

Brian & Aimee Mariani Family!

For Scheduling a
Creation Science
Apologetics Seminar

Why Teach Creation Science?



Missionaries for Alpha Omega Institute.

Holding up the Authority of the Bible and Proclaiming God's Glory!

*In need of prayer and financial partners!

Are Your Loved Ones Equipped??

Can We Help?

Alpha Omega Institute is an educational organization dedicated to teaching the Biblical and scientific evidence of creation throughout the world.

HOLY BIBLE

Our goal is to uphold the authority of Scripture – through teaching solid science – which points to a BIG GOD – our Creator!

Does the Creation/Evolution or the Age of the Earth controversy matter?

From years of experience, we agree with Evangelist Mark Cahill where he states that **the #1 reason students give for rejecting the Gospel is evolution**. Misunderstandings of science and the Bible lead to questions like these:

"If" the first chapters of the Bible are not true, then why believe the rest of it? "If" the Big Bang and Evolution are true, then does God really exist?

"If" I am just an evolved animal, does my life have value?

Would you like some updated training on Creation Science Apologetics for your group?

Below you will find:

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- Suggested Schedules
- My Favorite Presentations (with Descriptions)
- Speaker Bio
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I (Brian) present seminars for a wide range of ages and interests:

All of my presentations can be presented in technical lecture formats or can be more interactive and geared towards groups ranging from elementary through adult. I am excited to offer presentations that the whole family can enjoy together!

Creation Science seminars could be used as an evangelistic thrust – to reach (hook) the unbelievers that we all know who are not currently attending church. They might be interested in coming to a Science presentation, where they will get solid evidence for God, the Bible, and they will hear the gospel. These presentations will also strengthen our own faiths and understanding of God as believers.

Churches, Christian Schools, Homeschool, and General Audiences:

I aim at keeping my programs informative, fun, and interesting for children, teens, and adults. I use colorful, high quality visuals, fascinating information, and appropriate humor to help hold attention and get the points across. I also strive to present the information in a clear, but respectful way, so that even skeptics will feel welcome. Presentations can be tailored for specialized audiences as needed.

Youth:

Even if you have to "bribe them" with pizza or offer them a free ski trip, get them there! Youth are being hammered by evolution and other philosophies. According to polls, 75-90 % of church youth drop out of church by the time they graduate from college. Often at some churches, many do not show up for anything except the sermon time. This is a major reason to have my presentation during the main sermon time since it allows me to speak to them in an area where they are really struggling. Be creative to get them to the program. If you have access to a school or university group, please include them in our schedule during the time we are with you.

Children's Programs:

My presentations are typically geared to an audience of 8 and up, but I have also tailored my talks so that groups of younger children can understand the teaching. I get excited about teaching whole families together!

Consider a 1-2 Day Mini-VBS or a 5 Day VBS for your kids!

I do love to teach kids and we could run a full week of teaching or just a mini-VBS with topics like: Creation vs. Evolution, Dinosaurs, The Global Flood, Fossils, Astronomy, and more!

If you prefer to offer your own children's program while I am teaching an older crowd, let me know if you would like teaching and activity suggestions so your children's ministry team can coordinate with my programs.

University, Public School, and Civic Presentations:

These fast-paced, illustrated programs help students and adults learn to ask the right questions, apply the scientific method, and separate fact from fiction. Topics are tailored to the setting, both in content and level. For public schools, we focus on critical thinking and the scientific aspects of the question of origins, encouraging students to study the evidence themselves and come to their own conclusions. Time is included for questions and discussion whenever possible.

Informal Home/Dinner Discussions:

I really enjoy talking with skeptics of Christianity in hopes that science and apologetic arguments may open a door/conversation for the Holy Spirit to work in them the truth from God's Word.

Suggested Schedules:

We would be available for Sunday Church Services or we could do a special seminar event (1 or 2 nights)

For Church Services: These presentations are more devotional and scripture oriented:

- -Astronomy: The Heavens Declare the Glory of God
- -What's Impossible in Your Life...Right Now?
- -Apologetic Evangelism: Engaging with this Culture

For evening presentations: We could do a stand-alone presentation with a snack time afterward or we could do 2 presentations with a snack break in between. Here is a suggested schedule, but the topics could be changed as desired:

Night 1

6:00 – 7:00 – Creation/Evolution: Why Does it Matter?

7:00 - 7:15 -Simple snack break

7:15 – 8:15 – Challenges to Evolution – Astronomy

8:15 - 9:00 - Optional Q & A

Night 2

6:00 – 7:00 – Does Biology Prove Evolution or Design?

7:00 - 7:15 -Simple snack break

7:15 – 8:15 – Apologetic Evangelism: Engaging with this Culture

8:15 - 9:00 - Optional Q & A

My Favorite Presentations (with Descriptions)

The length of each presentation can be adjusted between 30 to 60 minutes long. Changes can be made to fit each situation/age/audience. PowerPoint is usually used in these presentations.

Creation/Evolution: Why Does it Matter?

Brian Mariani will present the *5 Common Deceptions* in our culture regarding God, the Bible, science, and Creation. This presentation will create audience interaction as we cover questions like: *Why is Creation important? Do we really believe God and the Bible? What can you do about spreading Creation?* Within this presentation, Brian will be sharing his personal testimony and passion for Creation Training. He will explain why he is in the creation ministry and will present AOI's vision for their training program, the Discover Creation Training Adventure (DCTA). (www.DiscoverCreation.org/Adventure)

The Bible begins with Genesis and explains how God has created the world in 6 literal days. Brian Mariani explains that this passage truly is foundational to the rest of the Bible and all that we believe. Everyone has faith in something. Biblical Creation is consistent and there is evidence to back up the claims of the Bible.

Astronomy: The Heavens Declare the Glory of God

Astronomy is the study of the galaxies, stars, planets, moons and ultimately the whole universe. In this presentation, you will learn how the wrong assumptions lead to wrong conclusions that don't fit the observations. We will consider questions like: Was there really a Big Bang? How do stars, planets, and moons form? What is Dark Matter and Dark Energy? Learn some of the biggest challenges to the naturalistic/evolutionary perspectives that could demolish the supposed billions of years of history.

Apologetic Evangelism: Engaging the Culture

Brian Mariani will share some of his strategies for reaching out to college students (among others) using surveys, questions, and conversations. Our culture is filled with a lot of confusion and misinformation. It is so often hard to know what is true – or maybe more importantly how to think. Brian will share some of his exciting experiences interacting with people of different beliefs.

Does Biology Prove Evolution or Design?

Do you remember Bio 101? This is the return of that class though hopefully in a more exciting and interesting way. Join Brian Mariani on this journey to determine if life can arise naturally on its own with just pure chemistry. Mutations and Natural Selection are held up as the two mechanisms for Evolution – are they enough? Be amazed at the incredible and increasing complexity of DNA – can this complexity be explained by Evolution?

Geologic Mysteries of the Pacific Northwest

In the Pacific Northwest, there are incredible geologic features often overlooked. Huge layers and columns of basalt rock cover hundreds of square miles – evidence of massive volcanism in the past. Large river channels (like the Columbia River Gorge among others) and valleys have been since carved

through that hard basalt rock. Huge boulders are left scattered in fields as well as pesky water-worn boulders in farmer's fields. Be the scientist to best interpret what has happened in the region.

The Sweet 16 Significant Things to Observe - Geology

"It's just a rock." Or is it? For those untrained in geology, what are we missing in the rocks all around us? In this fun introduction to the Floods of the West Geology, students will be able to gain "A Whole New World" of perspective on the "Grand" scale and scope of Geology.

What Happened to the Dinosaurs?

Dinosaurs have always captivated the hearts, minds, and imaginations of kids (and adults), but how do our beliefs about Dinosaurs change our worldview? Relive your childhood fascination with in-depth teaching on dinosaurs answering some of the most common questions like: "When did the dinosaurs live?" "Did dinosaurs live alongside humans?" "How did the dinosaurs die?"

In this presentation, Brian Mariani will share what the Bible says about dinosaurs and look into sources of both ancient and surprisingly recent history to understand cultural traditions regarding dragons. Recent evidence will also be presented to show that dinosaurs must have lived more recently than supposed millions of years ago as is commonly taught.

The Genius of Ancient Man

Contrary to popular belief, ancient man was not a dumb cave man that dragged his woman around by the hair. As recorded in the Bible, "ancient" is really only a few thousand years ago and man was created by God to live with God in the garden. Adam was intelligent right from the start. Brian Mariani explains this and shows how the current evidence of ancient ruins spread all over the world show intelligence, connections to one similar ancient civilization (Babel), and all of this evidence confirms the history and timescale of the Bible.

What's Impossible in Your Life...Right Now? (Devotional)

Search the scriptures with Brian Mariani to see how God has worked and is still working and active in our lives today. Hear testimony of God's provision through Brian's life and for others as well. See God's heart from the scriptures and learn to trust God more in any situation...no matter what!

Brian will challenge you with questions like: Do you really believe the Bible? Do you really believe God? How Big is your God? Be strengthened from Psalm 37 as well as other scriptures that encourage us to give up control, wait on the LORD, and He will provide.

Or pick from another topic from a list of talks/presentations that Brian has prepared: www.DiscoverCreation.org/Mariani

Who We Are (Speaker Bio)



Brian and Aimee Mariani were both raised with a solid foundation and a deep passion for God's word, science, and God's Creation. In public schools and secular universities, Brian saw the deception of evolution all around him. He graduated Illinois State University with a Physics Teaching Degree. He later taught the credibility of creation and the pervasiveness of evolution from a Biblical perspective as a science teacher at a Christian high school. Aimee has spent many years teaching campers about God's creation at a Christian living history camp. They met at Jackson Hole Bible College, which strengthened their creation worldview and Brian also had

the opportunity to research and write the Biblical perspective of ancient cultures that can be read in <u>The Genius of Ancient Man</u>. Brian and Aimee joined AOI in 2013 because they have a passion to teach others about God through history, science, and His creation. They live in Grand Junction with their growing little family!

Nitty-Gritty Details

- 1. **Computer Set-up:** I have a laptop that I can plug in using either VGA or HDMI cords. I also have my presentations on a Flash Drive that can be loaded on a computer there for the presentation.
- Computer Audio: For most presentations, I will not need audio as I don't usually use videos –
 there are a few presentations where I might like to play videos that will need audio, but I don't
 have to play the videos. I also have a couple of speakers that may be suitable for medium sized
 rooms.
- 3. **TV or Projection:** We will want a TV or Projector Screen or a clear white wall to project on. I have a back-up projector for those locations where I can set it up.
- 4. **Microphone:** If a microphone is necessary, I would prefer a lapel or a headset microphone, but I can use a handheld microphone if necessary.
- 5. **Snacks/Refreshments:** If you choose to have a snack/fellowship break during or after the sessions, please provide appropriate snacks for the size of the group expected and based on the dietary needs of the group.
- 6. **Book Table:** We will bring books and DVDs to sell if that is okay with you. Our goal is not to get rich from those sales (and we won't at the set prices), but our goal is to provide helpful

resources that will lead, Lord-willing, to further spiritual growth. Two 8 ft tables would be ideal to set up the resources, but one table might suffice.

- 7. **Internet Access:** We would appreciate getting access to the internet at your location to help us if we have any computer/technical difficulties and to be able to help in selling our resources (for those who want to use a credit card).
- 8. **Flyers/Bulletins/Handouts:** We can help provide these documents via Microsoft Word and/or PDF to be able to 1) advertise ahead of time and 2) give them informational handouts applicable to the presentation and our ministry. We suggest that you advertise the event adequately ahead of time.
- 9. Financial: The cost of our travels should be covered by donations received on our trip, so to make this trip financially feasible, we are asking that the church/group provide a love offering (or an honorarium if you so choose) to help cover our travel, outreach and general ministry expenses. We are support-based missionaries and appreciate how God uses people to provide for our needs! No matter what the offering results in, we trust that the LORD will provide! Thank you so much!

Any donations given by check should be written to "Alpha Omega Institute" (or "AOI") with "Mariani Ministry Fund" written in the Memo line.

10. Lodging:

We would appreciate a good, level, and safe place for us to park our 26 ft long camper for the night.

We are now blessed with four little ones all under the age of 7. In order to make traveling and ministering as a family possible, we have renovated an old shuttle bus into our family camper. Though this significantly decreased our gas mileage, it provides us the space we needed, the ability to take our medium sized dog, and we can sleep in our camper rather than moving in and out of hotels.

11. Dietary Needs:

Praise the Lord, we as a family still do not have any food allergies or dislikes! If you would like to provide meals for us, we would love to enjoy sweet fellowship time over meals together with you! We appreciate your service and hospitality!

We would love the opportunity to connect with you and your community! Let us know how we can best serve your group and May God Bless You!

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Bonus – These are some of my favorite evidences:

www.DiscoverCreation.org/Evidence

To learn more about us and to see some of our writing, videos, and research:

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