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# Everything around us is turning green and the bluebonnets have returned to South Texas, so it must be spring! We hope you and yours have survived the cold winter well and now are enjoying the new life of this time of year which runs us into the Easter season. Spring is a special remembrance of what Christ did for us for in his sacrifice He gave us all new life. He brought spring to all of us!

# This month’s newsletter contains a review of three new Christian themed major motion pictures now playing in theaters. We also have an article showing how new, unforeseen discoveries in the field of chemistry should lead us to acknowledging the fallacy of evolutionary theory. Of course we have listings of the creation events this month in the San Antonio area. We pray this Communiqué enlightens you and moves you forward into God’s springtime.

# A Wave of Christian Based Films are in Theaters!

Last year we had the release of the highly acclaimed (but box office poor) **Evolution vs. God** movie which is being highly distributed on video. There are currently three Christian themed films in major theaters all over the country. It has been years since there was such a bumper crop of attractive Christian films and two of them are big budget and one is made by Hollywood. Spoiler warning. This article contains reviews of all three films. If you have not seen one or more and do not wish for me to spoil the plot lines for you, then put this article aside and don’t read it till after you see the film. All three films are entertaining with engrossing plots and all are doing well at the box office

The three films I mention are **“Son of God”, “Noah” and “God’s Not Dead.”** Each have messages they send to this culture about the Bible and Christianity. Two of them, if not all three have direct implications for evangelism and impacting the creation message to the world. For this reason we review these three films here. Also, of course, being a Christian communication, it is only natural for all of us to be curious about what is playing in theaters.

The first film out is the “**Son of God**.” Made by the team of Roma Downey and her husband who did such a great job with the “The Bible” miniseries, this is a strong retelling of the greatest story ever told. It covers Christ’s birth, life in ministry, trial, crucifixion, transfiguration, rise from the grave and ascension. It fairly well follows the Bible in detail. I could only find five places where its Bible facts were only slightly skewed, but those did not in any way detract from the story or the truth of what was conveyed.

These variances included such trivia as Pontius Pilate conspiring with the Jews to have Barabbas freed instead of Jesus, not telling everyone why Pilate washed his hands after they chose Barabbas over Jesus, or that Jesus went into the tomb to raise Lazarus rather than the exact Bible account in which Jesus calls Lazarus to get up from outside the tomb. Again, such trivia will only be of interest to Bible geeks like me and those who religiously follow the Bible, but the compelling story of the gospel of Jesus Christ is told in a fresh and powerful way to reach this new generation. We heartily recommend this film to all and pray that it is used by churches and groups everywhere to expose this lost generation to the gospel.

If you see it, stay through the **“dead sea scrolls”** (the credits). For doing so you will be treated with a retelling of this magical story in clips along with “out takes” from the film, all set to the music of one of my favorite Christian songs of all, “Mary did You Know?”

The second film out is **“God’s Not Dead.”** This is a powerful evangelistic film with a great plot and performances. Of special note in this film is the performance of **Kevin Sorbo** (formally “Hercules” on TV) a committed Christian who gives a great performance as an atheist professor with a deep hate for God.

This film is to be commended on so many levels. Its smart and shows in one sitting so many of the challenges Christians face today from peer pressure, to societal pressures, family pressures and even career pressures which challenge our faith every day. It shows the anti-God environment our kids are encountering as they go to most colleges today. It conveys the detachment our society has from its roots in God and moral decency. But above all it shows the prices that faith can cost us. These prices range from loss of careers, to loss of girlfriends and mates in life, to the loss of family and friends. It even tackles the problems of Muslims coming to faith and the challenges to reaching them.

Along the way there is a strong creationist message involved as the main character, a freshman student presents to a philosophy class evidence for the Bible having the answers for the origin of the universe, and the origin of life. Along the way he shows how current science recognizes that our universe had a beginning as the Bible predicts and that the Cambrian explosion fits perfectly with God’s creation of all animal kinds in short order, just as the Bible describes.

This film even is able to communicate how the gospel can be a life boat to those who are dying and to those who have long disbelieved. It is a film strong on faith and with twists you will not always see coming. Also, if you are a fan of the Christian group the **“Newsboys”** you will get treated to a portion of a concert in its climactic end. I recommend this film for Christians, skeptics and unbelievers alike. God had his hand in the making of this fine film and I pray it is used by us to further His Kingdom!

Finally, we come to the blockbuster film “**Noah**” starring Russell Crowe, Jennifer Connelly, Emma Watson and Anthony Hopkins as Methuselah. It’s a great story, but it is not Biblically accurate. In short, his name is Noah, there’s a lot of water and a boat, but almost everything else has been **radically** changed from the biblical account.

What they got right. The names of Noah and his three sons Shem, Ham and Japheth are correct. The film implies a worldwide and not a local flood. It represents a pre-flood world made up of one single continent. Men were to be vegetarians prior to the flood. Methuselah died in the year of the flood. It implies ancient life spans for Methuselah and others. The flood commenced with not only rain, but gushing of waters from the ground (the unleashing of the “waters of the deep”). The film implies nine or more months on the Ark (Bible said a year). Noah is God’s servant used to build the ark and save all life forms.

The list however of what they got wrong is voluminous. The film as a whole either relates a whole new theology or interpretation of the Bible like the Mormons and Jehovah Witness and others have done, or it is only biblically inspired and really is telling a laughable action / adventure yarn. The films alternate title could be “Noah meets the Lord of the Rings!” The script writer and director went to great lengths to make this into an epic story with commensurate characters, action and magic to put it on a par with not only the “Lord of the Rings” trilogy, but also with effects and magic equivalent to a “Transformers” movie.

The theme of the film is also somewhat skewed from the Bible. This film paints Noah as the ultimate green ecologist and defender of God’s creation in its pristine state. It shifts man’s sin as not only being rebellion and murder, but also a wastefulness and destruction of nature as the ultimate sin of man. This is of course a popular theme with the environmentalists and Earth warming activists so prevalent in Hollywood.

Just from memory I counted 40 things the movie depicts which were either biblically wrong or skewed from the scripture. Here are the high points from that list of how they got it wrong. I put the Bible’s correct information in parenthesis to make these missteps clear.

Giant Rock Monsters (fallen angels) help build the Ark and defend it in an epic battle (Ark built by Noah and his sons). It is implied the ark is built in less than 10 years (100 years). No detailed instructions are communicated to Noah on how to build the Ark (given detailed dimensions and directions). The wood for the Ark comes from magical seed given to Noah by his grandfather Methuselah which when planted magically springs forth rivers and a whole forest of wood around him (no seed or magical forest in the Bible). Only seven people on the ark, including Tubal-Cain and no wives for Ham and Japheth (8 people on the Ark including wives for all three sons and no Tubal-Cain). Noah is made out to be a warrior and a killer (not in Bible). Men believed Noah and tried to take the Ark from him (Noah was scorned for their disbelief and this story misses the evangelism of Noah as he pleaded with men to repent and join him on the Ark.)

 In this telling, Noah becomes bent on destroying all men including his family and is convinced God wants a future world with only the animals and not man (Bible says we are to start over). There is a birth of twin girls on the Ark which Noah tries to kill (not in the Bible). Shem’s wife “Illa” is infertile, but becomes fertile due to a divine blessing from Methuselah (none of this is in the Bible). No watering of the land by a “mist from the ground” as described in the Bible. Methuselah is depicted as a great warrior defending the Rock Monsters with a magical flaming sword (none of this is in the Bible). Noah gets an idea of what to do from hallucinogenic tea given him by Methuselah (not in the Bible).

There are many more discrepancies between the movie and the Bible, but you get the point. This story is nowhere near the biblical account and takes great dramatic license to “dress up” this bible story with the trapping s of a modern movie legendary tale.

Creationists will be unhappy that there are no dinosaurs on the Ark, but truly most of the animals are not recognizable as today’s animals and may reveal a grain of truth that the primordial species included on the Ark were related, but not exactly the same as the ones we see today due to variation.

In the end, this movie while entertaining as a story, it was disturbing to me on how far it strayed from the Bible and how it will impact our society. Most in our society today do not know the Bible and could easily be tricked by this film into believing this is what it says and be led astray in two ways. First, they will be led to believe in a totally non-biblical yarn and second it is a story so fanciful and laughable as to make the Bible totally unbelievable to the general public.

Answers in Genesis has termed this movie an “unbiblical fantasy.” The story of this film is so far afield from the truth that I pray people will not be led into disbelief, misinformation and mockery of scripture, but I fear that is one result. Being a 130 million dollar blockbuster from Hollywood it is probably destined to be viewed by more people than the other two films and that is tragic. The best we can hope for from this film is that it can spur discussions with our society and us as to what the Bible truly says about our origins and what it truly says about us.

Just so we can end on an up note there is one more Christian themed film coming out this month which shows promise. It is entitled **Heaven is for Real** and hits the theaters on April 16. Check it out.

**If Chemistry Can Be Wrong, How Much More Evolutionary Theory?**

Image credit: Electron localization function in the cubic NaCl3 structure/Stony Brook University.

Along with astronomy, chemistry is one of the ancient sciences. Progressing from alchemy to rational chemistry, physical chemistry and quantum mechanics of our day, its status as "hard science" seems secure. Its theories have been refined for centuries. Moreover, its experiments (unlike macroevolution) are observable and repeatable. How, then, could researchers at Stony Brook University (academic home, by the way, of ENV contributor Dr. Michael Egnor, Vice-Chairman, Department of Neurological Surgery) say that a discovery has challenged the foundation of chemistry?

 Experiments at the lab are causing a stir, if not a revolution, in this hallowed science:

All good research breaks new ground, but rarely does the research unearth **truths that challenge the foundation of a science.** That's what Artem R. Oganov has done, and the professor of theoretical crystallography in the Department of Geosciences will have his work published in the Dec. 20 issue of the journal Science....

**"I think this work is the beginning of a revolution in chemistry,"** Oganov says. "We found, at low pressures achievable in the lab, **perfectly stable compounds that contradict the classical rules of chemistry.** If you apply the rather modest pressure of 200,000 atmospheres -- for comparison purposes, the pressure at the center of the earth is 3.6 million atmospheres -- **everything we know from chemistry textbooks falls apart."** [Emphasis added.]

We all know NaCl, table salt. Ever heard of NaCl3? How about Na3Cl? Those are some of the novel compounds Oganov's lab has produced. They were stunned to find them to be stable, real compounds.

"We found **crazy compounds that violate textbook rules** -- NaCl3, NaCl7, Na3Cl2, Na2Cl, and Na3Cl," says Weiwei Zhang, the lead author and visiting scholar at the Oganov lab and Stony Brook's Center for Materials by Design, directed by Oganov. "These compounds are **thermodynamically stable and, once made, remain indefinitely**; nothing will make them fall apart. **Classical chemistry forbids their very existence.** Classical chemistry also says atoms try to fulfill the octet rule -- elements gain or lose electrons to attain an electron configuration of the nearest noble gas, with complete outer electron shells that make them very stable. **Well, here that rule is not satisfied.**"

The discoveries open up new possibilities for the supposedly mature science. "When you **change the theoretical underpinnings of chemistry**, that's a big deal," one team member says. "But what it also means is that we can make new materials with exotic properties."

How could this happen in a "hard" science? For one, Oganov, described as curious and obstinate, was driven by the word "impossible" to explore its limits.

To Oganov, impossible didn't mean something absolute. "The **rules** of chemistry are not like mathematical theorems, which cannot be broken," he says. "**The rules of chemistry can be broken, because impossible only means 'softly' impossible!** You just need to find conditions where these **rules** no longer hold."

Oganov compares the team's findings to discovering a new continent. Understanding and predicting high-pressure compounds can lead to new theories. And he envisions applications for astrophysics and planetary sciences, where high pressures abound.

If an unexpected foundation-shaking paradigm shift can occur in a "hard" science like chemistry, where findings can be checked by observation and experimentation, how confident can evolutionists be that their theories about the unobservable past?

In recent years, major problems have surfaced in evolutionary theory: the overthrow of "junk DNA," the discovery of codes within codes, the intransigence of the Cambrian enigma to name a few. Yet its advocates continue to bully anyone who doesn't toe the line. Darwinism acts like a religion, not science. If Darwinists were proper scientists, they would embrace the new discoveries that break their rules. They would gladly follow the mounting evidence that points in a new direction for the biology of the 21st century -- intelligent design.

- reprinted from and see more at: <http://www.evolutionnews.org/2014/01/if_chemistry_ca080711.html#sthash.1Q2JUXsW.dpuf>

**Last Science Workshop at FEAST this Spring!**

The **FEAST Science Workshops** will conclude on Monday, April 28 at 6:30 pm at the **Family Educators Alliance of South Texas**.

Our science workshop in April will show the ***Discovery of Genesis in Chinese.*** It revealsaccounts of the creation, the worldwide flood, Babel and Biblical theology revealed in the ideographs of the Chinese language created some 4500 years ago!

*The work of Chinese pastor C.H.Kang and Dr. Ethel Nelson have revealed how Chinese ideographs (word) pictures) reveal a very complete knowledge of the first 11 chapters of Genesis! For example the Chinese character for “boat” is made up of the characters for vessel, eight and mouth or person. Noah’s ark, the first boat in the Bible, was a vessel with eight people on board: Noah, his wife, their three sons and their wives!*

The myths of the evolutionary community are that men started as apes then ape-men, and their first language was gutturals and grunts which later evolved into pictures. The Bible and Kang’s work tell a very different story. These sources say that cuneiform, hieroglyphics and Chinese ideographs were not the first languages or writing, but what came as we started over after the Flood and Babel!

There are more than 100 examples of this treasure trove of Genesis in Chinese ideographs. We will show you 117 of them and how they each tell the Genesis story in our meeting on April 28th. This evidence reveals how God protected the creation, worldwide flood and Babel accounts through 1100 years of “word of mouth” transmission until they were taken down by Moses! This is indeed a miracle and defies human capability for transmitting with such perfection and testifies to the intervention of God.

Finally, these Chinese characters are a portion of a striking set of evidences for the dispersion after Babel. The Chinese language turns out to be another signal from God telling us He was here. It not only confirms the Genesis account but gives us a sense of awe and wonder at how He planted the story with us and protected it over many thousands of years! We had great and enthusiastic crowds for the first five presentations this year!

A companion young children’s program will also be provided.

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**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
Did you know how Babel points to Jesus Christ?**

An exciting new video **"The Tower of Babel: Can the “Story” be trusted today?"** answers the most important questions about the Tower of Babel in Genesis and the intriguing topics related to it. We viewed this video and had a lively discussion about its implications at our March meeting of SABBSA.

Many Christians—including many theologians and academics—believe the events the Bible describes at Babel are myths or legends, and need to be reinterpreted. They attack the account, saying it cannot possibly be based on fact. But are these assaults on the Bible warranted? Apologetics expert Bodie Hodge says the Bible is accurate and answered such questions as:

•Who built the Tower of Babel?
•What did it look like?
•Who was Nimrod and what was his part in the rebellion?
•Did the continents split at the time of Babel?
•Why did God confuse the people with multiple languages?
•By what means did the people travel?
•Where did all the different people initially go?
•Why the sudden decrease in longevity?
•What do extra-biblical sources say of a language split?
•How does Babel point to Jesus Christ?
•And many more!

The Babel account can be trusted as written, and it is a key to understanding evangelism and the lands and people of the world today!

**Next SABBSA Meeting:
Tuesday, April 8, 2014, at 7 pm**

**Coming to SABBSA in April**

**Things That Go Bump in the Night:** Do black holes and dark matter exist?

At our April meeting we will feature a video from Answers in Genesis with **Astronomer Dr. Danny Faulkner** who explores the existence of black holes, dark matter and dark energy. He separates the issues of physics and good science from evolutionary musings.

Do black holes exist? What about dark matter? Dark energy?

Weren't these things just made up to salvage evolutionary ideas? You'll learn that there is a good case for black holes with no need of evolutionary involvement. There's a good case for dark matter, too, while dark energy is a bit more speculative. Black holes and dark matter quite literally take our understanding physics to its breaking point, and they illustrate how God's creation holds many mysteries, while pointing undeniably to the Creator and Savior Himself!

Please join us on April 8th for this insightful program, good food and warm Christian fellowship! As always we meet at the Jim’s Restaurant at the corner San Pedro and Ramsey. We hope to see you there!