

# Think Believe

Discover Creation...Worship the Creator

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## God Still Speaks

by Mary Jo Nutting

**G**od is a great Communicator. From the very beginning of time, He has been speaking. Just notice how often the phrase "God said" appears in Genesis 1. Truly, the universe was created by His powerful Word. Hebrews 11:3 says, "*Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.*"

Then, after creating man, God established communication with him. Even after Adam fell into sin, God came looking for him in the garden and called to him. (Gen. 3:9) And down through the ages, God has been sought to communicate with mankind. Just look at the Scriptures, and you see God speaking – calling people to Himself, guiding and directing. Cain, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Gideon, David, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Daniel – the list goes on and on.

God even spoke to pagan rulers like Abimelech, Pharaoh, Nebuchadnezzar, Cyrus and others. Sometimes this communication was direct. Other times it was through the mouth of prophets, His written Word, or dreams and visions. One time, it was even through the mouth of a donkey!

Scripture tells us that when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son to speak His words and do His works in the world. Hebrews 1:1-2 says:

*"God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;"*

Yes, God spoke through His Son – the incarnate Word of God – the Word of God in bodily form. (John 1; Col 1:19). Jesus Christ is the very image of the invisible God – the exact manifestation of His likeness. (Col 1:15, Heb. 1:3) He came to communicate to us what God is like, to bring reconciliation, and to redeem a people for Himself. He demonstrated God's power, holiness, wisdom, goodness, kindness, compassion, and mercy. He came to heal, forgive, comfort, and deliver mankind from the bondage and effects of sin – to demonstrate grace and truth and to destroy the works of the devil.

This same God Who spoke in creation and down through the ages is still communicating with mankind today. He still speaks through the created world (Romans 1:20), through His written Word, and by His Spirit. He speaks through circumstances, through His people, and even at times through dreams and visions. (Acts 1:17) (I haven't heard of Him speaking through a donkey in modern times, but hey, He even speaks through me at times, so maybe...!)

Indeed, our Creator is still speaking. His message is the

same – "Turn to Me and be saved, all the ends of the earth." "Come to Me and you will find rest." "Trust in Me and you will be saved."

During this season, when Christians all over the world celebrate the birth of Jesus, may we hear His voice, humble ourselves, and respond to Him in faith and love.

*Lord, give us eyes to see, ears to hear, and a heart to believe You. Help us learn to recognize Your voice and respond to Your love. May we turn from our sin and our self-centered ways, and come back to You. Thank You that You sent Jesus to pay our debt and make the way clear so that we might come boldly into Your presence, knowing that we will find love, acceptance, and grace to help in our time of need. We love you, Abba. Amen!* 

# God Communicates through His Creation

by Dave Nutting

**F**or the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:" (Romans 1:20)

This verse tells us that God communicates with people through His creation. Here are a few ways we discovered as we thought about it. See how many more you can discover, and then "communicate" them with us. With your permission, we just might use your examples in a future issue of Think & Believe.

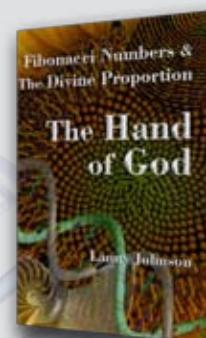
By looking for the signs God placed in the heavens, the wise-men knew that the Christ, our Savior, had arrived and followed the "star" a great distance to worship him.

In the Winter 2004 issue of Think & Believe, we mentioned

the SETI Project which was meant to seek any pattern of sounds coming from space which would indicate a language – communication. If found, such a pattern would immediately indicate to the researchers that there is intelligent life out in space. Yet within the cell are strands of DNA containing a special code of life, the DNA code. This special complex language far exceeds a simple pattern and certainly should show us it was created by an intelligent Being!

As we delve into the intricacies of the DNA, it should tell us that our Creator is communicating with us that He is an awesome Creator!

Speaking of the Genetic code, it appears now that it is far more complex than just a linear string of commands. When the code is viewed in a two-dimensional array,



interesting patterns emerge. I excitedly look forward to further research on this new way to look at the DNA. It already has all the earmarks of tremendous design. For the intrepid student, I recommend getting more information from the website: <http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2105/10/452>

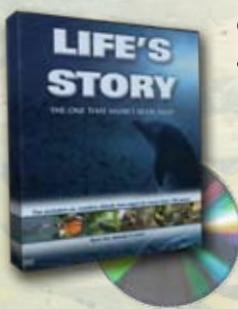
For more examples of God's communication through His creation, we recommend Lanny Johnson's book **The Hand of God**. In it, Lanny gives multiple examples of a specific and awesome design pattern which is repeated all over the living and physical world. As Lanny puts it, "God wants to be found!" We are offering a free copy of this book when requested with any **order or donation of \$25** or more received during the months of November and December. 

## Life's Story: The One That Hasn't Been Told

(Exploration Films)

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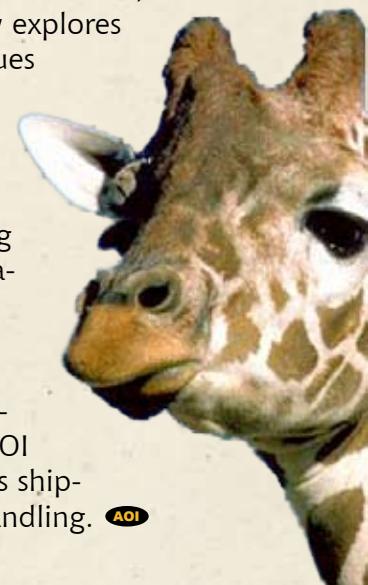


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# God's Created Creatures Communicate

by Dave Nutting

**N**ot only does God communicate through His creation and to mankind, we also see that many of His creatures are also able to communicate in unique and interesting ways. Consider the following examples:

Ants have always been known for being masters of communication. Mary Jo and I confirmed that while watching ants in a huge ant farm in a natural history museum.

One ant was carrying a very large load when it stumbled crossing a narrow "log bridge." It continued to grasp its load while hanging by one "arm" from the bridge. Whether it said an audible "help-help" or released an odiferous chemical signaling it needed help we don't know, but it communicated its need in such a way that other ants responded from a distance away. They dropped their loads, and rallied to help the ant in distress. It was certainly effective communication! I'm sure we can learn a lesson about helping others from that – both in communicating the need and in responding to the need.

(Go to the ant and learn.

Proverbs 6:6)

Anyone who

has a pet knows that animals communicate. Dogs and cats tell you, "Hey, feed me," by carrying their bowl to you or by using their imploring eyes to stare back and forth from you to their bowl. Some become virtual masters of

begging. Even pet fish communicate through the glass of the aquarium by congregating as close to you as possible and opening their mouths, saying "Feed me!"

Dolphins use sounds like whistles and clicks to find each other. Researchers are noting that they also use body language to communicate various things. They

arch their backs, roll their eyes, wag their heads, etc. The researchers are also trying to discover other ways they "talk" to each other.

I have watched huge flocks of birds all flying together. Suddenly, they all turn as if they were a squadron practicing for the Blue Angels jet squad. I wondered why the birds could all suddenly change their course simultaneously without crashing into each other. There must be some type of communication going on. 

## Bee Dances and Communication

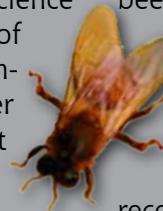
**Y**ears ago, I saw a very interesting Moody Science film featuring the Dance of the Bees. Research first analyzed by Martin Lindauer 60 years ago showed that bees actually communicate by doing a type of energetic and vibrating waggle dance. This communicates the direction and the distance to a food source to other bees. (I wondered if they could actually talk but were just having fun doing some kind of charades at a bee party.)

More recently, the Sept. 27, 2010, New York Times Online Science page, featured a report by Katherine Botton on further research regarding bee communication which is found in a new book called Honeybee Democracy by Thomas D. Seeley. It adds to the bee dance research. Keep in mind that it is extremely important for their survival to situate their beehive in a safe place. Years of Seeley's research indicates that the bees make this very important deci-

sion of where to locate a new beehive in a group meeting.

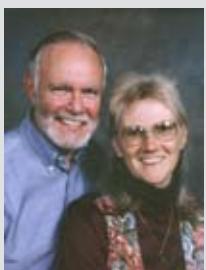
When it comes time to split off an over-populated hive, around 100 scout bees have a meeting where they individually report their recommendations for a new beehive building site via a bee-dance. When one of the scouts communicates a superior site, other scouts go out and check it out. If they concur, they come back and do the same dance. When enough scouts all agree, the decision is set and they lead a waiting hoard of bees to the new site to begin work.

Now that's communication! Those who have gone through planning meetings could likely appreciate the superior decision making process that these sophisticated bees have. To me, this really represents the tremendous design of bees as carefully created by our awesome God. It doesn't seem to be something that the chance and accidents of evolution could have produced. 



## Director's Column

by Dave Nutting



**C**ommunication is important! Here at AOI, we attempt to stay in communication with you through this

newsletter, through our website, through our blog, and through Twitter. We would like to encourage you to use these resources and pass them on to others.

However, one-way communication only goes so far. We would like to invite and encourage you to communicate more regularly with us. Your comments and feed-back are important to us. There are so many avenues for communication these days -- phone calls, e-mails, letter, comments on our blog, visits to our office, attendance at AOI events, etc. Use whatever mode you feel most comfortable with.

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