Like a Tame Lion?
By Ron Cooper

Why fear a lion? Can they not be tamed by the lion tamers? Do they not roam the earth free or in “prides” (families of lions)? Is it not a great goal to tame the lion? Perhaps it is possible - until the lion is hungry!

They are like a lion hungry for prey, like a great lion crouching in cover. [Ps 17:12]

A lion sleeps 18-22 hours a day, then they hunt. Are they tame because they sleep most of the time? Or are they wild because they will hunt, kill, and devour their prey?

Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. [1Pe 5:8]

The lions’ prey is alert and restless when they see (because they look for them) the “pride” moving around them. They have seen them before, if they have survived prior attacks.

And the LORD said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it. [Job 1:7]

Yet we must beware of the imitation that is a sincere form of flat-tery. Satan is described as a dangerous imitation, but we are not to be fooled. God is also called a lion over a people. C.S. Lewis’s Lion character “Aslan” in The Chronicles of Narnia series is noted to not be a tame lion. Aslan is a character to show the character and power of Christ, a positive loving “person” of great patience. This lion is kind, yet powerful, and totally capable of all things.

Then one of the elders said to me, “Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals.” [Rev 5:5]

On this Earth, if we see, hear, suspect, or sense a lion, it is not God, but His spiritual imitator or a real physical one escaped and roaming. We cage lions and keep them away from us because they cannot be tamed. We carry

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Lies in the Textbooks Part 2: The Evolutionary Tree of Life

By Mark Jurkovich

In this part 2 of lies in the textbooks we will cover the ever promoted Evolutionary Tree of Life, or officially known as the phylogenetic tree. Is there any evidence to support the structure of this so called tree? As Dr Hovind states, “These trees of life are absolute propaganda. There is no evidence for any of these.”

Even evolutionists occasionally admit this; “All those trees of life with their branches of our ancestors, that’s a bunch of nonsense.” And, “We do not know the phylogenetic history of any group of plants and animals.”

If the phylogenetic tree was a valid representation of the development of life, there would be examples of transitional forms (or missing links) at the root of every branch that supposedly links two plant or animal types to a common ancestor. But instead of many examples, there are none. Every example paraded out inevitably proves to not be a transitional form after all. The most famous is perhaps the Archaeopteryx, the supposed transition between reptile and bird. But it has since been demonstrated to be fully bird. Another more recent discovery that is claimed to be a transitional form between fish and land animals is the Tiktaalik. But this is fully fish.

How do they develop this tree? The traditional way is by comparing similar traits, or Morphology. The more similar traits two creatures have the more closely they are presumed to be related. But more recent attempts are using modern genetics. Perhaps not surprisingly, these two methodologies often clash. From a creationist perspective, they are both barking up the wrong tree, to use a bad pun.

I mentioned Archaeopteryx, the supposed transition between reptile and bird. It is a wonder why evolutionists insist on birds evolving from reptile given the great disparity between the two. Just to briefly list some major differences, they have completely different lung and heart systems, completely different bone structure, the muscles for flying are attached to the bones in a very unique fashion, and a close look reveals that scales could in no way have evolved into feathers as has been claimed.

If reptiles are morphologically the closest to birds with these extensive differences, to me that shouts the unique creation of birds.

In summary, the evolutionary tree of life is no tree at all. There is no “missing link”, because there is no chain; just individual links. Rather the evidence points to “God made... according to their kinds” (Genesis 1:25)

References:
1 Dr. Ken Hovind, Creation Seminars Part 4: “Lies in the Textbooks”
2 Mary Leakey, Associated Press Dec 10, 1996
4 See http://creationwiki.org/Transitional_form for more information and links on these two animals.
How Many More Wake-Up Calls Before We Respond?
By Mark Jurkovich

I believe the 2012 election shows our country has gone past the tipping point. Our president’s record is so poor, he should have easily been defeated in his bid for re-election. Plus I believe his opponent was well qualified and would have made a good president. But the mainstream media effectively protected the president while getting away with deliberate lies and distortions about the challenger.¹ Couple that with our public schools and secular universities having become truly anti-Christian, effectively predisposing our youth against Biblical Values.² These factors combined and more show we are clearly no longer a Christian nation. Christian elements are still present, but are continuing to be reduced in influence. I question whether any candidate who even partially stands for Biblical values can ever again be elected president.

As Christians, we were never to “pin our hopes” on a candidate or the political process. But now this truth has been made blatantly clear. Politicians are never going to save our nation. Only by a great awakening, a national moving of the Holy Spirit, will our nation be saved. Change will come only by His children falling on their faces in repentance; only by giving ourselves 100% to Him and His Word; no more compromising, giving into the world’s values; no more spending more time watching TV and on the computer than we spend seeking His face. Our hearts need to be broken afresh. “Break my heart with what breaks yours. Everything I am for Your kingdom’s cause.”³

We especially need to be broken for the lost all around us. We need to pray, “Lord, help me see them through your eyes.” We can use the voting demographics to help us see who we need to be reaching out to with the hope of Christ; (so they can know to depend on Him instead of the government) urban populations, single moms and immigrants to name a few.

I believe the result of this election is another wakeup call to the church in America. Will we finally respond? It starts with each of us crying out to the Lord saying “I don't want to live a life of compromise any longer; I want to be 100% for you!” and “Let me see the lost all around me the way you do.” This country will not be saved by political means, but by leading people to Christ, one life at a time. Millions are heading to an eternity without Christ in this country unless we wake up.

Don’t fret about the outcome of the elections. Do something about it by getting prostrate and seeking His face.

Footnotes
3 From “Hosanna”, by Brook Ligertwood (Fraser), 2006, Hillsong Music Publishing

Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. (Romans 12:1-2)
7 steps to innovative volunteer positions
By Ron Cooper

What’s the first thing that comes to mind when you think about volunteering? It’s probably doing work that is necessary, but not a lot of fun, right? That is the general perception of volunteer work, but perception doesn’t have to be reality.

John L. Lipp, author of “The Idiot’s Guide to Recruiting and Managing Volunteers,” suggested that organizations can create much more involved activities for volunteers. He wrote that they are too often forced into roles that limit their creativity and prevent them from making a real impact.

Lipp wrote that nonprofits should gather staff together for a brainstorming session to come up with innovative volunteer positions. This session should follow these seven steps:

• Give staff about 15 minutes to write down all the tasks they perform in your organization.
• Ask them to review the list and circle all those duties that they have a hard time completing because they always seem to run out of time.
• Ask them to review the list and underline all those duties they feel uncomfortable doing because they never really had the proper training.
• Have them review the list one more time and ask them to put an asterisk next to those duties they just plain hate.
• Post the list on the wall, and then have them take out another sheet. On top of this sheet, have them write down any special projects they’ve wanted to do.
• On the bottom half of that sheet, have them write down ideas for new programs or services that they think your organization could offer the public.
• Post all the sheets on the wall, and lead your group in a discussion about which of those things listed could possibly be delegated and turned into a meaningful volunteer position.

Can you help us or other organizations by doing this? I believe it makes sense, so please send me your comments by Email to arky@arky.org. I will go over at January meeting and pass on to the Email list afterwards (assuming you participate). Thanks.

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weapons when we are out in territory they frequent. Lions, and wild animals, avoid us because we are alert, prepared, and avoid them. But if we are within our gates, we bar the doors and do not let them in.

If there are “lions” in our life, does it not make sense to remove them? And can we not prepare our lives and minds for the inevitable encounters that happen in this world. There are no tame lions who have tasted “meat”.

We want to come into God’s presence thinking He will protect us. If we have denied or ignored His protection and instruction here on earth, we will be thrown to the lions in the pit prepared for Satan. God does not seek to devour us. He is more like Aslan or the Root of David. In His home His “Pride” is under His care forever. On this earth, our pride will keep us from Him in Heaven!
Is America About to Repeat the Awful History of Germany in the 1930s?

The following article has been making its way around the internet. No one knows who wrote it, but it's spot on. I've done some editing to make it more readable. — The Godfather

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" trillions of dollars over the past few years, but will not tell us to whom or why or disclose the terms. That is our money. 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 elected leaders who took an oath to uphold the Constitution.

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.

The mortgage industry has collapsed, 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 — the list is staggering in its length, breadth, and depth. It is potentially year 1929 x ten.

We are at war with an enemy we cannot 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 of who we know very little, the media won't investigate, and who has not run so much as a Dairy Queen, let alone a town as big as Wasilla, Alaska. His associations and alliances are with real radicals and everything we are learning about him — drip by unsettling drip — is unsettling if not downright scary.

I have never been so afraid for my country and for my children as I am now.

This man campaigned on bringing people together, something he has never done in his professional life. In my assessment, Obama will divide us along philosophical lines, push us apart, and then try to realign the pieces

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Letter from Jesus about Christmas

(in place of Kids Korner this month)

It has come to My attention that many of you are upset that folks are taking My name out of the season. Maybe you've forgotten that I wasn't actually born during this time of the year and that it was some of your predecessors who decided to celebrate My birthday on what was actually a time of a pagan festival. Although I do appreciate being remembered anytime.

How I personally feel about this celebration can probably be most easily understood by those of you who have been blessed with children of your own. I don't care what you call the day. If you want to celebrate My birth, just GET ALONG AND LOVE ONE ANOTHER.

Now, having said that let Me go on. If it bothers you that the town in which you live doesn't allow a scene depicting My birth, then just get rid of a couple of Santas and snowmen and put in a small Nativity scene on your own front lawn. If all My followers did that there wouldn't be any need for such a scene on the town square because there would be many of them all around town.

Stop worrying about the fact that people are calling the tree a holiday tree, instead of a Christmas tree. It was I who made all trees. You can remember Me anytime you see any tree. Decorate a grape vine if you wish: I actually spoke of that one in a teaching, explaining who I am in relation to you and what each of our tasks was. If you have forgotten that one, look up John 15: 1-8.

If you want to give Me a present in remembrance of My birth here is my wish list. Choose something from it:

1. Instead of writing protest letters objecting to the way My birthday is being celebrated, write letters of love and hope to soldiers away from home. They are terribly afraid and lonely this time of year. I know, they tell Me all the time.

2. Visit someone in a nursing home. You don't have to know them personally. They just need to know that someone cares about them.

3. Instead of writing the President complaining about the wording on the cards his staff sent out this year, why don't you write and tell him that you'll be praying for him and his family this year. Then follow up. It will be nice hearing from you again.

4. Instead of giving your children a lot of gifts you can't afford and they don't need, spend time with them. Tell them the story of My birth, and why I came to live with you down here. Hold them in your arms and remind them that I love them.

5. Pick someone that has hurt you in the past and forgive him or her.

6. Did you know that someone in your town will attempt to take their own life this season because they feel so alone and hopeless? Since you don't know who that person is, try giving everyone you meet a warm smile; it could make the difference.

7. Instead of nit picking about what the retailer in your town calls the holiday, be patient with the people who work there. Give them a warm smile and a kind word. Even if they aren't allowed to wish you a "Merry Christmas" that doesn't keep you from wishing them one. Then stop shopping there on Sabbaths or Sundays. If the store didn't make so much money on that day they'd close and let their employees spend the day at home with their families.

8. If you really want to make a difference, support a missionary-- especially one who takes My love and Good News to those who have never heard My name.

9. There are individuals and whole families in your town who not only will have no "Christmas" tree, but neither will they have any presents to give or receive. If you don't know them, buy some food and a few gifts and give them to your church food bank or some other charity which believes in Me and they will make the delivery for you.

10. Finally, if you want to make a statement about your belief in and loyalty to Me, then behave like a Christian. Don't do things in secret that you wouldn't do in My presence. Let people know by your actions that you are one of mine.

Don't forget; I am God and can take care of Myself. Just love Me and do what I have told you to do. I'll take care of all the rest. Check out the list above and get to work; time is short. I'll help you, but the ball is now in your court. And do have a most blessed Christmas with all those whom you love and remember:

I LOVE YOU,
Jesus
into a new and different power structure. Change is indeed coming. And when it comes, you will never see the same nation again.

And that is only the beginning.

As a serious student of history, I thought I would never come to experience what the ordinary, moral German must have felt in the mid-1930s. In those times, the “savior” was a former smooth-talking rabble-rouser from the streets, about whom the average German knew next to nothing. What they should have known was that he was associated with groups that shouted, shoved, and pushed around people with whom they disagreed. He edged his way onto the political stage through great oratory.

And there were the promises. Economic times were tough, people were losing jobs, and he was a great speaker. And he smiled and frowned and waved a lot. And people, even newspapers, were afraid to speak out for fear that his “brown shirts” would bully and beat them into submission. Which they did — regularly. And then, he was duly elected to office, while a full-throated economic crisis bloomed at hand — the Great Depression. Slowly, but surely he seized the controls of government power, person by person, department by department, bureaucracy by bureaucracy. The children of German citizens were at first, encouraged to join a Youth Movement in his name where they were taught exactly what to think. Later, they were required to do so. No Jews of course,

How did he get people on his side? He did it by promising jobs to the jobless, money to the money-less, and rewards for the military-industrial complex. He did it by indoctrinating the children, advocating gun control, health care for all, better wages, better jobs, and promising to re-instill pride once again in the country, across Europe, and across the world. He did it with a compliant media — did you know that? And he did this all in the name of justice and change. And the people surely got what they voted for.

Many people of conscience objected in 1933 and were shouted down, called names, laughed at, and ridiculed. When Winston Churchill pointed out the obvious in the late 1930s while seated in the House of Lords in England (he was not yet Prime Minister), he was booed into his seat and called a crazy troublemaker. He was right, though. And the world came to regret that he was not listened to.

Do not forget that Germany was one of the most educated and cultured countries in Europe. It was full of music, art, museums, hospitals, laboratories, and universities. And yet, in less than six years (a shorter time span than just two terms of the U. S. presidency) it was rounding up its own citizens, killing others, abrogating its laws, turning children against parents, and neighbors against neighbors.

As a practical thinker, one not overly prone to emotional decisions, I have a choice: I can believe what the objective pieces of evidence tell me (even if they make me cringe with disgust) or I can believe what history is shouting to me from across the chasm of seven decades. Of course, I can hope I am wrong by closing my eyes, having another latte, and ignoring what is transpiring around me.

I choose to believe the evidence. No doubt some people will scoff and others laugh or think I am foolish, naive, or both. To some degree, perhaps I am. But I have never been afraid to look people in the eye and tell them exactly what I believe and why I believe it.

I pray I am wrong. I do not think I am. Perhaps the only hope is our vote in the next election.

(Note: this was written before the election)
ARKY’s Calendar of Events
(as of 01/09/13)
See more details and complete list at http://www.arky.org/current/index.htm

*Jan 14: 7:00 pm until 8:35 pm. The Key to Reclaiming the Culture DVD with Ken Ham at ARKY’s House. Challenging the Secular Worldview.

Feb 5 or 6: Israel Wayne, home school speaker. See web for information.

*Feb 11: 7:00 pm until 8:35 pm. America, Her People DVD at ARKY’s House.

*Mar 11: 7:00 pm until 8:35 pm. Apostle Paul and the Earliest Church DVD Easter Program

*Apr 8: 7:00 pm until 8:35 pm. Creation not Confusion DVD with Gary Bates

*May 13: 7:00 pm until 8:35 pm. Annual Meeting at ARKY’s House

Jun 10: 6:00 pm until 8:35 pm. 18th ARK Annual Banquet with Dr. Donald B. DeYoung at MCL Cafeteria Kettering, 4485 Far Hills Ave (just north of David Rd) (299-6605), Dayton, OH. Ph: (937) 256-ARKY. RSVP requested but not required to attend. Cost is limited to the food you order. Arrive any time from 6:00 until 7:20 program start and meet contacts and speaker. A donation will be requested to benefit ARK. He has written eight books on astronomy and physics. 15 of his books are available at ARKY’s Bookstore (several in stock). Don is Chairman of the Department of Physical Science at Grace College, Winona Lake, Indiana. He has taught at Grace since 1972, with sabbatical leaves spent in San Diego, Europe, and the South Pacific. Courses taught include physics, astronomy and mathematics. Dr. DeYoung is currently president of the Creation Research Society, which has 1,700 members worldwide. He speaks on creation topics and believes that the details of nature are a powerful testimony to the Creator’s care for mankind.

Aug 4-8: All day. 2013 International Conference on Creationism with 45 International Speakers at Doubletree by Hilton, 101 Doubletree Dr, Pittsburgh, PA. Ph: (800) 273-0378. Registration is $135 if paid by April 30, 2013. Lodging and meals are extra. Additional 2013 ICC Evening Speakers to the 45 paper presentations are:
- Mark Horstemeyer, "Creation State of Affairs: Simulating Genesis"
- Steve Taylor, "Fight the good fight - strategy matters"
- Paul Nelson, "Whatever Happened to Darwin's Tree of Life? The Genomics Revolution and Its Effect on Theories of Origins"
- Steve Austin, "The Crucifixion Earthquake of 33 AD: Evidence in the Dead Sea Sediment"

For more information on the conference go to: http://www.creationicc.org/

Sept 17: Constitution Day with Speakers at USA, Your Town, US. Constitution Day (or Citizenship Day) is pan-American federal observance that recognizes the ratification of the United States Constitution and those who have become U.S. citizens. It is observed on September 17, the day the U.S. Constitutional Convention signed the Constitution in 1787. For more information see: http://www.mlbl.ilstu.edu/page/905

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5. **Webpage**: www.arky.org provides logical, Biblical information to a world saturated with an unbiblical, ill-suited naturalism for the needs of people;
6. **Monthly ARK meetings**: interesting speakers or DVD program on a variety of subjects, provided FREE to the community;
7. **Major speaker programs**: sponsored into the area or promoted by ARK;
8. **Local ARK speakers**: available for community and church events;
9. **Encouragement and Answers**: for belief in the Biblical Creator;
10. **Leadership training**: periodically opportunity to learn how to serve in your church or school or study group;
11. **Public materials**: make available Creation resources – books, audios, and DVDs to public;
12. **Lending library**: by mail or at ARKY house for supporters;
13. **Bookstore available**: during regular hours and by appointment;
14. **Bookstore honors specials**: when offered by AiG, ICR, and WallBuilder if items are in stock.

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Food for Thought

“My food,” said Jesus, “is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work” (John 4:34)

Jesus found sustenance (even enjoyment) in doing His Father’s work. How much leisure time do we need? Are we throwing away hours a week with excessive pastimes? Greater joy and rest will come from doing our Father’s will than can come from much leisure time.

Who is ARKY?

We are non-Profit ministry promoting a Biblical Worldview including real science, religious freedom, and Constitutional values including Life, Liberty, Property and their defense. In short, the Absolute Real Knowledge we all need and want everyday.