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Living in Uncertain Times

by Mary Jo Nutting

As the upcoming U.S. presidential elections draw near, confusion, fear, anger, uncertainty, and division seem rampant. Some people are hopeful. Many are not excited about either of the two major-party candidates. Terror attacks, racial tensions, international uncertainties, and economic woes cause many to fear for the future of their families, this country, and even the world. Some throw themselves into politics; others withdraw in despair. What can we do at such a time as this?

I've been asking myself these same questions, and seeking the Lord for guidance. While I am still waiting for answers to many of my specific questions, much is clear from His everlasting, unchangeable Word. This is not the first time that believers have faced perplexing times. The Bible provides detailed examples of how people reacted in earlier times and how our God interacted with them during trying circumstances. So God has been reminding me, again and again, to trust in Him, His Word, and His unfailing promises – and to seek Him for His guidance, direction, and provision.

For me, it all starts with remembering that God is the Creator and Sovereign Ruler of the universe. He made it. He owns it. It all belongs to Him. He has a plan and a purpose. He is in control. Along with this, I am reminded that I am weak, frail, and fallible – and that my life

is like a fleeting breath or a fading flower. I am utterly and completely dependent upon Him – for each breath that I take and for every beat of my heart.


Also, Scripture reveals His character and goodness – in creation, in provision, and most certainly in redemption. He is not a malicious, evil tyrant. Even His wrath is holy and righteous. Justly directed at those who fight against Him, spurn His ways, and hurt His “kids.” His heart is always yearning for evildoers to repent and turn to Him. “God is love.” “His mercy is everlasting.” “He is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness.” This Creator invites me to cast all my cares upon Him, for He cares for me. He tells me that, like a father has compassion on his children, so God has compassion on me – and that He will never leave me or forsake me.

We all have one Creator. We all have one Savior who died on a cross and rose again so that we can be saved. He calls to us now, “Come unto Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest.” “Call upon Me and be saved, all the ends of the earth.”

So in these uncertain times, we can rest in our Creator's unfailing love – and trust His character, His wisdom, and His

power. We can seek Him for guidance, protection, provision – and most of all, peace in the midst of the storm. Even if we live to be 100, our time on earth is a blink of an eye compared to all eternity. Trials and struggles will pass away. Meanwhile, let's be busy about His business – quick to pray, quick to obey. Let's be faithful to share the love of God and the truth of His Word – committed to “occupy until He comes.”

“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to Him. And the peace of God which passes all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.”

Note: AOI is committed to seeing young and old grow in their relationship with God as they Discover Creation and walk confidently in the truth of His Word. We're here to help. Please check our website if you have questions about creation, evolution, science, or the Bible – or call if you would like to speak with someone on our staff and, most importantly, to know how you can be saved. 

Creation Celebration
at AOI's new **ministry center**. See page 4 for details.



AOI Speakers – Taking Creation and the Gospel to the Nations

As fall is in full swing, AOI speakers and teachers are busy taking the Truth of Creation and the Gospel to the Nations.

As you read this, **Rich and Sue Stepanek** should be in the midst of an outreach to India. This will be the latest of several trips Rich has made in which God has blessed Rich's ministry with great interest and changed lives. This time his schedule includes teaching for churches, Bible schools, and seminaries – particularly helping students understand Creation and the importance of the early chapters of Genesis as foundational for Biblical doctrine.

Dave and Mary Jo Nutting are again scheduled for university and church ministry in the Midwest. Past ministry has opened opportunities to speak to both believers and



self-proclaimed atheists, agnostics, and skeptics. These events provide a great opportunity to present students with a “different view” than they usually get in the classroom and to engage them in lively discussion during Q&A times and one-on-one conversations.

Besides presenting a reasoned defense to often vocal opponents, the Nuttings enjoy coming alongside Christian students who are under siege in order to equip and encourage them to stand firmly in their faith and reach out to their classmates in this battle for their minds.

Lanny and Marilyn Johnson had an extremely packed summer of ministry at VBS's, camps, and churches – and a special homeschool conference that included time at the Creation Museum and Ark Encounter in Kentucky. However, they could be heading to your church or location if you are quick to call them for this fall!

Scott Mauser and Brian Mariani are focusing primarily on

local creation ministry with special programs for students from private and public schools. They are putting DCTI classes into a new online format as well as developing creation/worldview classes to be offered at our new AOI office starting in January.

Please pray for all the AOI staff and events – for protection, provision, open doors, boldness to speak the truth, and fruitful ministry. In addition, remember to pray for AOI's faithful office staff and volunteers that keep things going on the homefront. The fervent, effectual prayers of righteous people avail much. Thank you, prayer warriors! **AOI**



Evolution's Achilles' Heels (DVD)

by Brian Mariani

The experts come together in this DVD to strike the fatal blows to the evolutionary worldview with some of the biggest challenges to evolution! This DVD shows some fascinating technical examples using very easy-to-understand and stunning graphics to demonstrate that the evolutionary model actually doesn't match up with known scientific observations.

You will learn that natural selection does not lead to evolution. Genetic changes are not evolving upward and the natural origin of

life cannot happen based on the laws of chemistry. Furthermore, the fossil record doesn't reveal an evolutionary progression, the evidence doesn't support millions of years of change, and Big Bang cosmology doesn't explain the origin of the universe! In addition, this DVD gives clear explanations of the ethical implications of believing



in evolution or creation including a great explanation of the gospel.

This 96-minute documentary is one of my new favorite creation resources that I plan to take to skeptics that I know. Get this and share it with your friends and family too! This information is also in book form (272 pages) for those who want the information “spelled out.” The DVD is available for \$19 and the book for \$14 – both for \$28 (+S/H \$4). Remember, creation resources make great Christmas gifts and your purchase helps the ministry of AOI. **AOI**

Best “Proofs” of Evolution – None Still Standing

by Dave Nutting

Each of the following has been given as “proof” of evolution in the past. Some are totally false or hoaxes. Some sound good, but are not supported by recent research. How can we expect the next latest and greatest proof to be valid?

1. Claim: Evolution proceeds by mutation and natural selection.

Reality: After years of research, a top genetic researcher, Dr. John Sanford (co-inventor of the “Gene gun”), gave up evolution based on hard data. He says in his book, **Genetic Entropy and the Mystery of the Genome**, “If the genome must degenerate, then the Primary Axiom is wrong. It is not just implausible. It is not just unlikely. It is absolutely dead wrong. It is not just a false axiom. It is an unsupported and discredited hypothesis which can be confidently rejected.” To see his credentials and more info, go to: (<http://www.discovercreation.org/newsletters/WhatstheEvidence.htm>)

2. Claim: 95% of the DNA in our body is Junk, left over from millions of years of evolution.

Reality: This is a “proof” necessitated by the theory of evolution rather than fact. “Junk DNA” is not junk but has a very important function. A recent consortium of hundreds of genetic researchers concluded, “We don’t really have any large chunks of redundant DNA. This metaphor of junk isn’t that useful.” (<http://www.discovercreation.org/blog/2012/11/16/new-findings-about-junk-dna/>)

3. Claim: Humans share almost 99% of our DNA with Chimpanzees.

Reality: This originally came from analyzing only the portion of the genome that is already similar. Looking at the broader genome including Indels, that percentage is closer to 86-89%. If “junk DNA” is considered (which is not junk!), the percentage is even much lower. Genetic researcher, Dr. Jeffrey Tomkins, shows the similarity may be

between 71-86%. He states, “While it is true that there are sections of the chimp genome that are very similar to humans, this is not the complete picture. DNA sequence comparisons that include all the relevant data plainly show that the human and chimp genomes are not nearly identical at all.” (<http://www.icr.org/article/human-chimp-dna-nearly-identical>)

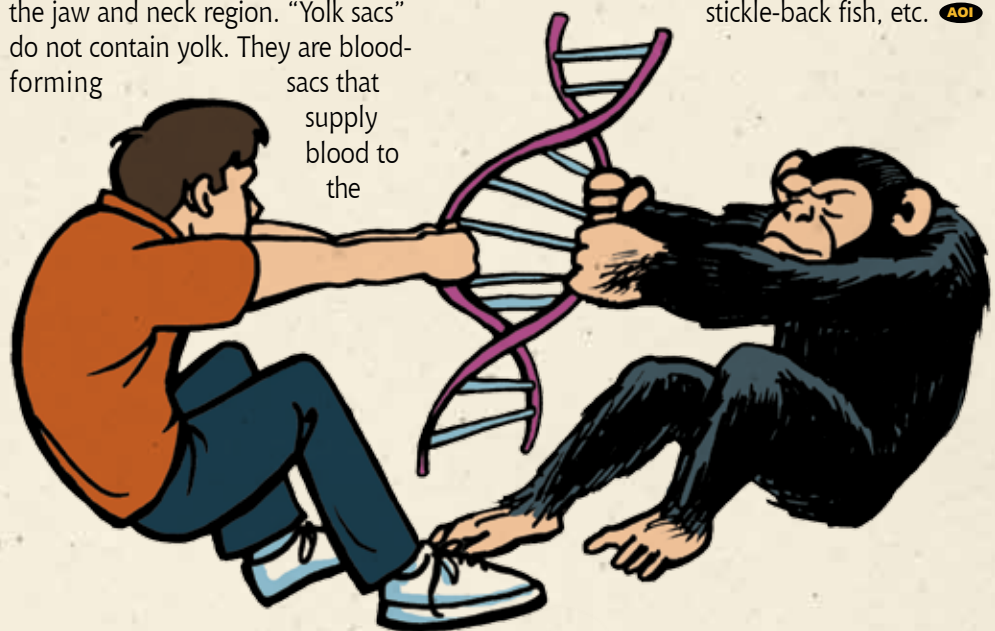
4. Claim: Organs such as the human appendix were needed in our evolutionary past but are useless today.

Reality: This argument assumes an evolutionary ancestral connection with animals with a larger “appendix.” Research actually shows the appendix in humans is vital in embryonic development, in our immune system, and is a safe harbor that replenishes the digestive tract with crucial, beneficial bacteria after serious illness. (www.discovercreation.org/blog/2013/.../appendix-not-useless-junk/)

5. Claim: Gill slits, a yolk sac, and a tail found in the human embryo indicate we were once fish.

Reality: “Gill slits” are neither gills nor slits, but pharyngeal pouches. They are not for transferring oxygen but develop into important structures of the jaw and neck region. “Yolk sacs” do not contain yolk. They are blood-

forming sacs that supply blood to the



developing baby until the long bones take over that function. The “tail” is not a tail but, instead, is important for muscle and tendon attachment. Why do the textbooks label them as such unless someone is deceptively trying to convince students of evolution? (http://www.discovercreation.org/newsletters/2003_Winter.htm)

6. Claim: You could choke to death! There can’t be a Creator.

Reality: According to atheist Richard Dawkins, to design a system where we breathe and swallow through the same tube, “is the height of stupidity!” Hmmm... How many of you choked to death today? Something is working! Where would you put another tube? Like a good Swiss army knife, our Master Designer fit many dual functions into a small space. His design gives us the ability to cough up food when it gets stuck rather than using a plunger. It also allows speech to be possible since airflow, and the position of the teeth, tongue, and mouth, are all necessary to be in place and functioning together. (<http://www.discovercreation.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/n2014-6lo-res.pdf>)

For several more “so-called” proofs for evolution currently used in the classroom, see www.DiscoverCreation.org/articles/bestproofs. This includes Darwin’s finches, antibiotic resistance, the peppered moth hoax, pseudogenes, retro-viruses, stickle-back fish, etc. **AOI**

New Space = New Opportunities



Progress on AOI's new ministry headquarters is nearing completion. As with most building projects, it has taken longer and cost more than initially anticipated, but we are excited to see the project almost finished.

The need for this has become quite evident – not only for making productive work spaces for our staff where they can hear themselves think, but also for expanded ministry outreach. We just had a group of students from France come in for creation teaching and tours. When completed, we will be able to minister to many more similar international groups as

well as visiting youth groups from various parts of the country on their way to national parks or wherever.

Hopefully, as you read this, we have already begun using this rental space for ministry. That's what this project is all about anyway. The building is not an end in itself, but serves as a physical base to support the ongoing outreach of AOI – reaching young people and adults with the truth of Creation and the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

We are very grateful for all those who helped in any way – through prayer, work, and donations of time, building materials, and money. That's what makes the ministry of AOI possible, not only with this project, but with all of our outreach. **AOI**



Costa Rica

Creation Tour/Outreach
March 3-12

- Volcanoes, rain forests, waterfalls!
- Monkeys, reptiles, butterflies, fish!
- Stay until 3/19 for optional outreach

See web for details.



Rock & River

Creation Action Camp July 2017

- Fabulous CO mountain adventure!
- Whitewater rafts/kayaks, rock climbing/rappelling, and hiking
- For adventurous families & teens

See web for details.

Ark Encounter Opens!

We at AOI wish to **Praise God** and extend a hearty **congratulations!** to the Answers In Genesis team led by Ken Ham on the opening of the Ark Encounter with their full-size ark. We believe it will be a significant testimony to the "scoffers" of our day and a strong witness to the truth of God's Word. We have already heard good reports. Good job, AIG! We fully anticipate this will yield tremendous fruit for eternity!



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Open House!

Mark your calendars!

We are having an open house and dedication of our new ministry center on Nov 4. Join us for creation teaching, refreshments, (10 am to 4 pm) and program (7:00- 9:00 pm). RSVP to AOI at 970-523-9943. Admission is free but donations will be accepted.

Upcoming Events

See web for events list. Call now for a presentation in your area.

New Office Needs

- 1 large-screen TV
- Display cases, stands.
- Unique fossils and minerals which show God's design
- Consignment items for sale which support our message

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