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Flood? What Flood? A Change in My Perspective

by Dave Nutting

Mary Jo and I were teaching at a college in Alaska, when we began to see major problems with evolution. That began our “evolution” into creationists. During that time, Dave Hoffmeister, a pastor where we lived in Alaska, told us that he used to live in Rifle, Colorado which is a short distance from where I grew up. “Don’t you just see evidence of Noah’s Flood all over the entire valley?” He asked. I politely changed the subject, then went home where we laughed about the fact that this pastor actually believed in Noah and the Flood. I had spent a lot of my younger life tromping around the valley and hills in that Colorado region and hadn’t recognized any evidence for the Flood.

However, the next time I was in Grand Junction, I went to my favorite site where I had previously spent many hours hiking and looking for rocks. As I was standing on a prominent point admiring the scenery, all of a sudden another picture emerged. Features in the rock formations I had never noticed before jumped out at me calling to question my long-held beliefs that they represented millions of

years of geologic activity. Distinct erosional patterns consistent with a catastrophic drainage of water overshadowed the landscape. They were there all along. Why hadn’t I seen them and recognized their significance? It was like looking at one of those trick drawings where what you think you are looking at goes out of focus and a very different picture emerges. For me,



the new picture that came into focus reflected the Biblical account of Creation, the Fall, and the Flood. My appreciation for the truth of God’s Word – even in Genesis – began to be anchored not only on Jesus, the Rock of my salvation, but also on solid geologic rock.

That pastor in Alaska wasn’t as ignorant as I had thought!

Now as I think about it, I understand that God truly has a sense of humor. Instead of laughing at someone who believed there was evidence for the Flood, I actually take students to those sites to see the evidence. The reason I didn’t see the evidence is because we tend to see only what we are taught to see. Most students are also caught in that scenario since they have been taught only the “millions of years” perspective. It is fun to be part of their breaking free and to see them suddenly begin to see a new picture of geology and its relationship to the Bible.

As we have done for several years, this past April, Mary Jo and I spent almost 2 weeks teaching another group of students from Jackson Hole Bible College for their spring Geology field trip. We started here in the valley at Colorado National Monument, then onward to Arches National Park, Canyonlands, Natural Bridges, Grand Canyon, Zion, Bryce Canyon, and Kodachrome Basin as well as sites along the way. If you have been following our blog, you have a fairly good idea of what these students saw. If you haven’t, you can go to our website and follow the journey (www.DiscoverCreation.org). In the next two pages, I will give you a photo-flavor of the trip and intersperse comments that the students wrote regarding how the trip impacted them. So, put on your hiking shoes and come along! **AOI**

Spring Geology Field Trip Testimonies from Jackson Hole Bible College students

“**I have always** gone out into God’s Creation and have very much enjoyed it. After the spring trip, the way I viewed it changed in an immense way. Understanding how every formation and monument proved God’s Word and His Creation has not only confirmed what I believe in but it has strengthened it. My walk with God has grown on a much deeper level. There is so much purpose found in these locations now. God has set His testament right before us and sadly many of us are blind to it. I know I will never look at Creation the same way. I received a new appreciation for every mountain, rock, and fossil. How great our God really truly is!” -SM



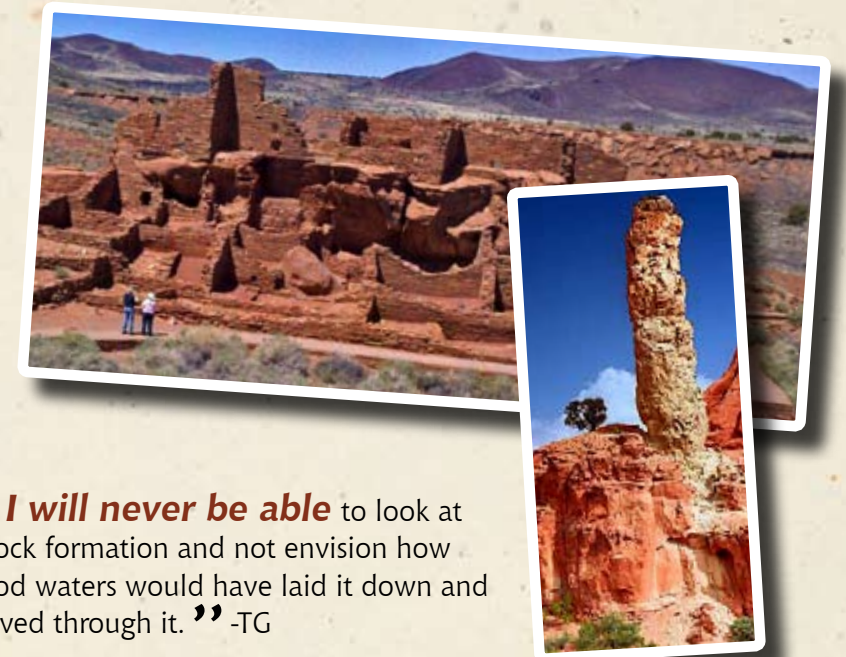
“**This trip was incredibly** impactful to me personally. From the very first sessions of teaching, I was encouraged and inspired with the idea and desire to teach creation to others ... True, I will look at geology differently from now on. And I think I will even look at Scripture slightly differently, as I remember that God has left nothing out, and His Word is perfect, just as He is. Our divine Creator is awesome, and I am thankful that He has opened my eyes to see His creation as just that – what He has made.” -AR



“**I was really encouraged** on this trip to stand firm on the Bible and its authority ... I was also astounded at the different landscapes I saw on the trip. The world is a much bigger, more diverse place than I ever thought. I was impressed by how much power water has and how quickly things can change. The size and impact of the flood on earth has never been so clear to me than when standing at the edge of Grand Canyon, not even able to comprehend its scale and size. We have a powerful, just, God and I am beginning to understand my insignificance – yet also the vastness of His love in saving me.” -AS



“**... my foundation as a Christian** was strengthened by all that I learned through the reading, observations, and lectures. The Bible was confirmed in my eyes by the overwhelming evidence that is congruent with what Scripture says. Going to all the major geological sites was a terrific experience for me.” -CT



“**I will never be able** to look at a rock formation and not envision how flood waters would have laid it down and carved through it.” -TG

“**I learned so much** on this trip. I finally feel as though I can defend my beliefs even better after this class.” -JM

“**This trip has shown me** even more evidence of the damage done by the flood and the catastrophes following it. It also taught me to look for the evolutionary bias that can be seen everywhere. It makes me sad to see the damage this indoctrination is causing to our society. Another thing that struck me greatly from this trip is seeing the beauty that can come even from God’s judgment. He can take something like the destruction of the earth and make something spectacularly beautiful out of it. He can do the same thing with me. He takes who I once was, dead in my sin, and breaks and recreates something beautiful for His service and to His glory.” -HY



“**This trip has impacted me** personally by helping to explain how it is possible for large geological features to have been formed in a short period of time. It has given me more tools to defend my faith.” -CB



“**This trip was an amazing** time of discovering incredible truths about the truth of God’s Word. I always believed in the Flood and its consequences, but I had never seen them as clearly as I do now. This trip and the things I have learned have strengthened my faith in God, and have given me much more confidence in defending what I firmly believe. It’s awesome to see again and again how clear it is that there truly was a global flood, and if we look at it with the right perspective, it’s obvious all over the place.” -MR

Director's Column

by Dave Nutting



Why would Mary Jo & I spend almost 2 weeks with the Jackson Hole Bible College

students on a geology field trip? The quotes on the pages before and this one show why we choose to invest in the lives of these young people.

"I loved how this class gave us a lot of information that we can now use for apologetics. I also liked how it cemented in my mind how much more sense the evidence makes when it is looked at from a biblical viewpoint. The other thing I really appreciated is something that I've been learning all year, yet especially in this class. Before, I always believed that the Flood and all of the other things in the Bible are true, but I never really thought of

the Bible as a scientific book. But now that I've seen the evidence, I can no longer have any doubt that Noah's Flood actually happened, to the scale of the Bible, and has left evidences of itself all over. I will also never be able to look at scenery in quite the same way, but I'm willing to give that up in exchange for all that I have learned on this trip." –LN

You can learn about the Bible, but when you actually see how God's Word and God's world agree, it makes a huge difference. This is important because these students may teach Sunday school, become pastors, teach their own future families, or even reach whole communities with the truth of creation.

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In our Blog we talked about the training we conducted in Springfield Missouri. We also wrote another article about dodging tornadoes and mentioned that the Lord got us up earlier than planned to head to Springfield. Consequently instead of going through Joplin at the time the tornado hit, we drove through Joplin 1.5 hours earlier! If you are not regularly visiting AOI's Blog, check it out at www.DiscoverCreation.org. It will give you more details on dodging tornadoes as well as a report of very successful training sessions in Springfield. We believe there will be much multiplication from our time there and expect a lot of eternal fruit to follow! **AOI**



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