

# Think & Believe

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## Drowning in a Sea of Evolution

by Dave Nutting

In the Sept/Oct issue of **Think & Believe**, we had the artwork below and asked for our readers to comment on what they saw.

A straight- forward interpretation was expressed by Denise who called the picture **The Lifeline**. She wrote:

This picture conveys the state of the church today. A storm is brewing in the sky and time is running out for the people drowning in their sin. The church sits idly by self-absorbed in their activities not even paying attention to the lost souls calling out for salvation. Some of the fishermen in the boat could be fishers of men, but they don't have a care for the lost either. However, there is one standing on the rock of God's Word that begins with Genesis, the very foundation, who is willing to preach the truth of the gospel by throwing out the lifeline. He stands alone, yet in obedience. (Denise, Kremmling, CO)

Denise perceptively sees some key element of the picture, but one thing that no one mentioned seeing in the picture is the subtle wave pattern in the water which spells out the word "Evolution." All of a sudden the picture takes on another thrust of why many people and churches are losing ground. It

shows the root of why people are drowning in the sea. They are being swept away by the philosophy of evolution. Notice I said philosophy, not science. Evolution is a philosophy posing as science. Over the years this philosophy has been slowly encroaching on the church.

As the church family is fellowshipping (very important) or even are in the boat perhaps fishing for men (very important)




they are missing the very reason why their young people are being swept out to sea. In earlier articles we have stated that the number one reason young people give for rejecting the Gospel message is evolution. It is also the main reason many parents give for

why their son or daughter is no longer involved in the church even though they were quite active in their younger years.

Another key ingredient is that lone person throwing out the lifeline. That could symbolize AOI (or perhaps other creation organizations) coming along the church from a platform which is standing on the truth of Genesis and the Bible. However, it could also portray the concept that there are lone individuals in the church who see what is happening in the church and are trying

to bring the message of

Creation to their church – coming alongside to rescue those who are being eroded in their faith by evolutionary philosophy. Sometimes, they stand alone as few in the church realize the importance of what that individual is doing.

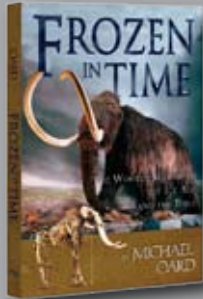
It is the goal of AOI to help the church raise up an army of those individuals who will become local creation resource people. They will come along-side those in their own churches and communities so that they will not be sucked under the tide of evolution. Are YOU one of those individuals that feel you could become that local resource person in your church? If so, please contact us as we have some training options for you. 

## Maps of Ice-Free Antarctica? by Mark Sonmor

After reading page 3, you might ask, “Could ancient man have mapped the ice-free coastline of Antarctica?” The answer may have something to do with the mystery of frozen mammoths in Siberia.

Since mammoths, like elephants, require a grass-land environment with a long growing season, it is puzzling to find them in arctic regions frozen in rock-hard permafrost with other grazing animals.

Meteorologist Michael Oard, author of **Frozen in Time**, has proposed that after the Flood, warmer oceans combined with greater amounts atmospheric debris from volcanoes, etc., would have produced large amounts of precipitation resulting in a



buildup of snow and ice in the higher elevations. However, the climate in lower elevations and coastal areas would have been sub-tropical.

According to Oard’s model, the climatic conditions that allowed grazing animals to survive in Siberia, could have provided an ice-free coastline in Antarctica for some time after the Flood.

Wait a minute. Don’t ice cores taken from Antarctica show measureable bands that prove the ice field is 700,000 years old?

Perhaps not. Some bands may not be annual but instead related to storms or short weather cycles.

More importantly, the distinction between bands becomes increasingly unclear further down the core – to the point where it is really one’s assumption that

determines the final results.

For example, when measuring dust bands near the bottom of the GISP<sub>2</sub> core, glaciologists arrived at a date of 85,000 years. However, that conflicted with the deep-sea ocean sediment time-scale so the section had to be “re-dated” using a finer laser beam. This allowed the scientist to find more dust bands and gave them the additional years needed to fit their theory.

As with so many aspects of research, it’s not the evidence that’s the problem but the interpretation.

For more information order **Frozen in Time** (\$13 + s/h) and look up the following articles: [www.creation.com/images/pdfs/tj/j16\\_2/j16\\_2\\_61-62.pdf](http://www.creation.com/images/pdfs/tj/j16_2/j16_2_61-62.pdf) and [www.icr.org/article/are-polar-ice-sheets-only-4500-years-old/](http://www.icr.org/article/are-polar-ice-sheets-only-4500-years-old/) **AOI**

## Wager the Wild Land

by Dave Nutting

A few hours after I met Dave Harper, he pointedly asked how I, as a geologist and a Christian, reconciled the teachings of Genesis with evolution. Dave had become a Christian a short while before but was almost afraid to open Genesis, thinking it ran cross-ways with everything he was taught about “science.”

Being quite a reader and deep thinker, he later devoured the material I had recommended. We became good friends and exchanged many conversations. Mary Jo and I also gained a deep appreciation for his down-to-earth approach to life and deep insights into the core point of an issue – an asset that we welcomed when he became a Board member of AOI.

I also appreciated that, even though an accident at age 16 left him in a wheel chair, he never let that stop him from doing things that other men only dream about. Just this month, he published his first book which had my endorsement on the back cover:

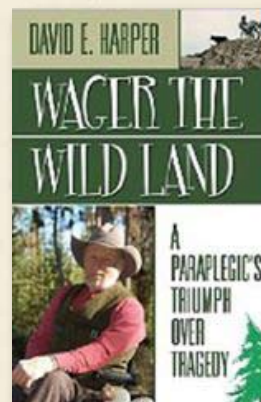
*“After getting to know the man behind this book, I anxiously awaited opportunity to read this potential best seller. If it reflected just part of Dave Harper’s core being, I knew I wanted to learn from it. Before reading the book, I thought it would be an encouragement to any person with a physical limitation. I was wrong! It is a huge horizon-builder for anyone who is limiting*

*their potential by psychological barriers. After reading this book, you may never again say, “I can’t do that.”*

*If you allow it, this book will split your gut laughing, it will make you cry, and it will lift you to new levels of achievement. This iron-horse cowboy’s life story reflects what I have often heard him say: “I might be crippled, but I am not handicapped!”*

If you want to appreciate this man like we have, call the office at 1-800-377-1923 to order **Wager the Wild Land, A Paraplegic’s Triumph Over Tragedy**. We are

offering it at (\$14 + shipping). It is also available on Kindle or Nook and will soon be available in our online bookstore. **AOI**



# Ancient Maps Support Biblical History

by Stan Bryant

Just like many of you, I was taught that Columbus was the first to discover America. If that was true, I reasoned, he must have had the most advanced technology of the time and was smarter than his predecessors. Without knowing it, I had been brainwashed into thinking that man's knowledge and technology had been steadily evolving throughout the ages. However, several findings have come to my attention that seriously question that assumption.

In 1929 a discovery was made of a map made in 1513 by Piri Re'is – an admiral in the Turkish navy. In constructing his map, Re'is referred to 20 earlier maps – one of which dated back to the 4th century BC.<sup>1</sup>

- The Re'is map shows the longitude between Africa and South America exactly as it is, even though Europeans didn't invent the instrument to measure longitude until 1765.<sup>2</sup>
- The map also seems to indicate a portion of Antarctica (Queen Maud Land) without any ice.<sup>3</sup>
- Re'is used plane geometry for his map, but experts can tell that at least one of the original maps was drawn using spherical trigonometry.<sup>4</sup>

Oronteus Fineus drew a map in 1531 that must have been copied from maps made during a time when earth's climate was very different.

- The Fneus map accurately shows Antarctica with mountain ranges and rivers that are now under more than a mile of ice. According to modern interpretations of the ice age, Antarctica has been covered with ice for close to 1,000,000 years.
- Some of these mountain ranges



were not discovered until 1957.

- The existence of Antarctica was not even verified until 1819.<sup>5</sup>

In addition to these maps, are Chinese geography books, dating back to about 2,200 BC, called the Shan Hai Jing. In the 4th book entitled, **The Classic of the Eastern Mountains**, at least four expeditions to North America are described. The Grand Canyon, the Great Lakes, and the Mississippi river are mentioned in other volumes.<sup>6</sup>

In 1972, Hendon M. Harris, a third-generation missionary, found some copies of ancient maps in a Korean antique shop. He immediately located Fu Sang (the Americas) and recognized the map's connection to the Shan Hai

Jing. At the time of his death in 1981, Dr. Harris was aware of 23 similar maps in collections around the world. Although their date of origin is unknown, the book, **History of Cartography**, indicates that 72% of the place names were congruent with the Shan Hai Jing. This could indicate their original content dates back to about 2,200BC.<sup>7</sup>

Charlotte Harris Rees has edited and abridged one of her father's books and written two of her own on this subject. Following are just some of the interesting facts taken from them:

- Natural currents flow in a clockwise direction in the Pacific that would have allowed the Chinese to go to Fu Sang and return using only the currents. Yu, the ascribed author of the ancient geography books, is credited by the Chinese with inventing the sail. There are



multiple accounts of Asian migrations to Fu Sang.

- There are 200 tribes from North, Central, and South America that have been connected to Asian people by DNA testing. Appearance and culture is also similar on both sides of the Pacific.
- In 1920 William L. Chalmers was digging a reservoir with a team of horses when he found a 14" high 66-lb. blue, granite sculpture Colorado. The sculpture has a Chinese face, Chinese writing below, and carvings of a mastodon and two longneck dinosaurs on each side. This stone is now referred to as the Granby Stone.
- The tepee and pit house that Native Americans used were very common in China around 2,000 BC.
- A Chinese man named Tong Fan Tso wrote that Fu Sang had huge trees and was 3,300 miles wide. Guess what? That was in 200BC.<sup>8</sup>

All of this paints a much different picture of man's past than evolutionary philosophy would have us believe.

However, to say that man was capable of this kind of navigation and record-keeping is not a problem in a biblical framework. Adam lived about 900 years. Even a person of average intelligence at today's standards could learn a lot in that amount of time. However, I suggest to you that Noah's flood caused a tremendous bottleneck in knowledge and technology. Much may have been lost and some selectively retained as mankind spread around the globe. **AOI**

**[Editor's note:** Although the conclusions drawn from this article are interesting and plausible with a biblical framework, it is not the intent of Alpha Omega Institute to affirm or deny the validity of the facts mentioned or the sources cited below. The reader is encouraged to undertake further research.]

<sup>1</sup>1990, Brown, **In the Beginning**, Center for Scientific Creation, pp.348-349.

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<sup>8</sup>2006, Harris, Hendon M. Jr., **The Asiatic Fathers of America**, Warwick House;

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## Director's Column by Dave & Mary Jo Nutting



**R**ichard Stepanek, along with AOI volunteers Allen and Molly Nance, recently travelled to India to “edify and encourage the saints.”


The outreach team arrived in Hyderabad on Jan. 20th where they taught for two solid weeks at two pastor's/Bible colleges. Afterward, Rich remained alone as he traveled on to Raipur to teach at another pastor's conference and three churches. The goal of their teaching was to help establish the truth of Creation as well as a literal interpretation of Genesis 1-11.

Many of these pastors and students at the Bible colleges had been taught evolution in the public education system followed by the teaching of the gap theory in most of their Bible colleges. This posed a big obstacle, even for believers, to accept the foundational truths of Genesis.

Allen began by presenting

information that challenged the evolutionary mindset. This was followed by teaching from Rich geared to show the fallacies of the gap theory. By then, those in the seminar were ready to receive the truth about a literal six-day creation.

Rich wrote, “They had many questions because their whole view of Genesis changed. The excitement was overwhelming! Allen and I would sometimes teach two and a half to three hours straight without a break. One professor who taught Old Testament Survey realized that much of what he was teaching was incorrect. He wanted us to stay two or three months so he could know more about Genesis 1-11 to teach the truth to his students. One pastor said ‘you are blowing our minds!’ Before we left, our host pastor wanted us to come back soon and continue the teachings.”

“Thank you so much to those of you who pray for and support AOI. Your gifts make these life-changing trips possible!” 

## Upcoming Events

See [www.DiscoverCreation.org](http://www.DiscoverCreation.org) for a schedule of AOI's upcoming events. Also, perhaps you or your group would like to have us come. Contact us today at 970-523-9943.

## Creation Teaching Training June 4-8, 2012

Want to teach creation to others or just get more information yourself? Call AOI today for information on this dynamic training week.

## Get in on the Blog



Make sure you go to our Blog at [DiscoverCreation.org](http://DiscoverCreation.org) for recent articles/postings which include, further report on the India outreach, time at Clemson including one professor's big question. Also articles on photosynthesis, salt deposits, super sharks, and the many uses of plants.

## Webinar Scheduled

To sign up, email [nuttingwebinars@discovercreation.org](mailto:nuttingwebinars@discovercreation.org) or call AOI.

- **March 29**, 11 am (MDT) *Bio-Inspiration, God Thought of it First* - Dave Nutting
- **April 25**, 11 am (MDT) *Vestigial Organs – The Very Important Function of the Human Appendix* - Dave Nutting

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If you see the importance of Creation ministry, we really hope you would get behind it if you are not already doing so. If you are, THANK YOU very much. Your partnership with AOI is crucial! We can't do this without you!

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