Status of The Kroger Reward Program

Sixty-one people purchased a coded Kroger gift card from ARK. This is a report of results up to now.

ARK has received 4% of all money loaded on the cards for normal use at Kroger store AT NO ADDED COST TO YOU!

That amounted to $896.40 this year. Pay outs are only made after at least $5000 is accumulated in adds to our account. Then 4% is sent to us.

$312.87 in April
$306.68 in July
$276.85 in Oct

61 cards have been distributed, but 25 have never been used.

For cards that have been used:

The average is $629.45.
The low usage is $25.00.
The high usage is $3,830.00.

7 cards have been used for over $1000 each.
10 cards have usage less than $100 each.

If you shop at Kroger, please consider using the card if you haven’t. Just load money prior to making purchases and use loaded card to make purchases.

If you lost your card, you can obtain another one from us. Even if you seldom go there, the results add up as a benefit to ARK.

To those of you who started using your card, THANK YOU. To the rest, please start using your card and benefit Arky when you shop. (see the April 2009 newsletter for details on the program at http://www.arky.org/newsltr).

Thanks to all of you for participating. It’s been a bad year financially for us and many others and this helps without costing anyone anything extra thanks to Kroger’s.

ARKY Membership Changes

Membership benefits now include a 30% discount minimum on all retail purchases.

What has not changed is the basic membership (or some like to call it support) levels. The basic level is just $25.00.

Long term annual support is the single most important aspect of a non-profit like ARK.

Please consider ARK a priority. If you have any questions, Email us at, arky-foundation@arky.org, or call 937-256-2759.

Now is the time to do something positive. Check out our events page on arky.org to see some of the things we are promoting.

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History Unfolding
By Dr. David Kaiser

[Editorial comment: The first part of this article is given here. To read the entire article plus commentary, download the Newsletter Electronic Supplement at the ARKY web site.]

I am a student of history. Professionally, I have written 15 books on history that have been published in six languages, and I have studied history all my life. I have come to think there is something monumentally large afoot, and I do not believe it is simply a banking crisis, or a mortgage crisis, or a credit crisis. Yes, these exist, but they are merely single facets on a very large gemstone that is only now coming into a sharper focus.

Something of historic proportions is happening. I can sense it because I know how it feels, smells, what it looks like, and how people react to it. Yes, a perfect storm may be brewing, but there is something happening within our country that has been evolving for about ten to fifteen years. The pace has dramatically quickened in the past two.

We demand and then codify into law the requirement that our banks make massive loans to people we know they can never pay back? Why?

We learned just days ago that the Federal Reserve, which has little or no real oversight by anyone, has "loaned" two trillion dollars (that is $2,000,000,000,000) over the past few months, but will not tell us to whom or why or disclose the terms. That is our money - Yours and mine. And that is three times the $700 billion we all argued about so strenuously just this past September. Who has this money? Why do they have it? Why are the terms unavailable to us? Who asked for it? Who authorized it? I thought this was a government of "we the people," who loaned our powers to our elected leaders. Apparently not!

We have spent two or more decades intentionally de-industrializing our economy... Why?

We have intentionally dumbed down our schools, ignored our history, and no longer teach our founding documents, why we are exceptional, and why we are worth preserving. Students by and large cannot write, think critically, read, or articulate. Parents are not revolting, teachers are not picketing, and school boards continue to back mediocrity... Why?

We have now established the precedent of protesting every close election (violently in California over a proposition that is so controversial that it simply wants marriage to remain defined as between one man and one woman. Did you ever think such a thing possible just a decade ago?) We have corrupted our sacred political process by allowing unelected judges to write laws that radically change our way of life, and then mainstream Marxist groups like ACORN and others to turn our voting system into a banana republic. To what purpose?

Now our mortgage industry is collapsing, housing prices are in free fall, major industries are failing, our banking system is on the verge of collapse, social security is nearly bankrupt, as is Medicare and our entire government. Our education system is worse than a joke (I teach college and I know precisely what I am talking about) - the list is staggering in its length, breadth, and depth. It is potentially 1929 x ten...And we are at war with an enemy we cannot even name for fear of offending people of the same religion, who, in turn, cannot wait to slit the throats of your children if they have the opportunity to do so.

And finally, we have elected a man that no one really knows anything about, who has never run so much as a Dairy Queen, let alone a town as big as Wasilla, Alaska. All of his associations and alliances are with real radicals in their chosen fields of employment, and everything we learn about him, drip by drip, is unsettling if not downright scary (Surely you have heard him speak about his idea to create and fund a mandatory civilian defense force stronger than our military for use inside our borders? No? Oh, of course. The media would never play that for you over and over and then demand he answer it. Sarah Palin's pregnant daughter and $150,000 wardrobe are more important.)

Mr. Obama's winning platform can be boiled down to one word: Change. Why? …
The Thanksgiving Story
http://wilstar.com/holidays/thankstr.htm
gathered by Ted Taylor

Most stories of Thanksgiving history start with the harvest celebration of the pilgrims and the indians that took place in the autumn of 1621. Although they did have a three-day feast in celebration of a good harvest, and the local indians did participate, this "first Thanksgiving" was not a holiday, simply a gathering. There is little evidence that this feast of thanks led directly to our modern Thanksgiving Day holiday. Thanksgiving can, however, be traced back to 1863 when Pres. Lincoln became the first president to proclaim Thanksgiving Day. The holiday has been a fixture of late November ever since.

However, since most school children are taught that the first Thanksgiving was held in 1621 with the pilgrims and indians, let us take a closer look at just what took place leading up to that event, and then what happened in the centuries afterward that finally gave us our modern Thanksgiving.

The Pilgrims who sailed to this country aboard the Mayflower were originally members of the English Separatist Church (a Puritan sect). They had earlier fled their home in England and sailed to Holland (The Netherlands) to escape religious persecution. There, they enjoyed more religious tolerance, but they eventually became disenchanted with the Dutch way of life, thinking it ungodly. Seeking a better life, the Separatists negotiated with a London stock company to finance a pilgrimage to America. Most of those making the trip aboard the Mayflower were non-Separatists, but were hired to protect the company's interests. Only about one-third of the original colonists were Separatists.

The Pilgrims set ground at Plymouth Rock on December 11, 1620. Their first winter was devastating. At the beginning of the following fall, they had lost 46 of the original 102 who sailed on the Mayflower. But the harvest of 1621 was a bountiful one, and the remaining colonists decided to celebrate with a feast -- including 91 Indians who had helped the Pilgrims survive their first year. It is believed that the Pilgrims would not have made it through the year without the help of the natives. The feast was more of a traditional English harvest festival than a true "thanksgiving" observance. It lasted three days.

Governor William Bradford sent "four men fowling" after wild ducks and geese. It is not certain that wild turkey was part of their feast. However, it is certain that they had venison. The term "turkey" was used by the Pilgrims to mean any sort of wild fowl.

Another modern staple at almost every Thanksgiving table is pumpkin pie. But it is unlikely that the first feast included that treat. The supply of flour had been long diminished, so there was no bread or pastries of any kind. However, they did eat boiled pumpkin, and they produced a type of fried bread from their corn crop. There was also no milk, cider, potatoes, or butter. There was no domestic cattle for dairy products, and the newly-discovered potato was still considered by many Europeans to be poisonous. But the feast did include fish, berries, watercress, lobster, dried fruit, clams, venison, and plums.

This "thanksgiving" feast was not repeated the following year. Many (55) years passed before the event was repeated. It wasn't until June of 1676 that another Day of thanksgiving was proclaimed. On June 20 of that year the governing council of Charlestown, Massachusetts, held a meeting to determine how best to express thanks for the good fortune that had seen their community securely established. By unanimous vote they instructed Edward Rawson, the clerk, to proclaim June 29 as a day of thanksgiving. It is notable that this thanksgiving celebration probably did not include the Indians, as the celebration was meant partly to be in recognition of the colonists' recent victory over the "heathen natives,"

A hundred years later, in October of 1777 all 13 colonies joined in a thanksgiving celebration. It also commemorated the patriotic victory over the British at Saratoga. But it was a one-time affair.

George Washington proclaimed a National Day
of Thanksgiving in 1789 (to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and to implore his protection and favor). However, some were opposed to it. There was discord among the colonies, many feeling the hardships of a few pilgrims did not warrant a national holiday. And later, President Thomas Jefferson opposed the idea of having a day of thanksgiving.

It was Sarah Josepha Hale, a magazine editor, whose efforts eventually led to what we recognize as Thanksgiving. Hale wrote many editorials championing the cause in her Boston Ladies’ Magazine, and later, in Godey’s Lady’s Book. Finally, after a 40-year campaign of writing editorials and letters to governors and presidents, Hale’s obsession became a reality when, in 1863, President Lincoln proclaimed the last Thursday in November as a national day of Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving was proclaimed by every president after Lincoln. The date was changed a couple of times, most recently by Franklin Roosevelt, who set it up one week to the next-to-last Thursday in order to create a longer Christmas shopping season. Public uproar against this decision caused the president to move Thanksgiving back to its original date two years later. And in 1941, Thanksgiving was finally sanctioned by Congress as a legal holiday, on the fourth Thursday in November.

**1676 Thanksgiving Proclamation**

"The Holy God having by a long and Continual Series of his Afflictive dispensations in and by the present Warr with the Heathen Natives of this land, written and brought to pass bitter things against his own Covenant people in this wilderness, yet so that we evidently discern that in the midst of his judgements he hath remembered mercy, having remembered his Footstool in the day of his sore displeasure against us for our sins, with many singular Intimations of his Fatherly Compassion, and regard; reserving many of our Towns from Desolation Threatened, and attempted by the Enemy, and giving us especially of late with many of our Confederates many signal Advantages against them, without such Disadvantage to ourselves as formerly we have been sensible of, if it be the Lord’s mercy that we are not consumed, it certainly bespeaks our positive Thankfulness, when our Enemies are in any measure disappointed or destroyed; and fearing the Lord should take notice under so many Intimations of his returning mercy, we should be found an Insensible people, as not standing before Him with Thanksgiving, as well as lading him with our Complaints in the time of pressing Afflictions: The Council has thought meet to appoint and set apart the 29th day of this instant June, as a day of Solemn Thanksgiving and praise to God for such his Goodness and Favour, many Particulars of which mercy might be Instanced, but we doubt not those who are sensible of God's Afflictions, have been as diligent to esp'y him returning to us; and that the Lord may behold us as a People offering Praise and thereby glorifying Him; the Council doth commend it to the Respective Ministers, Elders and people of this Jurisdiction; Solemnly and seriously to keep the same Beseeching that being persuaded by the mercies of God we may all, even this whole people offer up our bodies and souls as a living and acceptable Service unto God by Jesus Christ."

**Prayer Requests**

Please be in prayer for the ministry of the Ark Foundation.
- For the distribution of the Darwin books to glorify the Lord.
- For the Refuse to be a Victim program
- Funds still needed to complete "6 Days of Creation" DVD and Time Machine trailer
- For developing the trailer ministry
- That Ark Foundation be used in strengthening believers and drawing unbelievers to the Lord
- Wisdom for Ron and the board in the direction Ark should take
- New church contacts
- More believers learn about and take advantage of Ark’s resources
- Open up opportunities/locations for presenting seminars and traveling presentations
- More volunteers, financial partners, and prayer partners.

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How many are your work, O LORD! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. There is the sea, vast and spacious, teeming with creatures beyond number—living things both large and small. (Psalm 104:24-25 NIV) Scattered throughout scripture are verses proclaiming God as the creator and sustainer of life. But is there scientific evidence to support these verses? The resounding answer is YES!

The law of biogenesis states that life arises only from existing life. Louis Pasteur proved in 1864 that life does not spring from non-life. Though evolutionists claim this only applies to the present day, they have no sound basis for such a claim. The opposite of this law is abiogenesis, or life from non-living matter. For evolution to be true, this would have had to happen at least once when the first living cell supposedly emerged. But such an occurrence would have to overcome what turns out to be insurmountable odds.

Probabilities – As science has progressed in the past century, we have come to understand the enormous complexity of even the so-called simplest of cells. Calculations have been made as to the probability of the first cell coming together by chance. The 1953 Miller-Urey experiment that many mistakenly believe created life actually only created amino acids. Many amino acids need to come together to make a single protein. To finally get a living cell takes much more than one protein. The chance of one protein randomly coming together has been calculated to be 1 in $10^{191}$. Any probability beyond 1 in $10^{50}$ is considered impossible. To take this further, the chance of one cell coming together becomes 1 in $10^{60,000}$ (calculated by an atheist). In other words, it is absolutely impossible for the first living cell to have formed by chance.

Irreducible complexity – Now just for sake of argument, if the first cell could come together, could more complex life evolve from simpler life?

A common premise of evolution is that it happens gradually over time. But many living systems require multiple features to have evolved at the same time for the new creature to survive. This is called irreducible complexity. One example is the human knee, described in AiG’s Technical Journal, vol.13, #3, 1999. It is not like the ball and socket of the hip, or the simple hinge of the elbow. Rather it is a complex joint that slides as well as hinges. The author identifies “at least four complex parts existing simultaneously and in a complex assembly to perform any useful function”. In that complex assembly, there are at least 16 critical characteristics that must be present simultaneously for the knee to be useful. The figure below shows how the ligaments are attached in a precise cross pattern to enable the bending. When the details are examined, the author concludes “There is thus overwhelming evidence that the knee was created as a fully functioning limb joint from the beginning of its existence.” The critical parts could not have evolved simultaneously.

Information Science – Looking at DNA, even if chance could bring it together, it cannot get around the need for a language to read and interpret the information on it. Information requires an intelligence to design the code, impart meaning to that code, and use that code to perform a desired action and outcome. Dr. Werner Gitt, in his book (and DVD) “In the Beginning Was Information”, goes on to show that the presence of information in the universe not only proves the existence of God, but that he must also be spirit, all knowing, all powerful, and eternal just like the Bible describes.

For further study:
- [http://www.answersingenesis.org/articles/tj/v13/n2/knee](http://www.answersingenesis.org/articles/tj/v13/n2/knee)
- “Molecular Evidence for Creation”, Dr. David DeWitt, AiG, 2007
- “Incredible Creatures That Defy Evolution” vols. 1-3 (DVDs), by Dr. Jobe Martin, Reel Pub.
ARKY's Calendar of Events
(as of 10/5/09, see web for links)

Oct 8-9: AM until PM. ACSI Teacher Convention at Century Center, 120 S St Joseph St, South Bend, IN. ARK Exhibiting

*Oct 12: 7:00 pm until 8:35 pm. Textbook Truth DVD with Dr. Charles Jackson at ARKY’s House. From the Creation Evidence Expo 2008. What if every example in your high school biology textbook that is given as “proof” of evolution, but is really a lie ... was taken out? What would be left? Nothing. This presentation gives actual documentation that the evolution “proofs” in the books ... are indeed lies.

Oct 17: 12:30 pm until 5:00 pm. Refuse to be a Victim (RTBV) with Guy Walters at Belmont Church of Christ, 3003 S Smithville Rd, just North of Patterson Rd, Get Map, Dayton, OH. Ph: (937) 256-ARKY. --Get a PDF flyer to post in your church for this event. This four hour Seminar will teach you the personal safety tips and techniques you need to avoid dangerous situations and AVOID BEING A VICTIM.

You will get the tools you need to develop your own personal safety strategy. You stand a much better chance of preventing criminal attack if you develop a plan before you need it. [17 attended]

Sept-Oct 31: 10:00 am until 6:00 pm. Creation Museum HOME SCHOOL DAYS with Your Trip at Creation Museum, 2800 Bullittsburg Church Rd, Petersburg, KY. Located seven miles west of the Cincinnati Airport. Follow I-275 to exit 11. The Creation Museum is running a fantastic deal for home schooling families in the months of September and October for Tuesday or Wednesday visits. The details are on the linked flyer, but essentially the rate is $7 for children and $10 for children and adults ages 13 and up with the planetarium included! If you have ever wanted to go to the museum as a home school family, this is a great deal and definitely worth the trip. This is not a group rate! You need to contact Eddie Lutz (Area Representative) directly to get this great deal. Please call 888-582-4253 ext. 377 or email elutz@creationmuseum.org to make your reservation.

*Nov 9: 7:00 pm until 8:35 pm. Hard Questions for Evolutionists DVD with Dr. Carl Baugh at ARKY’s House. From the Creation Evidence Expo 2008

Nov 16: 12:00 pm until 4:00 pm. Unloading 2000 books for College Distribution with Livingwaters Ministry at ARKY’s House. Ph: (937) 256-ARKY. Contact ARK if you can help unload nearly a ton of books today and reload them on trailer or truck for distribution this week.

Do you want to see a positive use of Darwin’s "Origin of Species"? Click on the link for Livingwaters and watch the video of Kirk Cameron for more details. We are joining with the Way of the Master in sponsoring a free give away of the book to college students in our area with an interesting twist.. Contact ARK ASAP if you would like to help pay for them (as of Sep 30 we did not have all paid for - we need about 500 more books @ $1.10 each) or distribute the books on the 150th anniversary? It’s a very positive plan to reach the college age student now.

Nov 19: 9:00 am until 7:00 pm. College Distribution of "Origins of the Species" with Volunteers at Local Dayton Universities, Dayton, OH. Ph: (937) 256-ARKY. Details later. Call ARKY to volunteer!

Dec 5: 1:00 pm until 5:00 pm. Author Signing with Ms Ozzie Davis at ARKY’s House. Writer - The Adventurers of Frogman: Froggy Patience, Tate Publishing. 1st out, 44 more in wings.

*Dec 14: 7:00 pm until 8:35 pm. DVD - The Fourth Wiseman, with Seasonal items for sale at ARKY’s House. Based on Henry van Dyke’s classic, "The Story of the Other Wise Man." A Magi named Artaban sees a sign in the heavens that he hopes will lead him and his servant to the Messiah. For 33 years, Artaban and his faithful servant pursue Jesus, only to miss Him at every turn. The story culminates on Easter Sunday as Artaban, old and dying, finally encounters the new King, bringing peace to his life.

Note Asterisk (*) Indicates regular ARK meeting at ARKY’s House, 2002 S Smithville Rd, Dayton, OH. One mile South of US 35, just past Wayne Ave. Park on side or at the Tin Shop., Dayton, OH. Ph: (937) 256-ARKY.

The ARK monthly meeting is every 2nd Monday. Membership NOT required to attend meetings! - Get the latest "CURRENT EVENTS" on the web at http://www.arky.org.
**Financial Statement**

**General Fund**

Balance 1/1/09  **$3,740.16**

**Receipts**

- Memberships 810.00
- Donations 2,918.40
- Speaker Gifts 230.50
- Projects – CC 600.00
- CEF-Collins 220.00
- Children’s Ministry 20.00
- Special Events /Banquet 0.00
- Equipment Sold 20.00
- Miscellaneous 621.50
- Reimbursements 751.94
- Refunds 0.00
- Internet/Phone Sales 0.00
- Non-Tax Sales 2,550.12
- Taxable Sales 15,222.77
- Sales tax collected 1,024.10
- Shipping & Handling 23.25
- Total 28,752.74

**Disbursements**

- Newsletter/CC 335.64
- Office 347.80
- Telephone 584.02
- Children’s Ministry 119.99
- CEF-Collins 220.00
- Exhibiting 3,476.93
- Web 669.40
- Inventory 14,670.30
- Equipment 425.57
- Supplies 351.43
- Insurance 769.50
- Professional Fees 462.64
- Sales Tax Paid 1,662.98
- Speaking 200.00
- Misc. 1,152.43
- Tithes&Gifts 0.00
- Museum Trailer 105.50
- Reimbursed 555.20
- Sales Returns 108.00
- Total 26,217.33

Balance 08/31/09  **2,535.41**

**Building Fund**

Balance 1/1/09  **-1,559.59**

**Receipts**

- Mortgage 4,857.36
- Building 41.66
- Utilities 1,952.55
- Real Estate Taxes 22.50
- Advertising 339.00
- Repairs 0.00
- Total Bld. Expenses 7,213.07

Balance 08/31/09  **-565.53**

Net Balance, Both Funds 1,969.88

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6. **Major speaker programs:** sponsored into the area or promoted by ARK;
7. **Local ARK speakers:** available for community and church events;
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13. **Bookstore honors specials:** when offered by AiG, ICR, and WallBuilder if items are in stock.

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- **Tuesday** 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm;
- **Thursday** 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm;
- **Saturday** 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm;

**OTHER TIMES BY APPOINTMENT**
Hey, kids! TJ here with the answers to last month's story titles. Did you guess any of them? Like I said before, the Bible is full of mystery, mayhem and intrigue! I think God is the ultimate story teller and the best writer -- hands down! If you don’t laugh every now and then when you read God’s word, then you are not reading the Old Testament. So many stories filled with very silly situations. Well, here are the answers to last month’s mystery titles. The answers are scripture references where each situation is found. Look them up and get the whole scoop! I hope you enjoy it like I did.

1. The Floating Logs- 1 Kings 5:9; also found in 2Chronicles 2:3-10, 4:11-22
2. The First Piggy Bank- 2 Kings 12:9
3. The Day The Earth Was Divided- 1 Chronicles 1:19; also Genesis 1:9,10
5. When God’s Weather Changed History- Throughout the entire Bible!
6. The Case of The Tingling Ears- 2 Kings 2:12
7. Raiders of the Philistine Camp- 1 Samuel 13:17
8. The Case of the Floating Axe- 2 Kings 6:5-6
9. The Case of the Walking, Talking Trees- Mark 8:24
10. The Traveling Light- Matthew 5:14-16

Kids, if you have read a fun Bible story with an interesting situation, please submit it. Hey, let’s put our thinking caps on! The Bible was meant to teach us some very important lessons and truths. Get into God’s Word- its fun! C-ya, TJ.