As I enter the end of life as we know it, it’s time for me to honor its author for the gift of life. It may be time for all of us to honor Him, to remember Him the way He commanded us to – as Creator of Heaven and Earth (The First Hebrew Narrative History method for identifying the Universe, all that was ever created). [Exodus 20:11]

If we remember nothing else; if we acknowledge nothing else; if we teach our family nothing else; then it is: in three earth standard days (ESDs), God formed the universe, the seas and where the birds fly, then earth with every tree and plant with its seed in it. Then God filled what He formed in three ESDs in three more ESDs. He filled the sky with the greater and lesser lights (sun & moon) to give light. He made the stars also. Then He filled the seas with swimming creatures, great and small; He filled the skies with everything that flies. Lastly, He filled the earth with every air breathing beast, dinosaurs and other reptiles, cattle, etc. and finally Man was made in His (God’s) image, Body, Soul, and Spirit. Then God Sanctified the Seventh Day and Blessed the day for His family as God walked with His children and told them what He had done the past six amazing days of His work.

So what did God say? Can we see and hear even part of what Adam and Eve saw and heard? They were at rest in the garden listening to their loving Creator face to face and seeing His handiwork all around them. This little family was in awe of their Father and His wisdom and great accomplishments. And He had given it all to them! It was the greatest full day of their life. Their family was God and each other. And then it grew with many sons and daughters, but sin entered into the perfect garden and family needed more protection.

Your family – of all the things you are to them, one thing you’ll never stop being is their protector. God never stopped being our protector either. He’s waiting for His children who love Him and obey Him in His new “garden”. Remember your heavenly Father and your Creator. Depend on His promises.

Your Life depends on it!

Can we see and hear even part of what Adam and Eve saw and heard? They were at rest in the garden listening to their loving Creator face to face and seeing His handiwork all around them.
It’s hard to take our sun for granted, from the beautiful sunsets, to wishing a cloud would grant some relief on a hot summer day, to wishing it would come back out to warm things up on a frigid winter day. But have you realized how perfectly designed it is so life can flourish on this earth?

As technology has advanced enough that scientists now have ways of detecting planets around other stars, we are seeing more and more how unique not only our earth is, but how unique the sun is as well. Carl Sagan once said “We live on an obscure hunk of rock and metal circling a humdrum sun, which is on the outskirts of a perfectly ordinary galaxy…”¹ I wonder if he ever realized how truly special that ‘humdrum’ star is.

If the sun was much smaller; the habitable zone will be too close, causing the planet to be tidally locked like our moon (i.e. one side always faces the star, and the other side always facing away). In such a case, even though the planet is in the zone where liquid water can exist, it could only be liquid in the twilight zone; literally that thin band between perpetual daylight and perpetual night. Even if not tidally locked, it would have too much tidal activity promoting earthquakes and dangerous shorelines. And there would be higher exposure to deadly radiation due to closeness to star.

If too big; First of all, large stars just burn out too fast for evolution to occur, so are not considered candidates for life on a planet around them. Plus, large stars put out too much ultraviolet radiation for a planet to effectively protect any life that might be on it.

If too red; there would be too much infrared radiation for a given amount of visible light“. On the other hand, if blue, there would be too much ultraviolet radiation.

So only stars of similar size and color to the sun are appropriate for supporting life. Our sun “belongs to a spectral class representing only 5% of all stars: a G2V yellow dwarf mainsequence variable.”² But the vast majority of these remaining 5% of stars are highly variable; which leads to our next point.

Amazing stability; I am not sure if astronomers have detected many (if any) stars as stable as ours. Sure, our sun does have its own cycles of increasing and decreasing activity (most notably, the 11 year sunspot cycle). And it does fairly regularly send out solar flares whose effects are sometimes felt on earth. But other stars exhibit much greater changes in brightness and flaring. Many of these flares would destroy any life on a planet in its habitable zone. In fact, a 32 yearlong study of our sun concluded that our sun is uncommonly stable.²

As Dr. Danny Faulkner puts it; “Astronomers have found a few solar twins that have the same temperature, size, mass, and brightness as the sun, but nearly all of them are variable. That is, they vary in brightness. With all the concern about global warming today, it ought to be obvious that a constant sun is essential for life.”³

On the other hand, it is impossible for our sun to have been stable enough for the billions of years needed for the evolution scenario. If the sun were billions of years old, 3.5 billion years ago the sun would only have been cooler, and heated the earth to an average of only 31 degrees, or below freezing. That would have been too cold for life to start. Evolutionary astronomers call this the faint sun paradox. Yet

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BioLogos Debate: Book of Nature?
By Kevin Hadsall
originally posted September 16, 2017

Have you ever heard of an organization that is completely dedicated to proclaiming the evolutionary worldview within the Church? The BioLogos Foundation does just that. In fact, the homepage of their website says this:

“BioLogos invites the church and the world to see the harmony between science and biblical faith as we present an evolutionary understanding of God’s creation.”—BioLogos.org

My charge against BioLogos’ teachings, based on the biblical presupposition, is this: BioLogos is not teaching observational science in regards to the topic of origins. They are teaching a non-Christian religion: the religion of Humanism. Therefore, BioLogos tries to mix two religions: Christianity and Humanism.

While BioLogos is blinded by the veil of a false definition of “science,” my recent Facebook debate with them does a lot of “unmasking,” and demonstrates the validity of my charge. To date, I have primarily engaged humanists (e.g. atheists, agnostics, etc.) in my online debating. However, I find that it is also important to engage compromising Christians in debate for the purpose of refuting false teaching and upholding the authority of the Word of God. That is the purpose of both my debate with BioLogos and this specific blog series concerning that debate: to unmask their false teaching and uphold biblical authority. As a corollary to this purpose, I am not going to question whether or not their staff and supporters are legitimate followers of Christ.

To provide some context behind the beginning statements in this debate, BioLogos reposted a video on their Facebook page that tries to equate the authority of the “Book of Theology” with that of the “Book of Nature.” The original posting of the video can be found here: https://www.facebook.com/biologosfoundation/videos/10153119361952181/.

BioLogos reposted the video to their Facebook “Timeline” on September 7th, 2017. On September 9th I commented on the video, and that is how the debate began. I was originally expecting only BioLogos supporters to reply. To my pleasant surprise, BioLogos directly engaged in the discussion. Only one BioLogos supporter offered any comments. Below is Part 1 of 7 of the BioLogos debate.

Kevin:

“God’s book of nature contains substantial evidence that the universe is old, that life developed over billions of years, and that humans are related to other life on earth through a common ancestor”

I have three questions for you, and I ask these with sincerity and respect, and not for the purpose of “trolling.”

1. Can you provide an example of observable evidence, absent from faulty, falsifiable assumptions, that proves that the universe is billions of years old?

2. Since molecules-to-man evolution requires growth in genetic information and complexity, can you provide an example of observable evidence of an organism gaining new genetic information/complexity? For instance, can you provide an observable example of an organism that had no eyes, but then evolved eyesight?

3. You equate “God’s book of nature” with God’s Word. How can we truly understand nature without first STARTING with special revelation (God’s Word)? In Genesis 3:6, Eve chose to understand the “book of nature” on her own, without first trusting God’s special revelation regarding His warning that the punishment for eating from the Tree of Knowledge was death. Instead, Eve decided to believe a lie that the tree was “good for food,” a “delight

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Hints Of Redemption
by John D. Morris, Ph.D.

“And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head and thou shalt bruise His heel” (Genesis 3:15).

When Adam and Eve rebelled against God in the Garden of Eden, God pronounced the dreadful curse on all of His creation, from mankind to the animal and plant kingdoms and even the earth itself (Genesis 3:14–19). From that point on, everything began to die, but at the same time God predicted the coming Redeemer who would set things right.

There are several hints of the coming Redeemer in these early chapters of Genesis. Dr. A. T. Pierson, a Bible scholar of the late 1800s and early 1900s, mentioned an unnamed Hebrew scholar, a Jewish Rabbi, who held that the names of the 10 pre-flood patriarchs (Adam to Noah) formed a redemptive sentence when read together. Keep in mind that certain meanings of some of these names are lost in antiquity, but the exercise is interesting, if not definitive. According to the Rabbi, Adam means mankind; Seth, is appointed; Enos, mortality; Cainan, wailing for the dead; Mahalaleel, God be praised; Jared, He shall descend; Enoch, a mortal man; Methuselah, dismissing death; Lamech, the weary; Noah, rest. Stringing the translations together yields the following sentence: “Mankind is appointed (to) mortality, wailing for the dead. God be praised. He shall descend, a mortal man, dismissing death, (bringing to) the weary, rest.”

Modern scholars prefer Enoch as dedicated man, Methuselah as when he dies, judgment, Lamech (uncertainty) as conqueror, and Cainan (very uncertainly) as humiliation. Our sentence now reads “Mankind is appointed (to) mortality, (bringing) humiliation. God be praised. He shall descend, a dedicated man. When He dies (as) judgment, (He will) conquer, (bringing) rest.” JDM

From Days of Praise, April 15, 2017, by ICR

(God be praised)
another indicator that the earth and sun cannot be as old as they claim.4

Position of our sun in the galaxy: It also turns out that where our solar system is located relative to the rest of the galaxy is also important to life surviving on our planet. If we were closer to the galactic center, there would be too much deadly cosmic radiation for our sun’s solar wind, and our earth’s atmosphere to protect us. On the other hand, if we were farther out on the rim of the galaxy, half of the sky would be nearly void of stars, invalidating God’s stated purpose of being used for “signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years” (Gen 1:14)

When you factor in the very limited number of stars that can support life with the very few planets found so far around other stars that could also support life5,6, I suspect the number of star-planet combinations truly capable of supporting life is vanishingly small. Truly our Lord has lovingly designed our sun different from any star out there. So the next time you thank the Lord for a beautiful sunset, remember to also thank him for is loving provision of that nearly perfect sun.

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Igniting a New Reformation
by Ken Ham on January 3, 2017

Original article can be found at AiG website

Five hundred years ago this year, an ordinary priest named Martin Luther nailed his famous list of 95 Theses¹ on the door of a chapel in Wittenberg, Germany. The Reformation he launched in 1517 was really a movement to call people away from the fallible opinions of man and back to the authority of the Word of God.

That one man put it all on the line. He challenged widely accepted yet highly unbiblical “doctrines” which had crept into churches. The 500th anniversary of Luther’s stand reminded me of our mission statement and its vision section, which reads

Answers in Genesis is a catalyst to bring reformation by reclaiming the foundations of our faith which are found in the Bible, from the very first verse.

On this 500th anniversary of the Reformation, we seek to honor God and challenge today’s Christian leaders by making our 2017 theme:

Igniting A New Reformation

Yes, AiG does believe we need a new reformation today—a reformation where God’s people, and particularly Christian leaders, repent of compromising on God’s Word beginning in Genesis, and return to the absolute authority of the written Word of God—the Bible!

When we look at the state of the nation from a spiritual perspective, we are also really examining the state of much of the church. Church leaders recognize that America (in fact, the whole Western world) is, from a spiritual perspective, in serious trouble. The exodus of generations from the church continues, and, of the young people who still attend church but have become very secularized, 40% admit they’re not born again.²

Our thorough research on the state of the church, conducted for us by America’s Research Group, clearly shows that the majority of church leaders are ignoring an elephant in the room. It is patently obvious that the teaching of evolution and millions of years along with the lack of teaching on creation and strategic biblical apologetics have greatly contributed to this generational loss from the church.

I earnestly believe the Lord has raised up apologetics ministries like Answers in Genesis and outreaches like the Creation Museum and Ark Encounter to equip Christians:

- to defend the Christian faith
- to answer the skeptical questions that cause people to doubt God’s Word
- to challenge non-Christians to discover the truth of the Bible and its gospel message.

As we begin 2017, we at AiG, the museum, and the Ark Encounter are committed to work with fervor (Ephesians 5:16 challenges us to “redeeming the time, because the days are evil”) to do the following:

1. **Ignite a passion** in young people to know the Bible and stand boldly, uncompromisingly, and unashamedly on the Word of God from the very first verse.

2. **Ignite a fervor** in Christians to “contend earnestly for the faith” (Jude 3) by showing the truth, power, and authority of the Word against the false teachings of our day.

3. **Ignite a zeal** in Christian leaders to recognize the vital need to teach creation apologetics to children and teens (and adults too, of course) and oppose any compromise within the church with evolutionary/millions-of-years beliefs.

4. **Ignite a burden** in non-Christians to challenge secular icons and seek answers to the questions that have caused them to reject God’s Word, so they will discover the truths of the Bible and be saved for eternity by receiving Christ as Savior.

5. **Ignite an intense desire** in parents to educate their children in accord with biblical principles and to raise up godly offspring who will know what they believe concerning God’s Word and why they believe what they do—and thus are equipped to defend the Christian faith against the secular attacks of our day.

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**Kids Korner**

**School??**

Hey, kids, TJ here. So, how’s school going so far? Are you loving it, hating it, having fun with classmates, acing the tests, goofing off in free time?? School can certainly be all those, but what’s really important...when it comes to school? Seriously. No, I’ve not been taken captive by some aliens from Planet Earth 2.0. All the aliens on my planet are certainly strangers to me! So, back to school. What's important is...everything! The friendships we make, hopefully are good and not going to drag you down the toilet, the homework we do that counts for credit shows our smarts, being kind to the teacher, classmates, and oh, yeah, The Principal...that's important, and can change the course of History! Speaking of history, more than 500 years ago, we didn't have the printing press. What?! Seriously! So, without a printing press, no books were available except those that were hand copied. So, no school books! Good news? Not really. If you never had the opportunity to read, you would be put to slave labor...i.e. hard work. Ugh! Sounds painful, and it was. Today's kids face the same thing. If they cannot read (and I know a lot of kids who can't read), they'll struggle with everything! They don't know many words, so they might use words that don't make sense or may be prone to cuss, out of frustration. So, be thankful, not only at Thanksgiving, but for school, for books, for friendships, sports, music, and all the extra-curricular fun stuff that we can only do while in school. Enjoy and make the most of it! You'll be glad you did. Until next time kiddies, TJ out.

As I’ve said over the years, we need Christians all across this nation to symbolically nail Genesis chapters 1–11 on the doors of churches, Bible colleges, and Christian colleges and seminaries. Why? Because in this era, one of the biggest reasons for the generational loss from the church is due to Christian leaders who have compromised Genesis and have not countered the intense public school indoctrination that our children have received in secular beliefs like evolution and millions of years.

So, as we begin 2017, our challenge is to ask each of you to partner with us in **Igniting A New Reformation**. I’ve heard so many Christians say that they want to see revival in our nation. But I don’t believe God will bring revival until there is a reformation in our churches and Christian institutions. We need to see a turning away from man’s word, and a humble turning to God’s Word.

I’m reminded of what the prophet Jeremiah said as he addressed the people of his day:

> “But you have played the harlot with many lovers; yet return to Me,” says the Lord. (Jeremiah 3:1)

Also, I recall the words of the prophet Zechariah:

> Therefore say to them, “Thus says the Lord of hosts: ‘Return to Me,’ says the Lord of hosts, ‘and I will return to you,’ says the Lord of hosts.” (Zechariah 1:3)

Our verse for the Igniting A New Reformation theme comes from the prophet Hosea:

> Come, and let us return to the Lord. (Hosea 6:1)

Please join us, and encourage your pastor and church body to stand boldly like Martin Luther did to ignite this new reformation!

Footnotes
1. The theses had two major themes—that the Bible is in authority over the opinions of man and that salvation does not come through works.
2. See my coauthored books *Already Gone* and *Ready to Return*

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ARKY’s Calendar of Events
(as of 10/1/16)
See more details and complete list at http://www.arky.org/current/index.htm

*Oct 9, 7:00 pm to 8:35 pm. DVDs: Creation or Evolution? & Fossils and Cavemen with Dave Nutting at ARKY’s House. 1. A Battle of Beliefs - Understand the battle between Secular humanism and Christianity. 2. Great Artwork; What's the Evidence? Find answers to: "Creation is religion and evolution is science."

You are in a battle for your mind. The origins issue fundamental to every area of life. Sadly, godless philosophies teach our children that we are just as much animals as any worm, toad, or pig. We’re also told evolutionist "science" while creation is religious myth".

*Nov 13, 7:00 pm to 8:35 pm. Judgement and Grace: The Message of the Ark Encounter. with Mark Jurkovich at ARKY's House. This talk will take you through the Ark Encounter, showing each major exhibit and the message behind those exhibits. See how the Ark Encounter effectively answers just about every challenge that critics throw at the Biblical account of global catastrophe and salvation through one faithful man. The Encounter culminates with the message of ultimate salvation through the God-man.

*Dec 11, 7:00 pm to 8:35 pm. DVD: Christmas Child with A Max Lucado Story at ARKY's House. A Story of Coming Home/A Max Lucado Story/Exclusive Director's Cut. Jack finds himself disconnecting from the holidays, his job, and ultimately his wife. His latest assignment as a journalist takes him to Dallas, but a mysterious photograph draws him to the town of Clearwater, Texas. It is here he discovers the town’s life sized, intricately carved nativity. As Jack delves into the mysteries surrounding the nativity and its creator, he uncovers secrets from his past, reunites with the family he never knew, and returns to the love that never left him. Features: Behind the scenes of Christmas Child; Steven Curtis Chapman presents Shaohannah's Hope; Film trailer; "When Love Takes You In" music video.

And check out:
Answers in Genesis Outreach Conferences are listed at:
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(CRSEF) in the Cincinnati, Ohio area at http://www.worldbydesign.org/events/events.asp. CRSEF presentations are given at a public library or a local church on the Third Thursday of each month. Locations may vary, but will be listed with the events. All their presentations are planned to run from 7:00-7:45 PM followed by a 15 minute, or longer, Q&A time.

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Please be in prayer for the ministry of the Ark Foundation.
- For Ron and Brenda’s health and pending retirement
- For direction for Ark Foundation’s future
- For the raising up of someone to the leadership role of the Ark Foundation
- For the Lord’s hand on the development of the new web site.
- That Ark Foundation be used in strengthening believers and drawing unbelievers to the Lord
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