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The Evolution That Doesn't Exist

By Ron Cooper

In the greatest fiction ever written we expect and find three things: identification with the characters by the reader, wishful thinking for hoped-for outcomes, and some basis in reality, so elements we believe or hope are relatively true. The themes used involve love, war, gods, political intrigue, conflict, personal crises, and adventure, to name a few. Lastly, we look for an ending that satisfies a longing.

Evolution as fiction gets rid of the main character, God, and replaces God with nothing - literally! The great part about good fiction is the reader fills in the missing pieces. Once upon a time, a long, long... time ago, nothing was converted into everything with no intelligence involved, nor any direction. It overcame all known natural processes and is thought to evolve mankind from a rock and water.

Again, the declared intellectual purpose is to rid mankind of the need for a Creator. This eliminates a judge and any judgment of behavior in this life or particularly the afterlife. There is no afterlife. The Cosmos is all there is or ever was or ever will be. There are no recognized

cause and effect problems; we are the rulers of our own destiny. So, that is the highest and best of all fiction, except it rejects any reality, renames anything it needs to make its story plausible, and steals any ethics from selected ethics codes like the 10 Commandments with adjustments where required.

We have heard about the Greatest Story ever told. God Creates us within a temporary universe to learn to trust him, fail, be forgiven, learn His ethics, fail, then have God come to His creation as a man to solve the sin problem. We just need to trust the most powerful, compassionate, loving Judge to be telling the truth. We can test the history of this universe, its cause and effect laws; we can compare the consequences of sin with the rewards of forgiveness and be judged - one way or another.

So, is the greatest fiction ever told better than the greatest story ever lived? Not for me. The more I know about truth, the less fiction I accept. But some people don't live that long. We all go with what we're given. Use the truth or lose it! Evolution doesn't exist!



The Wonder of it All: The Miracle of Flight

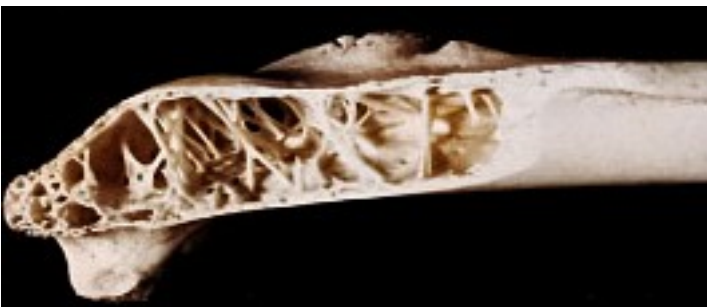
By Mark Jurkovich

Man has always wondered at birds in flight. And so we should! We are still trying to figure out how some flying animals do it. And the more we do understand, the more it points to an all powerful and loving creator.

First, if evolution were true, then flight would have to evolve independently at least three separate times; in insects, in birds, and mammals (bats). And don't forget pterodactyls and other pterosaurs! To have evolved even once is astounding, but three or more times is miraculous! (And who says evolutionists do not believe in miracles?)

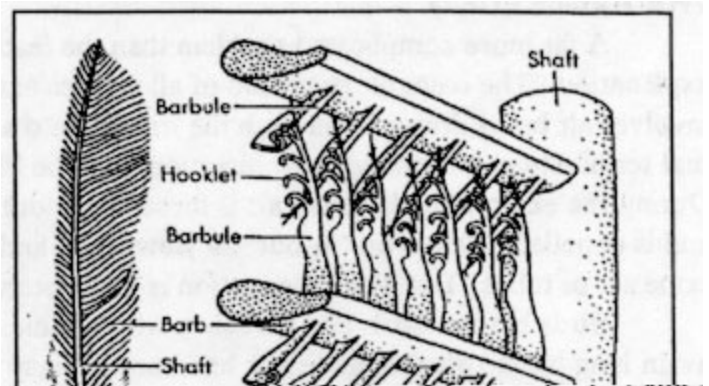
Each animal type (insects, birds and bats) have unique designs to enable flight. And even within one kind, we see a wide variety in flight design and style. A quick look tells you that the hummingbird, falcon and condor all have very different flight designs. These very different birds have much in common, but that is nevertheless unique to birds. Let's look at some of these amazing and unique features that shout design by a loving creator.

The first one that just about everyone knows is that birds have hollow bones. Indeed hollow bones makes for a much lighter bird, but without an amazing interior 'truss work' design, they would not have been strong enough. In fact this truss arrangement in bird bones inspired aircraft wing design.¹



Next of course are feathers. But there are several types of feathers all on one bird. You not only have primary, secondary and tertiary feathers. But also specialty feathers, such as

one called the alula, or finger feather. The alula sits on the leading edge of the wing acting just like leading edge spoilers on aircraft wings giving extra lift and control when needed.² Then you get into the design of each feather, you again marvel at God's handiwork. Key to feathers are light weight, interlocking barbs and barbules that allow for sliding and flexibility. When a bird preens, it is lubricating these sliding marvels of design. Then there is of course the ability of a bird to turn its head 180 degrees to perform the preening. Just try to turn your head that far!



A bird also requires a special muscle arrangement in order to efficiently pull its wings up as well as down.

"One is the tendon that emerges from a chest muscle in most birds. It is threaded through a hole in the bird's bone, wraps around a "pulley," and then is attached to the top of the humerus bone. This way, when the muscle flexes, the wing moves up. Each specification involved is exactly fitted to perform its needed function. If only one of them failed to work, the bird would not fly."³

Finally, birds have a unique lung system. Mammals have what is called a bellows system. If birds had that, they would likely have to breathe in and out with each up and down stroke. But birds need oxygen continuously while in flight. Birds have what is called a counter flow mass exchanger, which allows them to get oxygen even while breathing out.

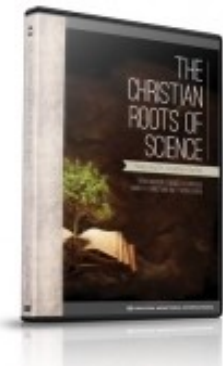
"birds have a complicated system of air sacs that makes use of even the hollow bones. This system keeps air flowing in one direction through special tubes (*parabronchi*, singular *parabronchus*) in the lung, and blood moves through the lung's blood vessels in the opposite direction for efficient oxygen uptake, an excellent

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Review of the 20th Annual Ark Banquet

If you missed the recent Ark banquet, you missed another great creation speaker, Dr. Jonathan Sarfati (Sar'-fa -ti), a native of Australia and New Zealand. Dr. Sarfati works for Australia based Creation Ministries International out of their US office in Atlanta. A DVD of the presentation is now available for a donation.

Jonathan spoke on two main topics; The Christian foundations of science, and scientific support of why we should still believe the Bible. In Jonathan's first topic, he explained how it was only Biblical Christianity that provided the fertile ground for science to flourish. Science was 'stillborn' in ancient Greece and China. He pointed out for example, that the Chinese may have invented gun powder, but it was Christian Europe that developed practical uses for it. He then listed a number of Bible verses from which

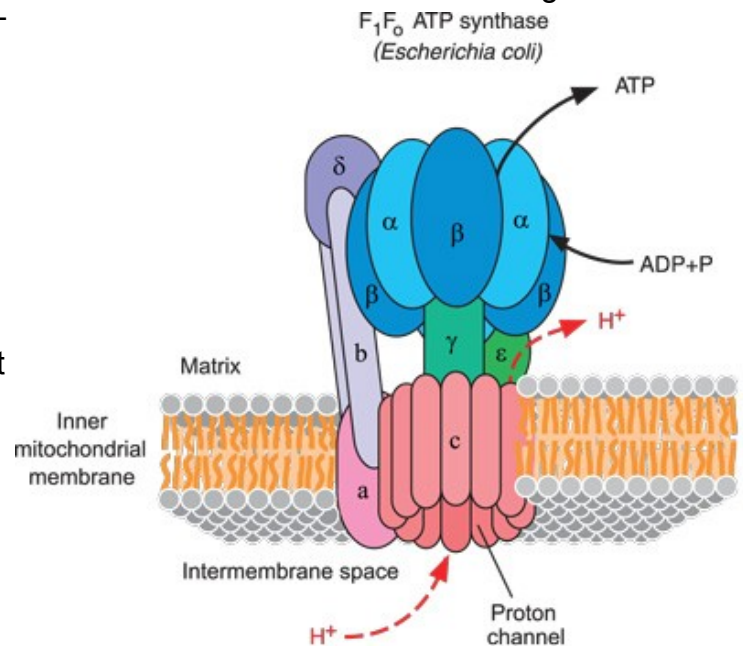


scientific reasoning is derived. For example the universe is real, orderly, and can/should be studied based on Genesis 1:1, 1Cor 14:33, and Gen 1:28.

He then debunked several modern myths that try to put down Christianity's contribution to the world. For example that the middle ages were the 'dark ages'; on the contrary, in that time were enormous advances in science including the compass, printing and the mechanical clock. A second myth is that the flat earth was widely believed in Columbus' day; but, for example, Thomas Aquinas of the 13th century already stated that the earth was round and that is was confirmed by both mathematics and astronomy.

For Jonathan's second

topic, he started by showing how the flood, not uniformitarianism, explains fossils, citing several rapid burial examples and a common fossil feature called the death pose. Next he showed that the presence of soft tissue and DNA in fossils shows they cannot be millions of years old. He then focused much time on the enormous complexity of the cell, showing several excellent videos illustrating recent ad-



vances in our knowledge of that complexity. (You can see some of these videos at their web site, ex. view two animated clips at <http://creation.com/media-search?q=ATP> .) Such complexity can only come from a loving, omnipotent creator.

To learn more of "The Christian Roots of Science", pick up the DVD of that title by Dr Sarfati at the Arky store.



Fossil with Death Pose: <http://creation.com/death-throes>, Image from Wikipedia

The Law of Liberty

“So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty.” (James 2:12)

On Independence Day, Americans should give thanks to the Author of liberty that we have been privileged to live in this “sweet land of liberty,” where we can worship God freely, in accord with His Word. Liberty is not license, however, and the essence of the American system is liberty under law. Fundamentally, that law is “the law of nature and of nature’s God”—the natural laws of God’s world and the revealed laws of God’s Word. Within that framework we do have liberty—but not liberty to defy either the physical law of gravity or the spiritual “law of liberty.” The latter is formulated in Scripture and has been applied over the centuries, in the English common law and later in our system of constitutional law, both of which are based on Scripture.

Some today, seeking license rather than liberty, might recoil at the very idea of “the law of liberty,” calling it an oxymoron, or contradiction in terms. But Jesus said that only “the truth shall make you free!” (John 8:32). “Sin is the transgression of the law” (1 John 3:4), and “sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death” (James 1:15), not freedom!

No one can be saved by the law, but those who are saved—by grace through faith in Christ—will love God’s law, for it is “holy, and just, and good” (Romans 7:12). We should say with the psalmist: “So shall I keep thy law continually for ever and ever. And I will walk at liberty: for I seek thy precepts” (Psalm 119:44-45).

There is, indeed, a law of liberty, and whoever will walk in real liberty will find it only in God’s law of life, through His revealed Word. For “whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed” (James 1:25). HMM

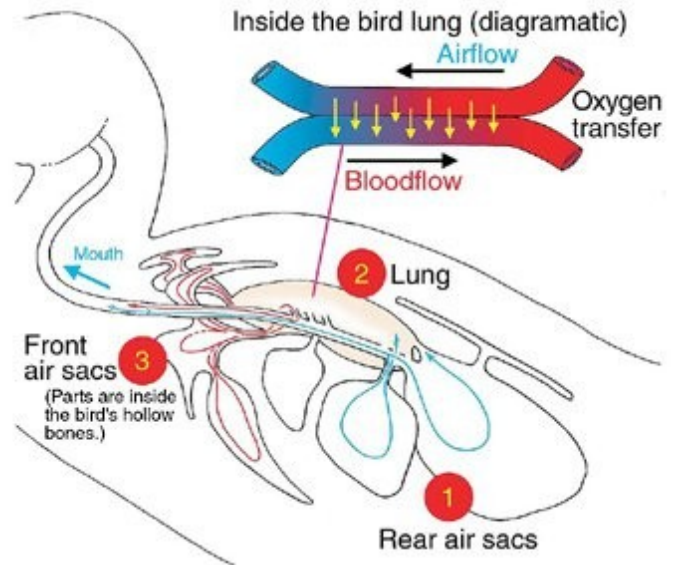
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engineering design.”⁴

On top of all this some feathers are there just for beauty’s sake. “A peacock tail has no clear function other than to display beauty. Such exquisite beauty can be explained only if a designer added it purposefully. No observational evidence supports the alternative theory of sexual selection.”⁵



So the next time you wonder at an animal in flight, use it to remember again to thank the one who’s infinite, creative, and loving power, gave you that beautiful sight.

Get these resources at Arkys store:

DVD “Design of Life: Vol 1—Flight: the genius of birds”, by CMI

DVD “The Intricacies of Flight”, Dr. Andy McIntosh, by AiG

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1787 – Framing of the Constitution

Three months into the continental convention, and the delegates were getting nowhere. Suspicions, jealousy and bickering were reducing delegates to the point of despair. Then the aged Benjamin Franklin requested to speak to the assembly.

“How has it happened, sir, that we have not hitherto once thought of humbly applying to the Father of lights to illuminate our understanding? In the beginning of the contest with Britain, when we were sensible of danger, we had daily prayers in this room for Divine protection. Our prayers, Sir,” he looked at Washington, “were heard, and they were graciously answered. All of us who were engaged in the struggle must have observed frequent instances of a superintending Providence in our favor... And have we now forgotten this powerful friend? Or do we imagine that we no longer need His assistance?”

There was dead silence in the room. Franklin, well-known for his Rationalist views, was hardly the person they would have expected to ask such a question. But he was not finished, and now he turned again to Washington. “I have lived, Sir, a long time and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth: ‘that God governs in the affairs of man.’ And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without his notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without his aid?”

Whitfield himself could not have put it better. Franklin seemed to gain strength as he continued. “We have been assured, Sir, in the sacred writings that ‘except the Lord build they

labor in vain that build it.’ I firmly believe this. I also believe that, without His concurring aid, we shall succeed in this political building no better than the Builders of Babel; we shall be divided by our little partial local interests; our projects will be confounded; and we ourselves shall become a reproach and a by word down to future ages. And what is worse, mankind may hereafter, from this unfortunate instance, despair of establishing government by human wisdom, and leave it to chance, war, and conquest.”

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Washington slowly nodded; the old statesman was expressing his own misgivings. Franklin shifted his weight and concluded. “I therefore beg leave to move, that henceforth, prayers im-

ploring the assistance of Heaven and its blessings on our deliberations, be held in this Assembly every morning before we proceed to business.”

While no official action came from Franklin’s motion, it did serve to stir the hearts of many delegates, reminding them of their original mission. They were back on track.

Excerpted from the book by Peter Marshall and David Manuel, “From Sea to Shining Sea”, 1986, Revell, p. 18-19.



Assumptions

By Ron Cooper

Can I assume evolution is a fact? Can I assume you know what I mean by that statement? Can I even assume you know what I mean by a fact? Can we logically assume evolution in any form?

Evolution is defined as an unknown process operating over an unknown time frame, starting with nothing, using pure chance to give the most complex outcome of everything, yet knowing nothing, and never guided by any intelligence or known force. It is assumed to be a single fact with no supporting data to stand on. Yet, it is believed by people who have defined their own evolutionary thinking as the product of no intelligence. This belief system is unbelievable by definition.

Evolution is a biased worldview that assumes truth does not exist and is held by those either under duress or ignorance or selfish personal morals that reject a higher moral code than their own. It is called relative truth that is only relative to another relative point.

Truth is absolute. Any other partial truth is relative to the absolute. Some relative truth is closer than other relative truth to the absolute truth. Under evolution there is no truth – everything is a relative lie. Having no absolute standard means, no knowledge, and all tests are just opinions of those holding to the evolution belief system. That is their fact.

Where is the beef (evidence)? None needed or wanted. Assumptions are only the starting position, not the final one. But because the desires of its believers are all they need, their

final position requires no real evidence.

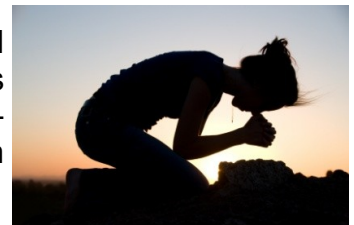
So evolution is a stated fact, a singularity of universal proportions, yet without merit. It just is. Can we assume it? Yes, if we wish to believe a lie based on nothing and no one.

The alternative for evolution believers is unthinkable, since they have no logical basis to even trust their thinking. Even logic is an accident waiting to happen. Maybe in the end they will find out the price of willing ignorance includes rejecting the real source of love and of life - an intelligent Creator who cares for them more than they want to know.

Prayer Requests

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

- For revival in our land
- That Ark Foundation be used in strengthening believers and drawing unbelievers to the Lord
- For Ron and Brenda as they travel to many Christian venues on behalf of ARK
- For direction for Ark Foundation's future
- New church contacts
- More believers learn about and take advantage of Ark's resources
- Open up opportunities/locations for presenting seminars and traveling presentations
- More volunteers, financial partners, and prayer partners.
- For our former board member, James Johnson as he enters the mission field.



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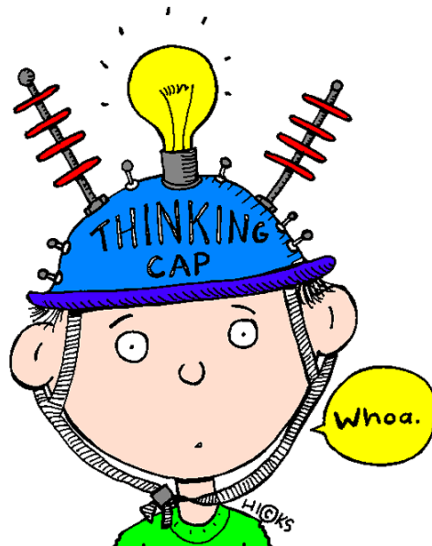
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Kids Korner

Hey kids, TJ here.

So, how's your summer going so far? Are you chillin' out? Reading books? Playing video games? Did you check your brain at the door the day after school ended? Are you using your upper cranium to make good decisions during your free time? During the summer, it's easy to forget to do the normal routine of "good things" you do during the school year.

Ok, don't think I've gone crazy, over the deep end, over the top, and on and on. It's true, kids, that most of our routines keep us in check. Eating right and balanced keeps your brain alert, as well as, getting enough sleep and going to bed at a regular time helps keep our bodies at optimum performance. Oh, yeah, and watch out for those night time snacks. They can become habits that stick around for many years later! So, what I'm trying to say is, keep your brain functioning during your summer months. Read a good book (or The Good Book), exercise and play for at least 60 minutes a day, and eat good stuff that helps your body to grow (in a good way, not just around the middle). Keep in check, kids and



stick to the routine of doing "good stuff" for yourself and others.

Until next time kiddies, TJ signing out.

GOD is Busy

A United States Marine was attending some college courses between assignments. He had completed missions in Iraq and Afghanistan.

One of the courses had a professor who was an avowed atheist.

One day the professor shocked the class when he came in. He looked to the ceiling and flatly stated, "God, if you are real, then I want you to knock me off this platform. I'll give you exactly 15 min.'

The lecture room fell silent. You could hear a pin drop. Ten minutes went by and the professor proclaimed, 'Here I am God. I'm still waiting.'

It got down to the last couple of minutes when the Marine got out of his chair, went up to the professor, and cold-cocked him; knocking him off the platform... The professor was out cold. The Marine went back to his seat and sat there, silently. The other students were shocked and stunned and sat there looking on in silence.

The professor eventually came to, noticeably shaken, looked at the Marine and asked, 'What the heck is the matter with you? Why did you do that?' The Marine calmly replied, 'God was too busy today protecting America's soldiers who are protecting your right to say stupid stuff and act like an idiot. So, He sent me.'

ASTRONOMER

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. — PSALM 19:1-2 NIV

ARKY's Calendar of Events **(as of 6/30/15)**

See more details and complete list at
<http://www.arky.org/current/index.htm>

July 6 to July 11. Discover Creation Adventures with Alpha Omega Institute at Arkansas River, , CO. Ph: (800) 377-1923. Rock & Creation Adventure - Teens and adults. Hike, climb, raft and kayak while learning to defend your faith. Join experienced creation teachers and fun loving Journey Quest guides as we challenge the exciting rapids of Colorado's famous Arkansas River. Also available: RVs/cabins, and rafting down the Royal Gorge!

Jul 11, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Concert with Casting Crowns at Rose Music Center, Huber Heights, OH. Ph: (937) 256-ARKY. Tickets

***Jul 13**, 7:00 pm to 8:35 pm. with final ICR DVD series "**Unlocking the Mysteries of Genesis**" #11-12 at ARKY's House. (Rescheduled from January due to weather) #11—Uniqueness of the Earth; #12— Science and Scripture.

Aug 6, 9:00 am to **Aug 9**, 5:35 pm. **Route 127 Garage Sales** at Cross's Campground, Camden, OH. Ph: (937) 608-0990. ARK is participating with a booth.

***Aug 10**, 7:00 pm to 8:35 pm. **DVD: The Great Delusion, America Under Judgment?** with Ken Ham at ARKY's House. Why have so many Americans turned their backs on God? What are the ramifications of not believing the Bible and not submitting to the teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ? How should we view our leaders (including the U.S. president) that govern this nation? It is vital for everyone to understand the delusion -- the great lie against God and His Word. Yes, the news is depressing! God is judging America for its rebellion and wickedness. But the good news is we can do something!

Sept 4 to Sept 8. Discover Creation Adventures with Alpha Omega Institute at Old Faithful Christian Ranch, Island Park, ID. Ph: (800) 377-1923. Creation bus tour of the natural

wonders of Yellowstone. Geysers, hot pools, mud pots, geology, wildlife, and amazing scenery.

***Sept 14**, 7:00 pm to 8:35 pm. **DVD: We The People: The Character of a Nation** at ARKY's House. Americans whose extraordinary lives embodied the ideals set forth in the Preamble to the Constitution. Travel back in time through the eyes of America's unsung patriots to experience the trials and victories that have formed our nation's destiny and secured the blessings of liberty for future generations. The character of a nation is defined by the collective achievements of its people -- ordinary people of extraordinary faith and vision who give beyond themselves for the greater good. In this series you will meet a diverse cross section of people who have all played a role in our nation's history. Each episode presents a phrase from the Preamble with examples of people whose lives embodied that ideal.

Sept 18, 7:00 pm to 8:35 pm. **Constitution Day** with Speakers at ARKY's House.

Sept 26, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. "**12 Years Of Chocolate**" - A Christmas Theme! with CHOCOLATE FESTIVAL at Montgomery County Fairgrounds Coliseum, 1043 South Main Street, Dayton Ohio. Music by New Day with Bill and Melody.

***Oct 12**, 7:00 pm to 8:35 pm. with Speakers TBD at ARKY's House.

***Nov 9**, 7:00 pm to 8:35 pm. with Speakers TBD at ARKY's House.

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 bookstore 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 2015
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Balance 1/1/15	\$6,542.47
Receipts	
Memberships/Newsletters	620.00
Donations	3.00
Speaker Gifts	0.00
Projects	0.00
Special Events /Banquet	0.00
Equipment Sold	5.40
Kroger Gift Cards/Promotion	71.59
Reimbursed	13.83
Misc	5.00
Non-Tax Sales	910.41
Taxable Sales	6,612.94
Sales tax collected	476.66
Loan Proceeds	0.00
Total	15,171.30

Disbursements

Newsletter/CC	147.00
Projects	0.00
Office	103.18
Telephone	458.02
Children's Ministry	0.00
Exhibiting	817.12
Web	0.00
Inventory	4,428.47
Equipment	48.99
Supplies	69.95
Insurance	963.00
Professional Fees	335.10
Sales Tax Paid	481.50
Speaking/Events	0.00
Misc.	112.00
Tithes&Gifts	0.00
Reimbursed	0.00
Total	7,964.33

Balance 5/31/15 7,206.97

Building Fund

Balance 1/1/15	-4,175.98
Matching Mortgage Fund	5,654.69
Donations	1,590.64
Total	23,781.85

Expenses

Mortgage	10.14
Building	67.21
Utilities	1,245.89
Real Estate Taxes	0.00
Matching Funds	0.00
Repairs	0.00
Total Bld. Expenses	5,012.56

Balance 5/31/15 -1,943.21

Net Balance, Both Funds 5,263.76

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Lost Nation

By Mark Jurkovich

With the recent Supreme Court rulings as a clear example, I believe it is safe to say we live in a post Christian country. Sure there are still strong elements of Christianity present, but it is quickly becoming more and more marginalized. We have now had more than one generation of children in public education that has not only kept the Bible out, but has increasingly taught more and more topics directly counter to the ways of the Lord. We therefore have a large majority of children and young adults who have no understanding of what the Bible says or of the Gospel message.

But where has been the outcry in the Christian community? We are like the frog in the kettle that doesn't know the water is getting too hot until it is too late. As the late Keith Green said, we are "asleep in the light". We may lament the loss of morality in our culture, but are we doing anything about it? Sure there are the "faithful few" who are trying to stem the tide through education

and the political process. But where we should ALL be first is on our knees! "I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips" (Is 6:5) should be our cry. I am afraid for too many of us God is saying "These people come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me." (Is 29:13)

We are not going to change our country back unless there is first a massive turning by those who already call themselves Christian. Instead of just bemoaning the increase of ungodliness in our country, we need to be crying for the millions of lost around us. We need to be daily saying "Here am I, send me!" (Is 6:8)

Pray daily for the lost, and personalize it. Unless you have completely isolated yourself inside of the church, you know by name friends, neighbors and loved ones you can be praying for. They need the savior! We need to open our eyes to that need!

Revival is desperately needed in our country, but it needs to start with each one of us!

