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## The Creator in Revelation

By Molly Nance, Guest Writer

**H**ave you ever thought you would find God described as the Creator in the book of Revelation? I didn't. Our family has gone to the AOI Creation Family Camp every summer for fifteen years. Amazing, isn't it? We didn't plan it like that. We just liked the topics being taught, the fun activities, and the valuable fellowship with other believers so much, that we kept coming back for more. I thought I knew all about the Creator.

So, when I took a nine-month Bible study of the book of Revelation in my hometown, I was surprised to find so many references to God as our Creator. Of course, He was thoroughly described in Genesis. I also remembered some scriptures in Psalms, Job (dinosaur descriptions), and Romans chapter one. But here, He was identifying Himself nine times as our Creator-God in Revelation.

Here is what I found. In Revelation 1:8, Jesus says, "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending." In Revelation 1:11, Jesus says, "I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last." Does that name sound familiar? Sounds like a ministry we all know.

In Revelation 3:14, Jesus also speaks, "These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God."

In Revelation 4:10-11, the 24 elders proclaim, "Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created." Think about that for a moment. We were created to give God pleasure! He is smiling at us as we love and live for Him.

In Revelation 10:5-6, John says that an angel "swore by Him that liveth forever and ever, who created heaven and the things that are in it, and the earth and the things that are in it, and the sea and the things that are in it, that there should be delay no longer." Here God says that since He created all things, He has the authority to finish all things according to His schedule.

In Revelation 14:7, another angel warns unbelievers, "Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to Him; for the hour of His judgment is come; and worship Him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters." Our loving Creator-God wants no one to perish!

In Revelation 19:15, John says, "And out of His (Jesus') mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it He should smite the nations, and He shall rule

them with a rod of iron; and He treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God." Jesus, the Word of God, speaks as a sharp sword to smite the unbelieving nations. The warrior Messiah conquers the world's nations with the same power He used to create the world. His powerful Word!

Again in Revelation 21:6, John tells us, "And He said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely." What a wonderful promise of eternal life to all believers.

In Revelation 22:12-14, Jesus says, "And, behold, I come quickly, and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last." His reward is with Him. It will be worth it all.

We have an important job to do until His return. The Creator-God loves the world. He sent His Son who came, died, and rose again. He's coming back again to finish what He started. Let's each one of us finish strong in what He's called us to do. Let's be about our Father's business. **AOI**



## China's Yellow River Floods *by Dave Nutting*

According to an Aug 5, 2016 publication in **Science**, evidence has been found for a landslide which dammed up the Yellow River in China about 4,000 years ago. The dam would have been almost 600 feet high. When breached, a huge wall of water would cause devastation downstream. The timing of this landslide and clues observed in nearby sediments, seem to give credence to the existence of the Xia Dynasty, which has been considered mythical. According to the article, (<http://science.sciencemag.org/content/353/6299/579>), "Emperor Yu the Great succeeded in controlling a huge flood in the Yellow River basin. This is considered to have led to the establishment of the Xia dynasty and the start of Chinese civilization." Apparently the flood was controlled by digging divergence canals to outlying



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countryside areas.

This ancient flood was not the only time the Yellow River flooded with devastating consequences. In 1887, it flooded, killing about 900,000 people. In 1931, the river flooded again, killing an estimated 850,000 to 4,000,000, people. This was one of the deadliest natural disasters in recorded history. In 1938, during the Sino-Japanese War of 1937–45, Chinese Nationalists under Chiang Kai-shek purposefully breached the dikes of the Yellow River to stop invading Japanese troops. This resulted in about 900,000 of their own people perishing.

According to estimates and sediment deposits, it appears that the river has flooded close to 1,500 times during the last 4,000 years. Some reports try to tie the Yellow River Flood to the Biblical Flood. However, the Yellow River Flood would have been miniscule in size compared to the whole world

being covered by water.

Other reporters compare this to a breached ice dam in Montana. The resulting Great Missoula Flood inundated thousands of square miles downstream through eastern Washington. Had there been a Portland Oregon back then, it would have been drowned beneath 400 feet of water. For information about this see: <http://www.discovercreation.org/documents/MayandJun1997.pdf>. As far as size comparison, the ice dam in Montana has been reported to have been 2,000 feet high before the lake burst through sending 500 cubic miles of water downstream. This was a much larger flood than that of the Yellow River in China. Had the Missoula flood spilled over today in this section of China with its low-lying, flat land and farm fields, the death toll would have been tens of millions.

Once again we see how a lot of water and a little time can have devastating consequences. Personally, I think I would find a different place to live. **AOI**

## “What You Aren’t Being Told About Astronomy” DVD Series

In our January issue of T&B, we encouraged you to get Spike Psarris’s set of Astronomy DVD’s including the 3rd in the series. We had heard great things from pre-release viewers and after viewing it ourselves, we can certainly say it has exceeded our expectations. Please give this DVD and others in this set as a Christmas present this year! It can have a major impact on your friends and family! It will also

help the believer to embrace the magnificence and power of our Creator-God and will lift your hearts to worship the One who

made it all! Don’t waste any time in getting your hands on these DVD’s!

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**Note:** If you can only get one or two in the series for now, start with Volumes 2 and 3. **AOI**

# Highlights of 2016

by Dave Nutting

**H**appy Thanksgiving to all of you and your family! We asked several of the staff to share a highlight of the year with you. So enjoy! – Dave



One important thing that has been going on with the office is that we have a new database. [Gail has been fighting with too many

obstacles on the old one that have caused her and the rest of us much grief! - Dave] Our board member, Steve Thornberg, wrote the program and a volunteer, Helen, has been adapting it to fit our specifications. This has taken many, many hours on her part and we are still changing things to accommodate what we need as I use it. The new database will save us money and time. May God bless you,

– Gail Tompkins



It is a blessing to see our DCTI students involved with ministry. Luke Specht jumped into doing a VBS shortly after

graduation and Jesse Hey took the information and ran with it by enthusiastically giving Creation presentations during AOI's Discover Creation Costa Rica Tour and Outreach. It was also exciting to see all of the tour participants thoroughly enjoy each new experience! Ministry with Costa Rican nationals has begun to grow with their weekly Discover Creation Bible study!



– Dave & Mary Jo Nutting



Graduating our first DCTI students was a huge highlight for us! I (Brian) was also blessed with the opportunity to teach a group of young students touring the US from France! It was truly inspiring to me to see the “lights come on” as I taught precious truths to them that they had never heard before. It was amazing to see these young people strengthened in their faith in our Creator-God and the Bible!

– Brian & Aimee Mariani



This has been a ministry year not unlike any other; filled with many miles, many smiles and a little struggle too.

Sometimes we ask ourselves, “Are we really making a difference?” Then, we hear God’s reply through a 16-year-old high school student, “My faith has been very ‘iffy’ this past year ... But seeing and hearing evidence [of] Creation has really proved to me that my faith shouldn’t be shaken and won’t be shaken.” Also, we saw 20 kids and youth respond to the Gospel this summer. So yes, the Creation/Salvation message is making a difference.



– Lanny and Marilyn Johnson



The highlights for 2016 included teaching at the IFCA National Youth Convention. It was encouraging to see the

eagerness of many of the youth to understand the Word of God in depth. Sue and I were also blessed to travel to India in the month of September. This involved teaching at two Bible seminaries, a variety of churches, an orphanage, and tremendous opportunities for individual instruction to Indian pastors, training them to teach Genesis and creation to the people they serve.

– Rich & Sue Stepanek



Looking back over the year has brought to mind both blessings and opportunities. I have

experienced the ongoing blessing of teaching and developing my personal style of communicating. My audiences range from 5th graders to college-level students (DCTI) and beyond. This has helped me learn the art of adapting the message to the audience. My most exciting opportunity has been working with the administration of a public high school in developing release-time classes for anyone interested in New Testament Reliability and Worldviews.

– Scott Mauser



## Director's Column by Dave Nutting



I was reflecting on Molly Nance's article on Page 1 as well as thinking about Spike Psarris's Astronomy DVD's. Since we are entering the

Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday season, I can't help but remember that the child who was born 2,000 years ago, Immanuel – God with us, is the very same One revealed as the Creator of all things in Genesis. He is the redeemer throughout Scripture and in the Gospels and the coming King in prophecy and in Revelation. In Psalm 19:1, we read, "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork." Also, in Psalm 147:4, we read that God numbers the stars and

calls them all by name. Amazing Power! But something really exciting is in the verse right before this "power" verse. Psalm 147:3 tells us, "He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds." Wow! Such magnificence! Such immense power! Such tender loving care for us, His Creation! What an amazing God! Think about all of this when you give thanks this Thanksgiving and when you celebrate His birth at Christmas. To each of you, have a Christ-filled Thanksgiving and Christmas! **AOI**

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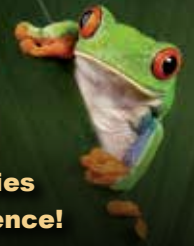
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