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**March, 2015**

Greetings from SABBSA! It’s supposed to be time for spring break, but I don’t believe Old Man Winter got that memo. We hope you and yours are keeping warm.

This month’s newsletter contains an article which bears fascinating evidence for the unchanging fixity of the kinds that the Bible describes, but that evidence is being twisted and perverted by some to try and show that it instead is proof of evolution. Indeed it is evidence that man does not care for the truth and will tell any lie and twist any truth if it fits his schemes and his lusts.

We have an article which explores the concerns we have for people of faith when they compromise their faith in God as creator with an old Earth worldview. This can be a ticklish subject, fraught with questions over judgmentalism and whether it is something we need to debate as a matter of faith in Christ. The blog article from Answers in Genesis makes it clear what the battle lines are in this discussion.

Also, we have movie reviews of two films which have distinct evolutionary and creationist worldviews. Finally, we have news of a group of secular scientists who are questioning the Big Bang and how such questions send ripples not only in evolutionary circles, but can affect discord within the ranks of believers in old earth creationism.

Of course we have a complete rundown of all of the creation events in the greater San Antonio area for this month. We pray this information edifies and we hope you stay warm.

**Unchanged for More Than Two Billion Years?**

FEB. 9, 2015 http://www.nytimes.com/2015/02/10/science/unchanged-for-more-than-two-billion-years.html By DOUGLAS QUENQUA

Scientists have discovered micro-organisms living beneath the ocean floor that appear to have not evolved for more than two billion years, a finding that nonetheless may support the theory of evolution. The researchers examined communities of fossilized, sulfur-cycling bacteria found in two rock deposits in Western Australia. The first deposit, about 1.8 billion years old, contained bacteria that was nearly identical to the second, about 2.3 billion years old. “That’s the evolutionary distance from the earliest trilobites to human beings,” said J. William Schopf, a paleontologist at the University of California, Los Angeles, and the lead author of the study. Dr. Schopf and his colleagues then compared the specimens with modern communities of sulfur bacteria found off the coast of Chile in 2007. The bacteria were essentially no different, the researchers found. The lack of evolution stems from the bacteria’s unchanging environment, Dr. Schopf and his colleagues concluded in Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. “They’re completely protected in an environment that’s existed on the earth, unchanged, ever since we’ve had oceans,” Dr. Schopf said. Though Darwin’s writings focused on organisms that change over time, the discovery of organisms that have not changed also lends support to his ideas, Dr. Schopf said. “Evolution is a result of organisms adapting to a changing physical or biological environment,” he said. “The corollary to that is if the environment doesn’t change, then you would predict the organisms wouldn’t change, either.”

**Editor’s Note: Here we have evidence which is exceptional proof of the fixity of the kinds and how suspicious ancient dating techniques are and these are twisted to try and give this evidence an evolutionary spin. In truth this data shows exactly what the creationist would expect; stasis! It shows that organisms are the same today as they were at the creation. This data also indicates that long periods of billions of years have not occurred since these organisms formation, since current mutation data shows that they would have changed in some way during all that time.**

**The common sense evaluation of this data is that the bacteria in question did not change from the lowest strata found (supposedly 2.3 billion years) to the next (supposedly 1.8 billion years) to even no change in today’s bacteria due to an unchanging environment. First, that type of stasis of environment never exists in nature. Second, even if it did, the random mutations on which evolution depends on would in some way change such bacteria over 2.3 billion year in some way either for better or worse (remember that evolutionists insist that evolution is undirected and thus there must be some influence in randomization over 2.3 billion years). Kimura’s data shows that natural selection is too weak a selector to keep any organism in stasis for such a long period of time. Thus, it is an amazing work of fiction to call this data, which simply screams creation, to be in any way tied to evidence for evolution. Such a claim shows the unscientific and dogmatic devotion such researchers have for the religion of evolution.**

**The blog article below from the AIG website (printed with permission) shows the inherent dangers in letting an old earth interpretation be forced upon the scriptures. It also addresses the questions of whether this is important enough to argue about and whether we are being judgmental in an unchristian way when we do so.**

**The God of an Old Earth**

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*Christians who believe in an old earth must hold to an inconsistent hermeneutic of interpretation.*

On his blog in 2010, Ken Ham writes, “old earthers and young earthers can agree in regard to the message of salvation, as this blogger and I do.” He also states, “…I do not say, and have never said, that a person has to believe in a young earth to be a Christian. Salvation is conditioned upon faith in Christ, not what one believes about the age of the earth. I have stated this clearly many times over the years. But sadly, I still read those who falsely claim we at AiG tie salvation to the age of the earth.”

Yet in his ’07 article “Couldn’t God Have Used Evolution” Mr Ham writes, “the god of an old earth destroys the gospel.” And also, “the god of an old earth cannot therefore be the God of the bible who is able to save us from sin and death.”

No wonder people make the claim that you tie salvation to YE. Please explain. I believe you should remove one of these two articles. You cannot say both remain credible.

I’m a YE Pastor but my Sr. Pastor recoils at your vitriolic speech.

– T. B.

Hi, T. B., thank you for contacting Answers in Genesis.

In these comments Ken is discussing two different things, so there is no contradiction. One can say both things and remain credible. Let’s say (for the sake of argument) that John Doe is saved and believes salvation is by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone. I can call him a brother in Christ because we are both claiming salvation through Christ’s death, burial, and Resurrection. However, let’s also assume that John Doe is a theistic evolutionist and believes that mankind was not created but evolved. Although he is still a Christian, his belief is inconsistent, and I would have to reject certain aspects in his view of God.

Why? Because the God revealed in Scripture created a perfect world, a world with no death, suffering, or disease. Yet to believe that He used evolution is to deny what God says He did in creating everything in six normal-length days. It also denies that He created a perfect universe, perfect world, and a perfect first man and woman (who was made from the man).

[*Genesis 1:31*](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/Genesis%201.31) states that everything God made was “very good.” Since [*1 Corinthians 15:26*](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/1%20Corinthians%2015.26)calls death the “last enemy” that will be destroyed, how could we possibly think that God called death very good? Why did Jesus (who is the same yesterday, today, and forever according to [*Hebrews 13:8*](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/Hebrews%2013.8)) heal the sick and raise the dead if sicknesses and death are very good?

If God used evolution, then it logically follows that death and disease were His doing rather than ours, and Jesus would have been sent to cover God’s mistakes. That is, if the Lord gave the first spark of energy and life to the universe, and then let it run amok, He would have sent His Son to atone for His own mistakes. This is not an accurate description of the God of the Bible.

The statements from Ken that you cited are not contradictory; they just require the proper context. While old-earth creationists may believe the gospel, they unwittingly ascribe false attributes to God and thus essentially attack God’s character. Most old-earth creationists either do not recognize this truth or have chosen to ignore the dichotomy their belief creates. Also, theistic evolutionists generally accept the big bang theory, which creates additional problems.

Many have confused the issue here by claiming that we say old-earth Christians are not really saved. In another recent feedback email, we were accused of being mean-spirited when we point out the dangers inherent in old-earth teachings and when we attempt to correct our brothers and sisters in Christ. However, we have repeatedly stated that we do not question the faith of old-earth creationists, and that many of them have done great things for the Lord.

Our criticism of these brothers and sisters in Christ relates to how they handle Genesis 1–11 and some related passages. We believe they are allowing the ever-changing opinions of man override the clear teaching of Scripture in this area, and this sets a very dangerous precedent for other areas of Scripture—including the gospel itself. For example, the majority of scientists believe in billions of years, so we are pressured to find some way to make Genesis accommodate such a belief. But the majority of scientists also reject Christ’s Virgin Birth and Resurrection. To be consistent, should old-earthers call for the reinterpretation of these teachings? Praise God that they do not, but they are being inconsistent in their hermeneutic (interpretation).

In some ways, the Christian who believes in billions of years is like some of the kings of Judah, such as Asa and his son Jehoshaphat. Here is what Scripture has to say about these men.

*Asa did what was right in the eyes of the Lord, as did his father David. And he banished the perverted persons from the land, and removed all the idols that his fathers had made … but the high places were not removed. Nevertheless Asa’s heart was loyal to the Lord all his days. (*[*1 Kings 15:11–14*](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/1%20Kings%2015.11%E2%80%9314)*)*

*Jehoshaphat the son of Asa … walked in all the ways of his father Asa. He did not turn aside from them, doing what was right in the eyes of the Lord. Nevertheless the high places were not taken away, for the people offered sacrifices and burned incense on the high places. (*[*1 Kings 22:41–43*](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/1%20Kings%2022.41%E2%80%9343)*)*

Both of these men were said to do what was right in the eyes of the Lord. However, they both failed in one area—they did not remove the “high places.” These were sites on hills and mountains where some of the people worshiped false gods ([*2 Kings 17:11–16*](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/2%20Kings%2017.11%E2%80%9316)) and others attempted to worship the true God in a wrong manner ([*2 Kings 17:32*](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/2%20Kings%2017.32); [*2 Chronicles 33:17*](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/2%20Chronicles%2033.17)). Even godly men and women can be in serious error. The Apostle Peter seriously compromised the gospel message though his actions by siding with the Judaizers—those who tried to add circumcision and works of the law to the gospel. Paul had to confront Peter face-to-face in the presence of other believers to correct this serious error ([*Galatians 2:11–16*](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/Galatians%202.11%E2%80%9316)).

Sadly, too many people in the church today look at Paul’s actions as unloving and harsh, yet what Paul did was necessary for the sake of the gospel. Furthermore, it was actually a very loving action. Paul demonstrated a deep love for the truth of God’s Word, as well as a love for his brother Peter. His actions also displayed a love for the church, since he cared enough about God’s people to not allow them to be led astray.

Consider the final words of the book of James. “Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back, let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins” ([*James 5:19–20*](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/James%205.19%E2%80%9320)). Of course, this must be handled with gentleness and respect. Paul wrote, “Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted” ([*Galatians 6:1*](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/Galatians%206.1)).

Our goal in pointing out the error of old-earth creationism is driven by a love for Christ’s church. We do not want to see them led into a serious error, and we desire to see our brothers and sisters remove the “high places” of old-earth beliefs. Still, we realize we are sinful and fallible. If our actions are ever motivated by our own pride instead of love for God and for fellow believers, then we would be in the wrong. If such a case arises, we hope someone would love us enough to respectfully point out these faults.

Think about this carefully—if we don’t correct fellow believers who are in error, then we don’t truly love them. No sane parents would fail to correct their own child who runs dangerously into the street, because they love the child and don’t want harm to come to him or her. Similarly, we do not want to see our brothers and sisters led astray by worldly teachings that have done so much to undermine people’s trust in Scripture.

What we are saying to old-earth Christians is that they need to cling to the biblical view of God and jettison the faulty views of God demanded by their old-earth views. They need to accept biblical authority and all that comes with it, including the Father who loved us so much He sent His Son to die for *our* sins—not His own carelessness or ineptitude.

Consider the following well-known verses and pay close attention to how all of them state that Jesus died for our sins—not for mistakes made by God during creation:

*For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. (*[*John 3:16*](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/John%203.16)*)*

*But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (*[*Romans 5:8*](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/Romans%205.8)*)*

*In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. (*[*1 John 4:10*](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/1%20John%204.10)*)*

If we fail to recognize the significance of the biblical teaching that Adam’s sin caused death, and that the last Adam, Jesus Christ, gave His life for sinners, then we miss key elements of the gospel, which is encapsulated in the following passage:

*Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who had not sinned according to the likeness of the transgression of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come. But the free gift is not like the offense. For if by the one man’s offense many died, much more the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many. And the gift is not like that which came through the one who sinned. For the judgment which came from one offense resulted in condemnation, but the free gift which came from many offenses resulted in justification.*

*For if by the one man’s offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.)*

*Therefore, as through one man’s offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man’s righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life. For as by one man’s disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man’s obedience many will be made righteous. (*[*Romans 5:14–19*](http://biblia.com/bible/nkjv/Romans%205.14%E2%80%9319)*)*

Sincerely,
Troy Lacey and Tim Chaffey, AIG–U.S.

**Film reviews for “Lucy” and “A Matter of Faith”**

I recently saw two movies with entirely different worldviews. “Lucy” is a big budget Hollywood film starring Morgan Freemen which has a goal of preaching an evolutionary worldview from the first scene till the last. It legitimizes the discredited “Lucy” australopithecine as our progenitor and says with no apologies that in the end evolution will make human race Gods. This film should remind us what Hollywood is putting out and how the minds of our whole society are being shaped by such unabashed brainwashing!

The second film I saw was “A Matter of Faith” which is a low budget Christian film which highlights the dangers we discussed about the Lucy film. This film features a fine confession of faith in God as the creator by Clarence Gilyard of “Walker Texas Ranger” fame. It is slow moving movie which does not have the hundred person “body count” of the Lucy film, but it does describe how three people came to faith. This film has its problems, as the premise and function of the debate in the film are very contrived and the amount of creation science aired in the film is probably less than three minutes of dialogue. Probably last year’s “God is Not Dead” is a better apologetics film is this genre. But, it is obvious that the makers of this film care for people’s souls and also wish to expose the intense harm that the lies of evolution are doing to our society. In making those points they do succeed.

**Even Secularists Doubt the “Big Bang”!**

Since February 10, the media have been abuzz with the story that two quantum physicists have “corrected” Einstein’s theory of general relativity to demonstrate that the big bang never happened. The two physicists—Ahmed Farag Ali (a professor at Benha University in Egypt) and Saurya Das (a professor at University of Lethbridge in Alberta)—claim the universe might have existed forever. Their paper, “Cosmology from Quantum Potential,” first appeared as a preprint in April 2014 and was published in *Physics Letters B* in February 2015.1 Anyone can read the entire paper free of charge.

It is interesting that this kind of paper not only causes problems for evolutionists who are committed to the “big Bang” cosmology, but it is causing ripples of discontent within the ranks of Old Age creationists. This gives evidence not only of the dissent within secular ranks on this issue, but underscores the dangers our theology is exposed to when we compromise our biblical interpretations with the popular science of the time.

## C:\Users\Scott\Pictures\bryan-osborne.jpgAnswers in Genesis in San Antonio

**Fellowship Bible Church**, (8603 Huebner Rd., San Antonio, TX 78240) will sponsor a creation seminar given by **Bryan Osborne of Answers in Genesis** on **March 22 and 23, 2015**. The schedule and topics to be presented are shown below. For more information call 210-699-6511 or go to the churches’ website at [http://www.fbcsatx.com](http://www.fbcsatx.com/) [Get Directions](http://maps.google.com/maps?daddr=8603%20Huebner%20Rd.%20San%20Antonio%20TX%2078240%20US&hl=en)

Bryan Osborne

## Schedule

## Sunday, March 22

## 9:30 a.m. ****Do Animals Evolve? Evolution Defined****

10:45 a.m. **The Relevance of Genesis in Today's World**

6 p.m. **Evolution's Hero: Father Time**

7:30 p.m. **Rocks and Fossils: Testimony of Noah's Flood**

**Please note that the Monday morning sessions listed on the next page are specifically designed for home school students.**

**Monday, March 23**

9:30 a.m. **Dinosaurs and the Bible for Kids (Grades K-6)**

10:45 a.m. **One Blood, One Race (Grades 7-12)**

6 p.m. **Dinosaur Delusion: Dinosaurs, Dragons and the Bible**

7:30 p.m. **Why Won't They Listen? Revealing the Unknown God**

**Prayer Needs and Praises!**

**John Morris**is recovering from a stroke as he continues a long term battle with muscular dystrophy. John is the long time President of the Institute for Creation Research, a PhD Geological Engineer, and one of the most prominent writers, researchers, and leaders in creation science. Pray for miraculous healing! Dr. Morris is also giving up his post as President of ICR due to his health and we ask for prayer for the leadership ICR as they go forward.

**Sue Stepanek** is battling cancer. Surgery went well but recovery is slow due to her also having Celiac Disease which was discovered only after surgery. Sue is the wife of Richard Stepanek who speaks for Alpha Omega Institute. Pray for complete recovery.

**Answers in Genesis** and their Ark Encounter project have come under intense political attack and the state of Kentucky has now rescinded their rights to tax incentives provided to all tourist attractions such as them. Please pray that God will restore these tax incentives to Ark Encounter.

**Dr. Carl Williams** Dr. Williams and his wife Cindy are board members with SABBSA. Dr. Williams has just learned of the return of his prostate cancer which had been in remission for the last four years. Please pray for healing and support for this brother and his family.

**Biblical Creation Seminar at Cibolo Valley Baptist Church**

**SABBSA President Scott Lane** is in the midst of conducting a 12 week seminar on **Biblical Creationism at Cibolo Valley Baptist Church, each Sunday afternoon at 4:30 pm** and continuing through April. This seminar makes it clear science and the Bible support one another as we would suspect since God spoke both into existence! Below is the remaining schedule this spring.

March 8 – **Fossils, Physics and Genetics – Our World Specially Crafted by God!**

March 15 – **Young Earth Evidences**

March 22 - **Biology** **and Intelligent Design: Animals that Defy Evolution!**

March 29 - **Biology and Missing Links: Lucy Unveiled**

April 5 – **God, Man and Dinosaurs**

April 12 - **Creation and the Courts: The DeFaithing of America**

April 19 – Class pick of eight remaining creation presentations

April 26 – Class pick of seven remaining creation presentations

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“Unlocking the Mysteries of Genesis” at FEAST!

 This year our FEAST Science Workshops will feature the new 12-part series from the Institute for Creation Research entitled “Unlocking the Mysteries of Genesis.” Viewing this series, you’ll walk away with a fresh understanding of the sometimes difficult-to-comprehend issues surrounding creation. Our dynamic host will lead you through discoveries of truth in awe-inspiring locations around the country.

We invite you to spend fourth Mondays with us at 6:30 pm for this series of videos with two episodes shown each night along with expert commentary and question and answer sessions from the staff of the **San Antonio Bible Based Science Association.**

Our first four sessions this year were attended by groups of more than 50 people with a host of young kids in each seminar. We are viewing two episodes each night with very engaging question, answer, and discussion sessions following both videos. Below is the list of topics remaining to be covered this spring:

**March 23, 2015 Ancient Civilization. Origin of the Universe.**

Young Children’s topic: **"Wind beneath my wings"** Demonstrating the power of the air.

**April 27, 2015 Uniqueness of Earth. The Big Picture**

Young Children’s topic: **"The strength within"** Unleashing the power within common
substances.



**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.

**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**

**Evolution's Achilles' Heels**

Like no other work that we are aware of, fifteen Ph.D. scientists collaborated to produce a coordinated, coherent, powerful argument. All of the contributors received their doctorates from similar secular universities as their evolutionary counterparts. Each is a specialist in a field relevant to the subject: Natural selection, origin of life, geology, genetics, radiometric dating, the fossil record, cosmology, and ethics.

**Evolution’s Achilles’ Heels** directly demolishes the very pillars of the belief system that underpins our now-secular culture—evolutionary naturalism. It’s coupled with the Biblical command to reach the lost with the Bible’s Good News. In a nutshell, it’s a comprehensive outreach tool like no other.

This DVD has visually stunning animations and dramatic footage help to show how the theory’s supposed strengths are, in fact, its fatal flaws—**Evolution’s Achilles’ Heels**.

Our group viewed 75 minutes of this video in February and found it to be of high quality and a good creationist tool. One good suggestion is that if used as a class study this video would best fit over perhaps three meetings with discussion time after each section.



**Next SABBSA Meeting:
Tuesday, March 10, 2015, at 7 pm**

**Coming to SABBSA in March**

**"Thousands or Billions: Which is it? Why does it matter?"**

**A 6000+ year Timeline for the Bible with Dr. Carl Williams**

Creationists have debates within their own ranks. One of those is just how young is the earth? Does the Bible give us any hints as to whether a strict 6000 year time frame is implied or whether a somewhat longer time frame could be reasonably applied to the text? To bring this discussion into sharp view, we will have two of our board members present the next two months on this topic.

This month, at our regular meeting on March 10th, Dr. Carl Williams will give us his views on how a 6000+ year timeline better fits scientific data, historical records and more importantly the Bible's text. We will follow that up in April with a presentation by Dr. Daniel Harris who espouses a longer 12,000 year timeline for the earth and Bible history.

Please join us in March for the start of this fascinating series which will focus on one of the most controversial topics in creation science. As always, we will meet at the Jim’s Restaurant at the corner of San Pedro and Ramsey at 7 pm. Please join us for good food, fellowship and impactful Christian apologetic teaching.