

# Think Believe

Discover Creation...Worship the Creator

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## Warm Days and Starry Nights

by Mary Jo Nutting

**W**ith summer rapidly approaching, I look forward to being outdoors in God's great creation. As a child, I had the privilege of spending many summer days and nights at my grandparents' cottage on a lake in southern Minnesota. I have fond memories of swimming, boating, barbecues, catching turtles in the swamp, racing frogs on the beach, digging worms to sell to fishermen, enjoying ice cream bars before they melted, swinging on a tire swing, reading a good book while rocking in a hammock, looking for lightning bugs, listening to crickets, trembling in awe at the "fireworks" of a thunder storm, and marveling at the starlit heavens. YES, I was truly blessed! Oh, how I miss those days!

Certainly "adult" life can be hectic and carries more responsibilities! Most of us don't have whole days or weeks to spend outdoors. Even kids are overscheduled, busy, and stressed out – so tied to organized activities, TV, and computer games that they never truly experience God's wonderful world firsthand. We, in our bustling cities, concrete

jungles, and climate-controlled houses and cars, have isolated ourselves from heat, cold, and precipitation, but at what price? What blessings are we exchanging for our comfort?

Modern conveniences have their place. But maybe, by "letting go" a bit and taking time to be more intentional and aware, we can help ourselves and our children re-capture some of the simplicity, wonder, and delight of being "kids" in God's creation. Then, perhaps, we can grow in the knowledge and appreciation of our great Creator. It may take a

bit of creativity and effort, but it's worth it. Of course, if you live in the country, it's a lot easier to get out and enjoy God's handiwork, but even in a city, there are parks, botanical gardens, zoos, and back yards that can provide opportunities. So for starters, here are some ideas:

- Read Genesis 1, Psalm 104 and other "nature" psalms while sitting on a rock, on a park bench, or in the shade of a pleasant tree. Observe and give thanks!



- Look at a flower – really look! Take your time – smell it, feel it, appreciate its color, texture, beauty and intricacy. Remember God who created it and give thanks.


- Sit silently and listen. Try to "filter out" traffic, phones, computers, and all our man-made devices and hear the birds, insects, rustling wind – and maybe even the "still, small voice of God" speaking to your heart.

- Breathe deeply. Soak up the warm sunshine. Allow yourself to relax as you smell the fresh-cut grass, the fragrant flowers, and the sun-warmed soil. Try to "let go" of those worries, fears, and stresses, and learn to "rest" in God as you appreciate what He has made.

- Go out in a rainstorm, feel the rain on your face, splash in a puddle, feel the warm mud ooze through your toes.

- Get away from city lights. Look up and marvel with David the Psalmist:

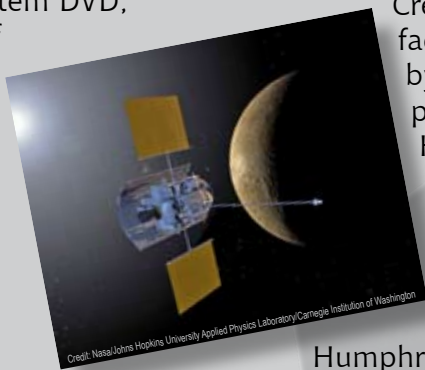
***"O LORD, our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! ...When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; What is man that thou art mindful of him? And the son of man that thou visitest him?"*** (Ps. 8:1,3,4)

You get the idea. Wherever you are this summer – in your own backyard or at one of AOI's Creation Family Adventures – make time to **Discover Creation ... and worship your Creator.** 

## Messenger Space Probe Arrives at Mercury by Spike Psarris

On March 17, the Messenger spacecraft entered orbit around Mercury. This begins the first-ever orbital study of the planet. Creationists are eagerly awaiting the results of the Messenger mission. Among other things, this probe will map out Mercury's magnetic field in much more detail than we had before.

In my Solar System DVD, I explained that if Mercury were really billions of years old, it shouldn't have a magnetic field. Nevertheless, it does. This makes Mercury look young, and contradicts the secular model of origins. Evolutionists have proposed a variety of excuses for Mercury's magnetic field. We won't discuss them here



Credit: Nasa/Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory/Carnegie Institution of Washington

because the excuses create more problems than they solve. But there's one thing that even the excuses can't handle, and that's a rapid decay of the magnetic field. If Mercury really had a stable magnetic field for billions of years, it shouldn't be decaying rapidly today. Nevertheless, that's exactly what it appears to be doing.

This fits perfectly with a young Creation model. In fact, it was predicted by creationary physicist Dr. Russell Humphreys a number of years ago. Preliminary data from Messenger indicate that Dr. Humphreys's prediction might even have been too conservative. The decay rate might be even higher than he predicted. [<http://creation.com/mercurys-magnetic-field-is-young>] (This would

make the problems for the evolutionary model even worse, if that's possible.) However, the data are still preliminary. That's why we're eagerly awaiting the definitive measurements that Messenger will be doing.

Evolutionists often scoff that creation science makes no testable predictions. Planetary magnetism is a great example of why they're wrong. (Nor is Mercury the only planet where creation-based predictions have been right, and evolution-based predictions have been wrong.) The Messenger mission promises to be very fruitful for a creationary understanding of the Solar System. **AOI**

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## Our Created Solar System

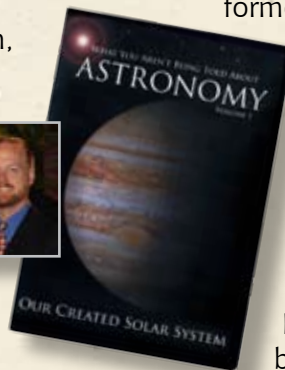
Did you know that according to the best evolutionary models, many of the planets in our Solar System should not exist?

Judging from the text and genealogies, the Bible indicates that God created our Solar System less than 10,000 years ago. Secular astronomers claim that it formed all by itself from a cloud of gas 4.6 billion years ago. Which account of history is true?

Recent discoveries in space have supported the Biblical account. Each planet in our Solar System defies the evolutionary model.

Many planets and moons appear to be young, not billions of years old. In addition, they show evidence of design, not random processes. The "Our Created Solar System" DVD reveals what you aren't being told by the secular media.

In this video, you'll tour our magnificent Solar System. You'll visit each planet through more than 230 breathtaking photographs and



graphics from NASA and other sources. You will see how each planet uniquely testifies of its Creator.

Your host is Spike Psarris, a former engineer in the U.S.

military space program. He entered that program as an atheist, and left it as a creationist and a Christian. In this video, he explains some of the evidence that caused that transformation. Discover what you aren't being told about our solar system. Length: 106 minutes  
Price: \$12 + \$2.00 shipping and handling. **AOI**

# We Finally Found Evidence for Alien Life! Oops. Never Mind

by Spike Psarris

A couple of months ago, NASA made a big deal about several new discoveries. In December, the Associated Press reported: "Evidence of aliens is mounting daily." (Hmm: not annually, monthly, or even weekly, but daily.) As you can probably guess by now, the "evidence of aliens" was again complete nonsense. It consisted of three discoveries:

The first was "an astrobiology finding that will impact the search for evidence of extraterrestrial life."

The announcement helpfully explained that "astrobiology is the study of the origin, evolution, distribution and future of life in the universe. Researchers had found some unusual bacteria. So where were the unusual bacteria found? On Mars? On a moon of Jupiter? Maybe on a moon of Saturn? None of the above. The bacteria were found in a lake in California. So how was this 'evidence' for astrobiology?

Supposedly, the bacteria had DNA biochemistry based on arsenic instead of phosphorus. This showed that bacteria could survive in places that were previously thought too hostile for life. According to NASA, this is evidence that will impact the search for aliens.

The media backlash was immediate. Many commentators [and scientists] were stunned at how ridiculous this claim was, and how NASA had created such a fuss

over some germs in California. Then the story got even better. The research itself turned out to be horribly flawed. The bacteria didn't necessarily have arsenic in their DNA. Turns out the researchers had failed to take some basic precautions in the



laboratory when working with them. The sad part is that the NASA researchers still insisted that their study was valid, even after all the fatal flaws were pointed out.

Like so many other evolutionists, these researchers are so desperate to find life elsewhere that they're blinded to the flaws.

The second discovery of a potentially habitable planet around a far-away star didn't support alien life either. Even if this new planet were in the habitable zone around its star (which isn't certain), the star in question is a red dwarf. Red dwarfs are dim,



with low energy output. To be warm enough to be habitable, planets have to orbit them closely. But red dwarfs are unstable and flare frequently. Large flares will fry



the closely-orbiting planets. Thus, the so-called "habitable zone" isn't so habitable after all.

The third discovery was that there are a lot more stars than previously thought – up to three

times more. Thus, there might be lots more planets. Thus, this is evidence of alien life. (Don't you love the 'logic' here?) There's a big problem, though. The new stars, if they actually exist, would be red dwarfs. (That's why they were previously unknown – because red dwarfs are dim and hard to spot.) And as we just saw, red dwarf systems are not places you want to live in. We see then that the claimed 'daily' new evidence for aliens is complete rubbish.

Question: why are the media so eager to run absurd stories like this? Why are even NASA scientists publishing wild tales about California germs being 'evidence' for life elsewhere? It's because of evolutionary thinking. As I said earlier, most evolutionists are desperate to find life outside

of the Earth. After all, if you believe that there was no Creator who made us, then obviously we must have evolved from earlier forms of life. Life must have formed by natural processes

and, if it formed here, then it must have formed somewhere else too. If we find it elsewhere, that would 'prove' that it formed here and would prove that evolution is true and creation is false.

New question: How many logical fallacies can you find in that chain of reasoning? **AOI**

## NOTES:

1. <http://www.slate.com/id/2276919/pagnum/all/>
2. [http://www.thereporter.com/wirenews/ci\\_16814670](http://www.thereporter.com/wirenews/ci_16814670)

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## Director's Column

by Dave Nutting




**D**aryl Witmer wrote in his newsletter to me that there seems to be a switch in our society from a

“prove it to me” mentality to a non-committal, “Whatever.” Think about it. I wonder how many times we just let things slide with a casual “whatever” when we should be taking serious action.

Many parents have taken the “whatever” approach to what their children are getting in school especially relating to evolution. The frequent result is that their children sink deep into the evolutionary mire which in turn can devastate or greatly weaken their faith.

Having spoken on many university campuses, I see firsthand how evolutionary indoctrination is pushing kids over the edge of a cliff toward unbelief. That is something **NOT** to say “whatever” to. That is a time to take action!

If you have attended one of AOI's DiscoverCreation seminars or have been reading Think & Believe, I am sure you would agree that the creation vs. evolution issue is not just a “whatever” issue. It is a matter which has eternal significance!

If you do see this as a foundational issue, would you help the ministry of AOI? Please don't think “whatever” or that “someone else will do it.” You can help AOI's ministry even today. Thanks! 

## Upcoming Events

(See [www.DiscoverCreation.org](http://www.DiscoverCreation.org) for upcoming events.)

If you go to our events section on the front page of our web, you will note that our speakers are heavily involved with kid's camps this year at several locations as well as at VBS's and some family camps. We are also filling holes in our Fall 2011 and 2012 calendar. Call the office today to get information on how to schedule a seminar at your church or event.

## Did you know...

**That you can donate on-line? It is easy to do it either as a one-time donation or as a recurring amount. (Yes, I know, that is a pretty big hint.) However, be assured that your contributions go a long way to fortify youth and adults from the onslaught of evolutionary teaching. Just go to [www.DiscoverCreation.org](http://www.DiscoverCreation.org) and click on the **Donate** button.**

## Get in on the Blog



Note that the director's column was originally a blog article. If you are not reading our blog, you are really missing out. Some of the recent articles on our website include a virtual tour of our Southwest geology field study, ministry updates and interesting happenings here and abroad. We also recently wrote on pelicans, cave formations, flying fish, genetic engineering, and “junk” DNA. If you sign up for the RSS feed, you can get the blogs sent directly to your email.



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