

Think Believe

Discover Creation...Worship the Creator

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Quick! Shift Gears!

2020! Who would have thought? Covid, lockdowns, economic struggles, Marxist-backed riots, and a very contentious election! People have asked, “**Has all of this affected AOI?**” Well, **YES!** It’s impacted us in several ways:

Mode of Operation: Since most of AOI’s in-person speaking events were canceled due to Covid, us “old dogs” had to learn some “new tricks!” Praise God for the technology that made it possible to shift to more online teaching and virtual events. AOI staff and board remain committed to sharing the truth of Creation and the Gospel. We believe that evolutionary philosophy – and the ideas based on it – have been at the root of much of the current unrest and problems in society. We need to get back to the foundational truths of Scripture. We still enjoy doing in-person events when possible, but this shift has allowed us to, not only continue teaching through the shutdowns, but to expand our ministry and reach people worldwide with the truth. Some methods may have shifted, but our message remains the same.

Training: An added blessing of online teaching has been the ability to train others more thoroughly with extended classes. Mary Jo and I are currently training a great group of bilingual students in Costa Rica. This 12-week (3-hour/week) course is designed to equip them to teach creation in their own area,

throughout Central America, and beyond.

Additionally, Scott and Brian are conducting weekly in-depth training classes on creation and worldviews for high-school and college students. These classes (partly in-person, partly online) have the potential for reaching many more young people and adults. Locally, Brian is hosting a weekly on-campus/online combo Creation Club with various AOI speakers. (See page 2 for current online programs.)

Finances: Yes, we have been impacted financially:

- Most face-to-face events had to be cancelled, decimating that portion of AOI’s income.
- With all the uncertainty, it has been difficult to schedule future events so that portion of our future income remains uncertain.
- The company that was renting the upper level of our building shifted to home-based operations due to Covid and did not renew their lease. Their rent covered our mortgage payments.
- Some AOI supporters have had to stop or cut-back on their support due to personal and family needs related to Covid. (We understand and pray that God gives them mercy, healing, comfort, and provision as they face these challenges!)
- This is an election year which

greatly impacts most ministries.

Support: A *BIG* “Thank You” to those who have generously continued to stand with AOI through these challenging times. Your prayers and ongoing financial support are needed now more than ever.

For those who are not currently on AOI’s support team and are able, will *YOU* begin to partner with AOI in teaching the truth of creation, exposing the lies of evolution, providing solid scientific evidence that affirms God’s Word, and proclaiming the Gospel and greatness of our Creator God?

Some ways you can help:

- First and foremost, *PRAY* with, and for us as we seek to be faithful to God’s call.
- *PARTICIPATE* in sharing with others by talking with friends and family, passing on AOI posts on social media, and encouraging those in your circle to check out our website and online training options.
- *SUPPORT* AOI financially so we can continue to reach people with the truth.
- **Will you stand with us?** Please fill out and return the enclosed insert indicating your very-much-appreciated support!
- **God bless you abundantly!** For all of us at AOI,

Dave Nutting, Director



Online Learning Opportunities

We are excited to continue sharing the truth of Creation and the Gospel through AOI's online video programs and virtual events. Please share these learning opportunities with friends and family.

Virtual Creation Seminar:

7 sessions, 36 to 47 minutes each, plus added info and testimonies. Topics include:

- Grand Design or Blind Chance?
- Was Darwin Wrong?: The Fossil Record
- Was Darwin Wrong?: Biology
- Noah's Flood: Fact or Reality?
- A Creationist View of Astronomy
- Dinosaurs and the Bible
- So the Next Generation Will Know



Creation: Foundation of Freedom: The creationist views of our nation's founders and documents have been seriously eroded and need to be restored. (Panel/lecture format. Three 1.5-hour sessions)

Astronomy: Brian Mariani gives a good overview of Astronomy from a creation perspective. (Six 2-hour sessions)

From Faith to non-Faith, and back to faith. Hear Scott Mauser's testimony on how evolution and other philosophies almost destroyed him. You'll be encouraged by his journey


back to Christ and realization of the truth of the Bible. (1.5-hour presentation)

Virtual Southwest Field trip

Take a virtual "tour" with Brian Mariani of some of the most significant geological sites viewed from a creation/flood perspective.

Colorado National Monument:

Redrock Canyon Country: AOI's amazing phone app helps you and your family enjoy the beauty of western Colorado's red rock canyons, spires, and other geologic features – from a scientific and Biblical perspective. (Stay tuned, we are beginning work for a Yellowstone app!)

Visit DiscoverCreation.org to take part in these opportunities. 

DisMANTled: A Scientific Deconstruction of the Theory of Evolution.

Dave Nutting

Having just watched this brand new 93-minute DVD, I can highly recommend it to you. It is up to date with evidence for creation and problems with evolution. Here is how the publisher presents it:

"We've been told that modern science and the theory of evolution have disproved the Genesis account of creation.

"We've been told that the fossil record proves that humans evolved from ape-like creatures (known as hominins) over a period of several million years.

"We've been told modern genetics shows how our evolution from such hominin ancestors occurred—through a steady process of mutation and


natural selection.

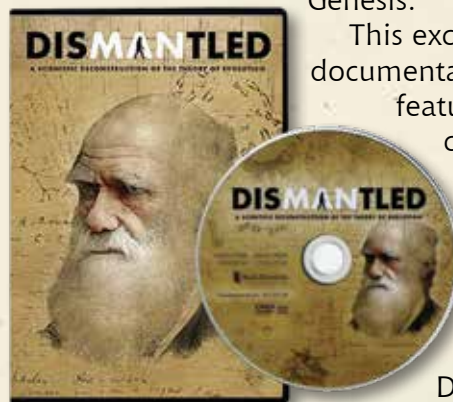
"However, compelling evidence from major scientific fields – including biology, paleoanthropology, and genetics – has cast serious doubt on this evolutionary account of our history. In fact, DNA analysis of people living around the world powerfully reveals that the biblical account of creation is far more scientifically accurate than what we've been told.

"**DISMANTLED** presents fascinating evidence supported

by leading, peer-reviewed scientific journals. Interviews with well-credentialed scientists further shed light on how the findings of modern science are collapsing the theory of evolution and simultaneously confirming the biblical view of origins recorded in the book of Genesis."

This excellent documentary production features seven creation research scientists: Chris Rupe, Dr. John Sanford, Dr. Rusty Carter, Dr. Nathaniel Jeasson; Dr. Jason Lisle, Dr. Georgia Purdom.

\$19 plus \$3 total shipping and handling for any number of copies ordered. 



Yellowstone – The Huge Volcano

by Dave Nutting

While we don't intend to scare them, Mary Jo and I make a point to tell the members of our Yellowstone tour group that: "When you are viewing Old Faithful Geyser, or any of the other thermal features of Yellowstone, you are actually standing on a huge volcano." In the past, this volcano explosively blew out a tremendous volume of material – some of which can be found in the very southern parts of the United States. This was not your ordinary volcano! When all this was happening, you would not have wanted to be within a thousand miles of it.

To many people, Mt. St. Helens in Washington was a huge event. People visiting there 40 years later still stand amazed at the devastation and deposits resulting from the initial blast in 1980. However, Mt. St. Helens would be a mere "popgun" compared to the Yellowstone eruptions. The three major eruptions at Yellowstone spewed approximately 10,000 times the amount of material expelled from Mt. St. Helens.

The Collapsed Caldera

With so much material ejected from broad areas in ancestral Yellowstone, a gaping hole was left under the surface. This later collapsed leaving an elongated,

circular depression called the Collapsed Caldera. The main section of this caldera is about 35 x 45 miles in diameter. That is huge! It is in this caldera that most of Yellowstone's geothermal features are found.

The Hotspot

Could Yellowstone blow again? Yes. According to those researching the area, it may be brewing again.

One indicator is that a section of the Yellowstone Lake bottom has been rising over the last few years. However, since the earth is dynamic, this sort of activity has not led to any major predictions. According to current theory, the continent is slowly moving over a plume-like hotspot in the earth's mantle leaving a trail of volcanic eruptions that extend from southeastern Oregon to Yellowstone. If the trend continues into the near future, it would NOT be a good time to buy real estate in Redrock, Montana!

Where did the hotspot originate? In the past, it was thought that it formed directly


under Yellowstone. Some of the latest research, however, indicates that the hot plume can be traced all the way from Yellowstone to the Baja peninsula in Mexico. Is it stationary? We don't really know.

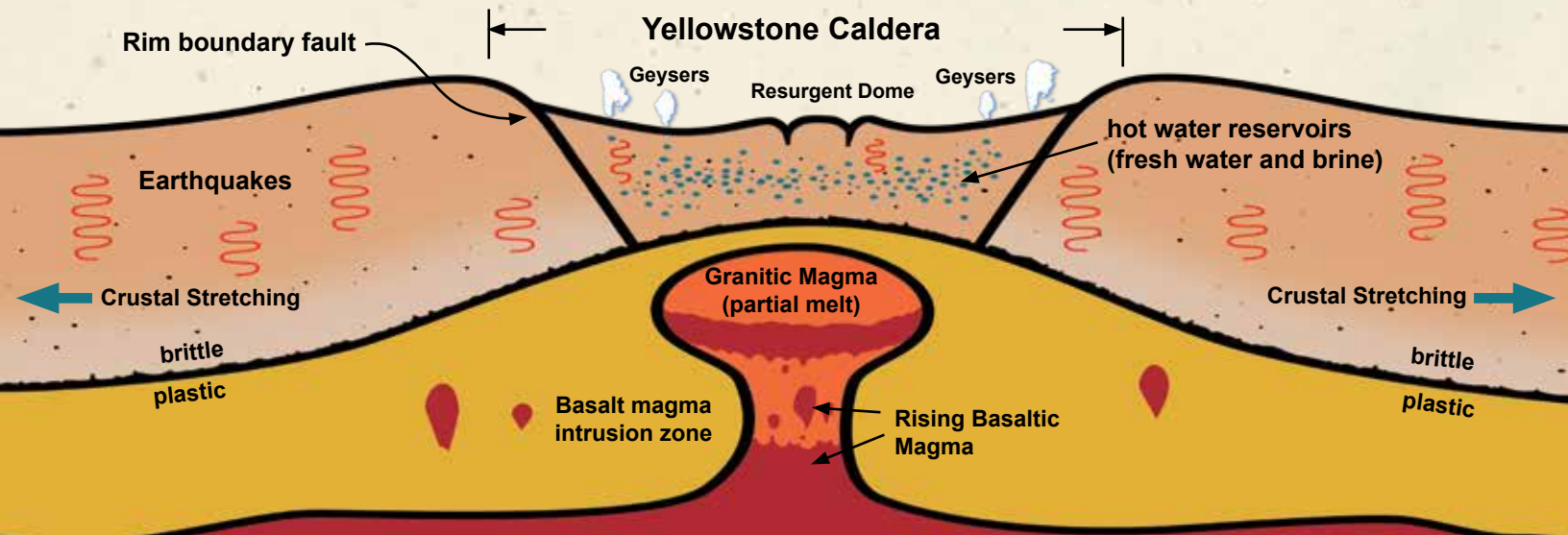
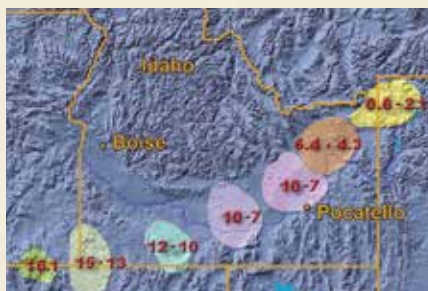
Is it safe?

We think that your danger in visiting this amazing volcanic wonder is definitely less than the danger in crossing a city street or trying to pet one of the park's many bison. If the hotspot causes another major eruption there should be ample

warning allowing you time to go visit Aunt Molly in Texas or perhaps Uncle Bill in Maine. If you wish to feel even safer, perhaps book something in Athens, Greece.

However, there is Vesuvius... If you really want to be safe, be in the center of God's will!

Some wonder how all this relates to the Flood. During and after the Deluge, plate movement and related circulation patterns within the earth's mantle would not only produce the obvious "ring of fire" (volcanic activity near the plate boundaries), but could also result in hot magmatic plumes such as the one under Yellowstone. There are many factors which play into the intensity of eruptions, so we can't say for sure how powerful the next one (if any) would be. 



Director's Column

by Dave Nutting




The staff and board of AOI wish you a very happy Thanksgiving and Christmas season. What an opportunity

we have to bring a message of hope to hurting members of our family and circle of friends as we finish a difficult year.

Our mode of operation with creation seminars certainly had to be altered! However, the message of Christ the Creator remains unchanged. Pray with us, as we have very greatly expanded our use of the internet, that individuals and

families throughout the world (whom we had no prior access to) will reap huge eternal fruit! (See page 1 and 2)

Yes, we look forward to having live face-to-face (not mask-to-mask!) meetings in even more settings, but, be assured, we plan to continue expanding our online presence. God's Word still reaches out!

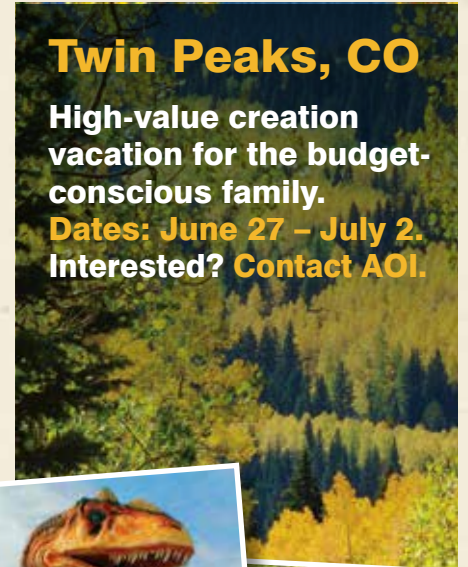
As you celebrate this joyous time of year with your families (and look forward with hope to a better 2021!), let's keep putting Christ first and foremost. Let us also look up and rely on His power and grace to sustain us. God Bless you all! 



Twin Peaks, CO

High-value creation vacation for the budget-conscious family.

Dates: June 27 – July 2. Interested? Contact AOI.



Please Pray for and support AOI. Thank you!

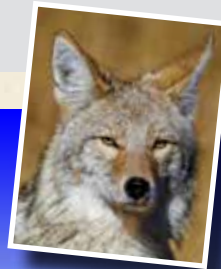
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Yellowstone 2021

Affordable creation seminar & bus tour of Yellowstone. Great for the entire family! Aug. 27-31 and Sep. 3-7. Call AOI for info.



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