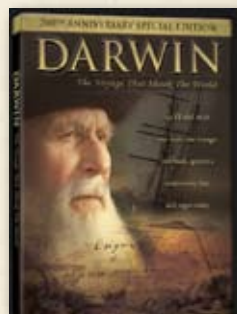
ings and remarkable conclusions and their implications in the light of modern knowledge. Filmed in South America, the United Kingdom, North America, Australia and Europe, *Darwin – The Voyage That Shook the World* features dramatic recreations and stunning nature cinematography - all interwoven with scholars, scientists and Darwin experts who share differing perspectives on the man and the controversy he stirred.”

This movie is well done. It is fair to Darwin and the modern evolutionist and yet it lets people

know that there are problems with Darwin’s ideas. It is 55 minutes long and has special features such as extended interviews and

a section on the “making of” the Voyage. You can choose subtitles in 23 languages (including English). [Albanian, Afrikaans, Arabic, Chinese x2 (traditional & simplified scripts) Czech, Danish, English, Finnish, French, German, Hungarian, Indo-

nesian, Norwegian, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Swedish, Turkish, Urdu, Vietnamese.] This would make an excellent gift for many occasions. **AOI**



Snapshots of Human Development - Part 3

by Mary Jo Nutting

[Note: This article is based on the DVD, *Fearfully and Wonderfully Made*, by Dr. David Menton and AOI's Discover Creation Study Guide and DVD, *The Amazing Human Body*, by Dr. Dan Korow]

In the past 2 issues of Think & Believe, we have looked at the amazing design which makes it possible for human beings to fulfill God's directive to be fruitful and multiply (Genesis 1:28). In the Nov/Dec 2009 issue we marveled at ovulation and fertilization. Then in Jan/Feb 2010 we were awed by early development, implantation, and the development of the placenta. Let's continue here with the amazing story. (If you missed the first 2 parts, you can find them at: <http://www.discovercreation.org/newsletters.htm>)

With the placenta in place, everything is ready for the tiny baby to proceed with the process of development. After the first 7 to 8 weeks, the baby goes from being called an embryo to a fetus. This terminology may be helpful to embryologists, but the baby has been a baby from the start. The fetal stage is mostly maturation. According to Dr. Korow, here are some milestones along the way:

- **By one month:** heart beating
- **By 5-6 weeks:** hands and face, reproductive cells developing, brain waves
- **By 8 weeks:** fingerprints
- **By 12 weeks:** body systems
- **By 4 months:** growing so fast that if not regulated, would weigh 14 tons at birth!
- **By 6 months:** hearing (responds to music)

- **By 7 months:** memory (With proper care, preemies born at this stage can often live and thrive.)

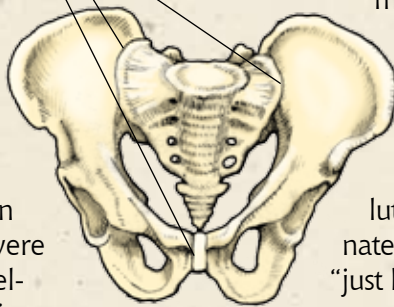
Now, fast-forward to delivery: By the end of 38-40 weeks in a full-term pregnancy, the baby should be in the head-down position for delivery. But here again, if we were depending upon evolution to get it right, we could easily be in big trouble. There are major obstacles to birth. Even though the female pelvis is more open than the male pelvis (another miracle of design), the baby's head is still too big for the opening. Birth would be impossible, mom and baby would die, and it would be another evolutionary dead-end. Fortunately, another miracle enzyme "just happens" to come to the rescue.

There are 3 seams in the bony circle of the pelvis that are joined with ligaments to allow a little movement. Fortunately, for mom and baby, our Creator designed special enzymes that partially digest the ligaments that hold these seams together, allowing the pelvic circle to open. Now, by a slight turn of the head, the baby will just barely fit. If that isn't enough, the baby also has to pass through the muscles forming the floor of the pelvic diaphragm. This stretches the vaginal opening maximally in the process.

During the prenatal period, the placenta has served as kidney, lung, intestinal tract, liver, and endocrine system for the baby. At birth, all these functions must switch to the baby. Therefore, all the organs and systems that perform these functions need to be in place and ready to operate independently of the mother at the time of

birth. Not only that, a whole sequence of "remodeling" steps must also take place in the baby's circulatory system. In the womb, the baby has gotten its oxygen from its mother through the placenta. It has been unnecessary for all of the baby's blood to go through the lungs because special shunts in the baby's circulatory system (Ductus Arteriosus, Foramen Ovale, and Ductus Venosus) allow blood to bypass both the lungs and the liver. These bypasses must close and normal circulation must begin immediately upon birth. How in the world could anybody imagine an evolutionary scenario that would account for these critical and amazing changes? As Menton says, "The birth of every baby is a miracle."

Seams



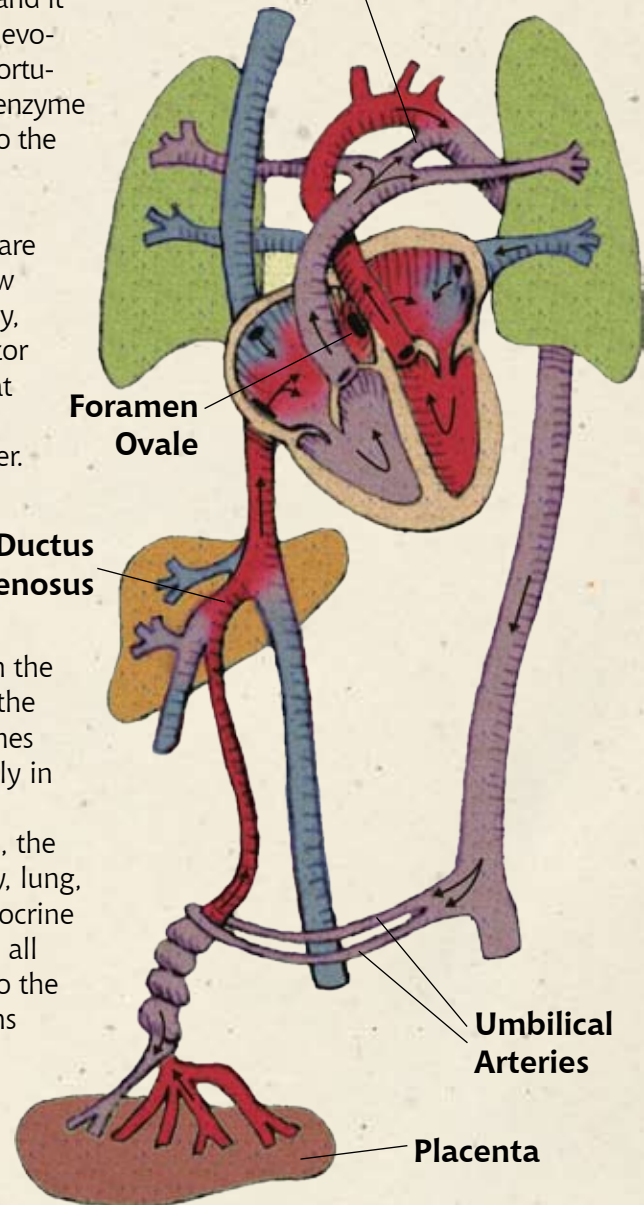
Ductus Arteriosus

Foramen Ovale

Ductus Venosus

Umbilical Arteries

Placenta



Directors' Column

by Dave & Mary Jo Nutting




AOI's New Website! AOI is a small organization with a big vision. Besides our full schedule of seminars and training, we have greatly expanded and upgraded our website. Our goal is to provide quality creation material in a distinctly AOI style. Visit us at www.DiscoverCreation.org. The site now includes:

- Weekly "Creation Nuggets" that keep you up to date on important creation topics
- Archives that include all past editions of *Think & Believe* plus other items of interest
- A regularly expanding selection of articles relating to the creation/evolution topic

- A special "Kid's Corner" with articles, activities, and back issues of *Kids Think & Believe Too!*
- An up-to-date calendar of upcoming AOI events
- Information on all AOI Programs
- The On-line "Store" which provides some of the "best" in creation books and DVDs
- Downloadable versions of our popular Discover Creation DVD Series.
- A powerful "Search" function that searches several other solid creation sites as well as our own.

All this and more, in a colorful, user-friendly format. Check us out first for your creation questions. www.DiscoverCreation.org.

Please visit the site and forward it to your friends. You can help us spread the message of Creation with this tremendous tool! 

AOI Training Week

June 28-July 2. Would you like to more effectively share the creation message with family, friends, and others? Applications are now being taken for AOI's June Discover Creation Training Week. The week includes Bible study, science topics, teaching tips, field trips, and practice teaching. Classes are kept small to allow plenty of time for group participation and interaction with instructors. You can benefit from the many years of experience gleaned by AOI speakers. Call or email us today for more information. (aoi@DiscoverCreation.org)



Upcoming Events

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- 3/14-19, **Lake City, CO**, Camp Redcloud Winter Creation Family Adventure, Gail, 970-523-9943
3/16, **Salt Lake City, UT**, Museum of Ancient Life Tour, Dr. Tom & Cynthia Edwards, 801-278-2286 S
3/16, **Bluffdale, UT**, Midvalley Bible, Russ Anderson, 801-968-2558 S
3/17, **Salt Lake City, UT**, SE Baptist Church (AWANA), Dr. Tom & Cynthia Edwards, 801-278-2286 S
3/19-20, **Salt Lake City, UT**, U-TCH homeschool conference, Paulette Jackman 801-565-0361 S
3/21, **Taylorville, UT**, Intermountain Baptist Church, Dr. Tom & Cynthia Edwards, 801-278-2286 S
3/21-24, **Richland, WA**, Richland Baptist, Mark Finkbeiner, 509-967-5625 N
3/22-30, **New Mexico, Navajo Reservation**, 307-733-6639 G
4/1-4/3, **Lake City, CO**, Bible Study Event, Steve & Ema Anderson, (970) 944-1004 S
4/5-16, **Southwest, Geology Field Study**, Jackson Hole Bible College, Holly Austin, (307) 733-3134, N
4/11-14, **Hutchinson, KS**, First Southern Baptist, Ray Kempel, (620) 663-4425 S
4/15-18, **Wichita, KS**, Christian Family Ministries, Pastor Christopher Fleet, 316-522-4376 S
4/18-19, **Page, AZ**, Faith Bible Chapel, Manny Parks, (928) 645-3012, N
4/25-30, **Vernal, UT**, First Baptist - Vernal, Randy Myers, (435) 789-1347, J
5/6-7, **Douglas, Wyoming**, Homeschoolers Of Wyoming Convention, 307-322-3539 N
5/10-19, **Texas Speaking**, TBA Contact AOI, 970-523-9943 N
5/13-15, **San Antonio, TX**, F.E.A.S.T. Homeschool Convention, 210-342-4674 N
5/13-14, **Grand Junction, CO**, Pear Park Baptist School (Mesa Verde tour), Pastor Randy David, 970-434-4113 S
5/31-6/4, **Broken Bow, NE**, First Christian Church - Brokenbow NE, Angie Flynn, (308) 872-2024, J
6/4-5, **Eugene, OR**, Christian Home Education Fair, (541)688-7440, N
6/6, **Eugene, OR**, TBA, 970-523-9943, N
6/7-11, **Broken Bow, NE**, Lillian Church of Christ, Amanda Switzer, (308) 872-2767, J
6/14-18, **Chadron, NE**, Chadron Berean Church, Daniel Williams, (308) 430-4804, J
6/15-17, **Salt Lake City, UT**, TBA, 970-523-9943, N
6/27-7/2, **Grand Junction, CO**, AOI Creation Teaching Training Week, N
7/5-7, **Manitou Springs, CO**, Summit Ministries, 719-685-9103 N
7/9-18, **Browning, MT**, Glacier Meadow Camp, 406-270-8333 N
7/19-22, **Pound, WI**, Section 8 Baptist, Scott Barker, (970) 897-2502, J

Financial Update

What can we say? Please pray for AOI finances! In these hard economic times and with the crises in Haiti and Chile, year-end giving and this year's donations are way down. Ouch! Please pray for wisdom to know how to proceed. We don't want to cut ministry and there are only minor ways to cut expenses. Please pray for a substantial positive turn-around in giving.

Creation Resources

Way back in 1974, God changed the Nuttings' lives through a 5-cent book from a thrift store. That's why we carry a great selection of books and DVDs for all ages. God still uses the written and spoken word to touch the lives of people all over this globe. Books and DVDs make great gifts for your friends and family – any time of the year—Graduations and weddings, too! Check out our webstore at www.DiscoverCreation.org.



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