Everyone has a viewpoint - some are just in the gutter and others in the clouds.

Who has the best viewpoint, me, you, or God? I Trust God!

What Problem? We all interpret. You may know that I refer to more than just words. Mathematics, science, personal opinions, personal relationships, business decisions, legal opinions, even cooking all involves some interpretations.

We use other terms for interpretations at times: approximations, temporary fix, academic solution, "the boss says so", policy, etc. It’s not these I have the biggest problem with; it’s when extrapolations are called interpretations. An interpretation is taking all the verified data we have along with associated history and making reasonable conclusions within the range of the data or in context. An extrapolation is using the same sources and giving conclusions not related to the data, known history, or within the scope of those sources.

A simple example, if a baby drinks 3 oz. every 2 hours, then: an interpretation would be to expect the same rate of consumption all day with no guarantees for future days; an extrapolation would be to assume that rate will continue all its life. Life is not a constant. At best it’s a gift. Everything changes about the baby. They grow. They have different interests and energy needs. They get sick. Every day, every hour is different.

A more complicated example from history is from X-ray usage in 1895 until now; we have about 120 years of data on radioactivity. So some forensic scientists are using about 100 years of data to estimate 4,500,000,000 years of supposed earth age. That is wild speculation, not good science. It’s not even good history, for which we are limited to about 6,000 years. Any history greater than this is prehistoric – what we know before we know anything, NOTHING.

It is reasonable to estimate if we are given: real written history, real erosion rates and patterns, real non-linear relationships, even small variances from the observed. The earth’s weather has lots of real history and known patterns, but we can’t predict where the next tornado will strike or how bad it will be. We can see the results of floods and understand the patterns of sediment and erosion, yet many scientists stick to a broken model of evolution for geology in the face of contradictory evidence. Simple example – at current erosion rates all mountains would be plains long before now, if the earth were as old as
Reasons to Teach Creation Science
By Mark Jurkovich

There are so many wonders of God’s creation, I suppose I could write about it until the end of time and not cover half of it. So I hope to return to that series in future newsletters. But for this time, I am lead to share my two cents on why Creation Science is so important to the Gospel message.

Contrary to what secular science teaches, when one honestly looks at all the evidence, time and time again, it falls on the side of supporting the Bible rather than an evolutionary mind set. For example, fossils are only formed through catastrophic processes, not by slow and gradual means. The evidence supporting the Bible is true not only for the age of the earth, recent creation vs. evolution, and a global flood; it is also true for other sciences including archeology, linguistics (as in the tower of Babel incident), astronomy, and more. My series on Science and the Bible touched on all these topics. (Arky newsletters, 2008 Oct-Dec Issue through 2012 Jul-Sep Issue). So why should we withhold this information? It is intellectually and scientifically dishonest to withhold information (evidence/data/truth) just because it does not fit the accepted paradigm or because it may stir up controversy.

One can become a Christian without believing in the literal Creation and global flood of Genesis, but Genesis is so foundational to the rest of the Bible, one has to make compromises and/or breaks in logic of their doctrine if one accepts evolution/long ages or any of the compromise theories. For example, how can Jesus be the last Adam if there was no actual historical first Adam (1Cor 15:21-47)? On the other hand, learning how proper science is in harmony with Scripture, serves to strengthen the faith of believers, and eliminates doubt in their heart.

For many people their belief that ‘science’ proves evolution, and is in contradiction with the Bible, keeps them from serious consideration of the Gospel message. Others lose what faith they had when they come to realize that they cannot match the Bible to what they have been taught is science. In these cases, being ready to give an answer for the hope that is within you (1Pet 3:15) truly benefits from Creation Science knowledge.

I firmly believe that when you know the real evidence, it takes more faith to believe in evolution than creation. Honest evolutionists have to admit that it is they who have faith in spite of the evidence. The evidence points to a loving designer. The evidence points to a world only thousands of years old, not billions. The evidence points to a global catastrophe. The evidence points to the sudden emergence of all the world’s language groups (Babel). The evidence points to the Bible’s historical and archeological accuracy. The evidence points to the Bible being true from the first verse of Genesis to the last verse of Revelation.

Finally, Creation Science is important just because it is so exciting. All of it reinforces the sobering reality of God’s judgement of sin, but even more, of his infinite loving hand of creation and redemption. The more one learns of all the powerful evidences pointing to the absolute surety of God’s word, the more one is drawn afresh to worship of our Creator, Savior and Lord.

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Bible Reading
By Brenda Cooper

My serious Bible Reading days started when my Church challenged our 12-year-old age group to read the Bible every day for, I believe, 90 days straight. That was definitely long enough to develop a habit. At the conclusion, the Church presented each participant with a zippered Holy Bible "For Daily Bible Reading." Of course, I still have mine, but unable to read that small print now. (Might be something you would like to suggest to your Church leadership.)

There were times that the habit didn't work. The last one was when newly married life got complicated. But these times were few and far between. I remember on one job I had to be the switchboard operator for a couple of hours late in the afternoon. It generally was not busy, so I took my Bible to work and read it during that time. At this time, I was probably mainly reading the New Testament. Then I started reading Genesis to Revelation without time constraints. I became aware of printed 12 month programs to read the Bible through in a year, so I started doing that.

Then several years ago a store customer told me that she read a different Bible version each year. So I got into the habit of reading the Bible through in a year and doing a different version each year. It is very simple to figure out what you need to read each day to complete it in one year. Just take the total page count and divide by 365 and this gives you the number of pages you need to read daily. Of course, stop at the end of a chapter as close to the calculated number as possible.

I am truly amazed at how many people have not taken the time to read the Bible from Genesis through Revelation. It takes just 80 hours to read the Bible thru at regular speaking rate. So make an effort to devote 80 hours a year to reading the Bible through. Give yourself a first slow read starting now with the goal for ending by December 31, 2018. Then speed up to once through in a year. And if your Church comes up with a suggested Bible Study that can't be incorporated, just take more than a year for your study, just be consistent. And if you really want to study and not just read, that is great. So your goal could be two or three years. Just be consistent.

This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

Joshua 1:8 (NKJV)

WALK IN THE LIGHT
A Joyful ‘Toon by Mike Waters

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

1 John 1:7 NKJV

(Interpretation Or Extrapolation —Continued from page 1)

"assumed".

From "nothing" everything has been extrapolated in evolution. Yet from God evolution assumes nothing can be interpreted. God is bad mouthed into, at best, "Perfect nothing". Rather than glorifying His deeds, we accept His slander. Can we even accept the miracle of His resurrection, when we reject His miracle of Creation - Maybe in a trillion years; Or maybe in a twinkling of an eye? How do you interpret eternity?
Humanism in the Science Classroom
By Kevin Hadsall

“I am convinced that the battle for humankind’s future must be waged and won in the public school classroom by teachers who correctly perceive their role as the proselytizers of a new faith: a religion of humanity that recognizes and respects the spark of what theologians call divinity in every human being. These teachers must embody the same selfless dedication as the most rabid fundamentalist preachers, for they will be ministers of another sort, utilizing a classroom instead of a pulpit to convey humanist values in whatever subject they teach, regardless of the educational level—preschool, day care, or large state university. The classroom must and will become an arena of conflict between the old and the new—the rotting corpse of Christianity, together with all its adjacent evils and misery, and the new faith of humanism.”[1]

The above quote is perhaps one of the most open and honest quotes I have ever read from a Humanist. Very few Humanists are willing to admit that there is an overwhelming agenda in our school systems to teach a religion: the religion of Humanism. The Humanism agenda in schools is usually called something else in our society: “science.”

Here is a list of common beliefs that are taught in school:

• All time, matter, and space came into existence about 13.7 billion years ago through a “Big Bang.”
• Stars formed over billions of years from collapsing gas clouds.
• Stars exploded and formed heavier elements which eventually formed into planetary material.
• The earth was formed about 4.5 billion years ago through the aforementioned random processes.
• Life evolved from non-life billions of years ago.
• Single-celled organisms somehow evolved into multi-celled organisms, eventually leading to plants, animals, and even Man.
• Dinosaurs went extinct 65 million years ago through a cataclysmic meteor impact.
• Humans are evolved from ape-like creatures.

• There is one common problem with each one of these claims: they are all based in faith as opposed to observable science. Those claims can be categorized into the type of science called “historical science.” This is the type of science that makes inferences about the past based on circumstantial evidence in the present. For example, rock layers and fossils exist in the present. In order to come up with ideas about the past, scientists have to interpret the rock layers and fossils. Although the secular stories and theories about the past may be long and elaborate, they cannot be tested! How do we supposedly know that life evolved from non-life billions of years ago? How do we supposedly know that the dinosaurs went extinct about 65 million years ago? How do we supposedly know that humans evolved from ape-like creatures? The truth is, we don’t. We do not have a time machine to go back in time in order to test our conclusions. We cannot truly implement the “scientific method” in regards to historical science.

In other words, nobody has ever observed or truly verified any of the claims listed above. Therefore, the Humanist story of origins is not “science,” but faith. In fact, it is a blind faith. I will continue to write about the blind faith of Humanism in upcoming blog posts.


Article originally published on https://www.unmaskinghumanism.org/
Were Dinosaurs on Noah’s Ark?
by Brian Thomas, M.S.

When visitors inspect ICR’s seven-and-a-half-foot-long model of Noah’s Ark, the dinosaur figurines on the bottom deck tend to catch their eyes. They often ask about those dinosaurs, giving our tour guides a chance to explain how dinosaurs fit in biblical history.

First, God created each dinosaur as a “beast of the earth” on Day Six of the creation week just before creating Adam and Eve. Dinosaurs lived at the same time as man for about 1,650 years before the Flood came. However, dinosaurs may have mainly lived far away from people since dinosaur fossils occur with shallow marine and swamp-living plants and animals and not with human fossils. Soon after creation, Adam and Eve sinned, so God said, “Cursed is the ground for your sake.” This curse affected everything, and eventually all men, and apparently even animals, became so corrupt in their violence that God cleansed the whole earth of their filth when “the world that then existed perished, being flooded with water.” The Flood made dinosaur fossils.

God told Noah, “Of every living thing of all flesh you shall bring two of every sort into the ark, to keep them alive with you; they shall be male and female.” So we know that representatives of each kind of dinosaur went on the Ark. Genesis also indicates that animals on the Ark had nostrils and lived on land, which dinosaur skulls and legs reveal. Fossils show that even the largest dinosaurs hatched from eggs not much larger than a football. Noah’s family would likely have taken young sauropods on board the Ark—not full-grown, 100-foot dinosaurs. Most of the other 60 or so dinosaur kinds would have occupied only one corner of one of the Ark’s three decks—like the model on the ICR campus shows.

After the Flood, dinosaurs and all the other Ark animals migrated from the Middle East to the habitats they preferred. Dinosaurs probably headed to swampy places that became deserts centuries later. Genesis 13:10 says, “And Lot lifted his eyes and saw all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered everywhere (before the Lord destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah) like the garden of the Lord, like the land of Egypt.” The Jordan plain near the Dead Sea began drying after Sodom’s fiery destruction. Egypt also dried. Any dinosaurs in these areas would have moved or died when their habitats dried.

The final Bible dinosaur scene comes from Job. Clues that behemoth best matches a sauropod include its supreme strength and power, its swamplike habitat, its reference as the “first of the ways of God”—suggesting it was the largest created land-living creature—and its tail like a cedar tree. Job lived after the Flood, so if he could “look now at the behemoth,” and if behemoth was a dinosaur, then some dinosaurs survived the Flood on Noah’s Ark.

Eventually dinosaurs around the world went extinct, likely because the closing Ice Age brought radical climate changes and people drained swamps and killed off threatening creatures. Memorable encounters gave rise to dragon legends, written descriptions, paint- ings, and carvings of dinosaurs from around the world.

Were dinosaurs on Noah’s Ark? History both inside and outside the Bible says, “Yes.”


References can be found in the Acts & Facts article.
The Leviathan
by Henry M. Morris III, D.Min.

“Canst thou draw out leviathan with an hook? . . . None is so fierce that dare stir him up: who then is able to stand before me?” (Job 41:1, 10)

Leviathan was a large and fierce marine animal and may be the source for the dragon stories. God uses a whole chapter to describe this creature! It had limbs, power, and graceful proportions. It also had teeth in the “doors of his face” that were “terrible round about.” The leviathan had scales fitted so close together “that no air can come between them.”

We might compare the leviathan to an ichthyosaur or a mosasaur, or maybe a pliosaur. It is also possible that this enormous animal could have been a Spinosaurus. But when God speaks of “neesings” that cause “sparks of fire [to] leap out,” with smoke coming out of its nose like “a seething pot or caldron,” we get the impression that this creature was something very unusual!

There are, of course, many legends and stories about fire-breathing dragons of the sea and land—all of which contain references to fire that comes from the mouth or nostrils of these ancient animals. Whatever this creature may have been, God Himself uses it as an example of a real animal that Job would have known either from his own personal experience or from current accounts of active commerce that plied the waters of the ancient world.

It is interesting to note that Job understood the need to learn that “the beasts . . . and the fowls of the air . . . and the fishes of the sea shall declare unto thee. Who knoweth not in all these that the hand of the LORD hath wrought this?” (Job 12:7-9). Perhaps God wanted him to understand something of His implacable justice and punishment. HMM III

From “Days of Praise” devotional for 8/16/2016 by ICR. Adapted from Unlocking the Mysteries of Genesis by Dr. Henry Morris III.

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Hey, kids, TJ here with a message about GIANTS. I'm not talking about large ants (GIANTS), I'm referring to those large creatures, and people, that used to roam the earth. Dinosaurs, reptiles, and people that were much larger than anything we see today. If you've ever watched a movie that featured huge creatures, you can kind of get an idea how large a dinosaur, tetradactyl, or a very tall person was that they used to refer to as GIANTS in the Old Testament. Sometimes they were called, Nephilim or from the people group of Anakim. Either way, they may have made our NBA players of today look like young children. Could you imagine how scary that may have been?

Well, though some people would've been frightened or even intimidated (maybe even bullied) by those tall dudes, the Bible reminds us that there were several godly men who weren't afraid of even a GIANT. They believed that God's power was stronger and BIGGER than any giant. As a matter of fact, they were ready to take the land from those so-called giants and start living like God wanted them to; victorious! You can read more about it in the book of Numbers, starting in chapter 13.

So, the next time you feel frightened, bullied, or just having a no good, terrible, bad dream, remember to call on God to rescue you and to give you courage, instead of fear. He will be your Strong Man and will fight for you. Until next time kiddies, keep looking for Thatman!

C-ya! TJ signing out.

(for more information about giants see: https://answersingenesis.org/bible-characters/giants-in-the-old-testament/)
ARKY’s Calendar of Events
(as of 10/1/16)
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*Apr 10, 7:00 pm to 8:35 pm. DVD: RISEN, 107 min. with Joseph Fiennes at ARKY’s House. This is the epic Biblical story of the Resurrection as told through the eyes of a non-believer. Clavius, a powerful Roman military tribune, and his aide, Lucius, are tasked with solving the mystery of what happened to Jesus in the weeks following the crucifixion in order to disprove the rumors of a risen Messiah and prevent an uprising in Jerusalem.

*May 8, 7:00 pm to 8:35 pm. Annual Business Meeting & DVD "Fallout" with Officers at ARKY’s House. Business meeting requires quorum for voting. "Fallout" DVD lets students explain why they left or remained in church!

*Jun 12, 6:00 pm to 8:35 pm. ARK Annual Banquet - #22 with Bryan Osborne, AIG Speaker at MCL Cafeteria Kettering, 4485 Far Hills Ave (just north of David Rd) (937-299-6605), Dayton, OH. Ph: (937) 256-ARKY. The Power of Biblical Chronology. For 13 years Bryan taught Bible history in a public school and for nearly 20 years he has been teaching Christians to defend their faith. Bryan's love of the gospel and passion for revealing the truth of God's Word is contagious! You will love his practical, cutting-edge talks that reveal the importance of apologetics in evangelism and equip today’s youth and families!

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