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Termites in the Cabin: A Modern Parable

by Dave Nutting

The termite organizer and his top “cabinet” officer address a “town hall” meeting of a large colony of termites that have invaded a cabin in the mountains.

Organizer: “We have a problem in our midst. There is a member of our colony who is teaching young termites that a human supposedly made our cabin home! You can’t be a scientific termite if you believe that “something” or “someone” built this structure. Worker, what do you have to say for yourself?”

Worker: I noticed a picture on one of those paper sheets of a creature which I call a human. It was stacking one tree on top of another tree and the structure looked like our cabin home! So, I think a human made this cabin!

Organizer: Is that all you have to go on? Some flimsy layers of paper with a supposed picture? Why should we believe you? Do you have any real evidence?

Worker: Look at the order of how the tree trunks with no branches are stacked on top of each other. That doesn’t happen naturally.

Cabinet Officer: “Wrong! Follow the science. All scientific termites know that a strong wind in the forest just might blow off all the branches and bark, and knock down trees. They just happened to fall one on top of

each other into this arrangement.

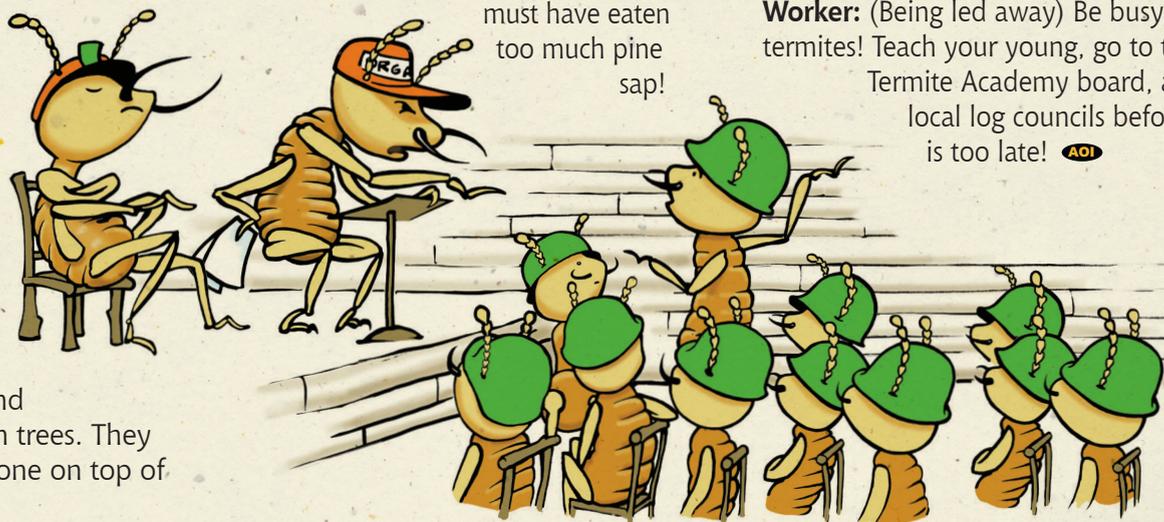
Worker: “Wow, that sounds like a lot of faith in wind! What about the round, long pieces of metal we encounter when we chew those trees. Not only are they hard on our teeth, but I believe that a human made them too. Metal just doesn’t naturally take that long, pointed shape. Besides, they are very evenly spaced.

Organizer: You are out of your termite mind!

Worker: Also, look at the big, flat, clear rock-like stuff that you can see through. Rock doesn’t accidentally take that shape. I was on a scouting mission and saw one of those flat rock structures that was silver colored. When I saw another termite staring me in the face, I put up a good fight before I realized that it was ME that I was fighting. I tell you, there is just too much evidence that this cabin and the things in it were made by something much more powerful than us!

Cabinet Officer: Don’t listen to him! He

must have eaten too much pine sap!



Organizer: Rulers of the colony, be aware! He is one of the teachers in the Termite Academy. Make sure he never teaches young termites again! His wacky ideas about a creator-human will set science back many generations.

Cabinet Officer: And take away his pencil so he can’t influence any more young impressionable termite minds.

Worker: Wait! I saw another paper sheet that has lines on it. The shape looks like our home but is much bigger. I think the human is going to tear down our cabin home and build a new one.

Organizer: Yeah, yeah, yeah!

Human, ha! Well, anyhow, Our elite workers party termites are saving this “supposed” human a lot of trouble. After that log near the base is chewed up, this whole structure will come down. Then we won’t have to climb so high for our lunch.

Worker: But think of all of us termites that will get crushed in the process.

Organizer whispers to Cabinet

Officer: That’s alright, there are too many termites in this cabin anyhow.

Organizer: Lock Worker up. He’s too subversive!

Worker: (Being led away) Be busy termites! Teach your young, go to the Termite Academy board, and local log councils before it is too late! **AOI**

The Bias of “Unbiased” Naturalism *by Dave Nutting*

To a creationist, this universe, our world, and life itself appears obviously to have been designed. Looking at the intricate details of cellular biology, etc, makes it even more obvious. However, the prevailing worldview that is taught in the media and in schools is that of naturalism. It is the philosophy that everything in the universe and life itself can, and must be, explained only by natural processes without God.

Although thousands of highly qualified scientists reject naturalism, most students adopt naturalism because that is all that is taught. They are told that you have to accept this no-God philosophy in order to be a “scientist.” There is a strong bias among supposedly “unbiased” scientists toward naturalism

exclusively. Dr. Scott Todd who testified in a Kansas court case to ban any teaching of intelligent design stated:

“Even if all the data point to an intelligent designer, such an hypothesis is excluded from science because it is not naturalistic.”¹

Also, consider these two quotes from a professor:

“... we must concede that there are presently no detailed Darwinian accounts of the evolution of any biochemical or cellular system, only a variety of wishful speculations.”

But, he also had said:

“We should reject, as a matter of principle, the substitution of intelligent design for the dialogue of chance and necessity ...”²

Students need to be aware of this bias against a creator. Naturalism can lead to a mentality that only scientists who hold to the “majority” view are worthy to make decisions and can therefore, impose their scientific/philosophical views on everyone else. **AOI**

¹ Dr. Scott Todd, correspondence to Nature 410(6752): 423 (9/30/1999)

² Franklin M. Harold, Professor Emeritus of Biochemistry, Colorado State University, 2001. The way of the cell: molecules, organisms and the order of life, Oxford University Press, New York, p. 205.

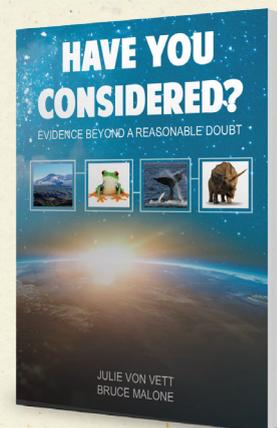
Have You Considered? – Von Vett, Malone

by Dave Nutting

This daily creation devotional by Julie Von Vett and Bruce Malone covering 365 evidences for creation with daily scripture, has been so popular we decided to offer it again. **Have You Considered?** presents amazing testimony from every area of science. Read one of the 365 examples each day of the year (if you can put it down), or enjoy all of them at one long sitting! You will see how the Bible and science go hand in hand when interpreted within a biblical creation model. Von Vett and Malone include topics such as biology, geology, botany, genetics, anatomy, history, and microbiology.

They also share marvelous demonstrations of design. We like the fact that this book is loaded with colorful pictures on every page and is easy to understand – yet technically accurate. Parents can read it to young children while they, themselves, get a huge amount of information and a great appreciation for our awesome Creator.

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Are People Getting Taller? Is that Evolution?

by Dave Nutting

I have been challenged by high school and college students that since people are getting taller it is a proof of evolution. To respond to a claim such as this, it is important to ask the right questions.

Is there hard data that people have gotten taller? Answer: First, note the past tense change. Data only applies to the past and present, not the future. In this case there appears to be data to support that. Australian research showed that the average height of 12 year-old children was 4 inches taller than approximately 100 years ago. Even the clothing industry has recognized the trend and has made adjustments.

Scientific American reports similar research in a 1998 article. That article, however, also addresses the second question we need to ask in order to respond to this claim.

Is the observed change due to evolution? That answer is no.

Even the SA article states that people have gotten taller, but "it is not due to evolution."

Their conclusion echoes exactly what I have been contending for quite some time: The human gene pool has the genes for being taller, but only with the availability of better nutrition, can individuals reach that height potential.

Are people still getting taller? This is a question about the future, so we don't have data to adequately answer that one. However, it appears that the growth due to nutrition has mostly leveled off. In other words, there are limits to change as dictated by the genetic



potential already in the gene pool.

Are there exceptions? Yes. Skeletal remains of some Native American tribes actually indicate they were just as tall as the average height of people today. Also, Goliath, the giant of Gath who David triumphed over with a sling, actually had giant offspring and/or close relatives that, according to 2 Samuel 21, David and his gallant men killed in various battles with the Philistines.

This appears to be a specific genetic aberration that deviated from the norm.

So, does this prove evolution? No. Even though students may use this argument, it is not an argument that mainstream evolutionists and publications that I know of will use.

They agree that genetic variability coupled with better nutrition (and potentially the lack of many infectious diseases) are the main factors for increased height, not evolution. **AOI**

Amazing Termite Mounds

by Dave Nutting

Various termite populations build elaborate structures, called termite mounds, made from dirt mixed with their own saliva. When we give tours to Costa Rica, we point out many of those that are built high up on a tree. Since they need to stay moist, termites also build a long mud-encased tunnel to reach their termite city. Being high in a tree eliminates the danger of roaming anteaters who can eat thousands of ants per day.

Other termite mounds found in

Africa are quite large, towering 6-8 feet¹. Researchers have found that these mounds are constructed in a specific and intricate way that maintain

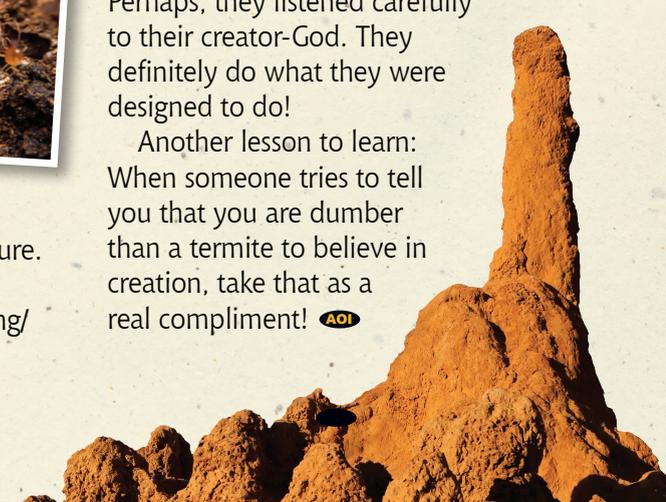


a fairly constant internal temperature.

This unique ability has caught the attention of heating/cooling engineers in Zimbabwe who have now used the termite "technology" to design a large

shopping and office complex that saved \$3.5 million in construction costs and eliminated much of the utility bill! If we copy the termite technology to "invent" highly engineered cooling/heating systems, then it is obvious that the original termite patent was also designed by the termites' creator. So, how did the termites learn to do that? Perhaps, they listened carefully to their creator-God. They definitely do what they were designed to do!

Another lesson to learn: When someone tries to tell you that you are dumber than a termite to believe in creation, take that as a real compliment! **AOI**



Director's Column

by Dave Nutting



An Alert and Invitation!

School is already back in session. Your youth need help! We have recently added 2 important

video resources on our website from the recent Zoom meetings we conducted.

1. [DiscoverCreation.org/MazeVideo](https://www.discovercreation.org/MazeVideo)

This parent/grandparent session alerts you to what your youth are faced with and how to help them through the maze of evolution and other anti-God indoctrination.

2. [DiscoverCreation.org/StudentCrashClassVideo](https://www.discovercreation.org/StudentCrashClassVideo)

This is great for students from upper elementary school through adult who need answers to

“proofs” thrown at them to discredit God and the Bible. Go to those sites to hear these extremely valuable sessions. Then, please help us spread the word by emailing/texting or ?? these links as broadly as you can. You can make a difference to help someone in your life have the information to withstand the indoctrination and keep their faith intact! 

The CO National Monument Tour App

is now complete for the I-phone and Android. That's a huge praise! Users have been amazed at its quality and how comprehensive it is. Even if you do not go there in person, you can take the tour by seeing the fabulous photos and reading or hearing the narration of the main sites. See Page 2 for free download information. Our next creation tour app will be for Yellowstone National Park. Already, we have made very significant progress with many pieces including photos, text, voice, etc., already in place. So, stay tuned!



Costa Rica Tour

March 7-16, 2022

Once again, Mary Jo and I will be teaming up with a local tour guide to give you an amazing creation tour of Costa Rica. Call AOI for information and visit [DiscoverCreation.org/camps-tours/costa-rica-creation-adventure/](https://www.discovercreation.org/camps-tours/costa-rica-creation-adventure/).



One big project we would appreciate assistance with is the indoor fire suppression sprinkler system. This is a city requirement to allow conversion of the upstairs offices into what will ultimately become student housing. Our ministry vision is for Christian students who attend the neighboring university to live in the supportive AOI community and be discipled by our staff. These students and interns would be heavily involved with outreach ministry using their skills and giftings either in direct evangelism, creation ministry, or with social media and internet outreach. The Construction Workers Christian Fellowship will provide free labor, but we would still need to meet the cost of materials and the expense of bringing a water line in from the street – a projected \$71,500. Please contact AOI for information.



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