There are two reasons for this article’s title: ARKY could be starting a grand new cycle of support for our acronym, Absolute Real Knowledge and You, getting together. We encourage any effort to proclaim the truth of God and hope each of you consider studying the US Constitution this year. This is a nationwide effort, but Dayton is a hotbed of activity because of the efforts of Ricki Pepin (Email: ricki@pepin.com) and the Tea Party groups. Now several churches are actively allowing classes and about 400 receive training in our area during 2010 with about 50 people wanting to teach additional classes. Many of you are outside of this area, but you still can get active. Ricki has filmed a DVD to be available in January on how to use the Constitution (not just learn it). If you are familiar with the Principle Approach to learning, she uses it and teaches it. It is a major reason for our success. She will also be teaching two “teacher” classes in January on a Monday and Tuesday night. Check ARKY.ORG Events, http://www.arky.org/current/index.htm, or the Constitution page, http://www.arky.org/Constitution/index.htm, for updates. I will be teaching a new class at ARK in February at our building on Smithville Rd, unless I can get a better location and we need more space. (The largest class this year was about 80 people, but it wasn’t mine!)

The other ARK coming up is Answers in Genesis announcement of plans for building a full scale one near their museum. I expect it will be a major draw for Kentucky. My only regret is it is not in Ohio or Tennessee in a major tourist area. Perhaps it will create a major area. http://arkencounter.com/
Scientific Truths of the Bible Part 10: The Grand Canyon
By Mark Jurkovich

In this article we will take a look at the Grand Canyon, perhaps the most famous geological feature in the world. Was it created by long slow gradual processes, or as a result of the flood?

Even some secular geologists are starting to admit that the relatively small rivers we see running through big valleys and canyons could not have carved them out, even given millions of years. They admit the canyons must have been formed by floods and/or other catastrophes, but claim is was on a regional scale, not global. So does this apply to the Grand Canyon? It surely does. The Colorado River could never have created it, even with occasional flooding we see on today’s scale.

There is one very glaring feature of the Grand Canyon that confirms the Colorado could not have formed it. The river enters the canyon at about 2800 feet above Sea Level, and exits 270 miles later at 1800 feet. But the top of the canyon is way up at 6900 to 8500 feet. The river would have had to flow uphill!

On the other hand, there is strong evidence that there were several large lakes behind the Grand Canyon. The canyon was likely formed when the lake ‘burst the dam', rapidly draining, and carving out the canyon in the process.

Hydraulic engineers know if you get water flowing fast enough, its erosive powers become immense. Several modern examples have demonstrated this process. In 1983 a 32 x 40 x 150 foot hole was carved in minutes through reinforced concrete and solid rock when water was released too quickly through the Glen Canyon Dam spillway. A few years earlier during the Mt. St. Helens explosion, a mud flow created a dam. When later breached, the draining water carved a canyon in a matter of hours. These processes were surely at work in the formation of the Grand Canyon as well.

Where did all that sediment go, because it is not in the Gulf of California where the Colorado River drains into? There is strong evidence it is spread out in the south east corner of California, west of the southern portion of the modern Colorado River.

How does this fit into the flood? After the flood, there would have still been hundreds of years of further shaping of the land, including the draining of great inland lakes that no longer exist. The Havasupai Indian tribe even has a legend of the forming of the Grand Canyon, which strongly implies their ancestors were already in the area when the breach occurred.

This article only scratches the surface, but I hope you can agree by this brief introduction, that the Grand Canyon is another testament to the truth of God’s Word.

Ask for these resources from ARKY’s store:
John Woodmorappe, Studies in Flood Geology, Institute for Creation Research, 1999
Steve Austin, Grand Canyon: Monument to Catastrophe, Institute for Creation Research, 1994
Tom Vail, Grand Canyon a Different View, Master Books, 2003
A Skeptic is Concerned about Ecclesiastes 10:2
By The Silver Fox, WhatDidGodSay@aol.com

The following article contains excerpts from a response to an email questioning the accuracy of the Bible. As an example the skeptic used http://bible.cc/ecclesiastes/10-2.htm, saying “One verse has been translated so differently that it could be translated into almost anything that you would want it to be!”

Good morning Mr. Skeptic,

I am certainly glad that you have had the courage to ask about something that you feel is a pediment to gaining accurate knowledge concerning the things of the LORD.

Concerning English translations, the easiest way to give you understanding would be to have you read the first English translation of the book Heidi. Then read Heidi as it has been translated fifty years later then one hundred years later. Notice any differences? Or even compare translations from the same time period. You will find that they vary greatly even while telling the same basic story. And this is a translation from a language that is English's closest relative (at least among the major languages--Frisian is halfway between English and German).

English and German (as well as French, Danish, Irish, Russian, Greek, Farsi, Hindi, etc) are all part of the Indo-European language family. Our words, grammar, and syntax are structurally related throughout.

This is not true of the other language families. For instance, if you learned the most important phrase in Japanese it would be:

Benjo - wa - doko - desu - ka?

Toilet - concerning - where -it is - I asked you a question

Now we don't THINK like this. Japanese is part of a totally different language family. In other language families, words change depending on whether the speaker is male or female. In still others, words change if you are speaking to a male or a female. Syntax and grammar are garbled with respect to how we think. Sort of highlights why Babel is associated with confusion, doesn't it?

Most linguists catalog somewhere between 37 and 73 distinct language families that have no familial relationship at all. In school we were taught that language originated by ape-men grunting and pointing. Such a statement can only be said (and believed) by someone who is desperately ignorant of linguistics. For all the language families, their proto-language originates about 2,000 BC. (Coincidently, this corresponds to the Biblical time frame in Genesis for the Tower of Babel--about 2,000 BC. Are you surprised that the Biblical account meshes with reality? And the evolutionary scenario is so bogus it doesn't fit anything?)

Also, the earlier languages are much more complicated than our modern languages. (The exact opposite of what we had been told.) In English, only the pronouns still change to indicate case. But in Spanish, case, gender, and number--as well as subject-verb relationships--
are a critical part of the language. And when you study Greek, you find that not only those things but more than five hundred different ways of saying each verb! Complicated? Try Sanscrit which originates about 1,000 BC. It has three genders, three numbers (singular, dual, and plural) and eight cases! And all of these are in the same family as English!

When the skeptic mentions all the versions of the Ecclesiastes passage, he doesn't realize that rather than causing confusion, the various translations bring better understanding. Why? Because there is no letter-for-letter, word-for-word, direct one-to-one correspondence from one language to another.

Have you never explained something to someone and then for clarity had to say, "In other words ..."? Many times we can't even communicate our own thoughts into our own native language without saying it two or three different ways.

Now go back and look at the various renderings of the Ecclesiastes passage. Do not all of them say about the same thing? If you read them all, do you not actually get a better feel for what is being said? These translations are made by men who are trying to bring concepts and thoughts from a Semitic language family written three thousand years ago into a modern single branch of the Indo-European family. I think all of them did quite well.

It contrasts the heart of the wise which leans to the right (usually associated with normalcy and goodness) with the heart of the fool which leans to the left. ("Left" is universally associated with badness--"sinister" etc.) The word "fool" is from the Hebrew "kesil" which has the meaning of "self confident arrogance" rather than mental deficiency.

Now what is hard to understand about this? If there is any deficiency of the translations it would be that they have to "dumb it down" for their audiences. That is why it is good to consider all the reliable English translations if you have no ability in the original languages.

Your conclusion that "One verse has been translated so differently that it could be translated into almost anything that you would want it to be!" is shown to be patently false just by looking at the web site you sent me to. They DO NOT say "almost anything that you would want it to." Just the opposite, they say the same thing in different ways. Some translators have as their goal a thought-for-thought translation. Others more literal, other more idiomatic. But none of them say for instance that the fool (kesil) is the good guy and the wise one is screwed up. You have made an accusation that is absurd!

All this would be a pleasant little pastime of mental kick-boxing if not for one thing. If you truly are antagonistic concerning the things of the LORD, you are probably facing the near term experience of having to face the LORD in judgment. Jesus warned that if we do not believe that He is the "I Am," God with us, the one whose blood has been poured out on the cross to redeem us from our sins, then we will remain dead in our sins.
The Financial Side of ARK

Here is a short wrap up of 2010 financial results. This should be looked at in light of the economy and reduced income. We lost support of one church giving $900.00 each year. Membership renewals are down 35% and people are delaying the renewal. If you can support, and intend to renew your support, now is a good time to do so. It seems ARK gets forgotten in December and June each year in the mist clouding our thoughts during holidays and vacations. We hope this will be an informed reminder for you of our needs.

The good financial news is we will end 2010 slightly on the positive cash side. The bad news is January needs are around $4700.00 for expenses due. In other words, accounts payable and contingent liability (accrual accounting) shows us in a negative financial position to start next year. Specific items are: credit purchases, $1200.00 (includes some exhibiting fees for 2011 that have to be paid in advance); sales tax due, $1500.00; possible property tax if the state does not approve our property as tax exempt (very long process), $2000.00. All funds held against contingent liability for property tax will be applied to our mortgage when we get approval.

Our Email distribution list is over 800 people, but we are limiting our mailed newsletter to about 100 to reduce expenses. The newsletter is available on the web, but not everyone on our mailing list has web access nor does everyone either check Email or have an account we know of.

Brenda and Ron continue to travel and talk with people this year about being active in learning how to defend our faith. Twice we did a tour to the Creation Museum and members took at least a group every month. Our annual banquet is well attended each year with a speaker and each month we show a DVD at ARKY. All of these programs are done free to the public. But there is a cost to ARK that is kept at a minimum. We hope we are serving you well and you will support our continuing with your prayers and support. Please renew, support our bookstore, use our Kroger gift card program, or donate as God moves you. Thanks for being with us these past 15+ years.

Institute on the Constitution (IOTC)

We are strongly encouraging all of you to take the IOTC course this year. It is an effective way to learn how to use the Constitution, not just know it. All materials are very reasonable and over 40 people are capable of running a class now. Check out our Constitution web page, http://www.arky.org/Constitution/index.htm, for details and wonderful supplemental information. It is frequently being updated. Known classes will be listed on the IOTC web page and the ARKY.ORG events page. You may also contact Ricki Pepin, ricki@pepin.com, directly for more details or ARK at History@arky.org or 937-256-2759. Cost for books is only $35.00. Host kits with DVDs are separate, one per location and reusable for $150.00 and are usually already paid for in Dayton area. A leader training session will be done twice in January for this cycle.

Did You Know?

Did you know that during 2010 at several of the meetings, those attending were asked to choose a gift item and it was free! So maybe this year you want to make an effort to attend because it could continue to happen! To help you remember the meeting dates, our new pocket calendar cards have the dates blocked.

Prayer Requests

Please be in prayer for the ministry of the Ark Foundation.
- For Ricki Pepin and the ongoing Institute on the Constitution classes.
- That Ark Foundation be used in strengthening believers and drawing unbelievers to the Lord
- For Ron and Brenda as they travel to many Christian venues on behalf of ARK
- 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.
Greatest Earthquakes of the Bible
By Steven A. Austin PhD

The following article contains excerpts from the October 2010 issue of Acts and Facts by ICR. The complete article can be found at http://www.icr.org/aaf/. Used by Permission.

The Holy Land is a region where earthquakes occur frequently. By one means or another, big earthquakes have been documented in the Holy Land for a period exceeding 4,000 years. Many are known from history and literature, especially the Bible. Holy Land earthquakes are also evidenced from archaeological excavations. No other region of the earth has such a long and well-documented chronology of big earthquakes.

Recently, geologists have investigated the 4,000-year chronology of earthquake disturbances within the uppermost 19 feet of laminated sediment of the Dead Sea. Hypersaline waters preserve seasonally laminated sediment because organisms cannot live or burrow in the bed of the lake. As a result, only a nearby earthquake (or very large distant earthquake) can homogenize the lake’s uppermost sediment layers, producing a “mixed layer” devoid of laminations. A sketch of a sediment core from the west side of the Dead Sea appears in Figure 1. The sketch shows the depth of the “mixed layers” within the laminated sediment sequence. Two deeper mixed layers in the Dead Sea are datable from historical, archaeological, and geological associations with faulting—the earthquakes of 31 B.C. (the Qumran earthquake) and 750 B.C. (Amos’ earthquake). Other earthquakes are represented in the Dead Sea sediment core with dates approximated by assuming a steady rate of sedimentation.

Consider 17 of the most important earthquakes that relate to the Bible. The earthquakes are listed in chronological order. We begin with creation and go through to the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. ...

3. Destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah

A disaster called an “overthrow” was delivered in about 2050 B.C. on the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah (Genesis 19:24-28). That event was so spectacular, swift, and complete that it became proverbial for the severity of judgment that God’s righteous anger could deliver. Jesus spoke “woes” exceeding those spoken against Sodom and Gomorrah on Galilean cities that rejected His teaching (Matthew 10:15; 11:23-24; Luke 10:12). The swiftness of Sodom’s judgment was used by Jesus to illustrate how sudden His return will be (Luke 17:28-30).

Of the five “cities of the plain” (Genesis 13:12; 14:8), only Zoar is described as surviving the catastrophe. Zoar is the site to which Lot and his family fled with the approval of the angels (Genesis 19:20-23). As a city, it flourished through the time of Moses and the kings of Israel, even being described as a city of the region of Moab by the prophets. Arab historians in the Middle Ages refer to Zoar and identify the city as modern Safi southeast of the Dead Sea in Jordan. Because Lot and his family made the journey by foot in just a few hours (Genesis 19:15, 23), Sodom must be less than about 20 miles from Zoar (modern Safi). Two Early Bronze Age archaeological sites (Bab edh-Dhra and Numeira) reveal evidence of catastrophic collapse and burning along the eastern border fault of the Dead Sea Transform Fault. These two sites are likely the remains of Sodom and Gomorrah. A thick disturbed zone within the Dead Sea sediment core, assignable to the Sodom and Gomorrah event, occurs at a depth of about 18.5 feet.
Hey, kids, TJ here. Recently, some kids were asking me about Noah’s ARK. They actually said, “What’s the big deal about the ark?” See, they heard about the new ARK ENCOUNTER that is being built in northern Kentucky and wondered what all of the excitement from us “big folks” was all about. I’m already planning bus trips there, possibly for overnight, stopping by the Creation Museum on the way back, and it will take 3 years for it to be built! So, they are wondering why get so excited when they haven’t even broken ground for it yet and why get excited about a big boat? I mean this is no ordinary boat, kids. It can hold 12 school busses in length, 10 school busses in width, and 4 school busses high. Other than the size of it, which is humongous, what is so special about this boat?

Well, it’s time for a short history lesson to answer that question. Soon after planet earth was built, men and women began to rebel (sin) against God. God had instilled right and wrong in their own hearts and people were choosing wrong more than choosing what was right. It became so wicked that there became only one person on the whole earth who was following God, the Creator of Earth. His name was Noah. (see Genesis 6:8-9; Hebrews 11:7) Noah’s grandfather was the oldest man on earth. He lived to be 969 years old! Noah was the 9th generation from Adam, who was the first human being God created to live on planet Earth. (see Gen. 1:26) Everyone was so bad, including the animals, that God said He must destroy them because of all of their wrong (evil) ways. By the way, kids, God also said that He would never destroy the earth again even though they have hearts that desire to do wrong things. (see Gen. 8:21) So, God told Noah to build this huge ark (boat) so that his family would be saved from a worldwide flood. What is really cool about this boat is that God told him the exact dimensions to build it. (see Gen. 6:14-16) You could say that this was the first Extreme Home Makeover since they lived in the ark for a long time, about a year.

After 120 years of Noah building the ark (3 years is not so bad for a museum), God almighty brought this huge flood over all of planet earth. Only Noah, his wife and 3 sons, and his sons wives, and 2 of every kind of unclean animal (including the dinosaur), and 7 of every kind of clean animal (see Gen.7:2-3) would be saved from the original planet. How do we remember such an event that was so long ago? The rainbow reminds us. Genesis 9:8-17 says that God has set a rainbow in the clouds (the first rainbow happened after the flood) and it reminds us, and Him, that He will never destroy the earth by flood again. Kids, there are even more tidbits of information we can learn about the ARK and Noah by reading God’s word and studying it with others (like Sunday school class).

So, what is the big deal about the ARK? It’s a lesson for all of us to remember to do what is right and a reminder that God is in control. We should be extra glad that He is charge of this earth and not some human being. Until next time, kiddies...keep looking and living for...THATMAN!!
ARKY’s Calendar of Events  
(as of 12/24/10)  
See more details and complete list at  
http://www.arky.org/current/index.htm

Jan 3: Registration DEADLINE to order materials for IOTC Leaders classes on Jan 10-11 and Jan 17-17! Ricki Pepin, ricki@pepin.com or History@arky.org.

*Jan 10: DVD: Genesis: The Bottom Strip of the Christian Faith with Carl Kirby. This former air traffic controller explains the importance of following the "bottom strip" if you are to succeed in living a life of purpose and honor to the Creator. You don't have to be a "professional" Christian to be effective in your service to God. You only have to concentrate on the next step ... the "bottom strip"!

Jan 10/11: 7:00-8:30 IOTC Leaders Class at Christian Life Center. Note Jan 3 Deadline!

Jan 17/18: 7:00-8:30 Repeat of IOTC class above but at Far Hills Community Church.

Feb 1: 7:00-8:30, 1st of 12 weekly IOTC classes at ARKY’s. Register now. Workbook $35. Several locations expected, see events page for updates, http://www.arky.org/current/index.htm

*Feb 14: DVD: We The People: The Character of a Nation. Travel back in time through the eyes of America's unsung patriots to experience the trials and victories that have formed our nation's destiny and secured the blessings of liberty for future generations. The character of a nation is defined by the collective achievements of its people -- ordinary people of extraordinary faith and vision who give beyond themselves for the greater good. In this series you will meet a diverse cross section of people who have all played a role in our nation's history. Each episode presents a phrase from the Preamble with examples of people whose lives embodied that ideal.

*Mar 14: DVD: The Tabernacle. An intriguing walk through the ancient Tabernacle. This meeting place between sinful man and Holy God is seen in illuminating three dimensional computer generated detail. You'll marvel at the stark contrast between the bronze covered Altar, with its implications of death, and the exquisite gold Lampstand, showing the way to life and forgiveness. The Table of Shewbread, the Altar of Incense, even the Ark of the Covenant, will no longer be just mental images. You will feel as if you have walked on Holy Ground just as the priests once did. Hard to visualize passages of scripture come to life as you appreciate what God has revealed when you watch it. Excerpts are in a pdf document.

Mar 17: OCEA at The Chapel, Akron, OH.

Mar 31-Apr 2: Midwest Homeschool Convention at Duke Energy Convention Center, Cincinnati, OH. ARKY exhibiting.

Jun 3-4: IAHE 26th Home Educators Convention, Indianapolis Convention Center, IN. ARKY exhibiting.

Jun 16-18: Christian Home Educators of Ohio John S. Knight Center, Akron, OH. ARKY exhibiting.

Other events of note
Answers in Genesis Outreach Conferences are at:  
http://www.answersingenesis.org/outreach/conferences/

The Creation Museum has daily events.  
http://creationmuseum.org/

Worldview Weekend Rallies are continually scheduled all over the USA. For details see http://www.worldviewweekendrally.com/.

Creation Research, Science Education Foundation (CRSEF), Cincinnati OH area at http://www.worldbydesign.org/events/.  Presentations are given at a public library or a local church on the 2nd Thursday of each month.

Note Asterisk (*) Indicates regular ARK meeting at ARKY's House, 7:00-8:35 pm, 2002 S Smithville Rd, Dayton, OH. One mile South of US 35, just past Wayne Ave. Park on side, Dayton, OH. Ph: (937) 256-ARKY.

ARKY 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 2010

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**Net Balance, Both Funds**: $1,118.60

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1. **30% discount**: minimum on all purchases;
2. **Quarterly newsletter**: ARK members receive news and expansion plans;
3. **National support**: 10% of supporters’ general donations is given to Answers in Genesis, our voluntary support for a national Biblical creation science organization;
4. **Webpage**: www.arky.org provides logical, Biblical information to a world saturated with an unbiblical, ill-suited naturalism for the needs of people;
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6. **Major speaker programs**: sponsored into the area or promoted by ARK;
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9. **Leadership training**: periodically opportunity to learn how to serve in your church or school or study group;
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11. **Lending library**: by mail or at ARKY house for supporters;
12. **Bookstore available**: during regular hours and by appointment;
13. **Bookstore honors specials**: when offered by AiG, ICR, and WallBuilder if items are in stock.

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Ricki Pepin Given IOTC First "Great Commission Award"

At the Institute On The Constitution's (IOTC) most recent "First Friday" event, Ricki Pepin, their speaker, was given IOTCs' first "Great Commission Award" which is named to honor an "IOTC" host "who has demonstrated noble and rigorous service in multiplying disciples who understand the Biblical view of Law and Government and who teach others the Commandments of Christ to citizens of our Constitutional Republic." Ricki is shown here receiving this award from Pastor David Whitney, Senior "IOTC" instructor and Pastor at the Cornerstone Evangelical Free Church in Pasadena, Maryland. Ricki spoke on the topic "The Constitution and the Principle Approach: "Putting Feet on the IOTC." If you are interested in purchasing a DVD copy of her excellent presentation, email: JLof@aol.com.