**ARKY’s News**

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**THE NIGHT DEATH PASSED OVER**

By Mark Jurkovich

It had been a quiet Memorial Day for us, no big gatherings, just doing some maintenance inside the house. We even took our evening strolls, my wife on her bike, and me for a walk. Then we watched a pre-recorded show on TV. Somewhere around 11 or a little later, I cannot remember if it was the look of the weather outside or something else, but I figured we should turn on a network channel to see if they were saying anything about the storm. We turned it on to hear that a tornado was in north Dayton, and that one or another one was heading right toward our neighborhood. Sounded like this tornado warning was for real. Less than a minute later, the power went out.

With no basement to go to, we hunkered down in a bathroom. Grabbed our bicycle helmets for some protection (but forgot about the recommendation to cover yourselves with blankets). Only a few minutes later it was upon us. I do not remember the specific sound; my wife says it was a loud humming with other sounds of things hitting the house. It sounded like it was literally overhead. My wife felt the walls vibrating. I said a short prayer. “Lord we are in your hands, protect our family, protect our neighbors.”

After the worst passed, it was followed by what sounded like hail hitting our roof. I think it was some of the debris falling back to earth after the tornado passed.

All these years of living in a house with no basement, I could never decide for sure where is the best place to be during a tornado. Our house has two full baths, neither of which have windows, but are on an outside wall. We were in one of these, but in retrospect, the safer place was probably our little half bath with no outside walls. We hope to never have to use that knowledge again, but now we know. I had considered the inner hallway to be a safe place, but now I know that would not be a good place. Two of our neighbors had a window blow out, and glass was blown all through their houses. The wind came whipping in their window and out through the attic access in their hallways.

When it was finally safe to step outside, we could see most of the tall trees in our neighborhood had been broken and even twisted off half way up. The tornado had literally passed just 30 or so feet above us.

“The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you” Exodus 12:13

In some respects, I feel this is exactly what we went through. I

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We were blessed at the 24th annual ARK banquet to hear a talk from Answers in Genesis staff astronomer, Dr. Danny Faulkner. Danny presented a Biblical perspective of astronomy and how the data clearly fits a Biblical timeline.

There are two explanations of how we got here. 1) the evolutionary one, that it all came about by purely natural and physical processes; or 2) creation – i.e. by a supernatural process. Danny explained that evolution needs billions of years because evolution must be a slow process. Since we do not see it occurring, it must be a slow process. Creation on the other hand was fast; no need for great amounts of time. In fact, the Bible declares that the universe was created in 6 days.

The question of thousands or billions has little to do with physical evidence. To highlight this point, Danny provided an example from the 19th century. At that time evolutionists declared that the earth was at least 100 million years old; not by any evidence, but strictly because of their beliefs at that time. (Now of course their beliefs force them to declare a much longer time line). In fact, the best science at the time, evidence provided by Lord Kelvin, said that the universe could be no more than 30 million years. So, their beliefs in the age of the earth were in spite of the evidence, not because of it.

Creation on the other hand does not require great time, for it was miraculous (outside the laws of physics).

Regarding the question of thousands or billions, there are two ways to approach the question. 1) start with the Bible, 2) start with ‘science’. Danny then pointed out that there are two types of science, operational (operating on the here and now) and historical or origins (investigating past processes). The Bible is not a science book, but it is a history book. So, if we are dealing with historical science, we should start with it.

Danny then presented an example of a Creation scientist who started with the Bible and came up with accurate predictions. That scientist was Dr. Russ Humphreys who correctly predicted the magnetic fields of Uranus and Neptune based on a Biblical timeline and a universe that started with water. His predictions were made before the Voyager spaceflights, which subsequently validated Humphreys’ predictions.

Dr. Faulkner then went on to present a number of facts about our solar system which fit perfectly within a Biblical framework and timeline, but require mental gymnastics to fit in a billions of years timeframe.

Tidal actions between earth and moon is slowing the earth’s rotation and causing the moon to spiral away. Could not have been going on for billions of years otherwise the moon would be too close, even touching.

Jupiter’s moon Io is volcanically active due to internal heat. Should have cooled down a long time ago if even millions of years old.

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Why Trust the Bible and its Account of the Flood?
By Kevin Hadsall

Humanist RC challenged me with three basic claims: (1) The Bible is just like any other professed “sacred text”; (2) The biblical account of the Flood cannot be trusted; and (3) God has not proven His own existence. I shared the dialogue regarding RC’s first claim in my previous blog post entitled “Why Trust the Bible Over Other Sacred Texts?” My discussion with RC concluded the very lengthy Evolution as “Science” Debate that involved more than two dozen humanists, and 65 Facebook comments collectively between their posts and my posts. RC asserted his three claims in the 63rd comment, which I split into “63a” and “63b” between my previous blog post and this one. I followed with comment numbers 64 and 65. In Part 10 of 10 of the debate transcript below, I share comment numbers 63b and 65 which encompass the dialogue regarding RC’s latter two claims.

Note: After sharing this tenth and final part of the debate transcript, I have now shared the entire debate transcript between this blog post and the previous nine posts. Also, all names are abbreviated for privacy and brevity. [editorial note: only RC’s comments that Kevin directly addresses are quoted here for additional brevity]

RC “Let us address the first point: that the fossil timeline in rock strata that we see are the result of a global flood, as described in Genesis. The initial and rather obvious challenge to that assertion would be that the flood was very [organized] in its deposition of its victims!”

Kevin How so? While there may be a general order to the fossil record that can be explained by successive burial of ecological zones, there is also a lot of mixing. 95% of the fossil record is of marine creatures, and they are found throughout most of the strata. In fact, land-dwelling dinosaurs are commonly found to be buried and fossilized right next to ocean-dwelling marine creatures such as clams and ammonites (see http://www.icr.org/article/dinosaur-fossils-found-marine-rocksagain/ and https://www.icr.org/article/potassium-dating-crystal-rocks-problem-excess-argon/). Even at face value, not all atomic methods give apparent “ages” of millions of years. For example, helium diffusion rates in zircon crystals give apparent ages of only ~6,000 years (https://answersingenesis.org/age-of-the-earth/6-helium-in-radioactive-rocks/). There is just scratching the surface of research conducted by creation geologists.

RC “Furthermore, we can challenge the idea of a global flood quite easily; for starters, we know that there’s not enough water on earth to completely cover it’s surface - now, we could handwave that by saying that God could make as much water as he saw fit…”

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Philippines Trip Report for May 2019
By James Johnson

[editorial comment: Our Board member James just returned from a mission’s trip to the Philippines. I asked if he could share with us about his ministry there. – Mark J]

I was invited to participate in a Christian Youth Camp (VBS) in the Philippines from 23-25 May 2019. I left Cincinnati on Monday, 20 May and made a short flight to Chicago where I caught a 16 hour flight to Hong Kong, arriving on Tuesday the 21st of May. From Hong Kong, China I flew to Manila, Philippines where I arrived after midnight, which was early on the morning of the 22nd. I stayed in the airport till my afternoon flight from Manila to Pagadian City in Mindanao, the southern island in the Philippines. Brother Diego, the youth camp director, was there with his family in his van and with brother Ernesto Cañon from the church in Margosatubig, Mindanao. Also present were Jezel and Gwynne Cañon from Cebu City on the island of Cebu. We had dinner at a nice Filipino restaurant and afterwards left for the hour drive to Margosatubig where I got a cheap Filipino hotel and spent the night with a cold sponge bath, but I had air conditioning.

On the morning of the 23rd brother Diego came and picked me up at the hotel and we went to the venue on the edge of town. It had a picnic area, six rooms, showers, restrooms, and swimming pools. Most of the kids had to sleep in tents or on the ground outside, and it rained on them. We had two days of lectures (23-24 May) at which I spoke twice. We had over 200 kids in attendance from several congregations. Some came to the meeting riding in the back of a two-ton stake-bed truck.

On the morning of the 25th, we had 9 kids that

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Jupiter, Saturn and Neptune all give off more energy than they receive from the sun. Again, could not be if billions of years old.
Saturn’s rings are falling apart by gravitational and magnetic forces. Can at most be a few millions of years old.
Comets get smaller with every pass by the sun. So, each one can only survive a maximum of 100 times around the sun. Take into account others that crash into planets or get slung into outer space because of passing by a planet, and you find again they cannot be billions of years old. There is not one shred of evidence for an Oort cloud providing a comet nursery. (note: recent images of Pluto’s moon Charon show no evidence of the many comet sized bodies that were predicted in the Kuiper belt.

Faint sun paradox – this means that if the sun/earth system really were 4+ billions of years old, nuclear physics dictates that the sun would have been 40% less bright than it is today. That means the earth would have been too cold for life to have begun; unless there was magically the right amount of greenhouse gasses in the atmosphere, which perfectly, slowly, dissipated over time to balance the changing solar output.

In summary, Danny showed that there is plenty of astronomical evidence to show that our solar system must be young, right in line with the Biblical timeline. On a personal note, Danny’s talk was a perfect confirmation of my own talk that I gave to a Sunday School class the day before. A good 80% or more of what he shared is just what I shared! ☺ Sooo… if you want to hear more talks like Danny’s, invite Kevin Hadsall or me to your church or gathering. Check out the list of available topics at http://www.arky.org/TalksByArkSpeakers.htm

Ref. for Charon: “And because of what scientists know about impact crater formation, the fact that no craters were found smaller in 13 kilometers in diameter means there are fewer Kuiper Belt objects smaller than 2 kilometers than astronomers had predicted.” https://www.cnn.com/2019/02/28/world/pluto-charon-kuiper-belt-study-scn/index.html
Wondrous Things
By Henry M. Morris, PH.D.

“Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold won-
drous things out of thy law.” (Psalm 119:18)

Wondrous indeed is the marvelous universe
God has created. “Hearken unto this,” we are
challenged, “stand still, and consider the won-
drous works of God” (Job 37:14). And as we
“consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers,
the moon and the stars, which thou hast or-
dained” (Psalm 8:3), we can only “stand still” in
awe at God’s infinite power.

We are even more amazed as we study the in-
tricate complexity of living creatures—
especially human beings. “I will praise thee; for
I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous
are thy works” (Psalm 139:14). God’s omnisci-
ence is more wondrous than even His omnipo-
tence.

Then there is His miraculous ordering of history
for the accomplishment of His purposes. “We
will not hide them from their children, shewing
to the generation to come the praises of the
LORD, and his strength, and his wonderful
works that He hath done” (Psalm 78:4).

But even greater than the wondrous world He
created or His wondrous works in history are
the wonders of God’s written Word, for “thou
hast magnified thy word above all thy name”
(Psalm 138:2).

Note the testimony of the familiar 19th Psalm:
“The heavens declare the glory of God; and the
firmament sheweth his handywork.” But then:
“The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the
soul” (Psalm 19:1, 7). As far as God’s works in
history are concerned, God’s Word was com-
pleted before history began, and will endure after
the present world is gone. “For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven” (Psalm
119:89). “Heaven and earth shall pass away,
but my words shall not pass away” (Matthew
24:35).

Reprinted from “Days of Praise”, Institute for Cre-
ation Research, June 8, 2019.
Kevin No “handwaving” is necessary here. Within the context of the global flood, the Bible poetically mentions in Psalm 104:8 that the mountains rose and the valleys sank after the recession of the flood waters. This is significant, because there is enough water to cover the earth if the pre-flood mountains were as high as today’s mountains, and if something caused the pre-flood ocean basin to swell and push the water onto the land. That is the essence of the geological flood model of catastrophic plate tectonics. Given the right conditions, runaway instability could have caused the pre-Flood sea floor to catastrophically subduct underneath the continent, causing a large-scale convectonal flow in the mantle. This convectonal flow would rapidly heat the ocean floor causing it to expand in volume and raise the ocean floor enough to flood the continent (https://answersingenesis.org/geology/plate-tectonics/can-catastrophic-plate-tectonics-explain-flood-geology/). Moreover, there is evidence consistent with additional water deep within the Earth’s mantle that may have been a factor (https://answersingenesis.org/geology/rocks-and-minerals/diamond-ringwoodite-reveals-water-deep-earths-mantle/).

[Responding to the point that begins with “…but we can then challenge…” and ends with “…and to me it makes much more sense”]

Correction: when adding up the complete Flood timeline, it lasted about one year, not 40 days, but I know that is mostly beside the point that you are trying to make. Regarding your argument here, by what ultimate standard do you judge God’s method to be “needlessly complex and wholly unnecessary”?

RC “(One may also ask, what happened to everyone else’s boats? Why didn’t other people sail away when the flood waters started rising?)”

Kevin Were their boats necessarily big and stable enough to survive the violent floodwaters that “prevailed” upon the earth (Genesis 7:18)? Noah built an Ark that was 300 cubits (about 500 feet) long per Genesis 6:15. That’s a massive vessel. There is much more to say about the seaworthiness of the Ark (https://answersingenesis.org/noahs-ark/thinking-outside-the-box/).

RC “Anyway, I will return to the crucial point of the whole counter argument: beyond the matter of faith and the claims of the Bible, what evidence do we have to support the notion that their claims are true? We have enormous amounts of evidence that support the claim that the earth is billions of years old, and the universe older still.”

Kevin What observable, testable, and repeatable evidence prove the supposed ages of billions of years? Who was around billions of years ago to verify these conclusions? As I mentioned in response to the argument on radiometric dating, even these supposed “clocks” rely on unverifiable assumptions.

RC “The defense may call God as a witness, and believe him to be reliable, but the prosecution not only questions his reliability, but his very existence. Even those who believe he is real cannot agree who he is, or what his wants and values are. One must present the witness for their statement to be admissible.”

Kevin The “prosecution” relies upon the preconditions of intelligibility to make their argument, and consequently “borrows” biblical principles, even if they don’t believe the Bible or have no knowledge of the Bible. The prosecution is unable to account for the preconditions of intelligibility in their materialistic, evolutionary worldview. Consequently, the prosecution falls into an irrational trap that is similar to arguing against the existence of air while having to breath air in order to make the audible argument against the existence of air.

The Witness presented Himself to mankind in various ways, especially in the form of the person and work of Jesus Christ who is God in the flesh. His miracles and resurrection from the dead are corroborated by biblical (e.g. 1 Corinthians 15:6) and extrabiblical evidence, and I’m sure we can have a whole separate days long discussion about that. Moreover, while most humanists/atheists scoff at personal testimony, I will still briefly mention this: I know the biblical God through the Holy Spirit ever since he saved me and I became “born again” over 7 years ago. I was supernaturally changed.

Find all of Kevin’s blogs at: https://www.unmaskinghumanism.org/
Kids Korner

What Day Were The Planets Created?
by Kids Answers of Answers in Genesis

Question: What day were the planets created?

Kyle
Age 6

Answer:
God set them in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth. (Genesis 1:17)

God called the sun, the greater light—and it dominates the day. God called the moon, the lesser light—and it dominates the night. Genesis 1:16 says, “He [God] made the stars also.” The word that we translate “stars” also includes planets, comets, asteroids, and so on.

Many people incorrectly guess that the solar system and the planets formed from a spinning and collapsing nebula (a cloud of gas and dust) with the sun at the center and the planets, asteroids, and so on at various distances. This has never been observed or repeated; it is just a story to try to explain the universe without God.

God, who knows all things and who was there at the beginning, revealed in His Word that He was responsible for creating the sun, moon, and stars (including the planets). Be careful about the stories that man tells, especially when they disagree with God’s Word. “It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man” (Psalm 118:8).

https://answersingenesis.org/kids/creation/when-were-planets-made/

And be sure to check out more great articles at: https://answersingenesis.org/kids/

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brother Diego had studied with that agreed to be baptized. Calvin Schlaback and brother Ming from mainland China and Diego and myself were the speakers at the camp.

I attended church in Margosatubig on the 26th of May where brother Bot Hayuhay from Manila and brother Calvin Schlaback from Indiana, USA spoke. That afternoon we went to Hoyohoy near Ozamiz in Mindanao, Philippines. I spoke at church meeting that evening. The next day Calvin and I spoke to a native group in the mountains. We returned to Margos that afternoon. Calvin went back to brother Earning’s house in Margos and I got a mosquito infested room in Margos, that resulted in me being splotched and bloody the next morning 😞.

Calvin went home Tuesday, 28 May 19. We took him to the airport and bid him farewell till next year. The following Sunday (2 Jun 19) I taught the Bible class at Margosatubig. I spent a week with brother Earning at his house waiting on an opportunity that never materialized, so I flew back from Pagadian airport to Manila on 8 Jun, where I got a Grab taxi to Cainta, a suburb of Manila, where I conducted some business and stayed a couple of days. I preached at Cainta church on the 9th of June.

The 10th of June I had business in Cainta.

The 11th I boarded a plane in Manila and flew back through Narita (Tokyo) to Detroit, MI where I thankfully got through customs in time to catch my flight to Cincinnati. I got a Uber and then after nearly a month I was home. 😊

God bless,

James
ARKY’s Calendar of Events (as of 7/1/19)
See more details and complete list at http://www.arky.org/current/index.htm

*July 8, 7:00 pm to 8:35 pm. DVD: Dinosaurs on Display with Brian Thomas at ARKY’s House. What happened to the dinosaurs? Were they designed? What can we learn from their fossils? This is a remarkable tour sharing fascinating facts about how fossils confirm biblical creation and the Genesis Flood. Experience an up-close view of fossilized dinosaurs, mosasaurs, pterosaurs, and other captivating creatures. Learn about: God’s expert design in dinosaurs; How creatures adapt only within their kinds; New research explained; Inaccurate evolutionary teachings; The watery destruction of the Flood; Discover what secular museums don’t tell you about fossils and hear how science confirms the truth of Genesis.

July 17 to July 20. Origins 2019 with Speakers at Cedarville Univ., Cedarville, OH. Join Cedarville University, the Creation Biology Society, and the Creation Geology Society for two events on Cedarville campus that will help you shape a Biblical view of what it means to be human. Annual Conferences of the Creation Biology Society and the Creation Geology Society. Details TBA.

*Aug 12, 7:00 pm to 8:35 pm. DVD: Why Biblical Creation is Good Science with Prof. Stuart Burgess at ARKY’s House. Evolution is an atheistic worldview that assumes there is no Creator. However, there is no scientific justification for ruling out a Creator. This talk shows that many great scientists have recognized evolution to be an atheistic worldview rather than a scientific theory.

Sept 8, 5:00 pm to ?. Gospelfest 2019 with Jordan Feliz and other musicians at Fraze Pavilion, 695 Lincoln Park Boulevard, Kettering, Ohio 45429, Dayton, OH. FREE. Kettering Health Network is excited to present the 6th annual GospelFest on September 8 at the Fraze Pavilion. Starting at 5:00 PM, with local/regional groups performing for approximately 20 minutes each on the Fraze Pavilion stage, then the day caps off with a headline performance by Jordan Feliz at 7:30 PM.

*Sept 9, 7:00 pm to 8:35 pm. DVD: The Cross and the Tower at ARKY’s House. September 11, 2001, is a date that will never be forgotten. On this day, a terrorist attack in New York City claimed nearly 3,000 lives and left a scene of incomprehensible destruction and hearts overwhelmed with despair. Then, in the midst of the devastation, an amazing symbol of hope was found buried beneath the rubble of Ground Zero. The Cross and the Towers is an emotion-stirring documentary that follows seven individuals whose lives were changed forever by 9/11 and asks the question, "In the middle of your worst nightmare, where do you find hope?"

Oct 5, 10:00 AM to 5:00 pm. Chocolate Festival with TBA, at Montgomery Co Fairgrounds Event Cen, 645 Infirmary Rd, Dayton, Dayton, OH. One Giant Leap For Chocolate!

Oct 8, 7:00 pm to Oct 10, 8:35 pm. Pastor & Christian Leaders Conference with Ken Ham and others at Ark Encounter, Williamstown, KY. Ph: (937) 256-ARKY. Mark your calendar, and start making plans to send one or more of your pastors to this valuable conference. Next year’s theme is "One Race One Blood: Biblical and Scientific Answers".

*Oct 14, 7:00 pm to 8:35 pm. DVD: Bioethics with Johathan Sarfati, PhD at ARKY’s House. With clarity, Sarfati shows how controversial ethical issues can be resolved if God’s word, especially Genesis, is understood properly. He also reveals the ethical horrors resulting from an evolutionary worldview.

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

The ARK monthly meeting is every 2nd Monday of the month. The ARK house is open 30 minutes before and after the meeting.

Membership NOT required to attend meetings! - Get the latest "CURRENT EVENTS" on the web at http://www.arky.org.
## Financial Statement 2019

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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;
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11. **HELPING US IN PROMOTING THE TRUTH OF SCRIPTURE** FROM FIRST VERSE TO THE LAST; and that true science is consistent with God’s Word.
Announcement: Pre-flood atmosphere

[Editorial note: Read about some calculations made by our own Sheridan King about the pre-flood world. His complete writeup makes some thought-provoking predictions and calculations about the pre-flood atmosphere.]

Before the world-wide flood of Noah’s time, the earth’s atmosphere had a different structure than it has today. Today’s structure, starting near ground level, has a temperature lapse rate of about 6.5°C per kilometer of altitude. Most of the atmosphere is practically devoid of water in either liquid or vapor form whereas the Bible says the pre-flood atmosphere contained large quantities of water in some form.

The pre-flood atmosphere probably did not have water as cloud droplets: the Bible says it did not rain, but it contained much more water vapor and even microscopic ice particles. Ice particles comprised about 3.0 percent of its water content. In all the condensable water content of the atmosphere was equivalent to about 6 ½ feet or about 2.0 meters of rainfall. (Today’s atmosphere has only a few inches).

This mass of water increased the sea-level air pressure about 20% and the total height or thickness of the troposphere (the region in which we live) by about 13.3 kilometers. It also increased the heat capacity of the atmosphere a great deal.

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