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# As winter drags, on we greet you for another edition of the SABBSA Communiqué. In this month’s newsletter you will find articles on: Republican candidates for statewide office expressing a belief that creationism should be taught in public schools; moves by a museum to silence creation evidence; Is Evolution Making us Less Intelligent?; How Much Neanderthal is in Your DNA? Lots; and a review of the recent Nye vs. Ham creation vs. evolution debate.

# As always, we have included a wealth of creation teaching opportunities available in our area this coming month, including creation seminars at Castle Hills First Baptist Church and at FEAST. We pray that the Lord speaks to you through this Communiqué.

# http://ww2.hdnux.com/photos/26/04/15/5784417/5/628x471.jpgRepublican Candidates Endorse Teaching Creationism in Public Schools!

Dallas - With the primary just weeks away, all four Republicans vying for lieutenant governor took their first shot last month at wooing voters on statewide television in a debate and all show cased their conservative views which in most cases agreed with one another.

Running for Lt. Governor of Texas is the incumbent David Dewhurst, as well as challengers state Sen. [Dan Patrick](http://www.mysanantonio.com/?controllerName=search&action=search&channel=news%2Flocal&search=1&inlineLink=1&query=%22Dan+Patrick%22) of Houston, Land Commissioner [Jerry Patterson](http://www.mysanantonio.com/?controllerName=search&action=search&channel=news%2Flocal&search=1&inlineLink=1&query=%22Jerry+Patterson%22) and Agriculture Commissioner [Todd Staples](http://www.mysanantonio.com/?controllerName=search&action=search&channel=news%2Flocal&search=1&inlineLink=1&query=%22Todd+Staples%22).

The winner of the GOP nomination will face San Antonio Democrat Leticia Van de Putte in the November general election.

Throughout the debate, all four agreed on a host of conservative issues: **that creationism should be taught in school,** that border enforcement needs to be strengthened and that each is unwavering in their support of pro-life policy.

The San Antonio Express-News took Dewhurst and the rest of these candidates to task in mid-January for expressing the opinion that creationism should be taught in schools. What this liberal leaning paper fails to grasp is the why? Why would all four of these candidates agree to a position so contrary to politically correct thought? It is because this is not politically incorrect for many in America. I hope that these men’s views as expressed are genuine, but they also represent what many Americans think in spite of what the Express-News would have us believe.

Why do all of these candidates back teaching creationism? There are many reasons besides personal beliefs. First there is the fact that Gallop polls consistently show that 70% of Americans back the teaching of both creationism and evolution in public schools and have for decades. Politicians always try to express the views of their constituents.

Second, this is not only a free speech example but one of intellectual honesty and intellectual freedom. Our schools should present the evidence of both sides of the issue and let the merits of the scientific evidence decide this issue in the minds of our kids rather than let the state decide what they are supposed to believe!

Third, it is not just the “great unwashed” and uneducated in society that believe in creationism, but tens of thousands of research scientists as identified in dozens of creation research societies and groups in America and across the world. These tens of thousands of scientists who have evaluated the scientific evidence are just the tip of the iceberg of scientists who have made the same evaluation, but who are “in the closet” because our current political environment makes it career suicide to admit such views!

What the newspaper and the left fail to admit to others and to themselves is that there is another view and in this case, one that is shared by millions of Americans and research scientists alike! Pray that these men are successful and press for the teaching of creationism as they have pledged.

# Museum decision implies evolution is opposed to God

Becky Yeh - California correspondent (OneNewsNow.com) Monday, January 20, 2014

**A scientist says the removal of a reference to God from a museum exhibition proves that the teaching of evolution is atheistic in nature.**

The Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History has removed a reference to God from an exhibition for museum visitors. The museum said a quotation referencing God by an anonymous donor in the museum's Nature Lab was removed because it may cause "confusion." The quote from the donor said the exhibition is a gift to celebrate God's creatures.

Stephen Meyer is vice president of the [Discovery Institute](http://www.discovery.org/) in Washington state. He says this is evidence of the atheistic nature of evolutionary theory.

"We're told over and over again that the teaching of evolution should pose no threat to religious belief,” he tells OneNewsNow. “But as soon as someone puts up a statement that refers to the creatures studied in the museum as God's creatures, the museum people react by saying, 'Well, this is anti-evolutionary,' which shows that the form of evolutionary thinking they are promoting is actually atheistic."

The Nature Lab includes various science projects, animals and exhibits, and opened at the museum earlier this year. It is unclear whether the museum will return the funds given by the donor.

## - See more at: http://onenewsnow.com/education/2014/01/20/museum-decision-implies-evolution-is-opposed-to-god#sthash.sFz32w2t.dpuf

### Is Evolution Making Us Less Intelligent?

### January 27, 2014 Excerpts from Evolution News & Views January 3, 2014 | [Permalink](http://www.evolutionnews.org/2014/01/if_chemistry_ca080711.html)

### A Stanford University biology professor, writing in a peer-reviewed journal, suggests neo-Darwinian evolution is causing humankind to lose mental capacity—at least for the last 3,000 years. This conclusion may suggest that the second law of thermodynamics applies to biological systems and provide important support for a creation model.

### Are humans becoming smarter or more stupid? Comparing our modern lives and technology with that of any preceding generation, one might think we are becoming increasingly smarter. But, in two papers published in *Trends in Genetics*, [Gerald R. Crabtree](http://med.stanford.edu/profiles/Gerald_Crabtree/) of Stanford University claims that we are losing mental capacity and have been doing so for 2,000–6,000 years! The reason, Crabtree concludes, is due to genetic mutations—which are the backbone of neo-Darwinian evolution.

### The significance of these articles is that a senior scientist, writing in a peer-reviewed journal, claims that humankind is susceptible “as a species to random genetic events [mutations] that reduce our intellectual and emotional fitness.” This conclusion is consistent with the [second law of thermodynamics](http://www.allaboutscience.org/second-law-of-thermodynamics.htm), which states (among other things) that natural systems tend toward a state of *disorder* and that random processes cannot bring order out of disorder. (This is such a fundamental law of nature that British astrophysicist [Arthur Eddington](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/A._S._Eddington) wrote, “But if your theory is found to be against the second law of thermodynamics I can give you no hope; there is nothing for it but to collapse in deepest humiliation.”) *And despite their evolutionists’ claims, that is where the theory evolution resides, in direct opposition to the second law! (Italics mine)*

### In contrast, the theory of neo-Darwinian evolution claims that natural systems progress in the opposite direction. That is, random genetic mutations serve to advance a species toward a state of *order*. Yet Crabtree’s findings seem to imply that the second law of thermodynamics is right, and neo-Darwinian evolution is wrong.

### Based on data produced by the 1000 Genomes Project Consortium and two recent papers in *Nature*,4 Crabtree estimates in the first article that, in the past 3,000 years (approximately 120 generations), about 5,000 new mutations have occurred in the genes governing our intellectual ability. He claims most of these mutations will have no effect, while about 2–5 percent are deleterious and “a vanishingly small fraction will increase fitness.” Crabtree bases his conclusion that humankind is losing mental capacity on the ratio between the deleterious and the beneficial mutations. (One critic calls this a “back-of-the-envelope calculation;” but if Crabtree’s objective is a reasonable order-of-magnitude estimate, then he seems to have achieved that.)

### In the second article, Crabtree moves away from the science of genetics and moves into anthropology, which he admits is “not [his] area of expertise.” He opines that humanity began losing intellectual abilities with the advent of agriculture and permanent communities 3,000 years ago because such a change would “tend to reduce the selective pressure placed on every individual, every day of their life.” …

### He concludes humans improved in intellectual capacity for 50,000–500,000 years, “perhaps reached a peak 2000-6000 years ago,” and then began to decline.

### Thus, extraordinary natural selection was necessary to optimize and maintain such a large set of intelligence genes. This optimization probably occurred in a world where every individual was exposed to nature’s raw selective mechanisms on a daily basis.12

### Primitive humans lived in a dangerous world, and only the fittest survived. This sounds plausible—except when considered in the context of the genetic data. If humans developed 5,000 mutations in the past 3,000 years, then we can estimate that 83,333–833,333 mutations developed in the earlier 50,000–500,000 years. The 2–5 percent deleterious mutations failed to survive, and the “vanishingly small fraction” of beneficial mutations was presumably the basis for our intellectual growth. But what is a “vanishingly small fraction” numerically? It must be at least a factor of 100 lower than the harmful 2–5 percent or it would be measurable. Thus, taking 0.05 percent as a rough approximation, there were at most 42–417 new beneficial mutations in 50,000–500,000 years. If “vanishingly small” is an accurate description, then the actual number is probably even less.

### Is it plausible to imagine that so few beneficial mutations could evolve “a brain capable of writing symphonies and performing higher mathematics”? It seems unlikely. Perhaps this is why Crabtree does not offer any calculations in part 2 similar to what we have done above. Instead, he relies on the “extraordinary natural selection,” implying there was a beneficial mutation rate much greater than presently observed. However, to be scientific, one must have a plausible hypothesis to explain this—yet none is proposed.

### In conclusion, these two articles in *Trends in Genetics* seem to support the second law of thermodynamics while undercutting Darwinian evolution. They might even be said to promote a creation model!

### http://www.reasons.org/Media/Default/Article/articles/is-evolution-making-us-less-intelligent/HughHenry2014.jpgDr. Hugh Henry, PhD

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### http://images.smh.com.au/2013/02/05/4006689/art-353-Neanderthal-300x0.jpgHow much Neanderthal DNA do you have? Lots Published January 29, 2014, Associated Press

A reconstructed Neanderthal skeleton, right, and a modern  
human version of a skeleton, left, on display at the Museum of Natural History in New York. (AP Photo/Frank Franklin II)   
  
WASHINGTON - Next time you call someone a Neanderthal, better look in a mirror. Many of the genes that help determine most people's skin and hair are more Neanderthal than not, according to two new studies that look at the DNA fossils hidden in the modern human genome. Thousands of years ago modern day humans migrated out of Africa north to Europe and East Asia and met up with furrow-browed Neanderthals that had been in the colder climates for more thousands of years. Some of the two species mated. And then the Neanderthals died off as a species - except for what's left inside of us.

Scientists isolated the parts of the non-African modern human genetic blueprint that still contain Neanderthal remnants. Overall, it's barely more than 1 percent, said two studies released Wednesday in the journals Nature and Science.

However, in some places, such as the DNA related to the skin, the genetic instructions are as much as 70 percent Neanderthal and in other places there's virtually nothing from the species that's often portrayed as brutish cavemen.

'We're more Neanderthal than not in [some] genes.' - University of Washington genome scientist Joshua Akey The difference between where Neanderthal DNA is plentiful and where it's absent may help scientists understand what in our genome "makes humans human," said University of Washington genome scientist Joshua Akey, lead author of the paper in Science. Harvard researcher Sriram Sankararaman, the lead author of the Nature study…

However, Sankararaman cautions that scientists don't yet know just what the Neanderthal DNA dictates in our skin and hair. Sarah Tishkoff, a professor of genetics and biology at the University of Pennsylvania who was not part of either study, theorized that the Neanderthal DNA probably helped the darker humans out of Africa cope with the cooler less bright north. Living in the cooler Europe means less ultraviolet light and less vitamin D from the sun. Darker skin blocks more of those needed rays, so lighter skin is more advantageous in the north and it seems that humans adopted that Neanderthal adaptation, she said.

Another area where we have more Neanderthal DNA is parts of genetic codes that have to do with certain immune system functions, Sankararaman said. Again, scientists can't say more than that these Neanderthal genes seem connected to certain diseases, such as type 2 diabetes and Crohn's disease  
and lupus, but they are there. Tiskhoff and Akey said one of the most interesting parts in comparing human and Neanderthal genomes is where we don't see any caveman influence. That,  
Tiskhoff said, is "what makes us uniquely human" …

The Nature paper found that people of more East Asian descent had slightly more Neanderthal than Europeans, indicating that there may have been a second wave of interbreeding in Asia, researchers said. Three outside scientists praised the two studies, which used different techniques to reach similar conclusions. … said New York University anthropology professor Todd Disotell. Disotell recently had his genome tested by a private company and found he's got more Neanderthal DNA than most people, about 2.9 percent: "I'm quite proud of that."  
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Online: Nature: <http://www.nature.com/nature> Science: [http://www.sciencemag.org](http://www.sciencemag.org/)  
  
<http://www.foxnews.com/science/2014/01/29/your-inner-neanderthal-fossil-bits>  
-neanderthal-dna/?intcmp=features

**Editor’s Note: This evidence is quite consistent with the creation model which predicts that Neanderthals were our forbears as opposed to the evolutionary view that they were a separate race and not a full part of our lineage.**



**Ham vs. Nye Debate**

Millions watched a good and spirited debate on the evening of February 4th between **Bill Nye “The Science Guy”,** a proponent of naturalistic evolution, and **Ken Ham, President of Answers in Genesis** who represented the creation side. Among those who watched was a group of about 130 people at our local home school facility who watched live via streaming at an event moderated by SABBSA and sponsored by FEAST (the Family Educators Alliance of South Texas). The debate lasted for almost three hours without a clear winner. Both sides would have reason to call their man a winner.

Nye had been railed against in the media for even being a part of the debate as secularists have for the past 25 years taken the stance that they should not even debate creationists because the creationists have no evidence and there is nothing to debate. While that may seem to be an arrogant stance (and it is) it is a strategy they adopted with purpose almost 25 years ago.

The history of these creation vs. evolution debates is a long one. Perhaps the first was between evolutionist **Julian Huxley and Bishop Wilberforce at Oxford in 1859**, just after the printing of Darwin’s book “Origin of Species.” It is said that Huxley won that debate against Wilberforce a theologian who was completely unprepared to answer Huxley’s questions on science. This perceived loss set up a mind set in churches across the world for almost 100 years of fear and compromise with naturalism. Few debates would occur because the theologians were afraid that science was not on their side and theologians in seminaries often compromised their Biblical interpretations to fit perceived scientific knowledge because of the perception that science had proved we evolved.

This changed drastically in the early 1960’s with the advent of the creation science movement, spearheaded by the late **Dr. Henry Morris who founded the Institute for Creation Research (ICR).** Morris and others who followed gave us scientific evidence in droves which supports the creation model. Debates ensued for the next 25 years with the creationists almost always winning. They won primarily due to the preponderance of scientific evidence known was now on their side. This cause was also furthered by talented creation debaters such as the late **Dr. Duane Gish with ICR**.

After taking a beating in such debates for 25 years, the evolutionists adopted a new strategy which has been winning for them for the last 25 years. The strategy is twofold. First, for the most part they will not debate us and claim they will not because there is nothing to debate since science has proven evolution and deep time to be fact. This of course is a fallacious claim, but one which has worked for them as successfully as the perception that science was on their side from 1860 to 1960. Second, on the rare occasion when they will debate, they do not talk science, but resort to “ad hominem” attacks and attack the credibility of the creationist debater rather that argue the evidence on which they have found they always lose on.

This is where Ham / Nye debate fits into the history of such debates and how it almost harkened back to the Wilberforce / Huxley Debate. Nye was not as caustic as many feared he would be. For the most part he stuck to science (although some of what he said was fallacious such as claiming that we have 680,000 years of ice core evidence showing the Earth is older than the Bible would predict) and came across as very concerned for our nation’s future if we don’t promote naturalistic science.

Ham on the other hand, while he did present multiple renowned scientists who are creationists and used a lot of creation evidence to make his case, decided again and again go back to the Bible as his source for knowledge and truth. This was a tactic consistent with Ken Ham’s history in this field and one which won over the crowd I was watching with, who were enthusiastically on Ham’s side.

Nye continually pressed Ham asserting that “**Ham’s Creation Model**” as he called it could not make predictions as any scientific model should and repeatedly asked him for a prediction his model would make. Ham actually did answer this question by noting that both the scientific findings that we are all of one race and that our view of kinds and an evolutionary orchard fits better with what we observe in nature than the standard evolutionary tree. But, Nye ran past those citations and acted as if they did not count. Ham could have cited many more predictions the creation model has made to answer this including dinosaurs and man found to live together, magnetic fields on all of the planets in our solar system and the finding of so called “junk DNA” being fully functional. All of these are predictions made by the creation model, which are in direct conflict with what the evolutionary model predicts and which modern science has now proved the creation side got right. But, again Ham chose to refer back to the Bible and allow the spirit talk to people rather than evidence in some cases.

One tabloid after the debate made a point that if there was a loser in this debate it was **intelligent design** since Ham represented fully the young earth creation side and shied away from many intelligent design argument s he could have used, although he did use some. I wonder that although Ham’s tactic of going back to the Bible was sound doctrinally, if using more of the stacks of scientific creation evidence would not have been better since he was trying to affect and turn audiences who do not believe in God.

One note on the local front about coverage of this debate; It was covered by CNN extensively who provided the moderator and both men were interviewed by Pierce Morgan that night. CBS followed up the next morning with a very balanced discussion of the debate. Articles appeared online and in newspapers around the country about the debate including in the Washington Post. But, our local **San Antonio Express-News** printed not a word, again showing their leftward lean and promoting the ideology of the evolutionists that there is nothing to debate. I guess we should be used to such slanted and “yellow” journalism from our newspaper, but I continually hope and pray for better.

**Wednesdays in February and March 2014**   
**Creation Science Seminar**

Starts February 12 at Castle Hills First Baptist Church   
All presentations on **Wednesdays at 6 pm in Castle Hills Baptist's Grace Chapel**

Schedule of Events -  
Feb. 12 - **"What If God Wrote the Bible?" pt. I**  
Feb. 19 - **"What If God Wrote the Bible?" pt. II**  
Feb. 26 - **"Introduction to Creation Theories"**  
March 5 - **"Biology and Missing Links"**

A synopsis of each of these presentations is available on our resources page.

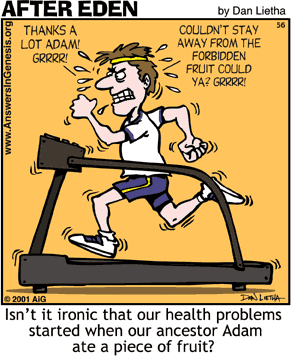
**Science Workshops at FEAST in 2013 - 2014**

The **FEAST Science Workshops** will continue on the 4th Monday of each month at 6:30 pm at the **Family Educational Alliance for South Texas**. Below is the schedule of multimedia presentations we will present for the home school community this school year.

Each one of these titles represents a multimedia presentation with embedded films and pictures to enhance each presentation. We will offer a companion young children's program to go along with the youth and adult's program described.

We had great and enthusiastic crowds for the first three presentations this year!  
February 24, 2014 - **God, Man and Dinosaurs**  
March 24, 2014 - **What If God Wrote the Bible?**  
April 28, 2014 – **The Discovery of Genesis in Chinese**

Synopses of each of these presentations are available on our resources page.



**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.

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**Last Month at SABBSA**

**Set in Stone**

"**Set in Stone**" from Truth in Science and Illustra Media, takes the viewer on a visual odyssey of discovery shot in high definition on location around Britain. It takes us to spectacular scenery, awe inspiring landscapes and beautiful coastlines. It presents evidence for Earth's catastrophic past to enable the viewer to ask important questions.

According to modern geology, our world is over four and a half billion years old, and its geological features have been sculpted over vast eons of time. Everyone knows that Planet Earth is unimaginably ancient. It's common knowledge that geological forces have acted slowly over millions of years to form the rocks beneath our feet. **But what if what everyone 'knows' is wrong?**

Were the rocks around us formed slowly and gradually - or suddenly during catastrophic events? Did the history of the world unfold over vast eras of time or much shorter periods? And what do the rocks really tell us about the geological history of our world? This video gives strong scientific evidence for a creationist answer to these fundamental questions. Our evaluation of this video was very positive we believe it would be an invaluable educational tool for high school education.

**Next regular meeting:** **Tuesday, February 11, 2014, at 7 pm**

**Coming to SABBSA in February   
Dave Nutting, Alpha Omega Institute**

**Dave & Mary Jo Nutting** are the Directors of Alpha Omega Institute. They were college math and science instructors when they first grappled with the problems of evolution and became convinced of the evidence for Creation. Their personal contact with students convinced them of the importance of the issue, not only in science, but in evangelism and Christian growth. Since founding AOI in 1984, they have spoken extensively throughout the USA and overseas to young and old alike.

This Month’s topic: **Bio-Inspiration**

Dave will give us multiple examples of how man continually copies designs in nature because God has already worked out problems we wish to solve today in engineering, medicine and many other fields, and God has done so far better than our best attempts and far beyond our abilities to duplicate at times. Design in nature points to an Intelligent Designer, not random chance and accidents. These fascinating examples from the living world support the claim that **"The evidence cries out: Creation!"**

Please join us on February 11 for this insightful program, good food and warm Christian fellowship! **Note to board and membership that we will have annual elections after the presentation since they were postponed last month.** As always, we meet at the Jim’s Restaurant at the corner of San Pedro and Ramsey.