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How Can You Believe the Bible?

by Dave Nutting

School is cranking up to full steam again. With it come plenty of challenges to a student's faith. Sometimes these challenges are subtle, but other times they are blatant attacks. Some teachers, professors, or even friends will accusingly ask, "How can you believe the Bible when we know that evolution is a fact?" A lot of time a specific piece of evidence is given that supposedly supports evolution or contradicts the Bible.

A constant barrage like this can shake the student's faith unless they are well prepared to answer those questions.

Sometimes, when I have opportunity to do the Sunday morning sermon at a church, I will pretend to be an evolutionary professor and give a bunch of evidences for evolution prefaced by, "How can you believe the Bible when . . . ?" Every one of the arguments I use are statements I have either heard or read on atheist websites. I even use the same tone of voice that I have so often heard. After giving the arguments, I then show why those arguments are not valid.

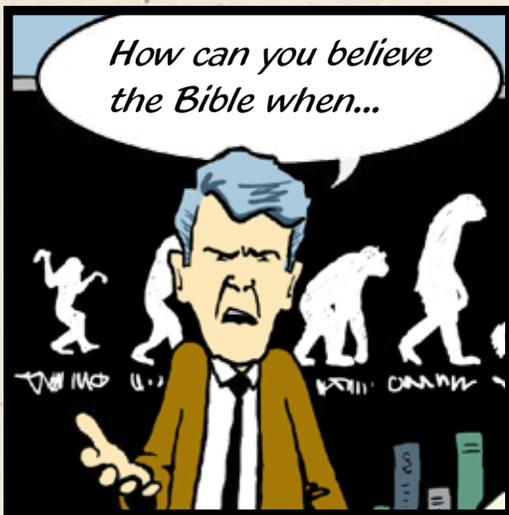
At one church I launched into the sermon without telling the congregation that I was pretending. As I fired one argument after another, a young girl in the church began to look more and more nervous and disturbed. After a while, she blurted out in a loud voice, "Nooooooooo!" I loved it! I only wish more people would say "Nooooooooo!" to evolution. When I was challenging her faith, it was in a church and it was definitely

are now arguing for evolution and sometimes, for atheism.

Most of the time, I tell the congregation that I am pretending to be that evolutionary professor. It saves a lot of ugly stares at the pastor conveying the question, "Who did you invite to speak?" I like the "shock" approach since it gives parents and grandparents in the audience a better picture of what is actually happening to their youth – they are being bombed out of the water by evolution. Many parents are unaware of what is happening. For others, it gives a sense of urgency to fortify

their family with the truth before it is too late.

As the battle rages around you, what can you do and who can you reach out to in your family, church or neighborhood? Perhaps you can sponsor



a concerted barrage. She had to respond.

However, for many young people, years of evolutionary arguments presented in the classroom or by friends gradually erode the person's faith. This certainly can be more devastating. I see some of the shipwrecked students when we speak at the universities. Even though they once had been active in church, they

an AOI seminar or invite them to your home to see AOI's Discover Creation DVD series. Or maybe you can direct them to our website, give them a book or DVD from our on-line store, or bring them to an AOI-sponsored Creation Family Adventure. Whatever you do, please get involved! Be sure that your own family is fortified, and then reach out with the truth to fortify others. **AOI**

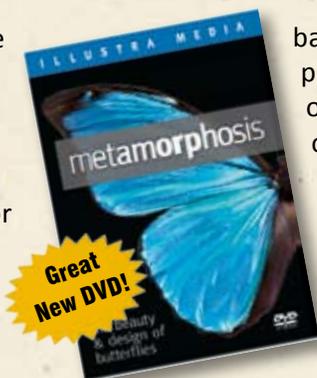
What Does This Picture Convey To You? by Dave Nutting



We really would like your input. If you send us your title for the picture or your comments (or short essay), we would like to choose many of them to put in a future blog series on our website. Please send your thoughts, along with your name address, and age (if you are a minor), so we are able to give credit where credit is due. Please send your comments to comments@DiscoverCreation.org. Check the blog to see how your insights relate to other comments. God bless you!

The Beauty and Design of Butterflies

This would make a tremendous gift! Order enough for **every** family on your Christmas list (skeptics or not) – or reach out to others you would like to bless (neighbors, mail carrier,



babysitter, etc.) You might be pleasantly surprised! This DVD or another creation book or DVD from AOI's on-line store could make a life-changing difference in someone's life. One did for Mary Jo and me! See the enclosed insert to order this beautifully-illustrated

DVD showing God's amazing design. (64 minutes, Standard or Blu-Ray) **AOI**



Bio-Inspiration

by Dave Nutting

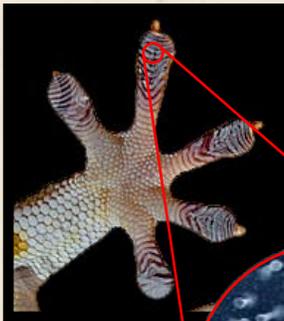
Bio-inspiration means that manufacturers and engineers are inspired by the tremendous design of living creatures to make useful human “inventions.” For instance, Velcro was copied from the hooks of the common burr which is frequently picked up in the fur of a dog. Sonar and radar were inspired by bats and dolphins.

Very recently a new fabric-adhesive was inspired by the foot of the gecko lizard. The gecko’s ability to walk upside down on the ceiling and even on glass surfaces was falsely believed to be due to tiny suction cups. Using scanning electron microscopes,



researchers realized the gecko has about 2 billion filaments per square centimeter of toe space. These fibers are so small that they form molecular bonds with the surface. The force needed to pull the gecko off of glass with its amazing “stick-to-it” system is almost 300 pounds. Yet, the gecko can run across the ceiling with ease.

(To read more about the gecko, see www.discovercreation.org/kids/documents/MarandApr1999KTB.pdf)



The new fabric-adhesive which mimics the gecko’s system was designed by Ron Fearing and colleagues of the University of California, Berkeley. According to the website, <http://www.core>

[form-ula.com/2008/04/15/biomimetics-design-by-nature/](http://www.core-form-ula.com/2008/04/15/biomimetics-design-by-nature/), Fearing’s adhesive consists of 40 million microfibers per square centimeter and is meant to mimic the molecular bonding system of the gecko. A glove made with this fabric could hold up a full grown man on a glass wall. Wow, my son who teaches rock climbing could really

use a pair of those gloves. I am not sure how he would pry himself off the rock, however! The gecko just does it naturally by the special way it moves its feet! The same website also mentions that the thorny devil lizard is being studied for another application.



The Australian lizard’s foot was put into water. Immediately, its system of rapid water transport

dispersed water from its foot to its back and into its mouth. Even walking across damp sand allows this lizard to absorb precious moisture. The



researcher hopes to copy this amazingly-designed system to develop water capturing devices in desert regions.

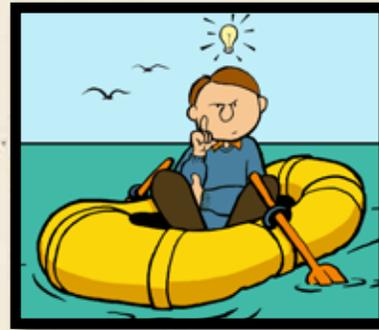
My brain had fun with this! I could think of other usages such as any application that

needs to wick away water. Perhaps the thorny-lizard technology could be used to absorb water overnight from moist ground to refill backpackers’ water bottles with pure water. I wonder what the lizard would do if its foot was in salt water? Is it actually capillary action or would it be

able to absorb just the pure water portion? If so, could a desalination system (portable or major) be patterned after this unique lizard?

I may be out to sea with these ideas, but that’s how my brain fires. However if I am stranded while “out to sea,” or if I’m lost in the woods or desert, it sure would be nice to have a pure water-producing system copied from the thorny devil lizard as an essential part of my survival kit. Hmmmmmm... so many ideas, so little time and money to develop

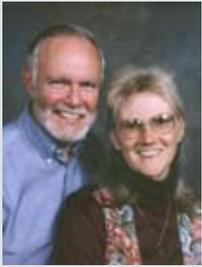
them. If one of you reading this steals my ideas, great! If you make a mint with your patent, just remember AOI with your excess funds. 😊



Evolutionist’s Claim: Over millions of years,

evolution perfected the design they are copying through mutation and natural selection. **My Conclusion:** It is just not logical to think that all of these remarkable designs in God’s creation happened by evolutionary mutations (mistakes). If we have to copy “nature” for some of our best designs, then it is rational and reasonable to think that the original was also designed. I would claim that bio-designs are copied from inspiration of God – the master designer or original bio-inspirator. **AOI**

Director's Column by Dave & Mary Jo Nutting



You can have a creation ministry, too! Here are several ways:

- 1. Share Resources.**

When we first started Alpha Omega Institute, there were hardly any resources available. Now there are many high quality resources and websites available to fortify you with the evidences for creation and the problems with evolution. Use them with your family and recommend or share these with others.

- 2. Show DVD's.**

Use our Discover Creation DVD Series or the specialized DVD's

like the Metamorphosis one mentioned in this issue in your Sunday school class, home Bible study, youth group, kid's clubs, with classmates, etc.

- 3. Get Training.**

Come to one of our training sessions designed to equip you to teach creation to others. These are small and personal enough to help you find your own niche. Check the web or contact us at AOI@Discovercreation.org for more information.

Whatever you do, please become active. Young people in your own church and neighborhood are being torpedoed in their faith because of evolution. Let us know how we can assist you. 

Financial Update

Some of you are aware of the financial need of AOI and have been praying and giving. Thank you so much! AOI income is actually slightly ahead of last year at this time for which we are very grateful. Many ministries can't say that. However, costs continue to rise. We have also encountered some unexpected expenses beyond our control. We have taken major steps to reduce expenses, like eliminating group health care coverage, but don't see much else that we can do, short of laying off staff. Meanwhile, evolution continues to be pushed in schools, universities, the media, and even some churches. The creation message is vitally important to help fortify students and others to withstand the constant barrage. So if you can help, please do. Your partnership with us is much needed and appreciated! 

Discount on 2012 Redcloud Creation Mountain Adventure

Anyone signing up by Dec. 31 for next summer's AOI Creation Mountain Adventures will receive a 10% discount. **So sign up early!** For information, go to: www.DiscoverCreation.org and click on Creation Vacations. Call our office to register.



Upcoming Events

(See www.DiscoverCreation.org for upcoming events in CO, ID, IL, IA, MN, NB, OR, SD, UT, & WY.)

Get in on the Blog



We have been encouraging you to go to our Blog to keep updated. Recent postings have included many pictures including holing up in the basement of a church during a fierce storm, a tree falling alongside the Johnson's trailer (whew – close one!), news from the Creation Family Adventure at Redcloud, report on Rich's speaking at the National IFCA pastor's conference, and an article regarding the design of the amazing human brain.

Reading our blog is like traveling with us! It helps you keep up with AOI speakers and ministry experiences "on the road."

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