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We at SABBSA hope you had a happy Fourth of July and sometime this holiday we hope you contemplated all the blessings God has given us in this country and our good fortune to be a part of the greatest nation in the history of the world.

At the same time this **Communiqué** will dwell on the current ways in which the people of this country are ignoring God and inviting His wrath. It is not an easy thing to contemplate that God will stop blessing this country as He so richly has for the past 240 years. We have both become accustomed to His blessings and as humans do not ever want to think that we could be in the wrong or deserving of harsh judgment. But, neither did the Israelites which on so many occasions were judged by God and sent into slavery. We hope you find this newsletter both insightful and perhaps energizing. God has promised that if we will “seek Him” He will “heal our land.” In a time when it seems that all of our societal decisions are against God’s word, we need to be reinvigorated in our efforts to make this country “count the costs” of our actions.

**The Only Winning Strategy for the Left: The Redefinition Game**

I don’t know if you have noticed or not, but the new game in politics is redefinition. If your argument is weak and cannot be won on its merits, you simply redefine not only your position and the position of others, but also frame the discussion so that anyone who opposes you can be vilified as ignorant or bigoted. You may not have also noted that the **Creation vs. Evolution debate** was one of the first venues in which this strategy was played and it has led to the ever-increasing use of this strategy today.

Last week the Supreme Court ruled that the **Defense of Marriage Act** (DOMA) was unconstitutional and had as its basis homophobia. The court accused the writers of this legislation of being bigoted in their motives. It is interesting how we humans redefine reality to fit our wants and ignore all other facts and reality along the way to get what we want.

Three actions by our government in concert with this ruling should chill you. The following excerpt is reprinted in part from a message from the **American Family Association** and their President Tim Wildmon on June 28, 2013.

*“A few weeks ago managers inside the United States Justice Department received a memo titled: "LGBT Inclusion at Work: The Seven Habits of Highly Effective Managers." It was sent in advance of "Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Month." One of the instructions to the managers cited the need to verbally affirm the lifestyle of these individuals. It read: "Don't judge or remain silent. Silence will be interpreted as disapproval."*

*This is where this issue is headed in government and perhaps in the private sector. Forced affirmation of other people's lifestyle choices or else. This leads me to the Supreme Court decision earlier this week regarding homosexual marriage. Before the Supreme Court was the amendment of the California (Prop 8) Constitution which seven million Californians passed but which was not defended in federal court by the governor of the state and was struck down by one federal judge. The SC said the attorney who argued before them on behalf of the people (since the governor did not) did not have legal standing thus the lower court's ruling stood. The bottom line is same-sex marriage is now legal in parts of California, but the ruling did not strike down the other amendments defining marriage as between one man and one women which have passed in over 30 states.*

*The SC did overturn the 1996 Defense of Marriage Act passed by congress and signed into law by President Clinton which defined for federal purposes that marriage was only between one man and one woman. …*

*But the larger issue here is, again, where this all is headed. The political and social agenda of the GLBT movement is now starting to collide with the freedom of religion guaranteed all Americans in the US Constitution. Here are a couple of recent examples of this:*

* *In 2013 in Colorado, two men recently married in Massachusetts filed a discrimination complaint against a Colorado bakery - Masterpiece Cakeshop - that refused to make them a wedding cake for their reception. The owner of the bakery cited his Christian beliefs when he refused the couple's business. The Colorado Attorney General's office filed a formal complaint on behalf of the couple.*
* *In 2013 in the state of Washington, state Attorney General Bob Ferguson announced a lawsuit against an eastern Washington florist who refused to provide flowers for a same-sex marriage ceremony.”*

If this type of thing goes unchecked it will not be long before the federal government believes it has the right to dictate to churches who it must marry and what theology is “socially acceptable.”

It is also interesting and insightful that both history and science were cast aside in this argument. History was cast aside since it is not only the Bible and Judeo-Christian ethics, as well as all three Abrahamic religions [Judaism, Christianity and Islam] which forbid homosexual relations, but also it has been tenant of western civilization for 2,000 years to oppose such unions. Here of course is where the redefinition comes in. The left has now successfully (within our society) redefined homosexuality as right behavior and all who would oppose it as bigoted and wrong since they are denying equality under the 5th Amendment of the US Constitution, and the ”pursuit of happiness” to gay individuals. To get this decision in the Supreme Court, the court had to ignore 2,000 years of history, intentionally misinterpret the legislative intent of the writers of DOMA and ignore all scientific evidence available today which shows that there is no such thing as a genetic link to homosexual behavior (see Dr. Purdon’s article at [www.answersingenesis.org](http://www.answersingenesis.org) evidence which dispels this DNA link hoax).

But, the strategy works in spite of these problems because it is a mass hysteria ploy and not a logic argument. The redefinition game is exactly like the joke about the prosecutor that asked a man “Why do you beat your wife?” The truth was that he never beat his wife. But, the prosecutor put it out to the jury as established fact. When he tried to refute this claim, he stammered because the tactic took him aback and his rebuttal that he had never beaten her seemed weak and a poor lie.

Woe to all of us who play such games with the truth, as written by the prophet Isaiah: “Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter. Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and clever in their own sight. Woe to those who are heroes at drinking wine and champions at mixing drinks, who acquit the guilty for a bribe, but deny justice to the innocent. (Is. 5:20-23 NIV)

The end result will be as the story of the “Blond in a Classroom.” The story goes that a young blond girl in a college ethics class was adamant about speaking out that ethics was ‘simply a function of what society and thereby popular opinion demanded. That there was no right or wrong beyond what we decided there was.’

The professor in the class asked her, “if that meant that if this class held a vote on a moral question then that vote would decide the morality of that question for all of us in this room.” She said, “Yes.” The professor immediately proposed a vote of the class declaring that all blond women were to be tied up and thrown into the river. As this class was occurring in Ohio in winter, this would mean certain death. Before the girl could utter a word, all of the boys in the room voted yes by raised hand and shouting yes and smiling broadly. Also, many of the brunette women in the room joined in with yes votes.

The flabbergasted girl then shouted, “But, you can’t do that. It’s not right!” The professor asked her “Why not? Who decides what’s right and wrong? You said we did. Do we need a larger voting pool? Would it be socially acceptable if we got the whole country to vote to kill bond women?” The girl responded, “Of course not.” “Then,” the professor continued, “you do concede that there is some definition of right and wrong outside of what society decides?”

The trap in our current slide in this country to redefine right and wrong according to our own desires is that truth, God’s will and justice will be totally lost in the process. The current abortion debate is a sterling example of all of this. We have decided as a nation that we want women to have the “right to choose”, but to give them that choice, millions of human beings (babies) must die, without a choice. Who speaks for them?

Another example of this redefinition game is the debate over ecology and conservation. Reprinted below are the comments by one ecologist some years ago who redefined Christian beliefs as being “anti-green” and further redefined Christianity as bad for the environment and recommended replacing Christianity with Buddhism which is ”greener.” His comments are reprinted in part from an article in last month’s ACTS & FACTS on the “dominion mandate.” To read the full article go to [www.icr.org/article/7486](http://www.icr.org/article/7486)

*“In 1967, Lynn White, Jr., a UCLA historian, spoke to an evolutionist audience, accusing Christian theology as the underlying cause of the world’s ecologic crisis. White’s speech was later published in the evolutionary journal* Science*. When analyzing the relationship between biblical Christianity and modern environmental problems, Francis Schaeffer critiqued White’s essay:*

*In [White’s] article he argued that the crisis in ecology is Christianity’s fault… [saying that, supposedly] Christianity presents a bad view of nature, and so this is carried over into the present-day post-Christian world…bas[ing] his allegations of a “bad view of nature” on the fact that Christianity taught that man had dominion over nature and so man has treated nature in a destructive way.4*

*Was Schaeffer unfairly critical of White’s assignment of blame to Christianity for mankind’s ecological prodigality? No. Consider White’s own words:*

*To a Christian a tree can be no more than a physical fact. The whole concept of the sacred grove is alien to Christianity and to the ethos of the West. For nearly two millennia Christian missionaries have been chopping down sacred groves, which are idolatrous because they assume spirit in nature.*

*Notice White’s misleading “straw man” attack on Christianity. Either intentionally or negligently, White ignored the Bible’s forest stewardship standard mandated in* [*Deuteronomy 20:19-20*](http://www.icr.org/bible/Deuteronomy/20/19-20)*, which forbids wanton deforestation as sinful waste.*

*Because White disliked the environmental impacts that he attributed to Genesis’ dominion mandate, he recommended that it be abandoned. For the sake of environmental values, White advised a substitute—a more eco-friendly religion such as Zen-Buddhism, or a redefined (radical) form of Christianity promoting Zen-like “one-with-nature” harmony (i.e., eco-friendly Franciscan mysticism).*

*What we do about ecology depends on our ideas of the man-nature relationship. More science and more technology are not going to get us out of the present ecologic crisis until we find a new religion, or rethink (i.e., “reinvent” or “redefine”) our old one.…[White then commends the “one-with-nature” pantheism of Zen-Buddhism]…Zen, however, is as deeply conditioned on Asian history as Christianity is by the experience of the West [*sic*], and I am dubious of its viability among us.*

*Notice that White doesn’t use truth as the norm for selecting a proper religion! But why does he argue that a dominion mandate-based mentality is the eco-unfriendly cause of our environmental problems?*

*White drastically erred by assuming that Genesis (and thus Christianity) is “anthropocentric” (i.e., the basic assumption that mankind is the center of reality), so the axiomatic idea of nature’s “anthropocentric” purpose needs to be rejected:*

*Especially in its Western form, Christianity is the most anthropocentric [*sic*] religion the world has seen.…Hence we shall continue to have a worsening ecologic crisis until we reject the Christian axiom that nature has no reason for existence save to serve man.…Both our present science and our present technology are so tinctured with orthodox Christian arrogance toward nature [*sic*] that no solution for our ecologic crisis can be expected from them alone.*

*Yet the idea that ultimate reality is anthropocentric is* never *taught in the Bible, except when it quotes God’s enemies! Rather, the Bible teaches that “the earth is the Lord’s, and the fullness thereof”and that all of creation was made by God to display His own glory—not the glory of man.”*

*In other words, the whole wondrous biosphere was made by God to reveal what kind of glorious being He is. Mankind, God’s favorite part of creation, is given the privilege to live on the earth while learning to know and to glorify Him, and eventually the privilege (if not forfeited by unbelief) of enjoying Him forever.*

*God commissioned humans to cultivate the earth and to “keep” it (*[*Genesis 2:15*](http://www.icr.org/bible/Genesis/2/15)*). But the earth is always* God’s *property; mankind is simply God’s steward (manager, trustee) of it, assigned the task of using and caring for it in ways that comply with God’s directives. Nowhere in the Bible is there any hint that mankind is to act unrestricted and unrestrained, to licentiously pillage and pollute the earth and its life forms, exploiting resources as “me-first” parasites and predators.*

*An unbiblical, humanity-anchored attitude toward God’s creation is a sin as obvious as scarlet or crimson (*[*Isaiah 1:18*](http://www.icr.org/bible/Isaiah/1/18)*). Yet, such a disregard for God’s ownership of the earth may be cloaked in “green” eco-friendly jargon like a watermelon—green on the outside, but red (as sin) on the inside.*

*God has entrusted Adam’s race with the stewardship of the earth and its fullness, … It is our privilege and duty, as God’s trustees, to “harness” that property for God’s glory and mankind’s good, to advance both the dominion mandate and the Great Commission.*

Now, why have I brought up all of these examples of redefinition of terms in our society devoid of truth or historicity? It is because I want all of us to see that the creation question was one of the first to be redefined. In fact, it is the only “winning” strategy the evolutionists have played with their hand. They cannot win based on the evidence since the scientific evidence is squarely on our side. For this reason they could not win debates on this issue in the 1960’s through the 1980’s so they quit debating us.

The only winning strategy found was essentially to lie and “couch the lie” in a true sounding atmosphere! Starting in the 1980’s the new strategy was to redefine “evolution” as an established fact of science. This ignored not only the facts of science, but the tenets of science. Science rarely has “facts” which are established forever. It instead has theories and “laws” which hold only until a new theory or law replaces them which have better evidence to support them.

It is a total lie that science has established the “truth” of evolution. It has not, and to say so is a gross perversion of the truth. It does not matter that 95% or so of scientists may believe in evolution, because like the “blond girl story,” truth is not a popularity contest. Four hundred years ago almost 100% of the world agreed that the Sun revolved around the Earth. Only two men stood opposed, but they were right! Neither truth nor science pays attention to what we want them to say. They simply are as the “Maker of All Things” defined them.

But the strategy plays on. For the past fifty years evolutionists have loudly proclaimed evolution as proven science. Just like the prosecutor accused the innocent man of beating his wife, when we protest and try to explain that science says no such thing, the rebuttal is ignored in the din of “deaf ears” who do not want to hear the truth of God’s sovereignty (as God predicted in His word), but instead want a universe where they are free to decide for themselves what is right and wrong.

Pray for this nation. We are deeply in sin. It is now established practice by our leaders to win an argument by lying and denigrating the characters of their opponents with even more vicious lies. We kill the unborn and ignore God’s “divine spark” in each life and further ignore that only He has the right to take a life. We redefine God’s institution of marriage due to the lusts of our own hearts and indifference of the populace to God’s will. Satan is now even trying to convince us that abandoning Christianity will be good for the environment! And truth has no part in any of these arguments. If God does not judge this nation with all that we are doing against his will, God will then have to apologize to “Sodom and Gomorrah.” And I believe we all know that He is not about to do that!

**Creation Materials in Local Christian Stores are Not Readily Available**

I did a search of three local Christian Book stores for Creation apologetics materials with some eye opening results. At **Family Christian Bookstore** in the Forum there was not a single creation apologetic book in the store. Their online store does however have a decent selection of creation materials with a couple of interesting offerings in Spanish.

I did not go into **LifeWay,** but their online store has less than 10 books on the subject and nothing from major creation publishers.

The one bright spot in this search was the bookstore for the **Family Education Alliance of South Texas** (FEAST). They have a great selection of creation materials available in their bookstores with complimentary science curricula. If you need creation materials in a hurry and don’t have time to order online, they are the place to go.

**A New Film is in final production called: “Evolution vs. God”**

 KEN HAM says “Evolution vs. God” is powerful. CARL KERBY says it’s the best thing since "Expelled!" PHIL JOHNSON said it’s “Superbly done." FRANK TUREK’S reaction was “Wow!”
PAUL TAYLOR said it’s “Absolutely excellent.” This ground-breaking movie is also commended by NORMAN GEISLER, ERIC HOVIND, ERIC RADER, RANDY ALCORN, JASON LISLE, PAUL WASHER, TIM WILDMON and many other Christian leaders. JIM FLETCHER from Beliefnet.com called it “Sensational!” Apologist JAMES WHITE said, “Ray Comfort's ability to insightfully shred the vain reasoning’s of men is a gift, and this film is a tour de force exposure of the emptiness of humanism.” RON FATHAUER simply said, “Wow!!! I got goose bumps watching. Dawkins will have a cow.” We think he will.

If you would like to see a short promo for this movie which has yet to be released go to: [www.evolutionvsgod.com](http://www.evolutionvsgod.com) It will be available online on July 9th and on DVD in August.

Metroplex Institute of Origin Science (MIOS) our brother organization in the Dallas – Fort Worth area had a very interesting presentation and speaker this past week.

Rafael Cruz presented **on July 2, 2013**,

“Evolution vs. Creation—The Evidence"

It is all about the evidence! Empirically-repeatable, observation-based, present-reality evidence shows Biblical Creation to have a scientifically-confirmed ‘Truth foundation’ and Naturalistic Evolution to be underlain only by anti-evidence philosophy. A Biblical worldview is supported by positive evidence that man and dinosaur were recently contemporary as well as by the counter-evidence against our alleged hominid ancestors, not to mention the geological evidence that argues for a young Earth, the paleontological evidence of soft tissue among fossils, and the biological evidence from DNA—the master molecule that testifies of the Master Maker. And then there is the evidence of how the Creator can change the inner nature of a human being. Come hear Rafael Cruz share both physical and spiritual… EVIDENCE.

Rafael Cruz, father of newly-elected Texas Senator Ted Cruz (Rep.)

**What Do You Get When You Cross a Dinosaur with Ken Ham?**



You get one dino-might speaker at the **Texas Home School Coalition Convention in the Woodlands outside Houston, TX August 1-3**! Register today for your seat to hear one of the most in-demand Christian speakers of our time. President and founder of Answers in Genesis and the highly acclaimed Creation Museum, Ken Ham, will show you the importance of teaching kids to think critically. Check out [**this video**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?e=001HCxVFlq8GhFKUaK9tHeidr8BEvcSptv1CK97LziiF00VpHEr63rl-rQ6cNNGn1saFytlylQpG6dr1s_IgHiQTx1Tlo76r1btt4sGefsHDvKfns1h-10M4qqLSlaUGR6eZ8ARCJnanWagPznG5e0LQ4ybkaCI8vGG) to learn why Ken thinks creationists are happy to teach their children about evolution!

[**Register now**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?e=001HCxVFlq8GhFvIL7xuxoE4i3dTldLA-QXG_sF2gP6xScGVDafELeEYZ5Bd1AyjCLK7SEIEpXS6JF8S2ODBKRdTQR3SMTDDDvlXiNrBdux-cO1oX6In-at1o7p3P4lqXtZkEWTtmRurx8JjF-0WUwXqvvSsQyHniRi) to take advantage of Pre-Registration prices and ensure your kids have a spot in the children or teen programs before they sell out! Don't forget to add Saturday night John Branyan Comedy Show tickets to top off your Convention experience with a treat the entire family will enjoy!

**Humor Corner**

**Around Texas**

**Houston:**
The **Greater Houston Creation Association** (**GHCA**) meets the first Thursday of each month. They meet at Houston's First Baptist Church at 7 pm, in Room 258. After the presentation, there will be refreshments, fellowship and creation science materials for all to enjoy. For more information go to [www.ghcaonline.com](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?llr=bztaencab&et=1103662222545&s=545&e=001xF-6WOYzM5Yyre44Ea_qUjH5EOT_fFIGjrfpfa5h-rD53IlUVbz3Vc0Dp47_VEwW3iQQ6F1b6K0EtKc_vUxYKpzN_8V2upXFbsOScvUeD92nJdUTjDIFeg==).

**Glen Rose:**
Dr. Carl Baugh gives a “***Director’s Lecture Series***” on the first Saturday of each month at the Creation Evidences Museum just outside Glen Rose, TX. The new and improved museum is also a great and beneficial way to spend any day. Presentations are at 11 am and 2 pm. For more information go to [www.creationevidence.org](http://www.creationevidence.org)

**Dallas-Ft Worth:**
The Metroplex Institute of Origin Science (MIOS) meets at the Dr. Pepper Starcenter, 12700 N. Stemmons Fwy, Farmers Branch, TX, usually at 7:30 pm of the first Tuesday of each month. See our special article about this month’s meeting at the top of the previous page.

**Lubbock Area (Crosbyton):**
All year: Consider a visit to the Mt. Blanco Fossil Museum, directed by Joe Taylor. The Museum is definitely worth the visit if you live near or are traveling through the Panhandle near Lubbock. If you call ahead and time permitting, Joe has been known to give personal tours, especially to groups. For more information, visit [http://www.mtblanco.com/](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?llr=bztaencab&et=1103662222545&s=545&e=001xF-6WOYzM5bqqt6T1G_CwJWJosrOSIhLAagtnP0Z504J-gEROEBe22S3gq720x6ofjFVqK-AfJcsjrsuQyRtoepYiAQVVUFC-cF56fLwwBJ0SQ-44KlLmw==).

**Greater San Antonio area:**

Listen to **Answers with Ken Ham** online at the address below. (No nearby station for this broadcast). <http://www.answersingenesis.org/media/audio/answers-daily>

To hear program from the **Institute for Creation Research**, listen online at this address. <http://www.icr.org/radio/>

Also, tune in KHCB FM 88.5 (San Marcos) or KKER FM 88.7 (Kerrville) for **Back to Genesis** at 8:57 AM Mon-Fri, then **Science, Scripture and Salvation** at 1:30 AM, 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM on Saturdays.

**Last Month at SABBSA**

**“His Wisdom in Our Cells”** with Dr. Daniel Harris

This multimedia presentation made it quite clear that we were marvelously designed by a Creator! It explored the intricacies of the designed mechanisms in a living cell. We came away knowing that there is no such thing as a "simple cell" and that the Creator has left His unmistakable signature in His design of each cell!

Dr. Harris included several film clips in this presentation which allowed us to see God’s marvels in action and experience the awe of His designs in real time!

**Next regular meeting:** **Tuesday, July 9, 2013 at 7 pm**

**Coming to SABBSA in July "The Origins Film Series"**

In July we will see the last two segments of the classic **"Origins Film Series"** as it has been recut for DVD. Our evaluation of the first four segments, which we viewed in March and April, was that this is still a very viable film series with a wealth of truthful information packaged in a very good format.

We will watch Segment 5: **"The Origin of Mankind."** This video dispels the "ape-man" myth by uncovering errors, hoaxes and misinformation about the supposed "missing links." This video shows that there is still no solid evidence that humans evolved from animals. The evidence suggests rather that man has existed from the beginning.

We will also watch Segment 6 called **"The Fossil Record."** This video asks the question: "What do most fossils really prove?" This fast moving documentary covers thought provoking discoveries related to the Grand Canyon, geology, fossilization, "missing links," coal formation, a worldwide flood and more. Scientists suggest that the Earth's fossil record provides more evidence against Evolutionism than for it. Please join us on July 9th for this inspiring program and warm Christian fellowship!