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Although it’s still warm outside, fall is coming quickly upon us. We hope and pray that you and yours will do well this fall and especially during Halloween. That holiday is a challenge for Christians. Some churches conduct fall festivals or “Trunk or Treats” so that the gospel can be communicated in their community, while taking kids out of the “ghoul and demon environment” of that night. Others choose to interact with kids on their street and participate in the conventional handing out of candy, but along with it, they hand out tracts which proclaim the gospel and attempt to impact our communities for Christ. If that is your choice, we may be able to help. SABBSA will have available (while they last), free gospel tracts specifically produced for the Halloween season. They will be available at our monthly meeting as well as at our FEAST science workshop presentation on October 23rd.

This month’s **Communique** will be quite unique in that, as advertised last month, we will show you many of the publications and sources for the many articles you find in each month’s **Communique**. We hope that you will find many of these resources to be of value to you and that you will subscribe or view them to get creation information on your own.

Please remember that our monthly meetings for the rest of the year have now moved to our new home at **Sarita's Restaurant** at the **corner of NW Military Drive and Lockhill Selma**. The address is 2235 Lockhill Selma Rd, San Antonio, TX 78230 and we will return to starting at 7 pm on the second Tuesday of each month.

Of course, we have a full rundown of the creation events in the greater San Antonio area as well as news of a new and exciting creation science feature film coming to eleven local theaters in November. We pray you find this material useful.

**Where does SABBSA Communique Information and Articles come from?**

There is no short answer to the question of where all our articles and creation science information comes from, since they come from a myriad of sources. Indeed, we are rich today with a multiplicity of organizations devoted to researching and distributing this information. We will show you many of these. But, we also find the evolutionists and contemporary media to be a great help to us. Often what you see in these pages are articles published in secular news and science media, such as: AP, Forbes, Newsweek, Nature Magazine, and even our local newspaper. From their naturalistic worldview, they often present what they perceive as evidence congruent with evolution. However, when the same evidence is inspected from a Biblical perspective, the conclusion takes on a completely different context and meaning.

Below you will find a rundown of many of the resources we use and that you can use anytime. Most of these are linked on our websites’ links page.

[](http://creationinthe21stcentury.com/category/creation-in-the-21st-century-videos-archive/)One source for creation information and materials as we told you last month is through **David Rives Ministries.** This ministry has ably taken over the “**Creation in the 21st Century**” TV program broadcast on TBN. They also have a “**Creation Weekly**” email communication which offers articles, video clips and connections to their store. Check out their website at <http://davidrivesministries.org/> or their creation superstore at [www.creationsuperstore.com](http://www.creationsuperstore.com)

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An invaluable resource to us is “**Search for the Truth Ministries**” run by our good friend and prolific author, **Bruce Malone,** from Michigan. Bruce and his organization offer a host of resources which have generated a lot of articles and quotes for our publication. Bruce, for example, has authored many books such as “**Brilliant**” (showing the brilliance of ancient man as described in the Bible), **“Censored Science”** (a great and visually stunning creation science text) and a series of creation science and bible verse devotionals which include “**A Closer Look at the Evidence**”, **“Inspired Evidence”** and his newest and most beautifully formatted with Julie Von Vett called **“Have You Considered.”** These great resources not only provide this publication with ideas, articles and information, but they provide devotionals which can inspire and inform our public and they make great Christmas gifts! These books are available on their website at [www.searchforthetruth.net](http://www.searchforthetruth.net)

On that website you can sign up for monthly emailed newsletter or their quarterly snail-mailed newsletters which often features information from one of Bruce’s books. An example of the type of information in these is shown below:

**The Original Disposable Diapers**

Even the poop from baby songbirds reveal the design of God. Baby song birds are always hungry, and the parent is continually feeding them, but what goes in one end…must come out the other! The nest could easily become a real mess. Imagine the bird nests filling up with the baby’s waste as the baby birds are pushed closer and closer to the rim by the rising sewage. The presence of this poop would not only be unhealthy, but enable predators to easily detect their location.

Each chick’s poop comes out with a thin membrane surrounding it. The chick generally defecates within seconds of being fed. The parent then removes this little sac and deposits it away from the nest as it flies off to find additional food for the chicks. Shortly before the chicks learn to fly, they stop producing these sacs. When you see tiny baby birds in their nests, think of how God has provided for their cleanliness and safety using the world’s FIRST biodegradable, disposable diapers!

“I know all the fowls of the mountains: and the wild beasts of the field are mine.” - Psalm 50:11

That came from their e-newsletter two months ago. This month they have a fascinating piece on how God designed hippos to excrete an ooze which is a combination of sunscreen, insect repellent and antibiotic to protect their bodies.

In addition to these resources, Search for the Truth has produced several videos including one which shows “The Red Record”, for which Bruce is most famous, and their new multi-part video series called the “The Rocks Cry Out,” which we have shown the first six episodes of at SABBSA. We recommend this ministry as a great resource.

**International Association for Creation (IAC)**

[](http://associationforcreation.weebly.com/)SABBSA is a member of the **International Association for Creation**. This group is the resource we have used to give you information on creation museums in Abilene, TX, near Mt. St. Helens in Washington state and just south of Branson Missouri. Recently, they began offering a creation speaker certification course for those who wish to pursue what SABBSA President Scott Lane does.

Last February this organization was instrumental in coordinating with Fathom films in the release and promotion of the feature documentary “**Is Genesis History?”** This year they are functioning in that same vein as coordinator and through them we are setting up to distribute follow up information at the showings of a new feature length creation science film called **“Genesis: Paradise Lost”** to be shown at eleven area theaters on Monday, November 13 at 7 pm for a one-time showing (see the promo for more information on page 15 of this newsletter) .  
  
If you would like to know more about this very useful organization or to get signed up for their updates by email, use the link below to go to their website.

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The International Association for Creation

[www.AssociationForCreation.org](http://www.associationforcreation.org/)

[Creation Ministries International | creation.com](https://creation.com/)**Creation Ministries International (CMI),** which started in Australia and has an American base in Atlanta, Georgia is one of the biggest promoters and dispensers of creationist materials and information. We frequently use them as the source for the creation materials we offer at our seminars and meetings as they are of good quality and many times are cheaper than other vendors. They have speakers of good quality that will come to your area at no preset fee. Their website features a wealth of articles in the creation science realm which are easily accessible via their search engine. They send out a free monthly “Prayer Update” by snail mail and will email you a weekly “**Infobytes**” newsletter with links to a set of creationist articles each week. We would suggest you check them out at [www.creation.com](http://www.creation.com)

Genesis ApologeticsGenesis Apologetics is a group out of Folsom, CA which features a great youth and college age creation vs. evolution series called “Debunking evolution” which we have previewed at SABBSA. You can check out their website and store and even download portions of their video series by going to <http://genesisapologetics.com/>

[](http://www.icr.org/)The **Institute for Creation Research (ICR)** is the pre-eminent research organization in the field of creation science being rivaled only by the fine work at the **Creation Research Society**. They have a fine store which includes their own self-produced materials from their cadre of research scientists as well as from others in the field. Recently they have produced several video series with 22-minute episodes on creation apologetics, design evidence in the human body, dinosaurs and now the universe and Astronomy which bring these topics home to the general public in a format they can understand.

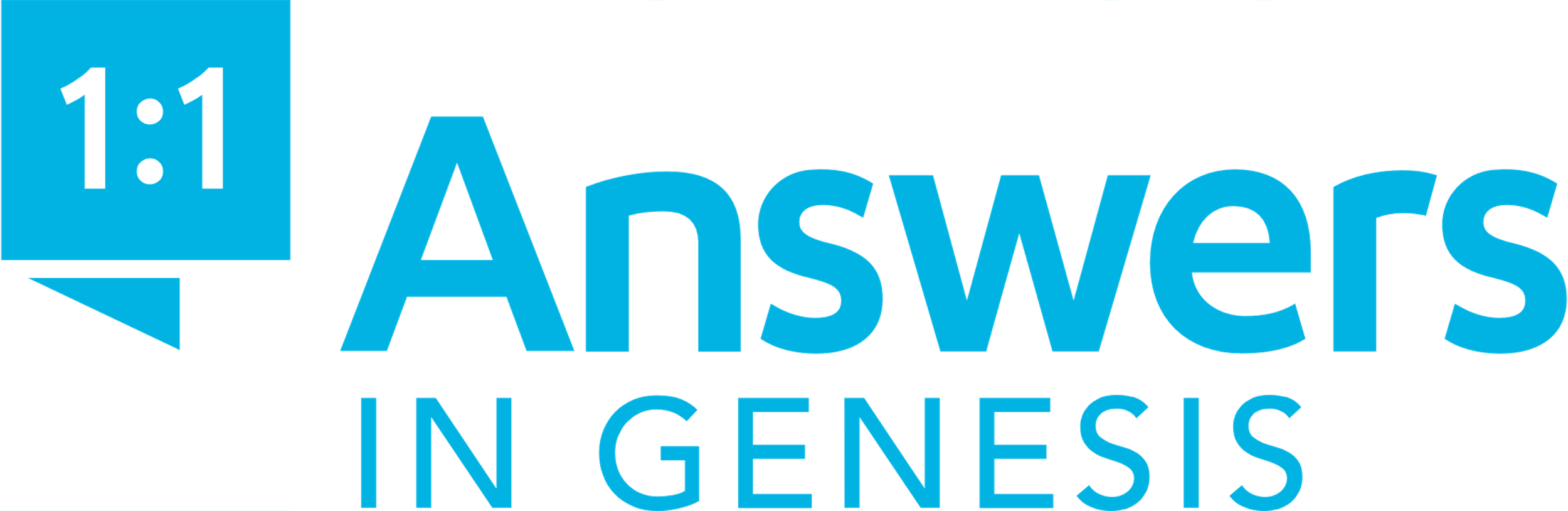
They have one of the best archives of creation science articles on their website which is easily accessible with their search engine. They also offer a wealth of publications and programs to get the word out on creation science. They have a daily radio program called **Science, Scripture and Salvation,** which is podcasted on their website. They have probably the best quality free monthly creation science and biblical apologetics magazine available in their “**Acts & Facts**” Magazine which you can sign up for on their website at [www.icr.org](http://www.icr.org) .

Additionally, they have a daily devotional series called “**Days of Praise**,” featuring a host of some of respected speakers in our field, including our former SABBSA board member Dr. Randy Guliuzza. This organization’s founder, the late Dr. Henry Morris, is regarded as the father of the modern creation science movement. His legacy is a fine organization, which is now endeavoring to build a multimillion dollar creation museum in the Dallas area which is their home base (scheduled to open in the fall of 2018). They also offer an online college degree program which has prepared such people as the Nuttings in this field of ministry.

**Alpha Omega Institute (AOI)** was founded and is still run by our friends **Dave and Mary Jo Nutting,** with a home office in Grand Junction, Colorado. Their website is [www.discovercreation.org](http://www.discovercreation.org) and their search engine on locates many creation related topics which searches not only their own newsletter archive, but the archives of many other creation sites. They are famous for their summer camps in Colorado, rafting and geology excursions and have now added an annual trip to Costa Rica in their offerings of guided creation experiences.

Their speakers, like those with CMI, will come with no set fee, and we have had their talented group of presenters speak for us at SABBSA many times. They have a monthly snail mailed newsletter called “**Think & Believe**” which you can get for free by signing up for it on their website. Along with that newsletter will be a separate **“Think & Believe for Kids”** insert which is great for younger children. Their ministry includes an online blog, and an online store which offers a wealth of fine creation science and apologetics materials.

We have partnered with this group many times at home school conventions and spoken at their conferences. They are great ambassadors for the Creator, and their ministry is now making special efforts to reach college students as they now have a one-year training academy for high school graduates and they recently purchased a new office facility strategically located near four colleges in their area.



**Answers in Genesis (AiG)**, founded by Ken Ham, is one of the biggest and most visible creation ministries in America. Their website is [www.answersingenesis.com](http://www.answersingenesis.com) . They are the creation group in the Northern Kentucky and Cincinnati area which constructed the multimillion dollar Creation museum in that area ten years ago and now the “Ark Encounter” exhibit last year, located just 40 miles away, in northern Kentucky, with a Noah’s Ark of biblical dimensions. If you haven’t been there, you need to go.

They have fine, but expensive speakers. Their website includes a fine store as well as one of the largest libraries of creation science articles in the world from which you can get information on a wide breadth of creation topics. They offer a free monthly snail mail publication, as well as a bimonthly subscription magazine called “**Answers Magazine**” which is a good source of articles on a wide variety of creation and biblical apologetics topics (available in published and mailed to you or digital subscription forms). For the more technically inclined and for deep background on creation issues they also offer the Answers Research Journal, available for free on their website. This is a yearly publication of research abstracts.

One of the most popular of their offerings are their creation oriented cartoons, most of which are done by the talented Dan Lietha and which they graciously allow us in the field to use in our presentations and articles.

The **Creation Research Society (CRS)** is a professional organization of trained scientists and interested laypersons who are firmly committed to scientific special creation. The Society was organized in 1963 by a committee of ten like-minded scientists, and has grown into an organization with worldwide membership. Their yearly conferences feature some of the best reports of creation science research in the field. Their website is <https://creationresearch.org/> and they are headquartered in Michigan.

The primary functions of the Society are:

Publication of a quarterly peer-reviewed journal.

Conducting research to develop and test creation models.

The provision of research grants and facilities to creation scientists for approved research projects.

Providing qualified scientists to speak to groups or churches.

Other functions of CRS include maintenance of a comprehensive directory of creationist organizations throughout the world. The CRS also runs a secure online bookstore for ordering books and videos on special creation. They offer publications of both their “**CRS Quarterly Journal”** as well as the bimonthly “**Creation Matters**” newsletter. Subscriptions for these are available on their website.



The Discovery Institute are active proponents of the concepts of Intelligent Design. They have several research fellows who are good speakers and noted as both research scientists, as well as for their academic credentials. While not stated, many in their group have “Old Earth” leanings, but their presentations, materials, books and feature length DVD’s feature “spot on” evidence for God’s designs in nature. Their website is [www.discovery.org](http://www.discovery.org) On this site, you can order a variety of their intelligent design books, curricula and videos as well as a subscribe to a wealth of emailed or snail mailed publications.

The **Northwest Creation Network** operates out of Seattle, Washington and has a very impressive ministry in the great northwest. Their website at <http://www.nwcreation.net/> includes an online encyclopedia of creation science topics called the “CreationWiki”

They also have a great online store as well as archived articles. Additionally, they sponsor a yearly creation conference in the Seattle area. Their online archive of downloadable PowerPoint presentations on a wide variety of creation topics is also impressive. They have two of their own blogs called “**Creation Talk**” and “**Origins Talk**”, that you can sign onto. While there, scroll down to find a huge list of other creation blogs and website forums with a wealth of creation information.

We at SABBSA have had a long association with the **Creation Evidence Museum (CEM)** near Glenrose, TX. Their website is <http://creationevidence.org/> The curator, Dr. Carl Baugh, is in possession of some of the best physical evidences of man and dinosaurs coexisting. We have also collaborated on a few projects and digs, as well as some of our board members were auxiliary staff with that ministry.

This, like the Mt. Blanco Fossil Museum in Crosbyton, TX., the Discovery Center in Abilene, TX, and the Creation Museum of the Ozarks just south of Branson, Missouri are among the many creation museums we visit around Texas and across the nation which fuel our images of God’s creation. We get an idea for an article almost every time we visit one of these museums.

Sometimes we get a creation organization like AOI, Search for the Truth or others to send us an article out of the blue because of our presence on the web, on YouTube or on radio. Such is the case below with this article from **Dr. Arv Edgeworth** with **Truth and Science Ministries** out of Michigan. This is a fine and insightful article peering into how America today got to where it is.

**What Has Happened in America?**

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: "I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

 Is America one nation under God?  Did you know the 4th stanza of the Star- Spangled Banner states: “And this be our motto – ‘In God is our trust,’

***What about America the Beautiful:***

***“America! America!***

***God shed his grace on thee (repeated in 5 of the verses)***

***And crown thy good with brotherhood***

***From sea to shining sea!”***

Is that true of America today?  What has happened in America?

**In the Courtroom and the Classroom**

Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr. (1841-1935) powerfully affected the U.S. Supreme Court in both viewpoint and legal precedents for 30 years.  The prevalent view since his time is that law is a product of evolution and should continually evolve in accord with social policy.   But this, of course, continually takes America further and further away from the U.S. Constitution.

 1800’s - 1925 creation was taught right from the Bible in the public schools. 1920-25 some states passed laws banning the teaching of evolution.  In 1925 the famous “Scopes Monkey Trial” took place in Dayton, Tennessee.  The man representing Christianity in the Scopes trial said that Christians didn’t have to believe in six literal 24-hour days of Creation as written and did a poor job of defending his faith.  For the next 40 years some states still had laws against teaching evolution.

In 1968 the last law banning evolution was overturned.  In 1980 Arkansas law demanding equal time was overturned.  (1987 - Louisiana law) Did the Edwards versus Aguilliard case in 1987 ban the teaching of Creation in the Public School?

The National Center for Science Education, says this about itself: “We are a nationally-recognized clearinghouse for information and advice to keep evolution in the science classroom and ‘scientific creationism’ out.”  Their organization is not really pro-science, just anti-Creation; but to them, and many in education today, it means the same thing.

 But look what Dr. Scott said right after the 1987 decision: “The Supreme Court decision says only that the Louisiana law violates the constitutional separation of church and state:  it does not say that no one can teach scientific creationism, and unfortunately many individual teachers do.  Some school districts even require ‘equal time’ for creation and evolution.”

 The ruling didn’t say creationism couldn’t be taught.  It said they didn’t think they could make it a law saying it had to be taught.  “Teachers already possess” the flexibility to present “a variety of scientific theories about the origins of humankind”… and are “free to teach any and all facets of this subject.  Teaching a variety of scientific theories about the origins of mankind to school children might be done with the clear secular intent of enhancing the effectiveness of science instruction.”

Edwards vs. Aguiliard, 482 U.S. 96 (1987) p. 8-9

 Evolution continued to grow in popularity in the scientific community.  In 1957 Russia put sputnik in space.  1959 was the 100th anniversary of Darwin’s book.  The evolutionists held a symposium and decided we needed to teach the kids more about evolution.  They started writing letters and news articles saying the reason why Russia was getting ahead of us in their science was because they were teaching their kids more evolution.

 Before Federal Funding, the textbooks had 2-3,000 words about evolution in the textbooks.  By 1963 they were up to over 33,000 words about evolution.

 What an eye is, what an eye does, and how we treat it for disease is real science.  When you get into how we got an eye and why we have one, we have left the field of science and are now teaching philosophical worldview beliefs.

**In the Textbooks**

The change was very subtle, but over time has drastically changed how science is taught in the Public-School classrooms.  Here is how it was done.  This is from the 2006 Biology textbooks: “Some questions are simply not in the realm of science.”  “For example, science can neither prove or disprove that unobservable or supernatural forces cause storms, rainbows, illnesses, or cures of disease.  Supernatural explanations of natural events are simply outside the bounds of science.  There is no way to show that such hypotheses are false.”  Prentice Hall Biology.

 Think about this: Who determines what is a natural or supernatural event?  What about the beginning of the universe?  Was that just a natural event?  Who decides?  Think about this: Shouldn’t natural explanations of supernatural events also be outside the bounds of science?  If the beginning of life was a supernatural event, should science try to prove it was a natural event?  If the fossils and rock layers were formed by a great flood, should science try to prove it was a natural event?

 The writers of the science textbooks took care of that problem.  “Science requires repeatable observations and testable hypotheses.  These standards restrict science to a search for natural causes for natural phenomena.”  Notice the subtle wording?

 What happened to the classic definition of science?  Science: The search for truth [whatever that truth may be] through the scientific method of repeated experimentation and observation.  Science Redefined as Naturalism: You may search for truth – but only where and how we tell you to.  Only naturalistic explanations are allowed.

 Conclusion: The search for truth, for truth’s own sake, is unimportant – the only thing that matters is that a naturalistic victory is assured by controlling the definition of “science” so that no matter what – they have to win – by definition.

**Science Has Been Replaced with Scientific Naturalism**

“Naturalism: the belief that the natural world, known and experienced scientifically, is all that exists and that there is no supernatural or spiritual creation, control, or significance.”

Webster’s New World Dictionary of the American Language, 1976, p. 947

 Even though naturalistic science claims to be neutral and unbiased, it starts with a bias.  This is where the problem is.  Real science has limits.  It has no position on the supernatural, it is neutral, it is not anti.  There is a distinct difference between "science," and "scientific naturalism."

 “We can’t allow supernatural creation to be discussed in the classroom.”  Is that being neutral, or is it being anti?  “We can’t discuss the appearance of design in the classroom.”  Is that being neutral, or is it being anti?

 Dr. Scott Todd, Kansas State University, Nature 401 (6752):423, Sept. 30, 1999 said this: “Even if all the data point to an intelligent designer, such an hypothesis is excluded from science because it is not naturalistic.”

 Starting with different assumptions leads to different conclusions in almost every case.  “Once a scientist (or anyone else) considers facts through a preconceived filter, the true quest for knowledge stops.  The mistake becomes assuming your hypothesis is true, and looking at all evidence in that light.  When that occurs, it fails to be science.”  Darrin Yeager. [http://www.dyeager.org](http://www.dyeager.org/)

 "The battle for humankind's future must be waged and won in the public-school classroom by teachers who correctly perceive their role as the proselytizers of a new faith: A religion of humanity -- utilizing a classroom instead of a pulpit to carry humanist values into wherever they teach.  The classroom must and will become an arena of conflict between the old and the new -- the rotting corpse of Christianity, together with its adjacent evils and misery, and the new faith of humanism.”  John J. Dunphy, in his award-winning essay, The Humanist (1983).

 Ask most evolutionists if you can believe in both creation and evolution and they will say: “No!”  But many liberal Christians have redefined themselves in an attempt to be more politically correct, and call themselves “theistic evolutionists.”  Of course, in order to do so they have to reinterpret the clear teachings of scripture and no longer take them literally.  Of course, they will also say that any Christian that does not follow suit in their compromise are dumb and unscientific.

**The News Media Is Partly to Blame**

Does the news media try to make it look like Evolution is based on fact and Creation is only based on faith?  Here is a typical news media headline: “Religious and scientific leaders debate evolution.”  Do you know what the problem was?  The scientists from both sides had advanced degrees from credible universities.  The headline should have read: “Scientists Debate Evolution.”  Maybe that doesn’t sell as many newspapers.

**The Early Scientists**

Johannes Kepler [1571-1630] - Astronomy/Laws of Planetary Motion

He stated that in his astronomy research, he was merely “thinking God's thoughts after Him.”

Sir Isaac Newton [1642-1727] - Mathematician, Physicist Inventor of calculus - Law of universal gravitation

“This thing [a scale model of our solar system] is but a puny imitation of a much grander system whose laws you know, and I am not able to convince you that this mere toy is without a designer and maker;”

Matthew Maury [1806-1873] - The "Father" of oceanography - Aided in the laying of the first trans-Atlantic cable

"The Bible is true and science is true, and therefore each, if truly read, but proves the truth of the other."

Louis Pasteur [1822-1895] - Father of Microbiology, developed "pasteurization"

"The more I study nature, the more I stand amazed at the work of the Creator."

"Science brings men nearer to God."

Lord Kelvin [William Thomson] [1824-1907] - Physicist, Laws of Thermodynamics, Absolute temperature scale, inventor

"Overwhelmingly strong proofs of intelligent and benevolent design lie around us ... the atheistic idea is so non-sensical that I cannot put it into words." We could quote many, many more.

**The Real Issue – Philosophical Biases**

“[Evolution is] a theory universally accepted not because it can be proved by logically coherent evidence to be true, but because the only alternative, special creation, is clearly incredible.”  D. M. S. Watson

“Evolution is unproved and unprovable.  We believe it because the only alternative is special creation which is unthinkable.”  Sir Arthur Keith

**The Result of an Evolutionary Worldview**

If evolution is true:

1. Man has no hope for his own future.

2. One of the races of humans must be more superior than the rest.

3. Man is just an animal.

4. Inferiors should be eliminated for the good of the species.

5. Protection of the world and environment is the ultimate duty of man as the highest evolved animal.

6. Might makes right.

**What you believe will determine how you behave.**

Since 1963:

SAT scores have plummeted downward

Violent crime offenses are up 995%

Birth rates for unwed girls 10-14 Years of Age are up 100%

Sexually transmitted diseases ages 10-14, up 385%

Unmarried couples living together up 725%

Divorce rates are continually rising

Teen suicides are continually rising

**The Top 7 Offenses of Students in the Public Schools in 1940:**

1. Talking

2. Chewing gum

3. Running in the halls

4. Wearing improper clothing

5. Making noise

6. Not putting paper in the waste baskets

7. Getting out of turn in line

**The Top 20 Offenses of Students in the Public Schools today:**

1.   Rape                                            11.   Absenteeism

2.   Robbery                                     12.   Vandalism

3.   Assault                                        13.   Murder

4.   Personal theft                           14.   Extortion

5.   Burglary                                     15.   Gang warfare

6.   Drug abuse                                16.   Pregnancies

7.   Arson                                          17.   Abortions

8.   Bombings                                   18.   Suicide

9.   Alcohol abuse                           19.   Venereal Disease

10.  Carrying weapons                  20.   Lying and cheating

“You are an animal and share a common heritage with earthworms.”

Biology: Visualizing Life Holt, 1994

 Your kids go ape in school?  Here’s why – news article by Barbara Reynolds:

“In most schools, Johnetta and Johnny are being taught evolution – that human-kind evolved from apes.”

America, you’ve come a long way baby.  Not much of it has been good.  Is it reversible?  You, the American people, will have to determine that for yourselves.  But what can we do?  I’m glad you asked.  Write textbook publishers, contact your school boards, contact the state school boards, write letters to newspapers, comment on articles in the newspaper about creation and evolution, contact your congressmen, etc. etc. etc.  I’m sure you can think of many more things you can do.  And last of all, and maybe more important, pray for America and its leaders.  You can vote for the right leaders also.  Find out where they stand on these issues.  We need leaders who believe we are: One Nation, under God,” and will take a stand.  Then, maybe once again, God can shed His grace on us as a nation.

Dr. Arv Edgeworth is the author of several books, and the Director of Truth and Science Ministries.  He used the scientific method professionally for a major corporation for the purpose of problem solving, and has a real love of science.  He has two websites: [www.True-Science.org](http://www.true-science.org/), and [www.HavingAnAnswer.net](http://www.havingananswer.net/).

Finally, one of the most frequent ways we get an article or news item is from evolutionists and contemporary media who unintentionally give us great material. Often what you see in these pages are stories or articles published by AP, Forbes, Newsweek, Nature Magazine, our local newspaper and more with a story in which they saw no creation implications when viewed through their naturalistic worldview, but when viewed through the eyes of a creationist, take on a completely different context and meaning. The excerpted article below from Forbes Magazine is an excellent example of this.

**A Star Older than the Universe???**

…The most confusing star of all is HD 140283 (shown below), informally nicknamed the **Methuselah star**. At just 190 light years away, we can measure its luminosity, surface temperature, and composition very precisely; we can also see that it's just beginning to evolve into the subgiant phase and towards becoming a red giant. These pieces of information, combined, allow us to get a well-constrained value for the star's age, and the result is disturbing, to say the least: 14.46 billion years. Yet some of the other properties it displays, like an iron content of 0.4% the Sun's, suggest that it's very old, but not quite among the very oldest stars of all. Although there is an uncertainty on the age of around 800 million years, that still places it uncomfortably early, and hints at a potential conflict between how old the stars are and how old the Universe is.



Digitized Sky Survey (DSS), STScI/AURA, Palomar/Caltech, and UKSTU/AAO

This … ageing star, catalogued as HD 140283, lies over 190 light-years away. The NASA/ESA Hubble Space Telescope was used to narrow the measurement uncertainty on the star's distance, and this helped to refine the calculation of a more precise age of 14.5 billion years (plus or minus 800 million years).

Now, it's always possible that there's something fishy that happened in the star's past that we can't know about today…Or it's possible that we've got a misunderstanding in the subgiant phase of the stellar evolution of these old, low-metallicity stars. These unknowns (and in some cases, unknowables) are possible sources of errors when we try and compute the ages of the oldest stars.

But if we've got these ages right, there might potentially be a problem. You can't have a star that exists in our Universe that's older than the Universe itself. Either something's wrong with our estimates for the ages of some of these stars, something's wrong with our estimates for the age of the Universe, or something else, that we're not even considering, is off.

Astrophysicist and author Ethan Siegel is the founder and primary writer of Starts With A Bang! Excerpted from https://www.forbes.com/sites/startswithabang/2017/09/07/the-greatest-cosmic-puzzle-astronomers-find-stars-that-appear-older-than-the-universe/#7122a1393c44

**Editor’s Note: This “Methuselah star” and its story as they tell it is replete with dating problems. The reason they date it as over 13 billion years old is due to its low iron and heavy element content. However, this is a dating method completely dependent upon their assumption of the Big Bang and their unproven theories of stellar formation, which says the early stars would not contain many heavy elements. Without these assumptions, they would have no clue how old this star is. Further, according to their assumptions and measurements this star is older than the universe itself and was formed before the Big Bang, before anything existed! That is clearly not true and points up the massive problems in conventional astronomical dating methods.**

**The lord said it in Romans 1:22, “Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools.”**

We hope you benefit from many of these resources we have highlighted.

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**[](http://genesismovie.com/_images/_photos/adamwithapatosauruseden.jpg)Genesis: Paradise Lost**

A new feature length film from Fathom Media will be coming to **eleven local theaters** for a one time showing at **7 pm, on Monday, November 13**. This film was produced by the same media group which produced **“Is Genesis History?”** with the same aims and quality, to spread creation apologetics in a big way! This film has been endorsed by **Ken Ham,** as well as the director of the **“War Room.”**

As occurred with **“Is Genesis History?,”** SABBSA will partner with **IAC** and **Fathom Media** to provide people at San Antonio area theaters with flyers about our organization, so that those interested can get follow up information on what they see that night. For tickets, theater information or to see a trailer of this film go to <http://genesismovie.com/>

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**SABBSA’s schedule for 2017 and 2018**

Please join the **San Antonio Bible Based Science Association** this year as we provide exciting video and live presentations in creation science! Our monthly meetings occur on the second Tuesday of each month. This month we will be **Sarita's Restaurant** at the **corner of NW Military Drive and Lockhill Selma**.

Here is our schedule of programs for the remainder of 2017 and beyond:

October 10, 2017 - **Circular Reasoning**  
November 14, 2017 - **Incredible Creatures that Defy Evolution, part I**  
December 12, 2017 - **"Jesus is the Light", Dr. Daniel Harris**  
January 9, 2018 - **Incredible Creatures that Defy Evolution, part II**  
February 13, 2018 - **Incredible Creatures that Defy Evolution, part III**

Remember that there is always a young children’s “hands on” program given at the same time as the youth and adult program listed above. So, make this a night for the whole family!

**SABBSA on KSLR**

Please join the San **Antonio Bible Based Science Association** as we are now “on the air” each Saturday afternoon with “**Believing the Bible!”** Join us **Saturday afternoons at 1:45 pm on radio station KSLR 630 AM**.

Here is our schedule of program topics upcoming this fall:

10/7 **Cloning**

10/14 **Creation in the Church, Jerry Canupp**

10/21 **Gilligan vs. Evolution**

10/28 **Cardiologist Dr. Mark Moody**

11/4 **Errors in the Bible?**

11/11 **Why We do this**

11/18 **Bedbugs**

11/25 **Four Races or One?**

12/2 **Whale Evolution**

12/9 **Evolution Hypermart**

12/16 **Atheistic Christmas**

12/23 **Christmas Star**

12/30 **Distant Starlight**

There are several ways you can help with this exciting ministry. One and always first is pray for this program, for its content, its producers and impact. Second, become a sponsor, as many of our board members have done and help us defray the $60+ per week costs of putting this program on the air. Third, listen to this show on the air and tell your friends and family members, so this can reach as wide an audience as possible.

This program is available on podcast. If you cannot tune in on Saturday afternoons, or would like to sample our program or hear previous shows, they are available on podcast on the KSLR website. Click on the link below to go to the KSLR podcast page and scroll down till you find "Believing the Bible."

["Believing the Bible" - SABBSA on KSLR Radio](http://am630theword.com/content/all/am-630-the-word-podcasts)

Please join us each Saturday at 1:45 pm on radio KSLR 630 AM for **“Believing the Bible.”**

**Prayer Needs and Praises!**

**SABBSA** for prayer, support and guidance as we consider expanding our **radio ministry**.

**Houston, TX** Please pray for the people of Houston and the surrounding area which has been so devastated by Hurricane Harvey. Many of you, like us have a lot of family in that area which have been affected by this tragic storm and are just starting to “dig out” and rebuild.

**John and Eileen Pendleton** doing creation and gospel ministry in Zacatecas Mexico, Central and South America, and Cuba! Pray for support and funds.

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**Popcorn and a Movie Nights, FREE at FEAST**

**Fourth Monday Most Months**, **September - April, 6:30 – 8pm**

You are invited to attend this free monthly movie night at FEAST. Pack up the kids, grandma and grandpa and sure, bring your neighbors to enjoy awe inspiring and thought-provoking videos and delicious popcorn! Movies are a great way to learn truth as well as opening teachable moments to reinforce God to our children. Who isn’t awed by giant dinosaurs and the wonders of creation?  Scott Lane, from the San Antonio Bible Science Association has selected some excellent movies that will bring Creation to life for your family. Here are a few of the movies he has selected:

September 25, 2017 - **Uncovering the Truth about Dinosaurs, parts 1 & 2**

October 23, 2017 - **Uncovering the Truth about Dinosaurs, parts 3 & 4**

****January 2018 – **The** **Privileged Planet**

February - **Is Genesis History?**

March - **Unlocking the Mystery of Life**

April - **Darwin: The Voyage that Shook the World**

In addition to the movie, popcorn and creation teaching, at each of these events we will offer a “hands on” young children’s program, as well as the availability of browsing and procuring items from our stock of hundreds of creation science materials.

**Cartoon Corner**

Thanks to **Answers in Genesis** who provides these cartoons each month for our newsletter and our presentations. Please think about donating to them in gratitude for this and all the ministries they give us.

**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 143. After the presentation, there will be refreshments, fellowship and creation science materials for all to enjoy. Their meetings can be streamed live! 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:**

The Museum of Earth History uses the highest quality research replicas of dinosaurs, mammals and authentic historical artifacts to not only lay out for the visitor a clear and easily understood connection between Genesis and Revelation, but will do so in an entertaining and intellectually challenging way. Open M-F 9 to 6. <http://visitcreation.org/item/museum-of-earth-history-dallas-tx/>

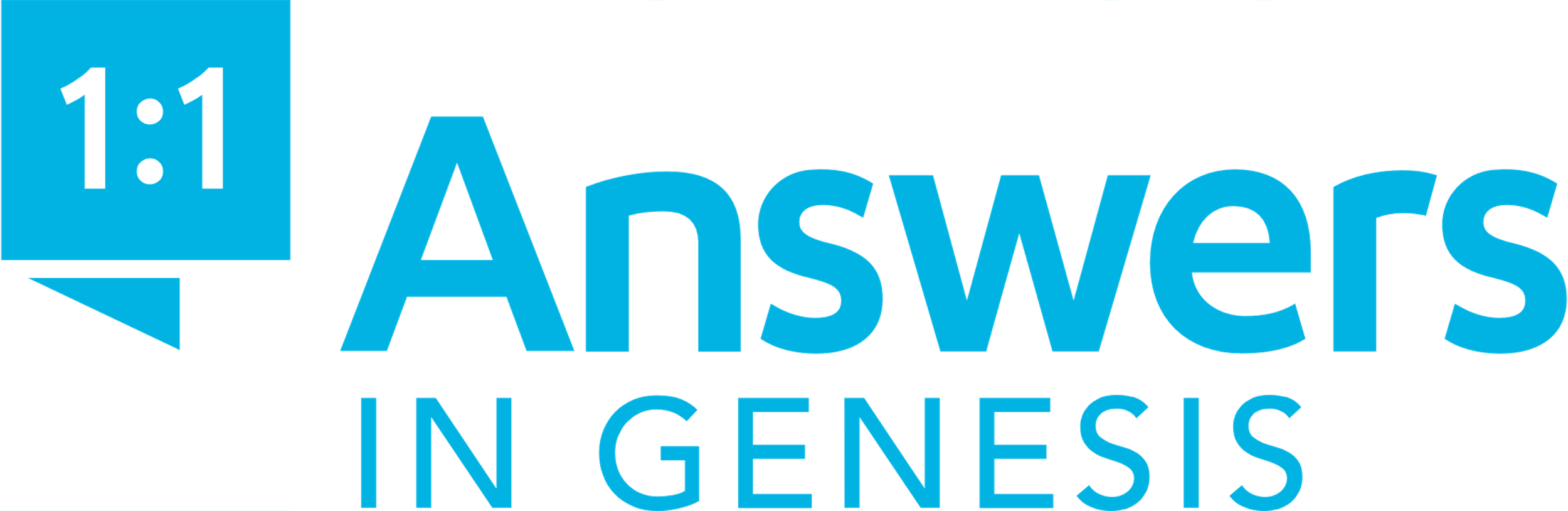
**Dallas-Ft Worth:**   
The Metroplex Institute of Origin Science (MIOS) meets at the Dr. Pepper Starcenter, 12700 N. Stemmons Fwy, Farmers Branch, TX, usually at 7:30 pm of the first Tuesday of each month. <http://dfw-mios.com/>

**Abilene:**

The Discovery Center is a creation museum/emporium that exists primarily to provide scientific and historic evidence for the truthfulness of God’s word, especially as it relates to the creation/evolution issue. It also features some fascinating “Titanic Disaster” exhibits. <http://evidences.org/index.html>

**Lubbock Area (Crosbyton):**   
All year: Consider a visit to the Mt. Blanco Fossil Museum, directed by Joe Taylor. The Museum is 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 creation audio programs 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.



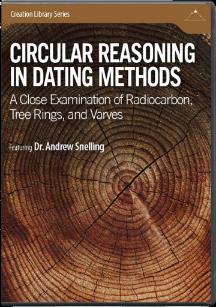
**Last Month at SABBSA**

**Science Confirms the Bible**

Last month we showed a very impactful video from **Answers in Genesis** featuring AiG founder Ken **Ham** appropriately titled **"Science Confirms the Bible"**.

In just under an hour, we tackled the biggest creation/evolution questions Ken Ham has been asked by teens. Featuring explanations to over a dozen "hot topics," in this fast-moving, and well-illustrated presentation, Ham returned again and again to the original biblical text and scientific discoveries to prove his points! We learned about DNA as evidence for the infinite God, the origin of so-called races, evidence for a worldwide Flood, the time of the Ice Age, dating methods, and more. This video is great for teens and all laymen to learn to defend creationism!

**Next SABBSA Meeting:   
Tuesday, October 10, 2017, at 7 pm**

[](https://static.masterbooks.com/media/catalog/product/cache/2/image/17f82f742ffe127f42dca9de82fb58b1/3/0/30-9-672.png)We will be meeting at our new home for monthly meetings at **Sarita's Restaurant** near the **corner of NW Military Drive and Lockhill Selma**.

**Coming to SABBSA in October**

**Circular Reasoning in Dating Methods**

This month we will show a very insightful video from **Answers in Genesis**, featuring geologist **Dr. Andrew Snelling.**

Trees grow annual rings; and in lakes thin sediment layers called varves are deposited. Like radiocarbon, these are used as dating methods. It is claimed these methods agree with one another. But closer examination renders them questionable at best. The key to their misuse is circular reasoning, which only proves what is assumed to begin with. For instance, radiocarbon is calibrated against tree rings, but then the tree-ring master chronology is calibrated using radiocarbon. And varves are counted at one per year, but then the counts are corrected using the radiocarbon in organic debris found in the varves themselves. Thus, there is no objective dating standard for these three methods. Instead, this forced agreement renders these dating methods totally unreliable. They cannot be used to discredit the Bible's timescale for earth's history.

Please join us in October for creation science and biblical apologetics teaching you will find nowhere else in Bexar County. We will meet at **Sarita's Restaurant** near the **corner of NW Military Drive and Lockhill Selma**. The address is 2235 Lockhill Selma Rd, San Antonio, TX 78230.