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True Wisdom and the Foolishness of Man

by Mary Jo Nutting

I am writing this in the midst of our fall university tour – thinking much about wisdom and foolishness. The atheists, skeptics and humanists who come to our meetings often scoff and mock at the idea of creation and an all-powerful, all-knowing Creator God. They think it is utter foolishness to trust in what they see as an out-dated, ancient, middle-eastern book. Instead, they put their faith in “science” – and in the “gods” of time, chance, and natural processes. Somehow it seems more “scientific” to them to believe that **“Nothing”** made everything from nothing!

Of course, the noted Stephen Hawking, in his recent book, **The Grand Design**, ends up claiming that this “nothing” is really gravity. So “Gravity” becomes the “god” that creates everything. But this simply begs the question, since gravity is just a force that requires “something” to work upon. As John Lennox points out in his book, **God and Stephen Hawking: Whose Design Is It Anyway?** “What all this goes to show is that nonsense remains nonsense, even when talked by world-famous scientists.”

When really pressed, even the famous atheist, Richard Dawkins, admitted that perhaps life on earth came through the process of panspermia (being “seeded” here by “aliens” from space). This has

become a very popular argument among university students, but it too begs the question – or pushes it further out in space. Where did these “aliens” come from, if there is no Creator God outside of space and time? Did they just “pop” into existence?

The ironic thing is that these students and professors, even while claiming to be “scientific,” are so willing to jump to all kinds of fanciful “solutions” and materialistic fairy tales for the problem of the existence of the universe and life. Of course, when we point this out to them, their usual comeback is, “Then where did God come from?” They cannot seem to grasp the idea that God is eternal, all-powerful, all-knowing, and outside of space and time. They continue to propose arguments which must ultimately point to eternal matter and/or energy – or the idea that everything came from nothing by nothing.

According to Romans 1, they are without excuse. God has put the knowledge of himself in every human heart, and evidence of His character and nature in the physical world. When people

reject the knowledge He has given and refuse to honor Him as God or give thanks, they “...became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.” (Sounds a whole lot like the idea of evolution, doesn’t it?)

True wisdom comes as we humble ourselves before God and accept what He has to say. “*The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.*” (Prov. 1:7) “*Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this world? Hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? For after that in the wisdom of God the world*

by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.” (I Cor. 1:20-21)

So as we and the other AOI speakers go to churches, schools, and universities

here in the States and around the world, we continue to share the truth of Creation and the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Though it seems to be “foolishness” to some – and they mock and scoff – to others, it is the power of God unto salvation (I Cor. 1:18), and we are grateful to be able to be messengers of His truth. **AOI**



Chromosome 2 – Proof of Ape-to-Human Evolution? by Dave Nutting

While Mary Jo and I were speaking at the University of Minnesota, someone asked how we explain that Chromosome 2 in the human genome appears to be the fused product of 2 chromosomes which are separate in the chimpanzee genome. This supposedly explains why chimps have 48 chromosomes while humans have only 46. It also supposedly substantiates common ancestry between humans and chimps.

The evidence as presented by various articles and sites looks convincing, however, it is misleading. For a different interpretation of this data, see the technical articles written by Dr. Jerry Bergman and Dr. Jeffrey Tompkins in the *Journal of Creation* 25(2) August 2011, "The chromosome 2 fusion model of human evolution – Part 1: re-evaluating the evidence and Part 2: re-analysis of the genomic data."

These articles show that more refined and detailed analyses of

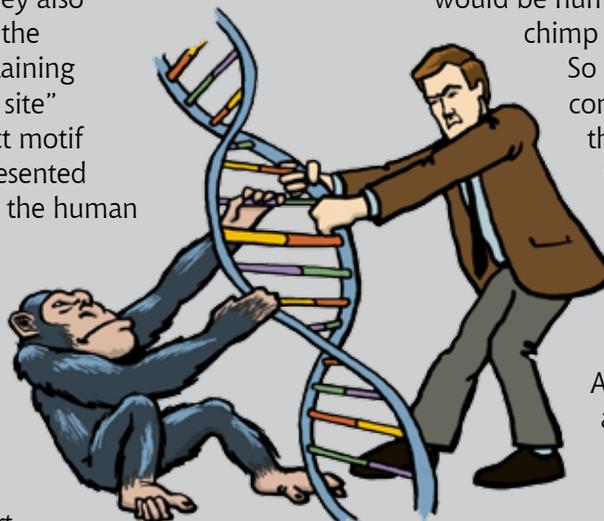
Chromosome 2 actually contradict the evolutionary conclusions that are frequently presented. In a nutshell, Bergman and Tompkins' research shows that the so-called "fusion markers" are too ambiguous to infer a fusion event at this site. They also report that the region containing the "fusion site" is "a distinct motif that is represented throughout the human genome with no orthologous [indicator of common descent] counter-part in the chimpanzee genome on either Chromosome 2A and 2B."

It is also noteworthy that other studies have found that chromosomes do occasionally

fuse. However, when human chromosomes fuse, the result is still human. It is the same with chimps. A new creature does not suddenly appear. They are still chimps or humans. If there was any fusion of chromosomes, it would be human DNA, not chimp DNA.

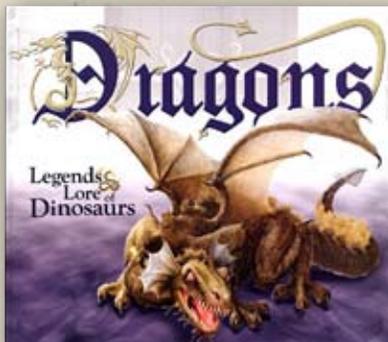
So what can we conclude about the claims that Chromosome 2 provides good evidence for human evolution?

As Bergman and Tompkins show, the actual data does not support the idea that chimps and humans evolved from a common ancestor. The Biblical record stands – humans are distinct from the rest of creation. **AOI**



Dragons - Legends & Lore of Dinosaurs

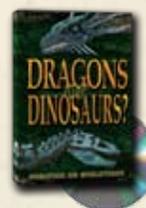
Earlier this year (January issue) we told you about a wonderful new DVD called *Dinosaurs or Dragons*. Now, Master Books has a tremendous book that would make a great companion book to that excellent DVD. If you want a perfect gift to give to children (or adults!), this is it. This book has amazing graphics and many fun windows to open which



reveal exciting legends of knights slaying dragons. Were these dragons actually a reality and were they what we now call dinosaurs? You be the judge as you devour the information and fascinating insights presented in an interactive way and with vivid illustrations.

This popular book will explore dragon legends in nearly

every culture, from China to Australia, India to Europe, and Persia to the kingdoms of the fiercest Norse warriors. Some have been written by eyewitnesses including Job in the Bible, Alexander the Great, and Marco Polo. Other ancient people have made drawings on cave walls, pottery, tile floors, and ancient seals which depict dragons that closely resemble



modern drawings of dinosaurs and flying pterosaurs. \$18.00. Order the Dinosaur or Dragon DVD also for \$20.00. **AOI**

2011 Highlights



Lanny & Marilyn *Johnson*



Dave & Mary Jo *Nutting*

• *Bible College Field Trip*: 31 students plus staff experience creation and view the effects of the Flood. Experiencing the evidence "up close and personal" makes it very real.

• *Training Week*: Springfield, MO: 10 highly qualified participants share a week learning to teach creation more effectively. We were excited by their knowledge and

• *Universities*: Taking the truth of creation to secular settings. Opportunities to equip and encourage Christian students as well as reaching out to atheists, skeptics, and humanists.

• *Tornadoes*: Nuttings escaped twisters in TX and made it through Joplin, MO, just an hour or so before the big one hit. Grateful for God's protection through a change of travel plans!

• *Camp Reddcloud*: Always a highlight! Wonderful opportunity to fortify families with the truth. Lots of great teaching time as well as enjoying informal one-on-one time in the beautiful mountain setting. Fun times enjoying God's beautiful mountains.



Rich & Sue *Stepanek*

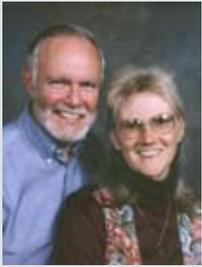
• *Incredible response in India*: 7 cities, 7 seminaries and Bible colleges, plus pastors' conferences and church seminars. Much excitement and enthusiasm!

• *National Pastors Convention*: Equipping IFCA pastors for the monumental task before them. Several general sessions and workshops for adults plus full children's seminar. Great response.

• *Canadian Outreach*: VBS for Native American children plus sessions for teens and adults. Creation evangelism teaching resulted in many salvations.



Director's Column by Dave & Mary Jo Nutting



It hardly seems possible that we are coming into the "home-stretch" of another year.

It's been a year of many challenges and opportunities. God has opened many doors for our speakers to teach both children and adults, here in the States and internationally. We are grateful for those who have hosted seminars and opened their homes in hospitality – and we are blessed that God has allowed us to see some good fruit along the way.

Finances and busyness

have continued to be big challenges, but despite the need to make some cuts, the Lord has sustained us and provided for all our real needs. We're grateful for His provision through His people. We are also very thankful for safety, health, and strength to "keep on keeping on."

The need is still very great and the fields are white unto harvest. Please pray with us that God will supply workers and finances, that He will continue to open doors for ministry and that there would be much fruit for eternity as we continue to share the good news of creation and the Gospel. 

Upcoming Events

See www.DiscoverCreation.org for upcoming Jan./Feb. events including Rich Stepanek's India trip and 2 training sessions in KS and CO. Call AOI if you want to participate.

Seminars

AOI speakers are now scheduling for 2012. YOU can host an exciting Discover Creation seminar in YOUR area! Seminars are affordable, fast-paced, informative, and understandable. They are fully illustrated with high-quality visuals and can be tailored to children, youth, or adults. Call TODAY for more information: 970-523-9943.

Year-end Giving

God's Word says that we have not because we ask not. So we ask. We ask Him to supply our needs and we ask you to please remember AOI in your year-end giving. Join with us in reaching children and adults with the truth of Creation and the Gospel of Jesus Christ. AOI is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization and a member of the Evangelical Counsel of Financial Accountability. Contributions are much needed and appreciated. And remember: "It's easy to donate on-line!"

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