

# Think Believe

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## Professor, What Would It Take for You to Believe?

by Dave Nutting

**M**any years ago, Mary Jo & I spent a full evening answering a professor's arguments for evolution and presenting a solid case for creation. About midnight it dawned on us that nothing was penetrating. We asked the professor what he would accept as evidence in favor of a Creator. He replied, "Absolutely nothing!" I wished we had asked that question 5 hours earlier!

Just recently we asked another professor the same question. His response was (rough quote from memory), "If a cube of solid bronze would suddenly appear out of thin air right in front of me, and if that cube of metal would melt and turn into a giant squid, and if that giant squid would grow wings and fly away, then I would believe." He then added, "That is if I could convince myself I was not hallucinating." Granted, God could certainly do that, but there will always be some excuse.

There are many good teachers who are fair, but too many teachers like the above are influencing our young people. It is rampant in elementary schools through universities. At one university, several students (including some

who sadly said they "used to" attend church) were giving similar anti-God arguments. I said they must be listening to the same Professor X. One of the students came up afterwards and admitted that the professor had indeed primed them.

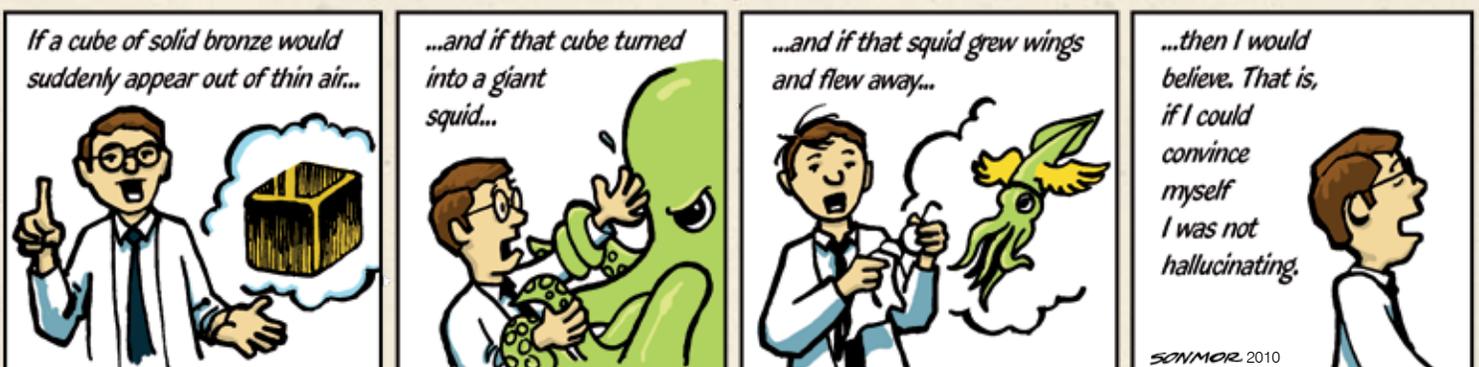
It irks me that schools regularly play the totally false "trump card" of "separation of church and state" to silence all opposition but still allow teachers to stomp on Christianity. Some of these teachers are purposely out to sink our kids' faith. The "rule" which governs the classroom for "dissenters" is, "Don't you even dare mention problems with evolution." If you do, you will likely lose your teaching job since you must be "religiously motivated" (as determined by some court justices).

But, aren't those professors "religiously motivated" who promote evolution and atheism? Students with a backbone might challenge their atheistic professors by asking, "Excuse me, but aren't you using your tax-paid salary to promote your own religion to the detriment of other beliefs and is that not a violation of the separation

policy?" The professor will likely say no, he is teaching science, not religion or mythology. However, his definition of science incorporates his naturalistic worldview and excludes any evidence which points to an intelligent designer. You can also present your case to the academic dean. You may run into the same arguments, but at least you'll make your side known.

With your help, and as God enables and opens doors, Mary Jo and I will continue speaking in the "lions' dens" at universities and will train others to do so as well. However, the battle really begins at home. Churches and parents need to help students develop a strong backbone founded on the truth of God's Word, understanding of the battle, and a personal walk with the Lord, starting in elementary school. Otherwise we find ourselves picking up the broken pieces of the youth at the universities. **AOI**

[\*Note: Not all professors push their beliefs on students. However, it is all too common. We applaud those who teach critical thinking skills and encourage students to think for themselves, while at the same time respecting the beliefs of their students.]



# The Grand Canyon - A Magnificent Wonder by Mary Jo Nutting

I never get over the awesome majesty and immensity of this geologic wonder. In various lightings, it appears to be almost a painting, but as you don your boots and backpack and venture into the Canyon as Dave & I have done with students dozens of times, the immensity begins to impress you in a very real way. Geology textbooks refer to Grand Canyon as a monument to evolution, but I have become solidly convinced that the rock layers and the Canyon itself are silent testimony to the truth of God's Word and the accuracy of the events recorded in Genesis – the Creation, Fall, and Flood. When you think Grand Canyon, THINK FLOOD!

- **Kaibab Limestone (8)**

*Claim:* Petrified coral reef.

*Fact:* Fossils are broken and scattered – not in place. Think Flood!

- **Coconino Sandstone (7)**

*Claim:* Cross-bedding and “reptile” trackways indicate

it's a petrified desert sand dune. *Fact:* Angle of cross-beds (<30 degrees) is consistent with observed underwater sand waves, not wind deposition (typical angles of 33-34 degrees). Trackways were experimentally demonstrated to fit best with amphibians struggling against water currents. Flood!

- **Redwall Limestone (6)**

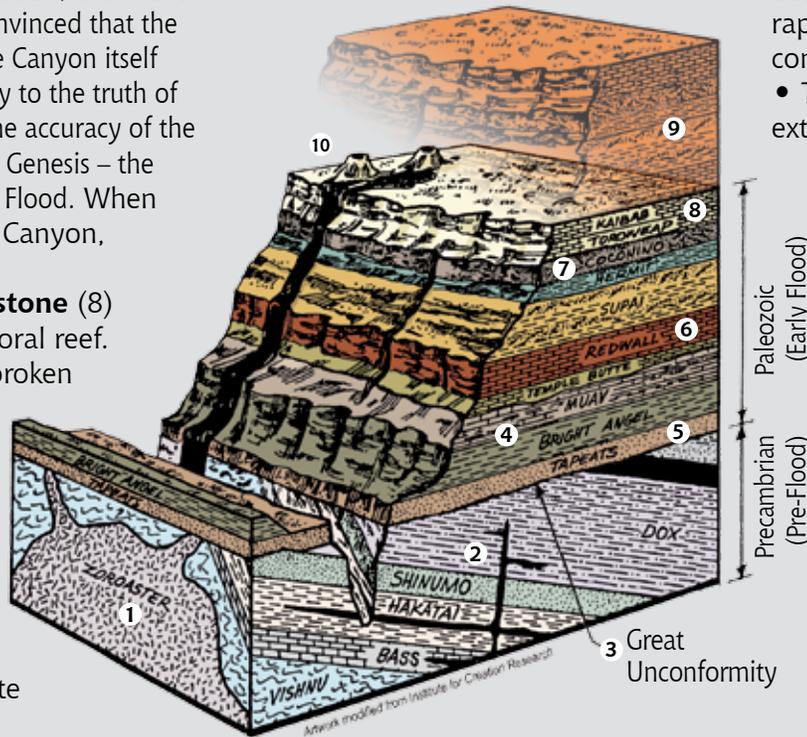
*Claim:* Millions of years of deposi-

tion in a calm, placid sea. *Fact:* contains millions of broken and jumbled fossils. It also has a cross-bedded layer with millions of nautiloids buried in a manner consistent with turbulent, catastrophic water debris flow. Think Flood!

- **Tapeats Sandstone (5)**

*Claim:* Slow deposition. *Fact:* Contains huge boulders and evidence of storm beds – Indicates rapid flows and turbulent water conditions. Flood!

- Think BIG FLOOD! Layers extend for 100's and 1000's of miles, even trans-continentially. **AOI**



At the Canyon, thousands of feet more of layers (9) were planed off as the waters receded at the end of the Flood. The upper volcanic activity (10) occurred after all of this. Ironically, radioactive dating of this recent volcanic event gave dates up to twice as old as the layers under the whole canyon. This casts serious doubt on the reliability of these dating methods.

## Grand Canyon DVD and Guidebook

As you stand on the rim of the Grand Canyon and gaze at this awe-inspiring hole in the ground, you are struck by the immensity and the beauty, but then many questions come to mind, like: Why are there so many different layers? How were they formed? How long did it take to make the layers and carve the canyon? What do the fossils tell us? What does it all mean?

Two excellent resources to help answer these questions are the fascinating, well-illustrated DVD,

Grand Canyon: Testimony to the Biblical Account of Earth History, and the easy-to-use, informative, guidebook, Your Guide to the Grand Canyon: A Different Perspective. Both the guidebook and the DVD are produced by veteran Grand Canyon researchers and provide valuable information and insights to understanding the Canyon from



a Biblical perspective. The guidebook also includes many practical tips for visiting the Grand Canyon.

Whether you are actually going to the Canyon or are an arm-chair explorer, these resources are like having your own personal creation guide to Grand Canyon. Order today! (DVD: \$20; Book: \$15. Ask for free S/H through 7/31/10.)

(Remember, your purchases help the ministry of AOI.) **AOI**

# Grand Canyon in Biblical Perspective

by Dave & Mary Jo Nutting

**G**rand Canyon is called a monument to a billion years of evolution and millions of years of gradual erosion. However, under careful scrutiny, the evidence seems to tell a different story – a story much more consistent with the Biblical record. No human was present to see the canyon form so here is just a possible scenario based on Biblical text and certain geologic clues. (See page 2 to correlate the numbers given below.)

Genesis 1:1-7 says that God created the heaven and the Earth and that the Earth was covered with water. Is it possible that the granites and schists (1) at the bottom of Grand Canyon are the remnants of re-worked original “creation rock”? On Day 3 of creation week, God formed the dry land (vs. 9).

With this massive earth movement and resulting water currents, there would be a lot of erosion which could form the “Precambrian” sedimentary layers which are also interspersed with lava flows. (2) These layers would be devoid of fossils (except for some microscopic algae and plant materials) because they were mostly formed before death entered the world at the Fall.

Between the Fall and before God judged the wickedness in the world with the Flood (Gen 6-8), moderate conditions on the earth would produce mostly localized erosion, sedimentation, coral reefs, and fossilization. But things changed dramatically at the time of the Flood. The Bible says it rained for 40 days and nights and the “fountains of the deep” opened (Gen 7:11). Some take this to mean great geysers and water spouts from under the earth; others think it may also refer to

volcanic eruptions. In any case, it is clear that this is a very catastrophic event with powerful forces in the earth resulting in changes to the basement rock (1) and tilting (2) of the pre-Flood layers.

The onslaught of Flood waters would sheer-off the tilted layers and basement rocks and leave behind what is known as the “Great Unconformity.” (3) This break in the contiguous rock layers is clearly seen at Grand Canyon and around the world. According to uniformitarian geologists, this break represents vast amounts of erosional time but with the Flood, it would happen very rapidly.

## Grand Canyon Facts

- 4-18 Miles wide
- Over 1 mile deep
- Stretches 277 miles
- 4,500 feet of horizontal sedimentary layers plus a great depth of layers below.

As floodwaters rose, there would be massive erosion, deposition, and fossilization. The horizontal rock layers of Grand Canyon (4) contain crushed and broken fossils of marine invertebrates as evidence of this. Whole ecological zones would be ripped up and buried. Shallow-water marine creatures would be swept up and deposited first, followed by fish, and later by amphibians, reptiles, and mammals. Some discrepancies would be due to localized conditions, but this scenario explains the general order found in the fossil record, as well as the fact that marine fossils are found throughout the geologic column.

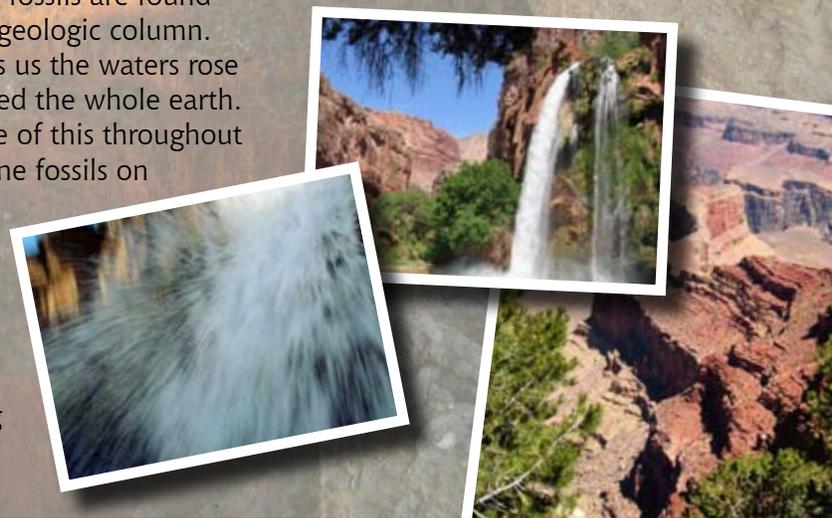
The Bible tells us the waters rose until they covered the whole earth. We see evidence of this throughout the world: marine fossils on the tops of earth’s highest mountains including Everest; extensive sedimentary layers stretching not only across

continents, but even trans-continentially; and characteristics of catastrophic water deposition in sedimentary rocks world-wide. (4-7) Deep currents washing back and forth would result in more deposition, mixing and reworking of sediments, as well as layers of fossils which were hydrodynamically sorted according to specific size, shape, and mass.

Towards the end of the Flood, “The mountains rose; the valleys sank down.” (Ps. 104:8, NAS) Powerful earth movements would have resulted in massive sheet erosion leaving extensive plains and plateaus. Later channelized erosion would leave deep canyons and gullies. (8) In addition, huge inland lakes would be left as the continents rose. Later these lakes (and others dammed by glacial ice during the Ice Age) would break through, causing catastrophic erosion (as seen in the Channeled Scablands of the Pacific Northwest as well as in Grand Canyon).

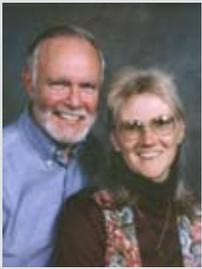
The Bible presents a credible scenario for the formation of Grand Canyon, the rock layers and the fossils they contain. We believe it is more consistent with the evidence than traditional long-age, evolutionary, uniformitarian models. The Canyon truly is an amazing testimony to the Biblical account of earth history. **AOI**

[Information for this article is from personal study of Grand Canyon and the following resources: Grand Canyon: Testimony to the Biblical Account of Earth History (DVD), and the books: Your Guide to the Grand Canyon: A Different View, and Grand Canyon: Monument to Catastrophe by Dr. Steven A. Austin. For more information also check our website at [www.DiscoverCreation.org](http://www.DiscoverCreation.org).]



## Director's Column

by Dave Nutting



I recently led a tour to Yale's Peabody Museum -- a prime example of a secular temple of evolutionary naturalism. As I was leading 30 individuals, I was happy to find so many exhibits which unintentionally gave a wonderful platform for presenting the creation message. In the Blue Morpho butterfly exhibit, the ant farm, gorgeous crystal and fluorescent mineral displays, and the bird collection, God's design was so clearly seen. Other exhibits like the fossil and dinosaur collection, as well as the human evolution section afforded excellent opportunities to show pro-evolutionary bias. This is very apparent

from their artwork of an entire half ape/half man reconstruction from only a few fragments of bones. It was also a good spot to remind people that man was created in God's image and God was not a monkey!

Sadly, two other groups were having tours at the same time -- groups of elementary school kids. But they weren't getting anything like what I was presenting. Theirs was all pro-evolution. Ooooooh, I wanted so much to take those kids back through the museum afterwards and give them the "other side of the story." It grieves me to think that this scenario repeats itself day after day in museums across the country.

Do you see why it is so important to spread this creation message far and wide and to teach others to do the same? **AOI**

## Planned Giving to AOI

If you see the importance of this ministry, would you please consider including us in your planned or estate giving. There are ways to give substantial tax-deductible gifts to AOI now and still retain your needed income or use of your assets. This is a wonderful way to make sure AOI can continue to minister to youth and adults. (Consider doing this fairly soon in case the IRS is successful in eliminating all or part of tax deductions.) Please contact Scott at our office for help with this (1-800-377-1923). Your support is certainly needed and appreciated! Also remember that your regular donations can also be made On-Line. [www.DiscoverCreation.org](http://www.DiscoverCreation.org) **AOI**



## Upcoming Events

N = Nutting J = Johnson S = Stepanek G = Galbraith

- 5/31-6/4, **Broken Bow, NE**, First Christian Church, Angie Flynn, (308) 872-2024, **J**  
6/4-5, **Eugene, OR**, Santa Clara Church - LIGHT Homeschool Conf., Christine Bullock, (541) 688-7440, **N**  
6/6, **Eugene, OR**, Eugene Church - TBA, Gail Tompkins, (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**  
6/17-19, **Denver, CO**, CHEC - Denver Merchandise Mart, (720) 842-4852, **S**  
6/20-26, **Springfield, MO**, Baptist Bible College, Travis Huseby, (616) 878-9658, **S**  
6/27, **Sheridan Lake, CO**, Sheridan Lake Bible Church, Virgil Christopher, (719) 729-3514, **S**  
6/28-7/2, **Grand Junction, CO**, Alpha Omega Ins - Creation Teacher's Training, Gail Tompkins, (970) 523-9943, **N**  
7/5-10, **Weston, CO**, Camp Salvation, 719-469-5612, (719) 868-3361, **S**  
7/6-7, **Manitou Springs, CO**, Summit Ministries, (719) 685-9103, **N**  
7/9-11, **Browning, MT**, Glacier Meadow Camp, Dean Landis, (406) 270-8333, **N, G**  
7/10-11, **Trinidad, CO**, Trinidad Bible Church, Rick Thomas, (719) 846-2885, **S**  
7/11-15, **Rawlins, WY**, Calvary Chapel of Rawlins, Dianne Peacock, (303) 321-2560, **J**  
7/12-17, **Weston, CO**, Camp Salvation, Tim Muth, (719) 868-3361, **S**  
7/16-18, **Browning, MT**, Glacier Meadow Camp, Dean Landis, (406) 270-8333, **N, G**  
7/19-23, **Pound, WI**, Section 8 Baptist, Scott Barker, (970) 897-2502, **J**  
7/25-8/3, **Portland, OR**, Sharon Foster, TBA, **J**  
7/26-30, **Amsterdam, Netherlands**, Young Adult Creation Seminar, Tze Mui, **N**  
8/1-6, **Lake City, CO**, Camp Redcloud, Gail Tompkins, (970) 523-9943, **N, S, G**  
8/2-6, **Portland, OR**, Camp Wi-Ri-Ki, Sharon Foster, (541) 298-5548, **J**  
8/8-13, **Lake City, CO**, Camp Redcloud, Gail Tompkins, **N, S, G**  
8/9-13, **Holyoke, CO**, First Baptist, Gordon Penfold, (970) 854-5424, **J**  
8/17-18, **Manitou Springs, CO**, Summit Ministries, (719) 685-9103, **N**  
8/21, **Grand Junction, CO**, Spice Homeschool, John Wilson, (970) 245-1442, **J**  
9/1-2, **Manitou Springs, CO**, Summit Ministries, (719) 685-9103, **N**  
9/19-20, **Casper, WY**, Church Event, Randy Wesnitze, (Call AOI), **S**  
9/26, **Hot Springs, SD**, Calvary Bible Church, Matt Lamb, (605) 745-5663, **S**  
9/29-30, **Hot Springs, SD**, Cornerstone Bible Institute, Becci Stout, (605) 745-6878, **S**

## New Blog & Website Changes

The website is getting better every month thanks to Scott's hard work and extra technical help from Angeline. Please go to the site and explore. Also click on Articles on the navigation bar and then on one of the recent issues. The Think & Believe you receive in the mail can also be viewed on the web. You can help expand the ministry of AOI very easily by sending the [www.DiscoverCreation.org](http://www.DiscoverCreation.org) link to all of your friends and relatives.

Also note the improved search function. You can now choose to search our site or choose a broader search with a single click!

The Blog: "News from the Front" allows you to "be right there" on the front line with our speaking teams. We will also alert you to new articles and items that will likely be of interest to you. Sign up today. Email us at [aoi@DiscoverCreation.org](mailto:aoi@DiscoverCreation.org) and include "request e-mail notification" in the subject line. **AOI**



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