

ARKY's News

Volume 23, #2

July-Sept 2017

Inside this issue:

Announcement	1
Seeing is Not Believing	1
The Wonder of it All: The Very Small to Very Big	2
Overwhelming Evidence?	3
Visit from ICR	4
Help Needed	5
Store Sale	5
Kroger Rewards Update	5
KIDs Korner	6
Founding Father Quote	6
ARKy Survey	7
ARKY's Calendar of Events	8
Financial Statement	9
Membership renewal form and Bookstore info	9
Carport Sales and A/Cs for sale	10
Prayer Requests	10



Newsletter Editor
Mark Jurkovich

ARK Board Members
Ron Cooper
Jeannie Day
James R. Johnson
Mark Jurkovich
Adrian Rose

Big Announcement at the Annual ARK Banquet

On June 12th, ARKY held its 22rd annual banquet, with Answers in Genesis speaker Bryan Osborne. What made this banquet special is the **announcement by Ron Cooper that he and Brenda will retire from running the ARK Foundation come next year's banquet.** With that in mind, it was also announced that ARK is seeking input on how to move forward after their retirement. What form should ARKy take come next year? Who will step up to fill all the hats Ron and Brenda have worn for ARK?

A survey was passed out at the banquet asking everyone in attendance their inputs for the 'repurposing' of ARK; what should be our main focus as we move forward.

If you did not make it to the banquet, we desire your input too. Please find the survey on page 7, or download it from <http://www.arky.org/>

We ask you fill it out and return it to ArkFoundation@arky.org or 2002 S Smithville Rd, Dayton, OH, 45420. Please return it by July 31.

Seeing Is Not Believing

By Ron Cooper

Sometimes I must close my eyes so I may hear better. What I would see distracts me from hear-

ing all that is being said. Likewise, ignoring what my ears hear allows me to see better by focusing on one less thing. In fact, until I know what to look for, I cannot locate what I should be seeing. Blindly seeing is missing what I should be looking for. It is being willingly ignorant to what is before my face.

"For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water:" (2Pe 3:5 KJV)

Seeing is knowing. It is a special knowing. Take for example (Judges 13:18 KJV): "And the angel of the LORD said unto him, Why askest thou thus after my name, seeing it *is* secret?" Understanding based on knowledge and belief in God, the Creator, is stated here by an angel never met before, yet knowledge assumed, in fact known to be true.

(Job 28:20-21 KJV) Whence then cometh wisdom? And where is the place of understanding?

Seeing it is hid from the eyes of all living, and kept close from the fowls of the air. ...

(28) And unto man he said, Behold, the fear of the Lord, that *is* wisdom; and to depart from evil *is* understanding.

Speak nothing until I can ask intelligent questions, if in fact I can ever do that. In the Message version of Proverbs 17: 16 it asks;

(Continued on page 6)

The Wonder of it All: The Very Small to Very Big

By Mark Jurkovich

How many times have you seen a tiny dot (or many dots) suddenly flying around you? Or suddenly notice a tiny dot moving around on your computer screen? (an actual live dot, not a computer virus.) Our impulse is to swat at these tiny creatures. But have you ever stopped to wonder at what a marvel of creation (though now fallen) these tiny living dots are? But likely even smaller than those moving dots that you have seen is the smallest insect in the world; the fairyfly. The smallest of these tiny wasps can be less than 0.2 millimeters in size! To put that in perspective, the head of a pin is 10 times larger than that, and the pin's thickness is around 3 times that size! As one web site describes them "Their tiny bodies, neatly packaged with complete digestive, reproductive, respiratory, and circulatory systems are actually smaller than a single-celled paramecium."¹ To create life in such miniature form is surely a wonder of God's design. By the way, these tiny critters are beneficial by killing the larvae of harmful insects.



Image credit: wereyouwondering.com/

Man is continuously trying to miniaturize. A popular theme in science fiction are the use of nanobots, and research is ongoing to make such things a reality. But we are just trying to make poor copies of the marvelous "nanolife" that God has already created. Another excellent example appeared recently in Creation Magazine² where engineers have succeeded in making a mechanical water strider that can jump but do nothing else. A far cry from the real thing that God created.

But what about the other end of the spectrum for living creatures? For this example I will use the giraffe, the tallest land animal. Do you ever get dizzy from getting up too quickly? So

how can a giraffe raise and lower their head a whopping 18 feet without fainting while raising it, or suffering from a stroke when they lower it to drink? First it has a huge heart to pump the blood up to the head, up to 2 feet long and 25 pounds in size! But then it has valves in the neck to stop the flow as the head is lowered and a sponge like organ to absorb the remaining blood so the brain is not damaged. Then when he raises his head again, the sponge releases the blood and the valves reopen so he does not faint.³

Take that one step farther and consider the behemoth (sauropod dinosaur). His neck was even longer than the giraffe's. Its head was proportionately small so there was less



Image credit: answersingenesis.org

weight at the end of that long neck. The neck bones have been found to be partially hollow, again reducing weight. And there is even evidence that their respiratory system was unique to allow such a long distance to the lungs.⁴ Once again God's creative design can be seen.

From the smallest, to the biggest, all life declares the wonders of God's loving, creative design.

Footnotes:

- 1) <https://projects.ncsu.edu/cals/course/ent425/text01/smallest.html>
- 2) <http://creation.com/creation-magazine>, Vol 39 /no. 3, 2017, pg. 12
- 3) <http://www.creationtraining.org/mike-riddle-interviews-dr-jobe-martin-part-2/>
<https://answersingenesis.org/kids/animals/giraffe/>
- 4) <http://www.icr.org/article/sticking-your-neck-out/>

Overwhelming Evidence? Part 1

By Kevin Hadsall

Humanists often claim that there is “overwhelming evidence” or “overwhelming data” to support their belief in evolution. I wanted to demonstrate to the humanists on the “Friendly Atheist” Facebook page that they actually do not have any shred of observational evidence for molecules-to-man evolution. I posed one simple question for the humanists, and although up to ten of them joined the discussion, not a single one of them was able to provide an adequate answer. Toward the end of the debate, I opened up about my motivation, and I urged them to consider the deeper reasons why they are rejecting the God of the Bible.

Since this was a longer debate, I will split it up into four separate blog posts. Humanist RS commented on a post by the page owner, and claimed that there is “overwhelming data” to support evolution. I replied to RS’s comment, and humanists SM, JW, and RF (names are abbreviated for identity protection) join the discussion right away. The other humanists join later on. Below is Part 1 of the “Overwhelming Evidence” debate.

RS: Although we don't "believe" in evolution... we accept the peer reviewed, overwhelming data who supports it! And if facts change, we are open to evaluate and change with it!

Me: RS, can you provide an example of observational evidence for biological evolution? In other words, can you provide an observable example of an organism that added brand new genetic information and functionality, rather



than a distortion of existing genetic information?

SM: Kevin, How about taking a Biology 101 class?

RS: So, you say we all mutate and not evolve? Cause is clearly documented, though religious people DO NOT accept evidence unless it fits their "beliefs"

SM: Kevin, How about a certain bacteria that developed the ability to devour nylon?

RS: SM, Don't you love it when a religitard wants to "prove" wrong science, they end up looking like... Oh, well, religitards! LOL!

JW: I don't know what you're talking about. I regularly pray to evolution.

Me: RS, so, "mutate" or "evolve": what do you say? Can you answer my original question? Can you provide an observable example? SM, I assume you are referring to Arthrobacter sp. K172. This bacteria gained the ability to digest byproducts of nylon manufacture (i.e. wastewater). The bacteria underwent a point mutation of a particular enzyme, Ell. The bacteria already possesses this particular enzyme, and its normal function breaks down a substance that is chemically similar to nylon. The mutation slightly alters Ell giving it the ability to break down nylon. This is just another example of the alteration of already-existing genetic information.

Do you have any better examples?

RF: Sorry, Kevin, but we can't provide examples of your strawman misrepresentation of evolution. Check out talkorigins.org for more information about evolution. But in brief, evolution is the change of traits in a population over time. This can be due to mutation, if the mutation proves beneficial. This can be due to a shift in the balance of an already existing variation among the population, if one variation becomes more beneficial due to a change in the environment.

Me: I haven't misrepresented evolution, and your brief explanation does not answer my question. If your explanation is true, and if your worldview is based on "fact" instead of faith,

(Continued on page 5)

Surprise visit from ICR

By Mark Jurkovich

Just two days after our annual ARK banquet, I had the unexpected opportunity to hear Dr. Tim Clarey (http://www.icr.org/tim_clarey/) from the Institute for Creation Research (ICR) speak down in Middletown Ohio. I only got to attend because a friend from church happened to hear about it at the last minute, and invited me to come along. Dr. Clarey was in town for a meeting later in the week with Answers in Genesis staff. He did not say on what, but I wouldn't doubt if it was related to ICR's plans to build a creation museum of their own down in Dallas, Texas.

His topic was on "Exposing Fables of Dinosaur Evolution". He started with some introductory information on when dinosaurs were created (day 6), that they were all initially vegetarian (Gen 1:30), and of course how they could fit on the ark. One interesting bit of supporting evidence which he provided, that all animals were initially vegetarians, is that scientists have discovered that even modern crocodiles still eat plants sometimes.

The main part of his talk focused on 4 evolutionary myths about dinosaurs:

Claim 1) Dinosaurs were buried slowly. He refuted this with many examples around the world of rapid, catastrophic burial. In Theropolis, Wyoming, there are bone beds with thousands of bones in them including marine creatures along with dinosaurs. At Hell Creek, Montana there are sharks, bony fish, crocks, dinos, turtles and mammals all buried together. Evolutionists try to cover this up by claiming that the sea creatures must have been fresh water animals back then. Last example showed two dinosaurs buried while the midst of fighting each other! Talk about rapid burial!

Claim 2) Dinosaurs had many ancestors. Tim



Dr. Tim Clarey

went through several major classes of dinosaurs (sauropods, ceratopsians, and theropods). There are a lot of varieties in each category, but not one transitional form for any of them. Tim even cited a quote from an evolutionist who admitted such a fact.

Claim 3) Dinosaurs evolved into birds. Most of the fossil evidence for this claim comes from one place in China. And even though there have been multiple 'fossils' from this site that have been since confirmed to be outright frauds, the evolution community still clings to the 'new evidence' that comes from there. Claims that many other fossils show

'proto-feathers', have been shown to be collagen fibers of the decaying animals; which has even been reproduced in the lab.

Claim 4) Dinosaurs lived 200 million to 65 million years ago. In refuting this last claim Tim first cited the many finds of soft tissue in dinosaur bones, starting with Dr. Mary Schweitzer's accidental discovery (who still refuses to accept a young age by the way). He finished by

showing multiple evidences of dinosaurs living at the same time as man, and in the past several hundred years.

The question and answer period that followed brought up a few more interesting facts. One that there is no evidence that dinosaurs were warm blooded, including egg similarities to modern reptiles rather than modern birds. A last piece of insight that I had not thought of before was that the Ice Age was a very important period following the flood. For it created land bridges between the continents, enabling animals and man to fulfill the mandate to spread out and replenish the earth. Truly we have an amazing God who thought of every-



Image credit: Don Patton

Cambodian temple from the 1100's.
<http://www.icr.org/article/7546/>

(Overwhelming Evidence? - Continued from page 3)

then please try to answer my original question in this thread.

I will share Part 2 of the "Overwhelming Evidence" debate in the next blog post. In the meantime, if you are curious to learn more about nylon-eating bacteria, and how this does *not* support molecules-to-man evolution, I recommend the following resources:

For a brief overview,
 Purdom, Dr. Georgia. 2012. Nylon-eating Bacteria Again. March 1.
<https://answersingenesis.org/blogs/georgia-purdom/2012/03/01/nylon-eating-bacteria-again/>.

For the technical details,
 Truman, Royal. 2015. "Nylon-eating Bacteria: Part 1--Discovery and Significance." Journal of Creation 29 (1): 95-102.
http://creation.com/images/pdfs/tj/j29_1/j29_1_95-102.pdf.

For more of Kevin's blogs check out:
<https://www.unmaskinghumanism.org/>

KROGER REWARDS PROGRAM

Supporters no longer have to re-enroll every year their Kroger Plus Card to earn dollars for our organization. If you were enrolled this past year, you do nothing. If you did not participate last year and want to start sign up go to <https://www.kroger.com/account/create>. It costs you nothing but lets you participate in where you want Kroger's donations to go.


If you have a Kroger Card and you have established an account on their web site, you can select The Ark Foundation Of Dayton, Inc. from your login screen. It will now only have to be done once.

HELP NEEDED

Do you own a yard edger?
 Could you edge ARK's yard for us? It really, really needs it!

Store Anniversary Sale
now thru July 29, everything for everyone is **40% off**, including Bibles.

Resources for Church Libraries are 50% off! Church Librarians might want to also check out our excess display equipment, since we are no longer exhibiting.



"It isn't a coincidence that governments everywhere want to educate children. Government education, in turn, is supposed to be evidence of the state's goodness and its concern for our well-being. The real explanation is less flattering. If the government's propaganda can take root as children grow up, those kids will be no threat to the state apparatus. They'll fasten the chains to their own ankles."

-Lew Rockwell

Kids Korner Summer Fun

Hey, kids TJ here. So, what have you been doing with your summer? There's plenty of fun things to do. But what have you done that's, well, let's say, of lasting value? Something that will go beyond the summer months? Here's an idea: attend a 5 Day Club with your neighbors held in the area. Games, activities, snacks, Bible lessons, songs, jumping, and other fun stuff. CEF sets these fun clubs up all around the Dayton and surrounding area. Call 274-9781 (or email info@cefmv.org) to find out where the clubs are located or if you want to have one in your backyard. They're a lot of fun, but also adds extra meaning to our Free Time during the summer months. So...what are you doing with your Free Time? This is TJ signing out for now. Keep looking up!



<http://www.cefonline.com/ministries/5dayclub/>



(Seeing not Believing; Continued from page 1)

“What’s this? Fools out shopping for wisdom! They wouldn’t recognize it if they saw it!”

Touch not what may harm me; Look not at evil; Listen not to the advice of your adversary. All these senses are guided by your mind and heart (emotions) to seek your true Creator and protect your life. They are brain based, but soul connected.

Believing is the beginning of seeing. What you believe is all you can see. Choose Wisdom and see His help.

INVESTOR

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



Blessed is the man who finds wisdom, the man who gains understanding, for she is more profitable than silver and yields better returns than gold. — PROVERBS 3:13-14 NIV

Founding Father Quote

“I am for doing good to the poor, but I differ in opinion of the means. I think the best way of doing good to the poor, is not making them easy in poverty, but leading or driving them out of it. In my youth I traveled much, and I observed in different countries, that the more public provisions were made for the poor, the less they provided for themselves, and of course became poorer. And, on the contrary, the less was done for them, the more they did for themselves, and became richer.” Benjamin Franklin: On the Price of Corn and Management of the Poor, November 1766. foundingfatherquotes.com

ARKY'S CHRISTIAN BOOKSTORE

Questions about Bible trustworthiness, real dinosaur history, flood evidence, where death & suffering started, American history? We have answers!

Books/Bibles/DVDs/CDs/Gifts/Crafts

937-256-2759 <> www.arky.org



2002 S. Smithville Rd
At Wayne Avenue
1 mi. South of US 35

SURVEY 2017

The ARK Foundation of Dayton, Inc. has provided the following services. Please check which you have used in the left column. Then rank them by importance to you on the right with "1" being most important.

Used	Services	Importance
_____	Low membership costs 10% of membership \$s to AiG 30% minimum store discount (including orders)	_____
_____	Building provided	_____
_____	Store for resources	_____
_____	Bookstore by appointment	_____
_____	Lending library	_____
_____	Monthly ARK meetings	_____
_____	Leadership training	_____
_____	Encouragement and Answers	_____
_____	Provide group museum tickets	_____
_____	Local ARK speakers	_____
_____	Major speaker programs	_____
_____	AiG, ICR, Master books specials honored	_____
_____	Website www.arky.org	_____
_____	Bookstore on line	_____
_____	Quarterly Newsletter on line or mailed	_____
_____	Convention/Festival Exhibits	_____

Which would you be willing to volunteer for?

What are your interests?

Do you have good computer skills and experience with any or all or all of the following software: FTP, web, Word, Publisher, WordPerfect/Paradox, Anti Virus/Security? If so, could you give ARK approximately four (4) hours per month of your time?

Name/ Phone Number: (optional)



ARKY's Calendar of Events (as of 10/1/16)

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

***July 10**, 7:00 pm to 8:35 pm. **DVD: Straight Talk About Planning** with Discussion at ARKY's House.

***Aug 14**, 7:00 pm to 8:35 pm. **DVD: Story of the English Bible** with Discussion at ARKY's House. It's hard to fathom that a book, which is an all time best seller, was barely known five hundred years ago. Scholars have given their lives for it, dreamed for it to be accessible to the common man, and eventually would give us the legacy of the English Bible. From Erasmus to Wycliffe to Gutenberg, listen to the scholars and academics from Europe and North America, as The Story of the English Bible documents one of the greatest stories in church history. Drawing on the expertise of scholars and academics from Europe and North America, The Story of the English Bible documents one of the most important stories in English history.

Aug 27, 3:00 pm to 5:35 pm. Free **Gospel Fest** with Concert at Fraze Pavilion,, 695 Lincoln Park Blvd, Kettering., OH. Ph: (937) 256-ARKY. **Featuring Tenth Avenue North PLUS 10 local bands.** If you're not familiar with Tenth Avenue North, ARKY is playing one of their CDs.

***Sept 11**, 7:00 pm to 8:35 pm. **DVD: Dinosaurs on Display** with Brian Thomas, ICR 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.

And check out:

Answers in Genesis Outreach Conferences are listed at:

<http://www.answersingenesis.org/outreach/conferences/>

The Creation Museum, <http://creationmuseum.org/> has daily events.



Restrooms at the Creation Museum

Worldview Weekend Rallies are continually scheduled all over the USA. See <http://www.worldviewweekendrally.com/> for details.

(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.

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 2016

Balance 1/1/17	\$6,447.50
Receipts	
Memberships	
/Newsletters	645.00
Donations (printer)	0.00
Kroger Promotion	79.48
Maintenance Fund	3,187.80
Misc	0.00
ARK Speaker Gifts	0.00
Projects	0.00
Special Events /Banquet	0.00
Equipment Sold	0.00
Reimbursed	0.00
Non-Tax Sales	722.73
Taxable Sales	2,719.45
Sales tax collected	203.09
Total	7,557.55

Disbursements

Newsletter/CC	145.00
Projects	47.50
Web	0.00
Equipment	87.99
Speaking/Events	0.00
Tithes&Gifts	0.00
Reimbursed	0.00
Advertising	0.00
Library	0.00
Improvements	500.00
Exhibiting	0.00
Inventory	1,835.43
Sales Tax Paid	369.26
Office	0.00
Telephone	321.17
Supplies	47.99
Insurance	803.33
Professional Fees	171.44
Misc.	153.62
Utilities	980.10
Maintenance	165.00
Total	5,627.83
Balance 5/31/17	8,377.22

ARK Supporter Benefits

- 30% discount:** minimum on all purchases;
- Quarterly newsletter:** ARK members receive news and expansion plans;
- National support:** 10% of supporters' general donations is given to Answers in Genesis, our voluntary support for a national Biblical creation science organization;
- Webpage:** www.arky.org provides logical, Biblical information to a world saturated with an unbiblical, ill-suited naturalism for the needs of people;
- Monthly ARK meetings:** interesting speakers or DVD program on a variety of subjects, provided FREE to the community;
- Major speaker programs:** sponsored into the area or promoted by ARK;
- Local ARK speakers:** available for community and church events;
- Encouragement and Answers:** for belief in the Biblical Creator;
- Leadership training:** periodically opportunity to learn how to serve in your church or school or study group;
- Public materials:** make available Creation resources – books, audios, and DVDs to public;
- Lending library:** by mail or at ARKY house for supporters;
- Bookstore available:** during regular hours and by appointment;
- Bookstore honors specials:** when offered by AIG, ICR, and WallBuilder if items are in stock.

Is it time for you to renew?

Please check the date above your name and address. If the date has past or coming up soon, please renew today.

Be an ARK Supporter!

Name: _____
 Addr: _____
 City, ST ZIP: _____
 Ph: ____ - ____ - ____ Work: ____ - ____
 Email: _____
 Church: _____
 City/Zip: _____
 Membership Amount : \$ _____
 Gift Amount : \$ _____
 Total Enclosed: \$ _____
 Building Pledge: \$ _____ per _____
 Membership: One Spousal Family
ARK individual membership is only \$25/year (\$30 couple, \$40 family). To receive this newsletter quarterly for free, please complete the address form and put "Jesus" in amount. (Please include mailing label, if you are renewing.)

ARKY's Bookstore

Bookstore hours manned by volunteers are:

Tuesday 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm;
Thursday 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm;
Saturday 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm;
OTHER TIMES BY APPOINTMENT





PO Box 20069, Dayton, OH 45420-0069 Ph: (937) 256-ARKY

Lord, You alone are Truth. Help us pass it on.
Your best advertisement is your truth tellers.

PASS ON NEWSLETTER
Email: arkfoundation@arky.org
Web: www.arky.org

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Please Renew Your Subscription Early and save us added expenses!



Three Carport Sales!

(if weather cooperates)

**July 7th and 8th, Aug 11th and 12th,
Sept 15th and 16th.**

Yes Brenda believes we have that much stuff!
But if you have something to contribute, bring
it.

At ARKY's House, 2002 S Smithville Rd, Day-
ton, OH

For more information call (937) 256-ARKY.

For SALE

**Four (4) window air condition-
ers for sale: \$25 - \$100, de-
pending on condition. For
more information call (937)
256-ARKY.**

Prayer Requests

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 leader-
ship role of the Ark Foundation
- For the Lord's hand on the development of
the new web site.
- That Ark Foundation be used in strengthen-
ing believers and drawing unbelievers to the
Lord
- New church contacts
- More believers learn about and take ad-
vantage of Ark's resources
- More volunteers, financial partners, and
prayer partners.
- For each other: that we grow in our love for
the Lord and desire to see others come to
know His love.

