Hope outside of Christianity?
By Mark Jurkovich

Is there any real hope outside of the Bible and Christianity in any other philosophy or religion?

Atheism claims you are just a happenstance product of billions of years of chance events, and you return to nothing when you die.

Hinduism’s only hope is to reincarnate into a higher form in your next life. Eventually if you keep progressing in each life, you might obtain to their idea of paradise. BUT, if you screw up, you go backwards in your next life. Missionaries have testified to the confessed lack of hope in Hindu people they witness to.

Islam offers no assurance of heaven except in jihad. You can only hope your good deeds in life outweigh your bad deeds. Even Mohamad could not say he was assured of going to heaven.

You can find a similar lack of hope in other religions.

But this last verse goes on... “but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” Ah! There is the hope!

Only the Bible says that God loves us so much that He could not leave us hopeless. That is why He came down to be one of us for a while. And He went further by dying for us, paying the price that we could not pay ourselves for our rebelliousness. But then He took it even farther by coming back to life, showing that his death conquered death for us. By receiving His sacrifice for us, we have hope of life with Him now, and forever. This is real hope!

Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ
Titus 2:13

Even the Bible says there is no hope outside of Christ; “apart from me you can do nothing” (Jn 15:5), “all we like sheep have gone astray” (Is 53:6), and “for the wages of sin is death” (Rom 6:23).
The Wonder of it All: Two of God’s Amazing Creatures
By Mark Jurkovich

I bet if you study any plant or animal long enough you will discover amazing features in its design that declare the glory of its creator; features that just could not have developed on its own. The heavens declare the glory of God, but more so does every living creature and plant. Many good creation books and DVD series have documented some of these wonders of creation, and you could easily fill an encyclopedia of all these wonders. But for this article, let’s just look at two of these wonders of God’s creation in the flying and hopping categories.

Most people know of the record holder in migration distance which is the arctic tern. But a more impressive long-distance migrator is the bar-tailed godwit. The arctic tern travels up to an impressive 11,000 miles each way. While the godwit’s 7,000 miles is less, it is often 100% over water without rest! Every year this bird flies from its breeding grounds in Alaska to its ‘winter’ home in New Zealand. While the return trip north does allow for stops along the Asian coast, the southward trip is almost exclusively over open water!

In regard to its impressive navigation ability one article stated “Researchers believe that a couple of bird’s [sic] species make use of the magnetic field of the earth in order to navigate, just like they had a compass built within their brain. There is also a likelihood that the godwit also navigates with the help of the sun during the day and with the help of the stars during the night. It is also contemplated that the godwit is capable of sensing any upcoming storm systems which let it avail the benefit arising due to the tailwinds. The details how these incredible birds make their journey baffles the experts, and they just watch in awe the journey of these birds.”

Just the navigation ability itself is astounding to scientists. But how can it possibly contain enough reserves in its little body to fly so far without refueling? Bruce Malone, our ARK banquet speaker from 2020 shares several unique and amazing traits of this bird that enable such a long flight.

Before the godwit starts off on its long journey, they gorge themselves so much that they increase in weight by as much as 55%. That would be like a 100 pound person ballooning up to 155 pounds! A normal bird increasing that much in weight would no longer be aerodynamic enough to fly very well. But the type of fat they produce is unique with very low water content. So, it does not take up as much space as the fat on other animals. But even this is not quite enough. So just before they start off on their journey, another highly specialized event takes place. Their internal organs such as the liver, intestines and kidneys all shrivel up! When it takes off, it is just as streamlined for flight as before it started the gorging!

There is no way even one of these unique abilities could have evolved by chance, let alone all these marvelous abilities together. Surely this little creature was wonderfully designed by a loving creator.

For the second creature in this article, its special feature was documented in the September 2013 journal “Science” where scientists reported the discovery of perfectly formed gears in the tiny leafhopper nymph. This tiny juvenile (Continued on page 3)
An insect can jump so quickly that it accelerates up to 400 times the acceleration due to gravity. Fighter pilots struggle with acceleration at even 10 times gravity. Astoundingly, the adult leafhopper loses this gear in the final molt into adulthood; no longer needed once big enough for other methods to take over.

Bruce Malone describes it thusly: “What makes the leafhopper’s feat even more amazing is that the nerve impulses cannot travel fast enough to allow both legs to push off in a coordinated fashion — meaning that with every hop, the insect should spin out of control. So how did the Creator solve this problem? He added a set of interlocking gears to the base of the leafhopper’s legs so that they are forced to move in exact coordination. This design is currently being studied as a prototype for new kinds of high-speed, directional gears. The marvels of the microscopic world and the wonders of God’s creativity never cease. The belief that such a gear could ‘make itself’ via random changes over time is equivalent to believing that a gear could be produced in a machine shop via random hammering of a piece of metal. When we see microscopic gears solving a leafhopper’s leap, we stand in awe of our Creator!”

Incredibly, the author of the 2013 article still brazenly credited evolution with coming up with these miniature gears. It is sad how blind some can be in the face of such a clear message of God’s creative genius. Pray the eyes of scientists will be opened to these testi monies of their creator.

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Evolutionist Defense: Too Slow to Observe
By Kevin Hadsall

When evolutionists try to provide observable examples of biological evolution, one of the most common go-to examples is bacterial resistance to antibiotics. In Part 3 of the Evolution as “Science” debate, humanist JW references that example, and I refute his claim. One humanist, BD, throws out a few ad hominem attacks. This portion of the debate would have represented more of the same typical arguments from humanists, except humanist PJ makes the claim that the “problem” with my “…definition of observable…” is the issue of time. Since I called for observable examples of organisms adding brand new genetic information and functionality, such as an originally blind organism developing eyesight, PJ mentions that human lifespans are not long enough to observe that type of change. Well, if it’s not observable, then wouldn’t that mean that evolution is accepted by faith? That is one of the primary reasons why I asked my original question. See below for Part 3 of 10 of the Evolution as “Science” Debate transcript to see how I responded to PJ and a few other humanists.

Note: transcript portions are in topical order for clarity, but the posts are numbered to maintain
chronological integrity. By the time I share Part 10 of this blog post series, I will have shared the entire debate transcript. Also, all names are abbreviated for privacy and brevity.

PJ: The problem with your definition of observable is time. The time that lapses to show the huge changes you mention is greater than human lifespans usually, but this does not mean they are not observable in relative terms. Your problem is you need to realise[sp] the lifespan of humans compared to the lifespan of a species is hugely different.

JW: Is there any evidence that would convince you? Probably not I suspect. Reading the examples that you put forward suggest you have already made up your mind probably on the back of conspiracy theories.

I think the development of the eye is a nice example! There are none so blind as those who will not see. Loved your reference site. Do you wear a tin foil hat when reading this? 😊

Kevin: RM, Obviously, that does not provide an adequate response to my question. I can use the same type of logic and say that hummingbirds are a great example of creation. (note: RM ‘sand BD’s comments not included here)

Kevin: BD, your responses “exemplify the failure” of debating without civility. I desire civil discussion and debate, not personal attacks. If you want to try again with civil discussion and debate, I would be happy to continue the conversation with you.

Kevin: PJ, what I really like about your response is that you seem to understand the type of evidence that I am asking for. You seem to understand that my original question calls for direct observation by a human. With that being said, your comment is somewhat of an admission that evolutionary claims are accepted by faith. As for the “relative terms” that we can observe, can you provide any specific observational examples of organisms that add brand new genetic information and functionality?

Kevin: JW, bacterial resistance to drugs/antibiotics is an example of genetic loss of information, not gain. A basic example is this: a normal strand of bacteria produces an enzyme that reacts with the protein of the antibiotic; yet, the mutant bacteria no longer produces that particular enzyme, so it no longer reacts with the antibiotic. While this is a beneficial mutation for a specific environment, it’s still a loss of genetic information, not a gain. (Learn more at https://answersingenesis.org/natural-selection/antibiotic-resistance/).

As for your point about the eye, have you ever directly observed an originally-blind organism evolve eyesight?

Also, if you are so confident in your own evolutionary worldview, then why do you have to resort to personal attacks?

There was one other comment from JW later on in the debate, which I will share in Part 5 of this blog post series. Otherwise, I did not see any further responses from RM, BD, or PJ.

PJ's comment allowed me to drive home the point that biological evolution is not observable, and therefore, it does not fall within the realm of observational science. He claims that evolution is observable in "relative terms," but there is no such observable example of an organism increasing genetic information and functionality. God's Word provides the most trustworthy starting point for understanding biology, and I make this point later on in the debate.

In Part 4 of the Evolution as “Science” debate, another humanist also confessed that “we’ve not been around long enough to witness such a change” regarding the claims of biological evolution. He brings up a few other topics as
The Infinite Wisdom and Knowledge of God
By Henry M. Morris, Ph.D.

“In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.” (Colossians 2:3)

One of the most amazing of the divine attributes is God’s omniscience. He not only understands all the complexities of relativistic science and higher mathematics, He ordained them in the first place! The same applies to every other discipline of study and activity.

And He knows all about each of us! “O LORD, thou hast searched me, and known me. Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off” (Psalm 139:1-2).

As far as human knowledge is concerned, it is vital to know that “the fear of the LORD” is the very foundation of “knowledge” and of “wisdom” (Proverbs 1:7; 9:10). All the greatest scientists of the past acknowledged that they were seeking merely to “think God’s thoughts after Him.”

How foolish it is to ignore or to oppose God! There are only four places in the Bible that speak of God laughing (Psalm 2:4; 37:13; 59:8; Proverbs 1:26), and each of them describes His response to such folly.

Instead, we should marvel at all the wonders of His creation and providence. “O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!” (Romans 11:33).

Our text verse above (Colossians 2:3) is actually referring explicitly to the Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten and eternal Son of God. It is He who has given us access to the Creator God and therefore access to the divine knowledge and understanding. Part of the still-effective dominion mandate (Genesis 1:26, 28) is to learn what we can about God’s creation, always remembering that Jesus insisted that—no matter what unbelievers say—“the scripture cannot be broken” (John 10:35). HMM

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News: Creation Conference coming to the Dayton area!

Creation conferences for laymen and creation scientists alike occur around the country, as well as overseas. One that I will be attending next June in Myrtle Beach is the Creation SuperConference. But another that historically met every several years in Pittsburgh is moving to Cedarville in 2023! That one is the International Conference on Creationism (ICC).

This one brings creation scientists from all over the world to present their latest findings and theories. Although on a more in-depth level, they also have evening sessions open to the public.

Some of you know that I have had a vision for a while for bringing a Creation conference back to the Dayton area. Since the ICC is more geared to the scientific crowd, but will be bringing in speakers from all over, I am hoping to tag a layman’s level conference on the front or back end of the ICC. That way we can take advantage of speakers who would normally be too far away to bring in.

My proposed theme for the layman’s conference, “Science and the Bible: presentations on the vast scientific evidence that supports the truth of scripture from the very first verse.”

Please pray that this vision of mine will come to fruition. Pray for a church to host it. Pray for finding speakers from those coming to the ICC. Pray for helpers in organizing it.

To read more of Kevin’s posts, go to: https://www.unmaskinghumanism.org/
Editorial note: Here is yet another great Creation Science resource. This ministry provides printable bulletin inserts and other resources. Check out their web site through the link at the end of this article. This article is a sample of one of their inserts.

“And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind,” (Genesis 1:21a)

The water pressure around a human diver increases as he goes into deeper water. As the pressure increases, his blood is able to hold more dissolved oxygen. Our blood also absorbs the nitrogen in the air around us. If a diver were to move toward the surface too quickly, the nitrogen would start to bubble out of his blood. These bubbles can block the flow of blood to muscles, organs, and even the brain, leading to death. This painful condition is called the bends.

Scientists have wondered why seals don’t get the bends. Weddell seals dive to far greater depths than human divers would consider, using even the best equipment. The fact that they are breaking every diving rule in the book means that almost every dive should lead to a fatal case of the bends.

To find the answer to this mystery, scientists outfitted four seals with scientific backpacks. These allowed scientists to record the seals’ heart rates, sample blood, and record the depths of their dives. The deeper the seals went, the more nitrogen accumulated in their blood. Just before the nitrogen reached a dangerous point, it leveled off. Scientists say that the tiny sacks in the lungs that absorb oxygen and nitrogen shut down. Then the seals’ heart, liver and blubber begin to absorb the nitrogen from the blood. The air exchange sacks in the lungs reactivate as the seal ascends to the surface.

Surely the amazing biology that allows the seal to make his living deep in the ocean could only have been designed by our Creator God.


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**Kids Korner**

**The Amazing Little Godwit**

Hey kids. Do you ever enjoy just watching birds fly? Any bird you see is a wonder of God’s creation. But some birds are especially amazing in the special abilities God put into them. One of those is a little shore bird known as the bar-tailed godwit. Funny, even its name admits to who made it.

So, what is so special about this bird? As you all know, most birds fly south for the winter, and some fly pretty far. But this little guy flies all the way from Alaska to New Zealand, 7,000 miles! That means they fly from way north of the equator to way south of the equator. And they not only fly real far, many of them do it all over water without rest! Sometimes they are flying for more than seven days without stopping! How can they fly so far without food and rest?

Here is where God’s special gift to their abilities really stand out. First, they gorge themselves (meaning they eat and eat and eat) as they get ready to fly south. They gain so much weight, it would be like you quickly going from 100 pounds to over 150! Most birds gaining that much weight normally get too fat to fly very well (think of your Thanksgiving turkey). But the godwit’s fat is special that holds very little water compared to the fat on most animals. So it does not take up as much room. But that is still not quite enough for the godwit to be slim enough for good flying. So, right before they start their long journey, many of their organs, like the liver and kidneys shrivel up! So now the bird has not only enough “fuel” (all that fat), but they are also skinny enough for good flying.

Isn’t our God wonderful to create such amazing creatures?  

By Mark Jurkovich

(Image credit: wingthreads.com)

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**“Noah: Man of Destiny” Book Review**

By Mark Jurkovich

At the ARK banquet this summer, I picked up a copy of the first book of “The Remnant Trilogy” titled *Noah Man of Destiny*. Our speaker, Tim Chaffey is a co-author of the trilogy along with K. Marie Adams. I am now most of the way through the first book, and have recently purchased the other two books. The book is a fictionalized account of the life of Noah while staying true to the Biblical account and includes what Creation Scientists have deduced of the pre-flood world.

The series starts in Noah’s 38th year, two years before coming of age. As people lived longer then, you were not an adult until 40 in the story. Meet Lamech his father and Methuselah his grandfather. Read how he learns the trade of ship building from the man who would become his father-in-law. Learn in the first book how there were still many who followed and worshiped the Creator, but with an ever growing population turning from Him. I like how the book deals with the issue of faith as Noah and his good friend Aterre, who did not come from a believing family, wrestles with the topic. The symbology in Noah and Emzara’s wedding was very powerful. I’d love to see some of it adopted in weddings today!

I look forward to continuing on to books two and three, *Noah, Man of Resolve*, and *Noah Man of God*.

Did you know aspects of the trilogy fed into some of the displays of the ARK Encounter, including the names of Noah’s wife and daughters-in-law? Next time you go to the ARK Encounter, look for the theosodons, a smaller version of the pack animal Noah had. Look for a knife made from a tyrannosaur tooth in the ARK library, as well as the keluk animal carving Noah gave Emzara when he proposed to her. One of the dioramas in the ARK comes from the cover of book two. Read the trilogy and you will enjoy seeing other ties to the books the next time you visit the Ark.

Order it here: [https://answersingenesis.org/store/product/noah-remnant-trilogy/?sku=40-1-516](https://answersingenesis.org/store/product/noah-remnant-trilogy/?sku=40-1-516)
ARKY’s Calendar of Events
(as of 11/18/21)
See more details and complete list at http://www.arky.org/current/index.htm

*Dec 13, 7:00 pm to 8:35 pm. Movie: Time Changer with Gavin MacLeod at Faith Christian Fellowship. The year is 1890 and Bible Professor Russell Carlisle has written a new manuscript. His book is about to receive an unanimous endorsement from the board members at Grace Bible Seminary until his colleague, Dr. Norris Anderson, has a "difficulty with something." Dr. Anderson believes what Carlisle has written could greatly affect future generations. Using a secret time machine, Anderson sends Carlisle over 100 years into the future, offering him a glimpse of where his beliefs will lead.

*Jan 10, 7:00 pm to 8:35 pm. DVD: Noah's Flood: Evidence in Australia with Tas Walker at Faith Christian Fellowship. Is there any evidence of Noah's Flood? Yes, all over the world! Dr. Walker, an Australian geologist, highlights some of the remarkable geologic features that he has studied in his home country, and they can only be explained by a worldwide flood.

Jan 28, all day. Life Is Precious Conference with Ham, Purdom and others at Answers Center - Ark Encounter, 1 Ark Encounter Dr., Williamstown, KY. You will discover that science confirms that life begins at fertilization and that the Bible teaches that all life is precious to God. This is a one-of-a-kind, life-affirming event for VBS volunteers, church leaders, and anyone who wants to learn more about what the Bible says about the value of life. The $50 conference ticket includes free one-day admission to the Ark Encounter and is usable any time during 2022.

*Feb 14, 7:00 pm to 8:35 pm. Geology and Cave Formation: A Post-flood Story with Dr. Emil Silvestru at Faith Christian Fellowship. Where did caves come from? A leading expert on the subject, Dr. Silvestru explains how the Genesis account of a recent worldwide Flood explains most cave formations. His research smashes the alternative view that caves took millions of years to form.

*March 14, 7:00 pm to 8:35 pm. Genesis, Bab- el & the Chinese Language with Dr Andy McIntosh at Faith Christian Fellowship. If the Tower of Babel really took place, do we have any evidence today? Dr. McIntosh reveals some astonishing evidence that biblical events are recorded within the written language of ancient China!

*April 11, 7:00 pm to 8:35 pm. The Case for Christ: the Film with Lee Strobel at Faith Christian Fellowship. Lee Strobel’s blockbuster bestseller comes alive on your screen in this documentary that chronicles the reporter's journey from atheism to faith. The former legal editor of The Chicago Tribune draws upon his investigative skills to examine the historical viability and accuracy of the Gospels, along with the personal claims and resurrection of Jesus Christ. This remarkable documentary is like reading a captivating, fast-paced novel. But it's not fiction. It's a riveting quest for the truth about history's most compelling figure. What will your verdict be in The Case for Christ?

Monthly meetings are also available in Marysville, OH. “In The Beginning” Meeting Schedule at Living Hope Church, 16701 Square Drive; Marysville, OH 4th Tuesday each month (except December) at 7:00 PM

Contact Steve McConaughy 419-450-2483

Jan 25, Fearfully and Wonderfully Made (DVD) Dr. David Menton
Feb 22, Fireside Chats with Dr. John Whitcomb and Dr. Henry Morris (DVD)
March 22, DNA Battles: Were Adam & Eve Historical? (DVD)
April 26, Universe Battles: Big Bang or Big Design? (DVD)

Note Asterisk (*) Indicates regular ARK meeting at Faith Christian Fellowship, 1778 Grange Hall Rd, Beavercreek, OH 45432. Located about a quarter mile north of Dayton-Xenia Road. Ph: (937) 256-ARKY.

The ARK monthly meeting is every 2nd Monday of the month.

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Reminder: Guest passes available for the Creation Museum!

A lot has changed in the past couple years at the museum! About the first third was changed in the fall of 2019, and two brand new exhibits have opened since then, “Fearfully and Wonderfully Made” and “Borderlands”.

Come out and see it for free! ARKy members have made their guest passes available on loan to anyone who would like to attend. Let us know of your desire to borrow some passes through email (arkfoundation@arky.org), or phone (937-256-ARKY (2759)).

Information required:
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- approximate number of passes needed
- Name, address, phone of person making the request
- organization going (if applicable)

Please make your request at least two weeks in advance of need date.

We will arrange to either mail the passes to you or set a meeting time to pick up the passes from the ARK office (1255 N Fairfield Rd, Suite 3, Beavercreek OH, 45432).

If you have Creation Museum guest passes that you are willing to loan out, please let us know.

Member testimony

Thank you for use of the passes to get into the Creation Museum. My pastor son took a lot of pictures of the displays. The experiences also renewed my nephew’s interest in the Bible even though he is a Christian.

We enjoyed the 4-D experience as well as the Planetarium. Totally did not expect the seats to rumble or have my hair poofed! Other events and displays added to the wonder and awe of creation and God’s purposes. I am glad there were a lot of seating arrangements for someone who just celebrated her 80th birthday this past weekend! This trip and other events helped me celebrate the occasion with lots of surprises and good company.

Sincerely with blessings,
D’Avril (Dee) Chamness and family