

# Think & Believe



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## The Old Smoke Screen

by Dave Nutting

When I was going to school, I was given the old smoke screen that evolution was science whereas creation was merely religion. Since I didn't have a church telling me otherwise, I easily bought the idea. The same thing happened to Mary Jo even though she grew up in a family that attended church regularly and was even taught the creation account. When that old smoke screen is stated often enough, it is easy to accept it. Many, like us, did.

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**"Evolution is science and Creation is religion."**

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Today, the old smoke screen is getting thicker. Ellen Goodman of the Boston Globe wrote, "One plus one equals two, not seven. The world is billions of years old, not thousands. And school boards facing a science curriculum still must choose between science and religion, evolution and creationism." This type of comment is seen in newspaper articles (especially editorials and editorial cartoons) all the time. Most are aware of the Kansas fervor that ensued when the state board "had the audacity" to question "science" and the place of evolution in the curriculum. In Arizona, Representative Karen Johnson was almost crucified for taking a stand against evolutionary indoctrination. E.J. Montini's column in the Arizona Republic

called her a "*Crackpotus Fanatisaurus, a small but vigorous subgroup of the genus and species Numbskullus Politisaurus.*" An editorial cartoon actually portrayed her as a primitive ape-like creature sitting on a Bible.

They wanted to stress the point that anyone who denies the "fact" of evolution is one of those less evolved religious fundamentalists.

The fact is, both Creation and Evolution are philosophies of our origin. Since neither can be based on direct observation, neither can be science. We can however, study scientific data and

determine which philosophy fits the facts the best.

Fortunately, the creationist movement is taking hold and many people are beginning to see through the smoke! They are recognizing that evolution is philosophy, not science. Not only are Bible believing Christians waking up and realizing they have been duped into accepting the old evolutionary smoke screen, but even secular scientists are regularly challenging evolutionary assumptions. Many more scientists than ever before are not only seeing the fallacies of evolution, but are willing to risk newspaper ridicule by publicly challenging evolutionary dogma!

The more this is happening, the more

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evolutionary smoke is being dumped on the public. We need your help not only to enable us to help students and adults cut through the thick smoke, but by your personal involvement. Whenever you encounter that kind of smoky propaganda that evolution is science whereas creation is religion, challenge it! You might even like to use the article by Andrea Korow in this issue of **Think & Believe** citing many scientists who recognize that creation is not only a valid scientific option, but for them the preferred option. Please get involved! **T&B**



## AOI and Russia

by Lanny Johnson

The Russian high school biology teacher asked me, "You mean, you aren't allowed to teach about creation in American schools?" She was amazed when I had to answer "Not very often." Then she pulled out a book that Russian teachers use to teach origins. The first part dealt with origins by means of a creator, the second part dealt with evolution, and the third part dealt with life originating from outer space.

"Which idea do you believe" I asked her? "Oh, I believe in evolution and that is what we teach, but we feel the students should know about the other ideas and think about them," she answered.

From March 28 to April 19, Richard Stepanek and I were

able to teach 47 different classes in 21 schools and colleges. Teaching "religion" was not allowed, but we could teach Creation Science. We were also able to share with several churches and the Moscow Bible College. Dinosaurs (the favorite of the students), human evolution, and design in nature were used to teach creation and the problems with evolution.

The response was tremendous. Most of the students, teachers and directors were eager to learn, and after classes we were able to share with some about our Christian faith.

This same teacher allowed me to teach 9 of her science classes! She was also excited to receive a set of Russian translated "Origins" video-cassette series (including

'The World That Perished' and 'The Great Dinosaur Mystery') by Films for Christ. She was anxious to show it to her students! Another teacher asked,

"You mean evolution is not true"? "No it's not," Rich replied. "Then that must mean that the Bible is true!" she exclaimed.

Doesn't it seem ironic that in a nation that was founded on Godly principles, that Creation Science cannot be taught because it is considered a

"religion". Rarely are Creation Scientists allowed in American schools to teach Creation. Yet in a country with a strong evolutionary, atheistic background we are able to share what is wrong with evolutionary ideas and present evidences for Creation Science! To me, that seems like a sad state of affairs. The world needs to know about Jesus Christ the Creator and Savior.....and the United States needs to turn back to the Creator upon Whom we were founded. **T&B**



## Creation on Wheels

Creation Field Study Trip by Dave & Mary Jo Nutting

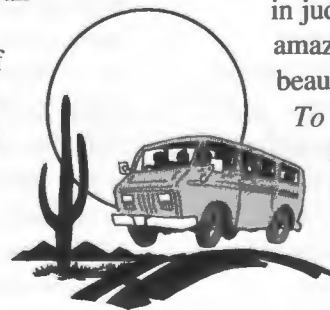
We recently turned a van into a mobile creation classroom as we led students from Jackson Hole Bible College on an awesome 12 day combined field/study/seminar trip. The jam-packed itinerary included stops at Grand Canyon, Zion, Sea World, San Diego Zoo, Anza Borrego Desert, Lake Powell, Wupatki Ruins, and more. A special highlight was the visit to the Institute for Creation Research where we all thoroughly enjoyed the exceptional creation museum and the fascinating presentations on current research projects. The students also ministered

with us at several creation seminars, underscoring the importance of the issue via dramatic skits which they had written.

Evidence of Creation and the Flood were abundantly driven home throughout the trip. How can anyone watch a majestic killer whale torpedo out of the water and believe that it evolved from a cow or a pig? How can you pet a dolphin (or a shark) and look at it "up close and personal" and then attribute its marvelous

specializations to random, chance processes? How can you view the widespread evidence of massive sediment deposition and catastrophic erosion, and not grasp the reality of the Biblical Flood? Trips like this provide much more than awe-inspiring beauty. We all went home with a much deeper appreciation of God's creative design, His awesome power in judgment of sin, and His amazing mercy in bringing beauty out of destruction. **T&B**

To be part of a similar trip, contact AOI. For information on Creation-based Jackson Hole Bible College, see [www.JHBC.edu](http://www.JHBC.edu)



## Guess Who Believes In Creation?

by Andrea Korow

**Teacher:** "If you are going into science, then you'll just have to forget all that Creation nonsense. No bona-fide scientist really believes in God. Evolution is a fact!"

**Student:** "What about Kepler, or Newton, or Pasteur? Weren't they creationists?" **Teacher:** Everyone you mentioned is dead. No one alive today believes in Creation.

Sound familiar? This teacher doesn't know that many respected, well-educated scientists believe in Biblical Creation. Three excellent books list many active and deceased scientists who have professed Christ, supported Creation and have had real achievement in quite a wide variety of scientific fields. They held a wide variety of beliefs, albeit some rather unorthodox.

Founders of science include creationists: DaVinci, Kepler, Bacon, Pascal, Boyle, Galileo, Hooke, Harvey, Brahe, Copernicus, Newton, Linnaeus, Faraday, Dalton, Samuel Morse, Mendel, Pasteur, Thompson, and Lord Kelvin. Little is ever said in public schools about their creationist or Biblical views. Perhaps this is just another part of the smoke screen and censorship.

More recent scientist include, William Mitchell Ramsey, John Strutt Lord Rayleigh, John Ambrose

Fleming, L. Merson Davies, Wernher von Braun and A. E. Wilder-Smith who, by the way, had three scientific doctorate degrees.

The following is just a **partial** list of many scientists who currently support Creation. All have earned one or more Doctoral Degrees. Some of them have been department heads or chairs at major universities.

**Dr. Steven A. Austin, Geologist**  
**Dr. Don Batton, Agricultural Scientist**  
**Dr. Jerry Bergman, Biologist**  
**Dr. Walter Brown, Mech. Engineer**  
**Dr. Don Chittick, Chemist**  
**Dr. Ken Cumming, Geneticist, Ecologist**  
**Dr. Jack Cuozzo, Orthodontist**  
**Dr. Donald B. DeYoung, Physicist**  
**Dr. Robert H. Eckel, Med. Researcher**  
**Dr. Duane Gish, Biochemist**  
**Dr. Werner Gitt, Information Scientist**  
**Dr. Steven Grocott, Inorganic Chemist**  
**Dr. Edmond Holroyd, Meteorologist**  
**Dr. Russell Humphreys, Physicist**  
**Dr. Andrew McIntosh, Mathematician**  
**Dr. Henry Morris, Hydrologist, Geologist, Mathematician**  
**Dr. John Morris, Geological Engineer**  
**Dr. Gary Parker, Biologist, Paleontologist**  
**Dr. John R. Rankin, Mathematical Phys.**  
**Dr. Jonathan Sarfati, Physical Chemist**  
**Dr. Harold Slusser, Geo/Astrophysicist**  
**Dr. Andrew Snelling, Geologist**  
**Dr. Stephen Taylor, Electrical Engineer**  
**Dr. Larry Vardimann, Atmospheric Scientist**  
**Dr. Jeremy L. Walter, Mech. Engineer**  
**Dr. Kurt Wise, Geologist, Paleontologist**

Often, very vocal "anti-creationist" teachers and media writers have no specialized scientific degrees.

They ignore what most practicing scientists know: science is based on observation, experimentation, and testing. Evolution falls outside the true realm of science.

If you would like to know more, we highly recommend these books. Call us at (970)-523-9943 or see [www.discovercreation.org](http://www.discovercreation.org).



**Men of Science Men of God** - Henry M. Morris includes short paragraphs about 107 historical scientists, general reading, 107 pgs.



**21 Great Scientists Who Believed the Bible** - Ann Lamont All but two of these scientists are included in Morris's book. This book gives a longer narrative about the scientists' life and achievements. A little more technical, 252 pgs.



**In Six Days, Why 50 Scientists Chose to Believe in Creation** - John F. Ashton. 50 active scientists were asked why they believe in a literal six day Biblical Creation. Some responses are highly technical, others more personal. A must-read for anyone going into scientific disciplines. T&B

## AOI Mexico Report

The Johnsons and Stepaneks returned on March 13 from three weeks in Mexico City and Cuernavaca.

Creation programs were given to 26



different groups in 18 days at large universities, homes and churches. In addition to Creation teaching, donations of clothing...etc. from a US church were brought to support the



ministry of a shelter for street children. Several nationals are requesting further training in creation. Thank you for your prayers and financial gifts. T&B



# Hanging on a Broken Limb

by Dr. Dan Korow

**Newsflash China:** Anthropologists reinvent our definition of the origin and order of primates! Chinese excavations have unearthed two newly discovered creatures. **Warning:** The newest evolutionary discovery may be an insult to your higher primate intelligence.

**What are the claims?** According to the AP March 16, 2000, once upon a time, a long, long time ago (45 mil. years to be exact) in a primeval rain forest far, far away, our primate family branched into existence from diminutive stock. Two unnamed species of primates weighing one third and one half of an ounce respectively can now join *Eosimias centennicus* (discovered in the mid 1990's) in the long line of human ancestors. These new species stood no bigger than your thumb and walked on all fours "moving like monkeys atop tree branches". To compensate for their "overheated metabolism", they ate ravenously. Their diet consisted of insects and sap. Some scientists believe they could see and catch insects more proficiently because of their higher primate features. These included forward focusing eyes, and "soft hands without claws". It is also stated that their small size and enormous appetite would have made them nocturnal feeders.

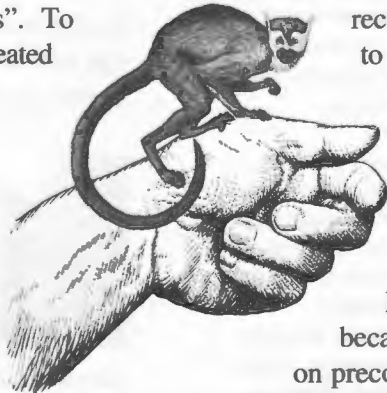
All this proves evolution, right? Well, no, but welcome to the newest legend of our elusive primate lineage, Great Uncle Pee Wee and Aunt Teeny Weeny.

**What's the evidence supporting the above claims?** These great

discoveries consist of fossilized foot bones the size of a grain of rice and ... and that's all! Wait a minute, there has to be more evidence present to conjure up new species! Even the earlier find of *Eosimias* consisted only of teeth and jaws. Remember, a skull or a full skeleton has not been found! Worse yet, ankle bones found later in China were linked with *Eosimias* based solely upon their having been found close by! How can anyone be sure they are right? Have they considered variation due to genetics, diet, environment, or age? After all, no one has seen these creatures alive.

Fossilized feet alone do not constitute adequate information to reconstruct missing anatomy and phantom creatures. We certainly can't know their behavior and diet. These ancestral reconstructions appear to be the product of human imagination.

Why does each new discovery shake and redefine this house of cards better known as Evolution? Maybe because its basis relies on preconceived notions and imagination. Discoveries are often broadcast prior to peer review and to the exclusion of contradictory opinions. The public is often given unsubstantiated, unprovable claims that leave a lasting impression, only later to be retracted and quietly dismissed. It is crucial to objectively evaluate the data based on the plain evidence. We must not abandon the critical standards of the true scientific method! **T&B**



## Attention:

Rocky Mountain Creation Fellowship meets in Denver/Colorado Spgs area. Speakers are:

**May 18 - Dr. Gary Parker**

**June 9 - Joe Taylor**

**July 7 - Frank Sherwin**

**Aug. 11 - Dr. Jobe Martin**

**Sept. 15 - Werner Gitt**

**Oct. 26 - Ken Ham**

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- Hookup of water pipelines
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