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## Atheism on the Rise – Build a Firm Foundation

by Dave Nutting

**Y**es, I know! You have heard this type of message before. Even in the last issue, we wrote an article entitled, “Danger, Cliff Ahead!” There is a reason I am emphatically repeating myself. This is being confirmed by a very recent poll. Many national newspapers have recently carried articles such as Washington Post’s August 13 article by Kimberly Winston:

“Poll shows atheism on the rise in the U.S.” “Religiosity is on the decline in the U.S. and atheism is on the rise, according to a new worldwide poll. The poll, called “The Global Index of Religiosity and Atheism,” found that the number of Americans who say they are “religious” dropped from 73 percent in 2005 (the last time the poll was conducted) to 60 percent. At the same time, the number of Americans who say they are atheists rose, from 1 percent to 5 percent.”

For anyone with school-age relatives or with a heart for the future of Christianity, this should concern you. True, some of the increase in atheism may be a reaction to the world situation with militant religious groups represented. Some increase may be the result from atheist Richard Dawkin’s calling on atheists to make their faith (or lack thereof) known. Another factor is the number of anti-god websites that have sprung up which are loaded

with false information. Many of the arguments we hear against the Bible can be traced right to these atheist sites.


Central to coming to a solution is to really grasp the problem. We still assert and agree with evangelist, Mark Cahill, that the number one reason students reject the Gospel is evolution. When we speak on the university campuses, we talk with a lot of students from evangelical church homes who say they became atheists because of evolution. We see many others very much weakened in their faith also because of evolution. Evolution and associated anti-god philosophies are key ingredients (or at least good excuses) for unbelief.

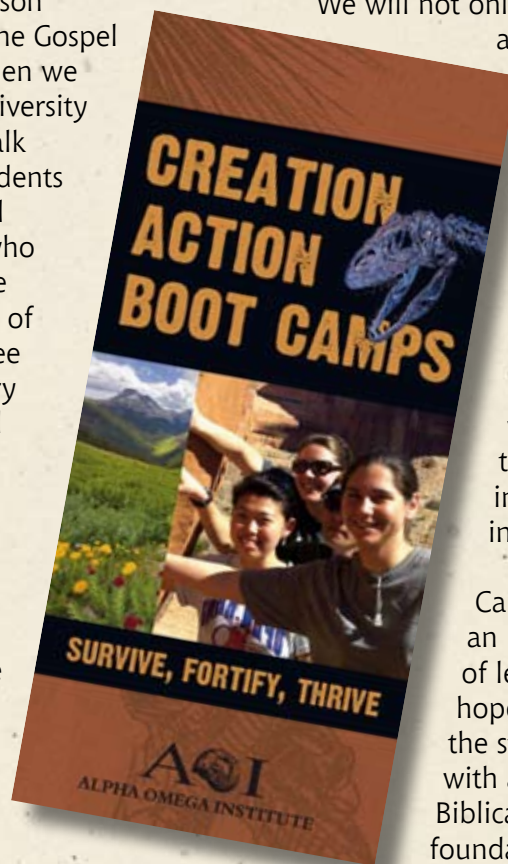
This has become so rampant, that we at AOI are not only setting the groundwork to train up many others to take the Truth of God’s Word to their communities but are initiating special creation/apologetics “Boot Camps” for the

summer of 2013. These can help stem the tide of evolution and other anti-Biblical philosophies which are pulling our young people under. These camps are meant to help “fireproof” or “drown-proof” your youth and point them in the right direction. We will not only give students

answers to many of the anti-god “proofs,” but also work toward building a much firmer foundation that is not easily eroded. At the same time we wish to give them tools which can help them “take ground” in their circle of influence back home.

These “Boot Camps” will provide an intense time of learning and, hopefully, will send the students back with a new set of Biblical glasses – a new foundation – that will last for life.

[See the Director’s Column and brochure for more information. Please sign up your students and give the brochure to your youth pastors for them to bring their youth groups.] 





This is a common question format leveled at students as a presumably unanswerable criticism of the Bible. For instance one argument I heard begins with a question to the Christian. "Who killed Goliath?" Most Christians would easily give the answer, "David killed Goliath." The skeptic would then ask, "Then how come it says in 2 Sam 21:19, "Elhanan the son of Jaare-oregim the Bethlehemite killed Goliath . . . So who killed Goliath? What part of the bible is true and what part isn't?"

When this type of argument is stated with authority, especially if it is quickly followed with several other "purported" Bible contradictions, it begins to weaken a Christian's faith. The problem is that most

young people are not prepared with answers.

So "Who killed Goliath?" I spoke at a meeting where I challenged the people on this to get the point across. Most stared blankly without an answer. One teen raised his hand and simply said, "Context, please!" Wow, right on! This very appropriate answer will frequently

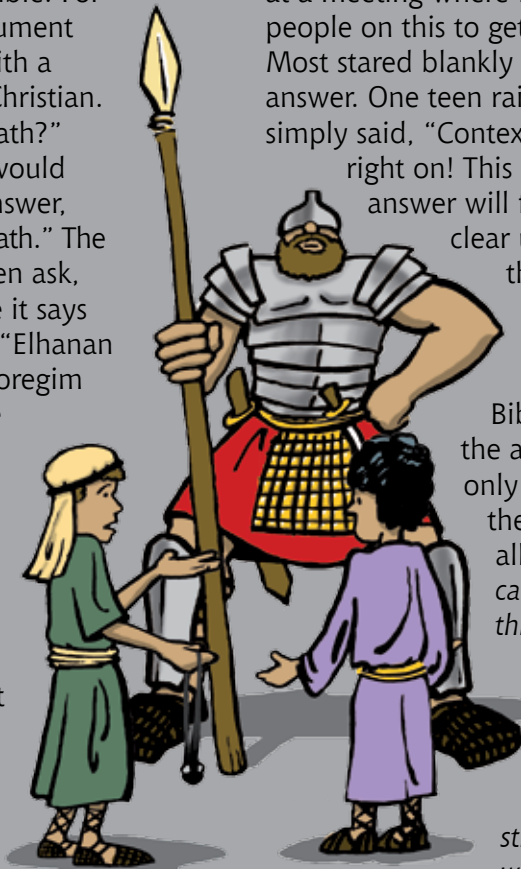
clear up most of the apparent contradictions that the atheists point out in the Bible. First of all, the atheist objection only quotes part of the verse. Read it all: (18) "Now it came about after this that there was war again with the Philistines at Gob; then Sibbecai the Hushathite struck down Saph, who was among the descendants

of the giant. (19) And there was war with the Philistines again at Gob, and Elhanan the son of Jaare-oregim the

Bethlehemite killed Goliath the Gittite, the shaft of whose spear was like a weaver's beam. (20) And there was war at Gath again, where there was a man of great stature who had six fingers . . .

Note the wording "there was war again." Also note the end of vs. 18, "among the descendants of the giant." At this point it becomes obvious that this is likely a relative or a descendant of the famous Goliath who was killed by David. Perhaps there was another person later who was surnamed or nicknamed Goliath or perhaps "Goliath" began to be an expression for a giant like it is today? 1Ch 20:5 makes it clearer regarding "brother" of Goliath. (By the way the word "brother" could have also been translated as "relative.")

So, stand firm on the Word. You might not have the answer at the time, but there are answers! In the AOI "Boot Camps" we intend to challenge the students to think so that they can gear up for the evolutionary and anti-Biblical assault! **AOI**



## Grand Canyon: The Puzzle on the Plateau

How did Grand Canyon form? This DVD gives a clear scenario for its formation with outstanding graphics which will keep the attention of young and old. In it, you will find explanations of the canyon along with several other areas of tourist interest. Central to the canyon formation explanation is a huge and cataclysmic draining of two very large inland seas which were aftermaths of the Noahic



Flood. The models presented help to visualize a possible scenario to explain the canyon as well as other geologic "puzzles." Whether you actually go to the canyon, or want an armchair tour with a lot of good meat to chew on, this video is for you.

**Grand Canyon: The Puzzle on the Plateau** DVD by Mike Snavelly offers a rational explanation of how the Grand Canyon was formed. It is packed

with high-quality visuals and is divided into seven parts:

- What is the Grand Canyon?
- How did it form?
- Standard ideas on its formation
- Post-flood catastrophe theory
- Problems with standard theories
- The icing on the cake
- When did it form?
- Theory review
- A lesson from the canyon?

This would make an excellent Christmas gift. Running Time: 53 minutes. Price: \$20+S/H **AOI**



# 80 Years of “Scientific Fact” Wrong! Radioactive Decay Rates Not Constant?

by Dave Nutting

**W**hoa! For those who thought that radioactive decay rates were constant and ensured “absolute” dating techniques, research by Ephraim Fischbach and Jere Jenkins of Purdue University may vibrate some nerve endings.

It appears that solar neutrinos or perhaps an unknown particle actually changes the decay rate. Over the last 6 years, seasonal fluctuations of the decay rate have been observed which correspond to the Earth’s proximity to the sun. The decay rate also appears to be affected by solar flares! This overturns 80 years of “scientific fact.”

In the 1930’s, Ernest Rutherford, who is known as the father of nuclear physics, “proved” experimentally that the decay rate is constant meaning that outside influences cannot alter it.

Science Daily (August 13, 2012) quotes Jenkins

as saying, “Since neutrinos have essentially no mass or charge, the idea that they could be interacting with anything is foreign to physics. So, we are saying something that doesn’t interact with anything is changing something that can’t be changed. Either neutrinos are affecting [the] decay rate or perhaps an unknown particle is.”

The logical conclusion from this potentially “apple-cart-overturning” research is that decay rates can change significantly. The data looks compelling and, if substantiated by further research, may have huge implications on the assumed constancy of radioactive decay rates.

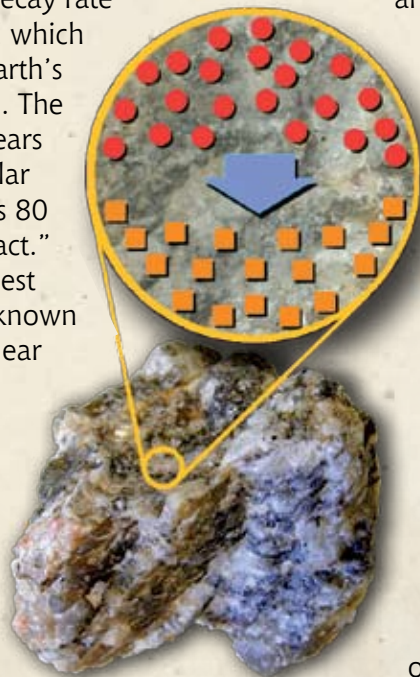
The changes noted in the current research are not, in themselves, enough to allow dismissing the vast numbers of “accepted” dates assigned to geologic formations, but it opens a door to further research of other factors which could play a part. If we consider for instance, solar flares, the shrinking of the sun, the effect of outside cosmic radiation, and even the possibility of an expanding universe,

“absolute” dates could be affected drastically.

This isn’t the first time the decay rate assumption has been challenged by actual observational science. John Woodmorape reported research in 2001 giving results which indicated changes of a decay rate of a factor of a billion.

[<http://creation.com/billion-fold-acceleration-of-radioactivity-demonstrated-in-laboratory>.] Also, observations reported in the RATE project conducted by the Institute for Creation Research indicate a greatly accelerated decay rate in the past.

For detailed data on the Purdue research, see: <http://moriond.in2p3.fr/J11/transparent/fischbach.pdf> and also Solar Physics (2011) 272(1): 1-10. Also see another creation response to this research: <http://creation.com/neutrinos-not-so-neutral>. **AOI**



## S.T.O.P. Revisited

by Dave Nutting

**I**n the Jan/Feb '06 issue of T&B, I said that, when you don't have an answer to a teacher promoting anti-Biblical philosophies, you should STOP! That meant:

**S:** Stand Firm

**T:** Trust the Lord (His ways are higher)

**O:** Observe Options

**P:** Pray!

Often we are told that the Bible can't be true because radioactive decay dating methods are assumed “absolute” and have proven it false. Yet, one of the options which “standard” science had not even considered is the role neutrino bombardment can play in changing the decay rate. (see related article on pg.3 ) The latest research certainly shows the validity of the “**O**” option.

Another assumption is that all of the lead 206 present in a sample is the result of radioactive decay of uranium. In my seminar presentations, I have noted that neutrinos from supernovas have also been shown to alter lead 204 (standard lead) into lead 206. That means that, given enough neutrinos, the second assumption is also false. This is especially so if we consider that the same processes which produce uranium can produce a whole suite of related elements including lead.

A third major assumption is that nothing has gone in or out of the rock sample since its formation. This one is not true, as ground water flows through many rock units bringing other elements with it. Also, neutrinos from solar flares and cosmic radiation penetrate deep into the earth disrupting any supposed “closed systems.”

Observe the “**O**” option: Neutrinos can alter all of the major assumptions of radioactive decay! **AOI**



## 2013 Boot Camps by Dave & Mary Jo Nutting



**A**s we work alongside of the Board of AOI to develop details for specialized training of individuals to be able to stand firmly on the truth of God's Word beginning in Genesis and to share the Truth with others, we plan first to implement Creation Boot Camps as one key element that we believe will make an impact.

AOI's Creation Boot Camps are being designed to help reverse the trend which has been devastating the faith of students. The goal is to impact both the lives of those who participate and those whom the Boot Campers will touch. The Boot Camps will focus on the truth of Genesis, topics in Creation science, and worldview/apologetics. The intense training program is designed for high school and college students to:

- Equip students to stand firmly on the Truth of God's Word.
- "Fireproof" students from the attacks on their faith from the media

or from their peers and instructors at school or universities.

**c.** Help redirect those who are already shell-shocked because of evolution.

**d.** Encourage and begin to equip students to share with peers and others what they have learned at the Boot Camp. Some of these students may wish to go on with the material learned by being involved with Creation Vacation Bible Schools, Sunday schools, Back Yard Clubs, or discussion groups with their peers at schools or universities, etc.

*Calendar for Boot Camps 2013*

**June 23 – June 28: Boot Camp 1**  
**June 30 – July 5: Boot Camp 2**

See the brochure or [www.DiscoverCreation.org/BootCamps.htm](http://www.DiscoverCreation.org/BootCamps.htm) for more information and for registration. Individual students or youth groups are invited. We encourage you to register early to save your spot.

We also covet your prayers as we seek to formulate the best program to make the most impact on the lives of our young people! **AOI**

## Upcoming Events

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

## Creation Action Boot Camp Needs

- Students to commit to come
- 12-passenger vans or mini-bus(s)
- Camp cook for summer 2013
- Biblically solid volunteer helpers
- Finances!

## Check the Web



Make sure you go to [www.DiscoverCreation.org](http://www.DiscoverCreation.org) for the latest improvements/additions to the site. Our blog is updated several times per week. That can keep you right up to date with the speakers. Come along with us in this ministry and encourage others to visit the website as well!

## Financial Update

Some of you are asking how we are doing with the economy and especially during the election year.

**Yes, things are way tooo tight!**

Both the election year and economy have taken a toll on our finances. We really need the help of God's people to provide as we continue with the current ministry and prepare for crucial boot camps next summer. If you see the importance of Creation ministry, please come alongside us so we can come alongside students and others with the truth. Your partnership with AOI is crucial! We can't do this without you!

## Oct/Nov Church and University Presentations



**F**or those of you in the Minneapolis/St. Paul, Mankato, and St. Cloud area, Dave & Mary Jo will be giving a series of presentations at some churches and 3 universities Sept 30-Oct 17 on "Unraveling the Myth of Evolution and Building a Solid Case for Creation. In November (11-18), they will also be at Northern Illinois University and some more churches. If you know of people in those areas, please let them know of

those presentations. We really want to come alongside those university students who are getting blasted in their faith by evolutionary ideas. Skeptics are also welcomed. Look at the events page on our web to find out specific times and places so you can send information to students you know. You can also find out where our other speakers will be so that you can encourage people to come. **AOI**



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