A Doctor's Testimony
(by Dave and Mary Jo Nutting and Thomas Davis, M.D.)

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.
Not much because it almost puts Jesus as just "happening to how 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)
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. Storms 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 wooly 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.
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