Wouldn’t it be nice if we could know and trust what “Wisdom says” like we tend to do with what “Scientists say”? Who are the unnamed “scientists”? Are they trustworthy? Should we talk about these terms like they are all authorities over every subject?

“Scientists say” or “Scientists report” are meaningless phrases without adding a lot of specifics. Who are the scientists and is their expertise in the area they are talking or reporting about? Are they being quoted correctly and in context? Are the reporters reliable witnesses? What kind of bias is present, but not stated?

The goal of science, looking for the truth, implies it is ALWAYS WRONG, NEVER finding it! It excludes Wisdom. All the scientists that ever existed do not know one thing that is true. The best results are called laws of science. They are laws because no one has yet observed a failure of those laws. But even so, scientists are reporting new theories (and old ones) known to violate these laws of science and the laws of logic and information science which is fundamental to scientific progress.

Wisdom says don’t ignore known logic or laws of science. It would be great to instantly know what is right and wise. It would be great to develop that sixth sense about truth.

Now the good news is there is absolute truth. It can be found in God’s Word. God requires a belief in absolute truth existing (He is the Truth) and a believable history of the created universe (consistent with known laws). Truth doesn’t require stupidity. Ignoring absolute truth doesn’t change it. Accepting absolute truth shows why partial or false truth is relative truth or a lie.

Wisdom is insight given by God, the Holy Spirit and His Word when we accept it, say it, question it, and challenge it. Wisdom is learning without experiencing hard knocks yourself. Learn from God’s Word or people who show wisdom. Asking for and receiving wisdom then requires meditating on it.

“So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.”

Ps 90:12
The Wonder of it All:
“How Great Thou Art”
By Mark Jurkovich

Each time I go to write another entry in this current series, the hymn “How Great Thou Art” returns to my heart and mind. For it speaks of the very response I believe we should have as we gaze upon all the wonders of God’s creation. It should move us to rapturous praise of the one who created the things our finite eyes and mind are seeking to understand. So let’s take some time to ponder the words of this great hymn.

Verse 1:
O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder,
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

“O Lord my God”; this hymn is a conversation with God himself, and only God is due our awe. But we can never fully comprehend, and so we wonder. What brings us to this awesome wonder? When we consider the worlds (or works) of His hands; which is EVERYTHING. Trying to take it all in, especially the things that display His overwhelming power (as in being caught in a thunderstorm, or trying to take in the countless stars visible in a dark sky, far away from city lights.) we see His power is truly displayed throughout the universe.

Chorus:
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
(repeat)

Each of these things should bring us to the same response as it did to the hymn writer, that our very soul sings out to our Savior God. And as our Savior God, we have a special relationship with the very God who created all. Praise Him for His greatness!

Verse 2:
When through the woods, and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.
When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.

But the same response to God’s creation can and should also come from the small, the quiet, the melodious. Thus we see God’s presence in walks through his creation, the songs of birds, the sounds of water flowing, or of the gentle breeze. These two verses bring to mind the passage in 1 Kings 19:11-13 where God displays his power to Elijah three times, but is finally present in the gentle whisper, not in the displays of power. God sometimes has to get our attention through awe-some displays, but it is when we are still enough to hear Him in the gentle whisper that we best understand “How Great Thou Art”.

Verse 3:
And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing;
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.

As awe inspiring as God’s creation is, and should draw us into praise of Him, it pales in comparison to what the Creator of the universe did Himself for us. How can we possibly fathom the fact that the very creator of all we survey and are drawn in awe of Him for, gave himself up to go through the most unimagin-
Comments on Words of the year – 2015 at Merriam-Webster.com

by Ron Cooper

What’s in a word? ‘That’s just semantics’ is a common point of ignorance about exact meanings of words. In this comment we will call attention to what I believe is behind the curiosity about the top 7 lookups of 2015! They are ALL about different WORLDVIEWS! The italics below are excerpts from http://abcnews.go.com/Entertainment/wireStory/merriam-webster-declares-ism-word-year-2015-35769429

There are 2733 English words ending in -ism entered in Merriam-Webster’s Unabridged dictionary. The top seven isms account for millions of lookups in 2015: 1) –ism; 2) Socialism; 3) Fascism; 4) Racism; 5) Feminism; 6) Communism; 7) Capitalism; 8) Terrorism.

–ism: A suffix is the Word of the Year because a small group of words that share this three-letter ending triggered both high volume and significant year-over-year increase in lookups at Merriam-Webster.com. Taken together, these seven words represent millions of individual dictionary lookups.

The suffix -ism goes all the way back to Ancient Greek, and was used in Latin and medieval French on its way to English. Originally, it turned a verb into a noun: think of baptize and baptism, criticize and criticism, or plagiarize and plagiarism. It has since acquired many other uses, including identifying a religion or practice (Calvinism, vegetarianism), a prejudice based on a specific quality (sexism, ageism), an adherence to a system (stoicism, altruism), a condition based on excess of something (alcoholism), or a characteristic feature or trait (colloquialism).

Ism is also sometimes a noun meaning “a distinctive doctrine, cause, or theory” or “an oppressive and especially discriminatory attitude or belief.” It’s usually used to emphasize a group of -ism words, as in “cubism, abstract expressionism, and all the other isms.”

For example, Terrorism originally meant violence perpetrated by a government on its people, taking its name from the Reign of Terror during the French Revolution. Today we usually use terrorism to mean “the use of violent acts to frighten the people in an area as a way of trying to achieve a political goal.”

In David A. Noebel’s book, Understanding the Times, ©1991, each of these 7 “mysteries” being researched are part of every basic worldview EXCEPT Biblical Christianity. They are earthly replacements by earthly rulers/governments. They are part of other-worldly kingdoms, dominions, and powers. David summarizes his worldviews (how we view the world when we are not trying, the lens or filters that all of our thinking goes through) using 10 categories: Theology, Philosophy, Ethics, Biology, Psychology, Sociology, Law, Politics, Economics, and History.

Using the –ism theme, let’s add some others that did not hit the top seven: atheism, naturalism, materialism, relativism, evolutionism, behaviorism, entertain-ism (my term for detached self-absorbed life). Hopefully, this is enough of an overview to show why so many people wanted to know more about worldviews, without calling them worldviews.

It is important to know more about what was not asked about – Biblical Christianity. While it is NOT one of the seven –ism’s above, it is also NOT a religion or denomination or cult. Some would say it is thinking God’s thoughts after Him. Others say just follow the Golden Rule or the Greatest Commandment. The Bi-

(Continued on page 5)
A Testimony
This is a letter Arky received some time back. Worth passing along.

I was raised in the Church of Christ and was baptized in the Pecos River at the Sheffield Church encampment at the age of 13. In Jr. high I began to see a conflict between what was taught in school verses what my Bible class teacher would tell me was true. Thankfully some of my Jr. High school teachers were Christians and would screen much evolutionary content. In college the true sustained assault began against my faith. My first geology professor told me “to forget about the fables that I learned in church since science and religion do not mix”. I began to slowly become indoctrinated by the naturalistic concepts of historical geology. My dad, an awesome Bible scholar and elder for 34 years, was shocked at the new philosophy I began coming home with and scrambled to find answers to my questions regarding the six days of creation, the flood of Noah, and other aspects of our faith attacked by naturalism. He spent long hours discussing all aspects in defense of the Bible that I had begun questioning. Believe me I tried to cram “billions of years” into every possible verse in Genesis chapter one and questioned the authenticity of the Bible as God’s word. I had even begun to question the concept God and that he was possibly a construct of man’s imagination. My Dad gave me a book by Dr. Henry Morris that changed my entire Worldview and it began a quest to reconcile true operational science with my faith rather than historical natural sciences (such as geology) man has fabricated to explain his origins. Thank God my Dad loved me enough to take the time and effort to guide my path or I could have become an atheist. Worse yet I could have become a theistic evolutionist or other variation infecting the Body of Christ with a distorted worldview causing others to stumble and lose their faith. Thankfully by the guidance of those that loved God’s word and believed the words to be holy and inspired I came full circle and believe every single word of the Creator’s love letter to us.

(Wisdom Analyst—Continued from page 1)

day and night (Ps 1:2). Learning God’s principles simplifies knowing right decisions. So teach us to number our days, so that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. (Ps 90:12) Applying wisdom is analysis.

At this stage you become a “Wisdom Analyst”. Being a “Wisdom Analyst” is a constant process of comparing the created world to the fallen world around us. Our world is corrupted, changed (evolved in the words of ‘scientists say’), and can’t put the fallen “Humpty-Dumpty back together again”. We must seek and use wisdom found in God’s Word to make this world, our families, and our eternal souls become more like they were designed. Obeying God affects the souls of our loved ones. They are the eternal prizes we affect by being a “Wisdom Analyst”.

“What Sings My Soul…!”

Verse 4:
When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation, and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration, and there proclaim, “My God, how great Thou art!”
By Carl Boberg, 1886, English translation and verses 3 & 4 ©1949 and 1953 by Stuart K. Hine

“For now we see through a glass darkly, but then face to face.” How true this passage is from 1 Corinthians 13:12. All the tastes of God’s glory while here on this fallen planet are just that, a taste. When we see him face to face, then we shall know, even as we are known. Then we will fully understand “How Great Thou Art”, and bow in humble adoration.

For a little background on the Hymn itself see: http://www.mannamusicinc.com/hgta.htm
New Web design coming to ARKy

Have you been to the arky web site lately? (http://www.arky.org/index.htm)

It is in the process of getting a new look. Hopefully you will find it easier to navigate. Please check it out, and let Ron know what you think. We can always use some good suggestions to make the Absolute Real Knowledge for You more accessible to others.

Prayer Requests

Please be in prayer for the ministry of the Ark Foundation.

- For the raising up of someone to become Vice President of the Ark Foundation
- For direction for Ark Foundation’s future
- For the Lord’s hand on the development of the new web site.
- For revival in our land and government
- 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
- New church contacts in your church and others
- 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.

WANTED

SOMEONE WILLING TO BE VICE PRESIDENT STARTING IN MAY 2016.

PREFER TO HAVE MULTIPLE CANDIDATES TO SHARE GOALS AND BUILD LEADERSHIP TEAM.

MUST HAVE BASIC COMPUTER SKILLS AND/OR WILLING TO LEARN MORE.

NEED TO BE WILLING TO BECOME PRESIDENT IN 2 - 5 YEARS.

QUESTIONS - CALL RON 937-256-2759.
**Instantaneous Creation**
From "Days of Praise" devotional, May 3, 2013

“Let them praise the name of the LORD: for He commanded, and they were created” (Psalm 148:5).

The concept of “flat creation” is opposed by evolutionists and all who believe in the so-called geologic ages. Nevertheless, this is clearly the teaching of the word of God, and God was there! Psalm 148 exhorts all the stars to praise the Lord, and then notes that, as soon as God spoke, they “were created.” Similarly, “by the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth. . . . For He spake, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast” (Psalm 33:6,9).

It is worth noting that, whenever the verbs “create” or “make” are used in reference to God’s work of creation, they are never in the present tense. God is not now creating or making stars or animals or people, as theistic evolution requires; at the end of the six-day creation period, in fact, God “rested from all His work which God created and made” (Genesis 2:3).

This is the teaching of the New Testament also. “The worlds [that is, the space/time cosmos, the ‘aeons’) were framed [not ‘are being framed’] by the word of God [not ‘by processes of stellar evolution’], so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear [not ‘out of preexisting materials,’ as required by theories of chemical and cosmic evolution’]” (Hebrews 11:3).

The Lord Jesus Christ Himself confirmed the doctrine of recent creation. “From the beginning of the creation [not, that is, four billion years after the solar system evolved] God made them [Adam and Eve] male and female” (Mark 10:6). Thus those who believe in the geological ages are rejecting both the Biblical record and the authority of Jesus Christ, in order to attain ephemeral acceptance by the ungodly. This is a poor exchange! HMM (http://www.icr.org/article/2036)

---

**Arctic Report**

The Arctic Ocean is warming up, icebergs are growing scarcer and in some places the seals are finding the water too hot, according to a report to the Commerce Department yesterday from Consulate, at Bergen, Norway.

Reports from fishermen, seal hunters and explorers all point to a radical change in climate conditions and hitherto unheard-of temperatures in the Arctic zone. Exploration expeditions report that scarcely any ice has been met as far north as 81 degrees 29 minutes. Soundings to a depth of 3,100 meters showed the gulf stream still very warm. Great masses of ice have been replaced by moraines of earth and stones, the report continued, while at many points well known glaciers have entirely disappeared.

Very few seals and no white fish are found in the eastern Arctic, while vast shoals of herring and smelts which have never before ventured so far north, are being encountered in the old seal fishing grounds. Within a few years it is predicted that due to the ice melt the sea will rise and make most coastal cities uninhabitable.

This must have been caused by the Model T Ford’s emissions. **********

I must apologize. I neglected to mention that this report was from November 2, 1922, as reported by the AP and published in The Washington Post - 93 years ago. K. Patterson (note: the accuracy of this article has not been verified)

---

**Did YOU renew your Kroger Rewards Program?**

Everyone MUST reregister EVERY April. Not yet using Kroger Rewards program? Just register/re-register your Kroger Plus card at “KROGER.COM” and we automatically get credited when you use it. Select “The ARK Foundation of Dayton, Inc” (organization # 81517) when you register.
Kids Korner

Christmas Across America

Wow!, Kids, this is TJ with some very exciting news! C.E.F. (Child Evangelism Fellowship) developed a new Christmas outreach for unchurched kids...hoping to save the unsaved, and it's working! Over 100,000 young people have been told about the love of Jesus, why He came to earth as a baby, and why He had to die as a man. He came to save people from themselves, so they could live a better life! What a Savior! So, when it comes to Christmas, Easter, and other special occasions that reflect the life of Christ, we should always be mindful of some very important concerns. First, always be respectful in talking about the Lord God, our Savior. At Christmas, we celebrate His birth, the Son of God to a human baby (from heaven to earth). At Easter, we celebrate, or honor, the sacrificial death of Christ, the human man to the Son of God (from earth to heaven). So, kids, when we pray, or talk to God throughout the day, we're talking to Someone who knows what it's like to be us. He understands us, He knows our heartaches, our body aches, and any other kind of ache we may experience. He's on our side, working on our behalf, going before us, protecting around us... He's there for us. So, if you didn't thank God at Christmas, rethink your thanks. Thank Him for everything. Especially thank Him for your salvation. Oh, and, kids, if you're not saved, get to know Jesus in 2016. He's waiting to hear from you.

Until next time, kiddies, TJ signing out.

The Bible According to Kids

These cute (false) statements were written by actual students and are genuine, authentic and not retouched or corrected: (collected at [http://www.arky.org/newsLTR/articles/kidssay.htm](http://www.arky.org/newsLTR/articles/kidssay.htm)). Search your Bible for the true statements!

- In the first book of the Bible, Guinness's, God got tired of creating the world, so he took the Sabbath off.
- Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree.
- Noah's wife was called Joan of Ark.
- Noah built an ark, which the animals come on to in pears.
- Lot's wife was a pillar of salt by day, but a ball of fire by night.
- The Jews were a proud people and throughout history they had trouble with the unsympathetic Genitals.
- Samson was a strongman who let himself be led astray by a Jezebel like Delilah.
- Samson slayed the Philistines with the axe of the Apostles.
- Moses led the Hebrews to the Red Sea, where they made unleavened bread which is bread without any ingredients.
- The Egyptians were all drowned in the dessert. Afterwards, Moses went up on Mount Cyanide to get the ten amendments.
- The first commandment was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple.
- The fifth commandment is to humor thy father and mother.
- The seventh commandment is thou shalt not admit adultery.
- Moses died before he ever reached Canada.
- Then Joshua led the Hebrews in the battle of Geritol.
- The greatest miracle in the Bible is when Joshua told his son to stand still and he obeyed him.
- David was a Hebrew king skilled at playing the liar. He fought with the Finklesteins, a race of people who lived in Biblical times.
- Solomon, one of David's sons, had 300 wives and 700 porcupines.
ARKY’s Calendar of Events  
(as of 1/1/16)  
See more details and complete list at http://www.arky.org/current/index.htm

*Jan 11, 7:00 pm to 8:35 pm. Noah and the Last Days DVD. Counter the anti-biblical message of Hollywood's new Noah movie. Here Ray Comfort interviews modern scoffers, and shares the truth of God's Word. In the time of Noah, people were going about their daily lives, not mindful of the impending destruction. Like them, are we ignoring warnings of God's coming judgment? The Bible gives us clear signs of the last days. Did you know the Scriptures say we will see: an acceptance of homosexuality, wars and rumors of wars, flippant use of God's name, denial of a global flood and money-hungry preachers and rampant hypocrisy in the church. See bookstore #7226 combination pack.

*Feb 8, 7:00 pm to 8:35 pm. We Won't Get Fooled Again DVD; Where the Christian Right Went Wrong and How to Make America Right Again. This challenges people to stop being fooled by false political dialogue and two-Party "team strategies" and, instead, to understand God's role for Christians, in our voting and in our attempts to prevent further ungodliness in our law.

*Mar 14, 7:00 pm to 8:35 pm. The Uniqueness of Man DVD. In this powerful presentation, this British engineer author describes some of the many unique design features of man, including arched feet, facial expressions, skillful hands, fine skin, intricate language, and an amazingly powerful brain. Each feature shows that we have not evolved from an ape like animal but have been specially created. And each feature shows that we are equipped for far more than survival. We are designed to perform skillful tasks so that we can be creative stewards of God's creation. We are also uniquely spiritual and emotional beings, and our ultimate purpose is to praise and fellowship with our Creator!

ARKY Announcements

Save the date: June 13, 6:00 pm—8:35 pm, 21st Annual ARK Banquet.

Plan for the Ark Encounter opening 7/7/2016!

Effective in 2016, since the mortgage is paid off, the Building Fund becomes the Maintenance Fund. It will allow repairs and upgrades to equipment, trailers, grounds and the building that are required. Thank you for your continued support!
### Financial Statement 2015

#### General Fund

**Balance 1/1/15** $6,542.47

#### Receipts

- Memberships/Newsletters 1695.00
- Donations 3.00
- Speaker Gifts 0.00
- Special Events /Banquet 0.00
- Equipment Sold 5.40
- Kroger Gift Cards/Promotion 259.29
- Reimbursed 13.83
- Misc 5.00
- Non-Tax Sales 1,286.75
- Taxable Sales 9,570.79
- Sales tax collected 689.32
- Loan Proceeds 0.00
- Total 19,980.85

#### Disbursements

- Newsletter/CC 147.00
- Projects 28.22
- Office 344.43
- Telephone 731.03
- Exhibiting 2,221.95
- Web 794.00
- Inventory 7,545.90
- Equipment 73.99
- Supplies 204.65
- Insurance 1,983.00
- Professional Fees 600.68
- Sales Tax Paid 843.37
- Speaking/Events 0.00
- Misc. 185.00
- Tithes&Gifts 200.00
- Reimbursed 0.00
- Total 15,903.22

**Balance 11/30/15** 4,077.63

#### Building Fund

**Balance 1/1/15** -4,175.98

- Matching Mortgage Fund 5,654.69
- Donations 5,706.03
- Total 7,184.74

#### Expenses

- Mortgage 10.14
- Building 145.67
- Utilities 2,409.70
- Real Estate Taxes 0.00
- Matching Fund 3,689.32
- Repairs 0.00
- Advertising 110.00
- Total Bld. Expenses 6,364.83

**Balance 11/30/15** 819.91

**Net Balance, Both Funds** 4,897.54

### ARKY Supporter Benefits

1. **30% discount**: minimum on all purchases;
2. **Quarterly newsletter**: ARK news, articles, and 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 in a world saturated with an unbiblical, ill-suited naturalism to the needs of people;
5. **Monthly ARK meetings**: interesting speakers or DVD program on a variety of subjects, provided FREE to the community;
6. **Major speaker programs**: sponsored into the area or promoted by ARK;
7. **Local ARK speakers**: available for community and church events;
8. **Encouragement and Answers**: for belief in the Biblical Creator;
9. **Leadership training**: periodically opportunity to learn how to serve in your church or school or study group;
10. **Public materials**: make available Creation resources – books, audios, and DVDs to public;
11. **Lending library**: by mail or at ARKY house for supporters;
12. **Bookstore available**: regular hours and by appointment;
13. **Bookstore honors specials**: when offered by AiG, ICR, and WallBuilder if items are in stock.

### Is it time for you to renew?

Please check the date above your name and address. If the date has passed or coming up soon, please renew today.

**Be an ARKY Supporter!**

**Name:** ____________________________

**Addr:** ____________________________

**City, ST ZIP:** ______________________

**Ph:** _________ **Work:** _________

**Email:** ____________________________

**Church:** __________________________

**City/Zip:** __________________________

**Membership Amount :** $___________

**Gift Amount :** $___________

**Total Enclosed:** $___________

**Building Pledge:** $___________ per _________

**Membership:** ___One__Spousal__Family

ARK individual membership is only $25/year ($30 couple, $40 family). To receive this newsletter quarterly for free, please complete the address form and put "Jesus" in amount. (Please include mailing label, if you are renewing.)

**ARKY’s Bookstore**

Bookstore hours manned by volunteers are:

- **Tuesday** 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm;
- **Thursday** 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm;
- **Saturday** 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm;
**Special Thanks to Volunteers**

Our Bookstore/Warehouse manager, Brenda Cooper, would like to publically thank those who helped with the best and easiest annual inventory we have ever had: Ron Cooper (inventory sheets and recorder), Diane Silver (recorder extraordinary), Kathy Jones, Karen Patterson, and D'Avril Chamness (counters and recorders).

One of the good things we notice when we do inventory is all the good books and DVDs and Gifts ARKY’s has in stock. The children’s section is especially delightful with new fiction and wonderful science and Bible studies especially suited for your children.

For the “help” it was a good two days and enjoyable window shopping. They all get an extra discount and discovered the best deals left over! Many hands make the work easier and more fun!

---

**ARKY’s Bookstore News**

**Adult coloring books are now in stock!**

This is a very popular trend.

There is plenty of research that shows coloring to be an effective stress reducer. Maybe you’ve been searching for a way to help you relax. Or, if you’re like many others you’ve been looking for a good excuse to color since you grew up and coloring books were no longer an acceptable hobby. This has 45 hand drawn illustrations on high quality paper with easy to tear out pages, encouraging scripture, and 11 pages of gift tags, bookmarks, and cards to color.

Ask for #7713, “TODAY Is going to be A GREAT DAY!” $7.99 each.

**Free Used Home Resources**

ARK currently has several boxes of used books in various conditions, but all very usable, that were given to us. Come in and select all you want from history, readers, science, etc.