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Genesis to Revelation: One Person's Impact

by Dave & Mary Jo Nutting

Too cold! Too hot! Even if we live in a place where seasonal temperature differences are not so great, we can find ourselves complaining: "Too much rain." "Not enough rain." "Too humid; too dry!" Tornadoes, hurricanes, earthquakes, tsunamis... We are certainly not living in the Garden of Eden, but rather, on a globe bearing the marks of the Fall.

Yes, we who believe have been redeemed by Christ's work on the Cross and have hope in this life. However, we still long for Eden – for fellowship with God, pleasant work, no sickness, no pain, and no death. We are constantly reminded of the truth of Genesis and the costly impact of sin: pain, sorrow, thorns, thistles, burdensome work, relationship issues, and death.

In Genesis 3, we see that one person, Adam, had a very negative impact on humanity when he sinned and death came into the world. We read in Genesis 5:5, "So all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years; and he died." And then as the descendants of Adam are listed, we are reminded again and again: "and he died...and he died...and he died." Sad reminders of the fall of one person. In Genesis 6:5 we read that it got worse: "Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And the LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart."

So, God decided to destroy man from the face of the earth, along with the beasts, creeping things, and birds. Today, we still see the impact of the Flood all over the earth – in the fossils and in the very rocks themselves.

But, Praise God! Noah, one person, "...found grace in the eyes of the LORD." (Genesis 6:8) The next verse tells us: "Noah was a just man, perfect [blameless] in his generations. Noah walked with God." (Gen 6:9) And Noah obeyed God resulting in salvation – not only for his family, but for the whole human race. The whole earth was repopulated through him and his sons! We are alive today, because of Noah's faithfulness and obedience. One person! Wow! What an impact this one person's life of faith, obedience, and actions had on coming generations!

Ultimately, the greatest impact for eternity is the one person, Jesus, God in flesh, who died and rose again so that all who believe in Him would have life everlasting! When Jesus walked this earth, He demonstrated His power over creation – over

the weather, the plants, human relationships, suffering and even death. In addition, we have His promise that one day, He will make all things new! (Rev. 21:5)

"For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." (Romans 8:18) So let us "...be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless... [living our lives] in holy conduct

and godliness...looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat." (2 Peter 3:14,11,12)

We are looking for "new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells." (2 Peter 3:13) Read the end of the Book! We know the Biblical end of the story – or rather the beginning. This old earth will pass away and we will enter into His new heavens, new earth, and eternity with Him.

So, what will be the impact of my life? What about yours? When you find yourself complaining about the heat or cold, the thorns and thistles, tiring work, relationship issues, pain, suffering, and death, remember that one person, a single solitary life, can impact future generations and bring them hope in Christ. 



Ellie: What impacted you in your training?

by Dave Nutting

It has been such a joy for the AOI staff to train Ellie this year in Biblical Creation, Apologetics, and Worldviews. We look forward to her further training this summer and next year. We would like to train many more “Ellies” whether in person or online.

“In so many ways this year, my faith has been affirmed and strengthened. I kind of came to AOI with my sword already forged, so to speak, but here I was able to hone the edges just that much more precisely!”



“I knew that the Creation issue was important, but in so many ways, I found out this year how important!”
“The Southwest Trip that I just went on – going to the Grand Canyon, going to see the Grand Spillway by Page, AZ, going to see Bryce Canyon and that sort of thing was foundational. It’s one thing to know the flood perspective on geology – it’s quite another to go to the actual location and realize ‘Yep, that seems so obvious...but

I guess if you are not wearing the right glasses you’ll miss it. Like for example, all the points along the way, when Dave would point out, ‘Right there – doesn’t that look like where a lake could have been – like a basin – a super flat valley floor but then super sheer cliffs on either side?’ And I’m like “Yeah! Sure looks



like it!”...It’s one thing to learn about it – it’s another thing to see it!” **AOI**

Echoes of Ararat

Review by Dave Nutting

In my lecture, *Noah’s Flood, Fact or Fiction*, I present evidence that Noah’s Flood was not only true, but it was indeed global. This evidence is not just from the Biblical text itself, but also from archaeology and geology. In that lecture, I mention there are over 270 flood legends from around the world. However, **Echoes of Ararat** relates 300 flood legends from tribal peoples *in just the Americas alone!*

The publisher had this to say about the book: More than 300 Flood traditions from all over North and South America are included, organized by

regions beginning in Canada and proceeding southward. In **Echoes of Ararat**, author Nick Liguori contends that oral traditions of the Flood – and the survival of the few inside the floating Ark – are even more prevalent than previously thought, and they powerfully confirm the truth of the Genesis account. This unprecedented work carefully documents hundreds of native traditions of the Flood – as well as the Tower of Babel and the Garden of Eden – from the tribes of North and South America. Learn what the Cherokee,



Lakota, Iroquois, Cheyenne, Inuit, Inca, Aztec, Guaraní, and countless other tribes claimed about the early history of the world. Liguori also shares many evidences for the historical reliability of Genesis, and shows that the Genesis Flood account is not dependent on the Epic of Gilgamesh or other Near-Eastern texts, as skeptics claim. Rather, its author Moses had access to ancient records passed down by the early Patriarchs, including Joseph, Jacob, Abraham, and even Noah himself. Softcover, 304 pages, 8.5” x 11,” Teen – Adult. **\$30 + \$7 S/H.** **AOI**

Lots of Mud? Think Flood!

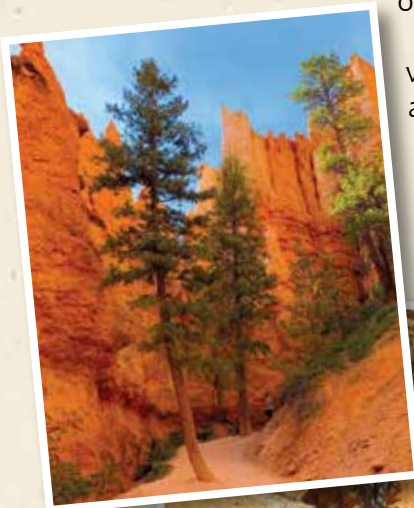
by Dave Nutting

As part of their class on geology, Mary Jo and I have led Southwest Geology Field Trips for Jackson Hole Bible College. At the end of the trip, I had students work in groups to write Travel Guides of what they learned and experienced. One of the groups wrote the following about Bryce Canyon:

“Bryce Canyon, a winding labyrinth of canyons and gorges – a place where beauty and hostility meet to form this wonder of geology. Towering Hoodoos (erosional remnants) dominate the landscape, giving the impression of sentinels guarding a priceless treasure. Deep in the remote areas of the canyon you can find several mini ecosystems. These range from the damp, cool northwest to the dry deserts of the south. If you look hard enough you could find a noble Douglas fir or a golden Aspen. Don't forget to look down though. A vast variety of floral and animal life abounds along the sides of the park's 50 miles of trails. Living in the shelter of small, scraggly bushes, you can find

many species of lizards, bugs, and a vast assortment of other animals. For the more intrepid explorer, the park offers more advanced trails that lead you to quiet streams and shady glades. For the beginner, a wide selection of easier trails is offered that lead you to stunning overlooks.

“When viewing such a splendid landscape, one question is always asked, what



caused this? Rangers and park staff will say that it is the result of erosions over millions of years.

However, the evidence for this is scarce. When looking at the make-up of this canyon, we see what appears to be hardened mud. How did that mud get there?...

“If the Bible is true and if there was a global flood, then you would have a lot of mud being deposited in a very short time. Then, if you believe what Psalm 104 says about the mountains rising and the valleys falling, you can explain the broken state of the landscape. Add the post-flood run-off of water through the broken landscape and you get canyons. Add also the fact that as the mountains were rising there would have been natural dams forming all over the world. After a period of time, these dams would

burst. This would unleash a torrent of water across the countryside, deepening the already existing canyons. Thus, what would have naturally taken a huge amount of time is accomplished extremely quickly. When you visit

Bryce Canyon, I hope that you are reminded of Noah's Flood and the impact that it had on our earth.” **AOI**



Director's Column – Uncle Dave Wants You!

by Dave and Mary Jo Nutting



Over the years, it has been a great joy to train various people to do creation ministry. Many have stayed connected with

AOI or have incorporated Creation teaching in their work or ministry. Most recently, the Wilhelms received training and are now an AOI “satellite” centered in Indiana. The Morleys have been accepted by AOI as a children’s ministry team and will base their traveling ministry in Montana. Ellie Huspen is continuing her training in Grand Junction one more year.

Meanwhile, Adam Habluetzel has taken a ministry position with his local church here in Grand Junction after 2 years with us and has greatly grown in his understanding of Creation science and its importance.

Brian Mariani is pursuing other avenues for his family. Both will bring the Creation message to whatever God has for them. While we will miss them greatly at AOI, we wish them God’s richest blessing in their new endeavors.

We are grateful for these and many others who are sharing what they have learned from AOI with their families, friends, and churches. Our desire remains to train others to spread the message of Creation and the Gospel. With the world steeped in anti-God Darwinian thought, the need is greater than ever to train others.

How about you? Unable to drop everything and come for training? You can still be trained online. Our next weekly online training will start in September. Call AOI at 970-523-9943 or email DaveNutting@discovercreation.org for details. **AOI**

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