

# Think & Believe

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## The PBS Evolution Special

by *Dave Nutting*

Many of you have seen the recent PBS TV special on Evolution. Meant to be a real “sell job” for evolution, the advanced publicity labeled it very “persuasive.” As I write this, I am teaching creation to a group of students from Jackson Hole Bible College. Last week we viewed and discussed the TV special in class during the time it was being aired so that these students would be able to evaluate the “best” and most current material the evolutionists are presenting. Most of their scientific “proofs” have been answered by creationists a long time before this program. However, to those not exposed to creation teaching, the program could have much the same effect on students’ faith as the jets flying into the trade center towers. Since it is targeted to be used in the public schools for years to come, the ripples will reach broadly.

The most pointed attack on the public had nothing to do with science,

however. The philosophical attack, blatant in parts and subtle in others, was the real “terrorist” attack. The approach utilized the same tactics that the evolutionary humanists have been using for a long time. It constantly implied that the battle for evolution is strictly a battle between science and religion. Those promoting creation were portrayed as religious zealots who were hiding the evidence while those who were promoting evolution were the real objective thinkers. I believe the producers purposely left out throughout the entire program that creationists are very much scientists too and many became creationists because of the scientific evidence. Also noticeably lacking was any mention of the many evolutionary scientists in recent years who are now publicly challenging the prevailing evolutionary dogma and even the very evidence they were presenting. For some of the problems with the program scientifically, such as the totally false argument about the imperfection of the eye proving evolution, DNA studies, as well as other very misleading statements, we would encourage you to get the

facts by visiting Ken Ham’s website: [www.AnswersInGenesis.org](http://www.AnswersInGenesis.org).

Since some of the program seemed dedicated to discredit creationists, I am surprised they still used so many outdated arguments that they certainly had to be aware of if they read any creationist literature at all. Could it be, they don’t care if they are presenting bad science in an attempt to push their own religious philosophy of humanistic atheism? That is my conclusion. T&B



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AOI this year.  
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have a  
blessed  
Thanksgiving  
and Christ-centered  
holiday season.



## Our Thanksgiving

by The AOI Staff

You will notice that this section of Think & Believe is very different. Instead of reading all sorts of technical scientific stuff, you get to hear the personal glimpses from those who make up Alpha Omega Institute. They will tell you what has excited them in this ministry and has given them cause to be thankful for what the Lord has been doing.

As I write this, two interns are with me on a creation class and field study that I am teaching to students from Jackson Hole Bible College. We are headed to some very important creation geology sites—Mt. St. Helens, Yellowstone, and the Scablands of Eastern Washington. It is great to see their enthusiasm!

It really encouraged me this year when all of our speaking teams were ministering in different locations at the same time! It is encouraging to see the message going forth with all of our speaking teams ministering in different settings at the same time! That is the type of multiplication we have been aiming for!

We are thankful how God has provided such quality staff to spread the creation message. Mary Jo & I have had a very intensive schedule this year.



We were gone from the office most of June through September. But, PTL! While we were gone, our office staff very capably held down the fort without us! That has really tickled my toes to see the ministry moving forward with us on the road!

We are also thankful for all of you who make it possible for our staff to spread the message and equip others to do the same.

— *Dave and Mary Jo Nutting*

When Marilyn and I joined AOI in January, 1994, we were a family ministry and used our own kids to help teach other kids. Mandy was then 13 and Robin was 9 years old. Not only did our girls help with puppets, they performed skits to teach Creation. In one skit Mandy played Noah and Robin was Mrs.



Noah. We even stuffed them into zebra and rabbit costumes!

They would help set up equipment and tear it down. They helped with crafts, songs, recreation, potty runs and crowd control. They led many kids to the Lord. They were involved with every part of the ministry. As we traveled around the country they endured strange foods, strange beds, late nights, early mornings and long roads. Being home schooled, they truly were “Road” scholars. They heard the same seminars, and table conversations over and over and over....Now they have both left all that behind to pursue their own ministries. Mandy was married in May and is now a pastor’s wife. Robin will graduate this fall and is studying sign language as a deaf ministry. Our girls have truly blessed us. Now as we travel, the nest will be empty....But I still have the zebra and rabbit costume and am anxiously waiting the day we can fill them with grandkids!!

— *Lanny & Marilyn Johnson*

I have been at Alpha Omega now for just over a year...and I am still here. Even though my internship is technically finished, I have committed to stay on with AOI for at least another year. I will continue to work in the office helping to keep things running. Over



this past year I have enjoyed working with the AOI staff and have been blessed to work in an environment where I know that my skills are not only needed but, more importantly, appreciated.

I have grown to love each and every individual at AOI. They have become like a second family to me. In fact, I don’t think that I would have been able to stand being this far away from my own family if it were not for the wonderful people here. I have been truly blessed. I thank God, not often enough, I’m sure, for my family back home in Texas and for my new found family in Grand Junction.

— *Rachel Painter*

I’m the newest member of AOI. I work in the office and hopefully have helped ease the burden on the speaking staff.

I’ve been married to my wonderful husband, Gary, for thirty-six years and have 2 children, 3 grand children, and a great son-in-law. Since I



became a born again Christian 5 years ago, I have gone through many seasons of joy and sorrow. God has been with me all the way with supportive family and friends to pray for and support me. God has also given me a hunger in

my heart to spend one-on-one time with Him in Bible reading and prayer.

My prayer for Alpha Omega is that God will expand our boundaries to reach more people for Salvation in Jesus Christ and to use me for His glory. I pray that all of you, our faithful supporters, will grow closer to God and His will for your life. Have a wonderful holiday season.

— *Gail Tompkins*

**Lately, we have sensed** more deeply, the tremendous privilege of being with AOI. We are very thankful for your prayers, encouragement and financial support!

Our culture has a way of avoiding the Truth. Truth in daily life; Truth in what the Bible really says; Truth in all areas. Our hope is to equip you with solid, Biblical and scientific



teaching that will encourage and strengthen your faith. The Bible,

from Genesis to Revelation, is the final answer where science is lacking.

We pray that believers in Christ everywhere would more intimately know the Bible and live that out in their everyday, "marketplace" lives. Many people are now open to hearing the Truth. We pray that you will feel compelled to share the glorious message of Creation and the love of our Creator with all in your world of influence.

— *Dan & Andrea Korow*

**After nearly 3 years I still** can't believe I get to be the Graphic Artist here at AOI, and that my family can be part of the overall ministry. My children are learning about creation and experiencing ministry in some really fun ways.

They love to go fossil hunting, study stars, and get to know their Creator by examining clouds, learning about magnets, or studying the wings of a butterfly.

I wish adults could be as perceptive. Why is it that the "formative" years give way to spiritual hardening of the arteries? In the Creation/Evolution



debate, there seems to be a recurring theme: It's not the

evidence that is the problem but the mind-set with which we approach that evidence. More often than not, questions we encounter are not about scientific data but about man's philosophical ideas about that data. There is something intoxicating about figuring out the world on our own. I pray that we can resist that temptation and embrace God's Word and His world with the same faith as our children.

My wife Carolyn and I thank you for your continued support and pray God's richest blessings on you this holiday season.

— *Mark & Carolyn Sonmor*

**A few years ago our family** memorized Psalm 1: This Psalm speaks of the blessings of a man who delights in the Lord and in His Word, but rejects the counsel and ways of the ungodly. He is like a tree, planted by rivers of water and brings forth fruit in its season. I reflect back to when I was an unbeliever walking in the 'counsel of the ungodly' and conforming to their philosophies. The direction our family was taking in the areas of life-style and education were leading us away from God and toward humanistic values. Then in 1990 I became a believer but I was still locked into the evolutionary philosophy, because of

my ignorance of creation.

In the spring of 1992 I was blessed by the teaching of Dave and



Mary Jo Nutting. This was another great turning point in my

life. I rejected evolution and its destructive philosophy and clung to the truths of the Bible. Now my desire is for God to permeate every area of my life. God's ways work! There are blessings for those who follow him. I have known the blessings of God in my love for my wife — a wonderful helpmeet — and my children. Our two oldest are in Bible college desiring to become missionaries, and our two youngest are a great joy as they grow in the Lord. We are thankful for Godly friends, people like you who pray and encourage us, and in my work, teaching others the truth of God's Word. I would like to encourage you to take a few moments this week and read, or better yet memorize Psalm 1 and allow God to "bless" you with His Word.

— *Rich & Sue Stepanek*

**When Dave Nutting asked** me to assist AOI with its bookkeeping needs, I saw it as an opportunity to help the ministry. If I



could take care of the details, then Dave and Mary Jo and the other speakers would be able to spend more of their time doing what they do best.

Although I have my own accounting business, I consider it a privilege to assist them with as much as I am able. The time I have been with AOI has been a real pleasure.

— *Glenn Pearson* **T&B**

## New Intern

by Andrea Korow



We are pleased to welcome AOI's newest intern, Justin Glick, from Goshen, Indiana. Homeschooling was instrumental in sparking Justin's

interest in Creation. When questions about dinosaurs arose, Justin's family watched a video series from Answers in Genesis which "turned the light on" for Justin.

Now, at age 20, he feels called to develop a solid base in Creation so he can minister to Christians in America. "I have also been to Russia and Ukraine for a month with my pastor specifically to teach about Creation". Three areas of his interest include the Biblical foundation for Creation, Geology and Biology

Justin enjoys computers, building things, hiking, serving in ministry and public speaking relating to Creation.

When asked about AOI he said, "This was the only place offering an intern program in Creation. AOI is a small group with a huge task."

Justin is close to earning his pilot's license and hopes to use that in some way for ministry.

We all look forward to seeing what the Lord will do with Justin as he trains with AOI and afterward. **T&B**

## Needs List

by The AOI Staff

We want to thank those of you who have contributed items on our needs list. Your gifts have provided our first video projector and the means to purchasing a second. Other items such as shelves, file cabinets, and a light table have been donated by a local business. Three used computers have also been a blessing along with extra RAM memory. Your response has been a great encouragement.

### Items still needed:

- Secretarial chairs
- Video Projectors
- Laptop Computers
- Desktop Computers
- Windows 95, 98, or 2000
- Office 97 or 2000

## Upcoming Events

**Dec 4-6, Norwood, CO,** Norwood Baptist,

Awana, Contact 970-327-0104 L&MJ

**Jan 22, 23 Grand Junction, CO,**

Think & Believe Newsletter stuffing party

**Jan 28 Grand Junction, CO,** Cornerstone Christian School, LJ

**Jan 28-Feb 2 Tyler, TX,** ALERT, 970-523-9943 DN, L&MJ, RS

**Feb 3-7 Tyler, TX,** 970-523-9943, DN, L&MJ, RS

**Feb 8, 9 San Antonio, TX,** FEAST Home School Convention, 970-523-9943, DN, L&MJ, RS

**Feb 10-15, Fredericksburg, TX,** 970-523-9943, DN, L&MJ, RS

**Feb 17-23, Corpus Christy, TX,** 970-523-9943, L&MJ, RS

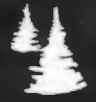
**Feb 17-20, Houston, TX,** 970-523-9943, DN

**March 2-6, Buena Vista, CO,** Doug Green, 719-395-7854, D&MJN, L&MJ

**March 16-31, JHBC** swestm field trip, D&MJN

**March 15- 31, Nebraska,** L&MJ

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**Redcloud 1: July 28-Aug. 2**

**Redcloud 2: August 4-9**

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## Thank You

to those who have confirmed their desire to continue receiving *Think & Believe*. For those we have yet to hear from, please return your response form quickly. It is helping us know for sure you are getting it. Please respond!

## Elk Creek Ranch Update

by Dave Nutting



The Elk Creek Training Center Project is still in the works but we have not yet been able to renegotiate the new contract because of some changes in circumstances with the landowner and his family. They are still wanting to work with us,

but details have not been worked out yet. Meanwhile, training continues at our GJ office to a limited extent. We are encouraged by the interns God has directed here but look forward to the time when better facilities will allow more. **Pray** for God's clear direction and provision.



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