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Problems with Bill Nye's Evolution "Ad"

By Dave Nutting

Recently, I saw this "ad/quote" attributed to Bill Nye in our local Nickel Shopper, here in Grand Junction (March 29, 2018):

"Science is the key to our future, and if you don't believe in science, you are holding everybody back. And it's fine if you as an adult want to run around pretending or claiming that you don't believe in evolution, but if we educate a generation of people who don't believe in science, that's a recipe for disaster. We talk about the Internet. That comes from science. The main idea in all of biology is evolution. To not teach it to our young people is wrong."

I have real issues with what he is saying in this "ad."

First, Nye is falsely equating "science" with evolution. However, evolution is not science – it is a philosophy or a belief system posing as science. (See *Think & Believe* September, 2015.)

Secondly, Nye says if you don't believe in science (evolution in his thinking), you are "holding everybody back." I think it is evolutionary indoctrination, not the teaching of true science, that is holding back scientific advances. Billions of dollars have been spent on "research" trying to prove the philosophy of evolution. It also goes to salaries of teachers who think their job is to push evolution rather than give their students a real education. That money could be much better spent on projects such as medical research, more efficient forms of

energy, healthier food production, etc.

Third, Nye says the internet comes from science. The internet and other useful innovations are products of ingenuity and creative design based on real science. They are not a result of evolutionary instruction. Technology can do great things without evolutionary origins ever being considered. You can be a great scientist, engineer, or astronaut and still believe, "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth."

Fourth, Nye states: "The main idea in all of biology is evolution." Unfortunately, the idea of evolution has become an underlying foundation of biology teaching but that does not make it true. Textbooks could be much shorter and more time could be spent on gaining useful knowledge if evolution was not being pushed as the "main idea."

Would you rather have future doctors spending time studying speculative evolutionary ideas such as how parotid (wart-like) glands developed on toads or focusing on potentially life-saving medical developments?

Finally, Nye says not teaching evolution to young people is "wrong." That follows from his atheistic/naturalistic worldview. However, evolution is not true and it contradicts some of the best known laws of science. Why spend so much time and money teaching it to impressionable students? Wouldn't it be better

to spend time encouraging them to engage in factual, measurable pursuits instead of endless philosophical meanderings? Teaching students that they are merely the result of accidents and chance – just products of chemicals doing what comes naturally – can lead to hopelessness, despair, and the lack of any real purpose or meaning in life. We believe this teaching is wrong! We are convinced that the Biblical model of the Creation, Fall, Flood, and Dispersion fits much better with observable scientific evidence. It provides a firm foundation for life in this world and in the one to come.

So, are we against science? Of course not – just against godless evolutionary indoctrination! True science is a powerful tool to learn about this wonderfully created world and to discover ways to help people live healthier, more meaningful lives.

Let's keep science in its proper place as we *discover creation and worship our Creator!* 

Technology requires NO evolutionary indoctrination.





1. Was Jesus a real person?

Simply put, yes. I think this quote from a secular source puts it well: “Though a few books have recently argued that Jesus never existed, the evidence that he did is persuasive to the vast majority of scholars, whether Christian or non-Christian.”¹

2. Did Jesus really die on the cross and raise from the dead?

Some people believe the resurrection is impossible because they deny the supernatural. But, if there is a God, then miracles are possible. There is good evidence that what was reported in the Bible is historically accurate and reliable! So, yes, it is very reasonable to conclude that Jesus rose from the dead.

Here are some claims made by skeptics against the disciples’ reports along with my responses and conclusions:

a. *The disciples were wrong. Jesus wasn’t really dead.*

Response: Roman soldiers knew death. People would have known if Jesus was alive when carrying him to the tomb and wrapping him in linens. Many non-Christian sources also acknowledge that Jesus died.

Even if he wasn’t dead, Jesus’ wounds would have left him crippled.

b. *The disciples were lying.*

Response: Besides the disciples, there were more than 500 witnesses that saw the risen Jesus. Also, nearly all the disciples were killed for their testimony. People don’t die for what they know is a lie.

c. *The disciples were delusional.*

Response: Hallucinations are individual experiences and not the same for large groups of people.

d. *The disciples were fooled.*

Response: What would someone gain by deceiving them? The disciples would have known if the resurrected Jesus was an imposter. Also, the opposition could easily have proven them wrong by producing Jesus’ body.

e. *The writings were distorted later.*

Response: To prove this, skeptics would have to produce writings stating that Jesus remained dead. Yet, The earliest manuscripts and eyewitness accounts claim Jesus’ resurrection as the primary component of the Christian belief system.

f. *The disciples were telling the truth.*

Response: This appears to be the most consistent and logical possibility based on the evidence.²

3. Why is it important that Jesus rose from the dead?

The whole Christian faith hinges on it. As 1 Cor. 15:17 says “...if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins.” In verse 19, it says that if Christ didn’t rise from the dead, Christians are “men most miserable.” In addition, 1 Cor. 15:22 says, “For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.” Man is broken and needs fixing!

That, in itself, is evidence that the Christian worldview acknowledges reality – everyone knows that we are broken people in a broken world. There is evil because Adam sinned, placing mankind under the curse. But we have hope because Jesus rose from the dead! If Jesus is alive, we can be alive – forever – in perfect love, joy, unity, etc! “That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.” (Rom 10:9) **AOI**

¹Source: <https://www.livescience.com/13711-jesus-christ-man-physical-evidence-hold.html> For more details: Article: <http://coldcasechristianity.com/2017/is-there-any-evidence-for-jesus-outside-the-bible/> Video: <http://coldcasechristianity.com/2016/is-there-any-evidence-for-jesus-outside-the-bible-cold-case-christianity-broadcast-55/>

²Source: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q2D0LGro38g>

Contested Bones

Review by Dave Nutting

This new, up-to-date analysis, by Christopher Rupe and Dr. John Sanford, takes a critical look at the bones, or fragments of bones, that supposedly represent ape-to-man evolution. It culminates 4 years of research – including the most recent discoveries – and does a great job answering questions we often get from students. It comprehensively and systematically shows that, not only do Creationists contest the claims presented in the literature, but many of the “facts” are fiercely contested by those within paleoanthropology itself.

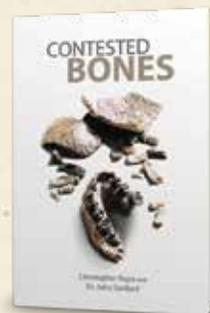
The publisher states this: “*Contested Bones provides new insights regarding the history of paleoanthropology, and the sequence of discoveries that bring us up to the current state of confusion within the field... Surprisingly, the conclusions of the authors consistently find strong support from various experts within the field.*

This book addresses a wide variety of important topics... “Which, if any, of the species gave rise to man?” “Did ‘Lucy’s’ kind walk upright like modern humans or did they live among the trees like ordinary apes?” “Was ‘Ardi’ the earliest

human ancestor?” “Were ‘Erectus’ and the newly discovered ‘Naledi’ sub-human or were they fully human?” “What are the implications of the growing evidence that shows man coexisted with the australopithecine apes?” “Are the dating method[s] consistently reliable?” “What does the latest genetic evidence reveal?”

I appreciate the depth and readability of the book – available from AOI for **\$20** (reg. \$30) plus **\$4.00** s/h. Remember, your order helps support the ministry of AOI.

When you share it with others, you take part in this ministry! **AOI**



“Winterfat”

by Steve Austin

Most people, especially those with an untrained eye, when viewing the desert regions of the world, see only bleakness and desolation. But our Creator God, the Lord Jesus Christ, has provided numerous plants that thrive in those regions and provide welcome relief – both to us and the animals of His creation.

One example that provides food and nourishment for the animal life in the North American deserts, and in other such regions in the Northern Hemisphere, is one called Winterfat. Botanists classify this plant as *Krascheninnikovia lanata*, and some as *Krascheninnikovia ceratoides* ssp. *lanata* (a subspecies of the Eurasian plant). Try saying the genus name rapidly three times in a row – good luck!

Although winterfat can grow up to three feet tall, it is generally a short shrub only growing to half that height. It inhabits many of the arid regions of western North America, from part of the Yukon in the far north, southwestern Canada, through the western United States as far east as Kansas, and even extending to northern Mexico.

This seemingly unattractive shrub, with tiny, greenish flowers smaller than your pinky nail, stands apart from its companions in the fall and winter months with tiny seeds sporting long tufts of white hairs that make the plant very noticeable – especially when occurring in dense stands. What makes winterfat especially unique is its high content of protein – almost as much as that found in alfalfa. This is during a season when other vegetation is meager or lacking. Thus, in God’s mercy, winterfat provides much needed food for cattle and sheep as well as pronghorn and the tiny mammals

that roam the desert floor.

This plant is designed to be deep-rooted, long-lived, and drought-tolerant. Due to its silvery cast, it is sometimes mistaken for sagebrush but it lacks the distinct “sage” odor when its small leaves are rubbed.

While winterfat is not a pretty plant lacking noticeable or attractive flowers, it does have its season and purpose. That applies to us as well! Each of us in God’s creation has a season and a purpose in His eternal plan. We need to grow where planted and reach out and bless those around us – even if we are in the desert. **AOI**

Hope in the Desert

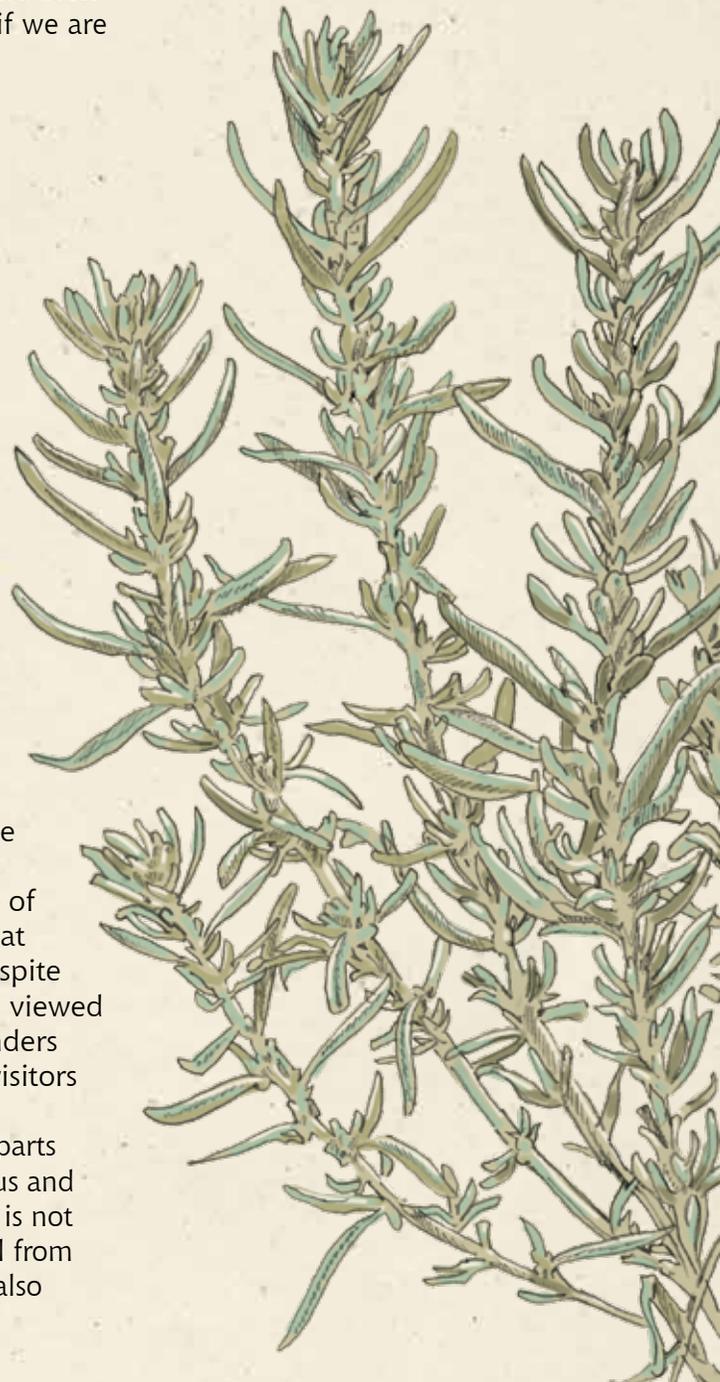
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In the article above, Steve mentioned that many people only see bleakness and desolation in the desert. If you look closely, however, you can see great beauty. Most people are familiar with places like the Grand Canyon and Zion National Park. In many sections of this arid region of Arizona and Utah, the rock layers, as well as the canyons carved through them, stand as evidence of destruction from the great Flood in Noah’s day. In spite of that, they can also be viewed as beautiful natural wonders that inspire millions of visitors every year.

Even in the “bleakest” parts of the desert, where cactus and thorny bushes rule, there is not just a reminder of the Fall from the Garden of Eden, but also

a message of hope. The thorny flora have amazingly beautiful flowers that are objects of myriads of photos and bring life to desert dwellers.

In all of this, we see the hand of God. There is hope for all of us – even for those who find themselves in a dry or dark place. If we allow God’s hand in our lives, He can make extreme beauty out of destruction. He can bring forth beautiful flowers from even the most “thorny” person! **AOI**



Director's Column by Dave & Mary Jo Nutting



This summer, you can fortify your family and counteract the pervasive evolutionary indoctrination by equipping them with

the truth. One way to do this is to provide quality creation books and DVD's. There are lots of good ones on our website to choose from.

Another way is to take a "creation vacation." Come to one of AOI's camps or tours, or arrange for an AOI speaker to come to a camp in your area. This gives our speakers plenty of time to interact with your family to help fortify them in their faith. We have had participants say, "It was one of your presentations that got me through college with my faith intact." If you can't come to an AOI event, check with us about a custom tour or "take a

creation speaker on vacation with you" by getting one of the national park guidebooks available on our website.

Still another way to fortify your family is to encourage your church to host an AOI seminar or Vacation Bible School. The cost is usually affordable even for small churches – expenses plus a love offering to AOI. We don't charge a "set fee." In fact AOI speakers also minister internationally and in locations that can't afford to pay expenses since we feel strongly that this message of Creation needs to be heard.

We can do this because people who have been blessed by this ministry are willing to bless someone else. So, if you have benefitted by the ministry of AOI, will you help others do the same? As a financial partner, you are a very important part of the AOI team. Please join us! 

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