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Wonders Without Number – Review of banquet talk given by David Rives By Mark Jurkovich

David started his talk by telling a little about his life story. At age 9, he discovered marine fossils in his own backyard. Realizing that Tennessee is far from the ocean, already at this young age, he saw that these were evidence of the global flood of Genesis. As he collected more, soon he thought to use his collection to teach creation.

At age 16, he started discovering the wonders of the heavens with astro photography. And by age 19, he started speaking to groups on the wonders of God's creation. He even came up and spoke at a Dayton home school convention. (Perhaps one that Ron Cooper was in charge of!) Since then, God has greatly multiplied David's ministry far beyond what he had ever imagined.

The topic of his talk was the same title as the television show his ministry hosts; "Wonders Without Number", named after Job 9:10 where Job declared "He does great things past finding out, Yes, wonders without number." David's talk focused on a sample set of these wonders, which I will touch on just a few of in this article.

Wonders of animal biology – Biology is replete with wonder after wonder of God's infinite creative design for those whose eyes are open to see it. David focused on

just one amazing little creature, the hummingbird. While only found today in the Americas, its fossils are also found elsewhere, in fitting with the global flood and dispersion after the flood. These creatures are the smallest warm-blooded animals in the world. During the day, their heart beats upwards of 1200 beats per minute!



But if they maintained anywhere near that rate at night, they could not survive. So, God has designed them to go into a type of nightly hibernation called torpor, where their heart rate drops all the way down to about 35 beats per minute! This ability is just one of the amazing design features of hummingbird. Each of these features strongly point to irreducible complexity, meaning that multiple features would have had to evolve at the same time for evolution to be even remotely possible.

Wonders of mathematics – Galileo was quoted as saying "Mathematics is the language by which God has written the universe." David then went on to give an example from history. In the 1200s AD, Fibonacci came up

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The Wonder of it All – The Simple Blade of Grass

By Mark Jurkovich

It is easy to see the wonder of God's creation in a beautiful sunset, or flower, or one of his many amazing animals. But can we see the wonder of his creation even in a lowly blade of grass? As we will see in this article, the answer is, absolutely!

Most of the time those of us who live in the U.S., when we think of grass, we are thinking of manicured lawns. But let us consider what a marvelous creation grass is. After all it is the main source of food for most people in the world in the form of rice, wheat, and corn. Also grass, and grain the seeds of grass, are also the main source of food for most of the livestock eaten by the world. Surely it was a key component in God's thinking when he blessed his creation saying:

"See, I have given you every herb that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food. Also, to every beast of the earth, to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which there is life, I have given every green herb for food"; and it was so." (Gen 1:29, 30 NKJV).

But let's examine the simple blade of grass. Or is it that simple? As with virtually all green plants, it is a veritable powerhouse of a factory. One of those first big words every grade school child learns, photosynthesis, is an extremely complex process that converts sunlight, water, and nutrients from the soil, into usable energy. If it were not for photosynthesis, no animal life could survive; we are all dependent on plants. Only through photosynthesis is the raw energy of sunlight converted into usable energy; millennia before man came up with photocells to convert sunlight to electricity. "Hundreds of chemical reactions take place in perfect sequence, like a production line in a well-organized factory."¹ The process is so complex, mankind cannot begin to copy it. Surely it is the design of an all powerful, loving creator. To insist that it evolved by chance

processes takes more faith than believing it is the work of God.

Design of a blade of grass/leaf – But the photosynthesis does not happen in isolation. There must be support structures and transport processes for it to take place. Much of the information in this article comes from reference 1. "The surface layers are the security guards, letting in the good stuff and keeping out the bad. The outside has a waxy layer, called the cuticle, which protects the inner parts of the leaf. Another clear layer of flat cells, called the epidermis, allows sunlight to enter but not escape.



Photo by author

Flip a leaf over, and you'll find tiny holes, called stomata. These openings regulate the chemicals that flow in and out. Specially designed guard cells know how to recognize different molecules, and they tell the stomata when to open and close depending on whether it's time for carbon dioxide to enter or water vapor and oxygen to exit."

When you dig down into the cells themselves, you see many complex components all with their own function. There can be dozens of chloroplasts per cell which perform the intricate converting of light to chemical energy to make sugar. The nucleus of the cell is the command and control center. Layers of membranes surround the nucleus. Their job is to manufacture and transport the parts that other machines need in the cell. Then mitochondria in the cells further convert the sugars produced by the chloroplasts into other forms of energy required by the cell. And even more components make up each cell, all in a beautiful, choreographed dance that all mankind and animals may eat and live.

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So, thank God for the wonder of his creation every time you walk through a field of grass, and even when you have to mow it. That grass is another wonderful gift of his to mankind.

Psalm 104:14 - He causes the grass to grow for the cattle, and vegetation for the service of man, That he may bring forth food from the earth,

Matthew 6:30 (and Luke 12:28) - Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?

Reference: Pam Sheppard and Roger Sanders, "Little Green Machines", Answers Magazine, Vol 3 #3, Jul-Sep 2008, <https://answersingenesis.org/biology/plants/little-green-machines/>

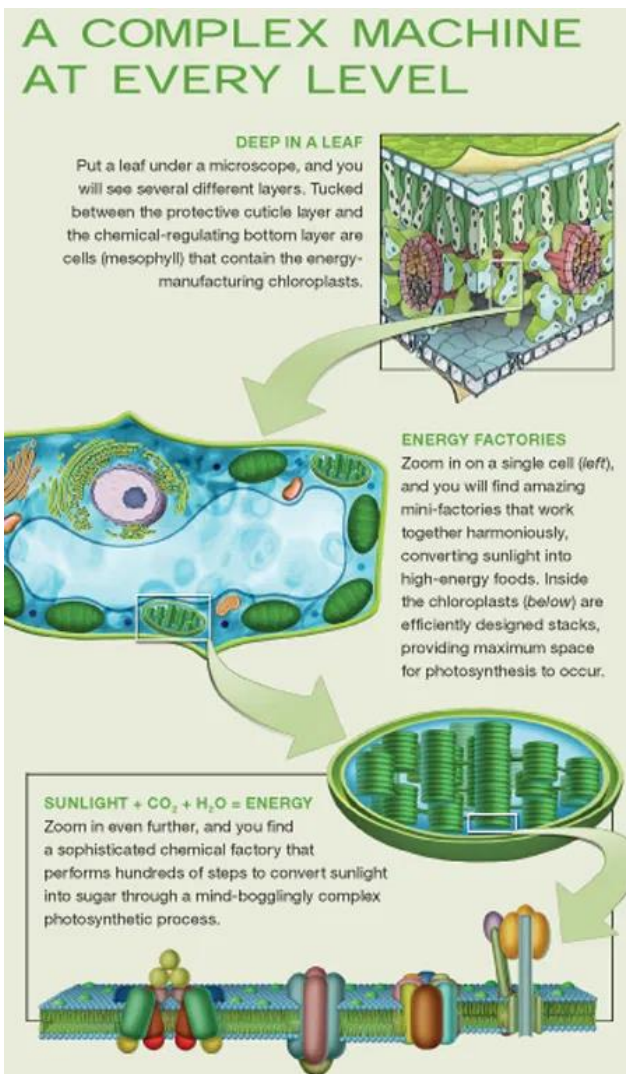


Image from "Little Green Machines" article

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with a simple combination of numbers that later became known as the Fibonacci sequence. It wasn't until many years later that people began discovering this sequence in nature, in the



spiral design of things as varied as the arrangement of seeds in a sunflower to the shape of spiral galaxies. David asked: "How do you explain a man-made sequence showing up in nature?" His answer was, the only way this makes sense is if we have a creator who chose to display his creation with mathematics.

Wonders of the heavens – Werner Von Braun was quoted as saying: "For me the idea of a creation is inconceivable without God." David then showed some of the beautiful astronomical photographs he has taken, many with stunning color. These pictures were not colorized, but showed the color that is visible with long enough exposures. One which has even been used by other organizations was an amazing picture of the moon's surface during a total solar eclipse. He then touched on a couple major problems of the Big Bang theory, summarizing the section by quoting Job again: "great things past finding out", which is what our universe is.

The greatest wonder – The greatest wonder of course is the work of Jesus Christ himself, referencing passages as John 1:1 (In the beginning was the Word), 10-12 (He was in the world, and the world was made through Him), 3:16 (For God so loved the world...), Col 1:16 (For by Him all things were created), Heb 2:10 (for whom are all things and by whom are all things...), John 8:12 (I am the light...) relating back to Gen 1:1. Ephesians 2:10 "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus..." All these other wonders without number point back to our loving creator who gave himself for us that we might live with him.

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. In Part 10 of 10 of the debate transcript below, I share [my comments] which encompass the dialogue regarding RC's latter two claims.

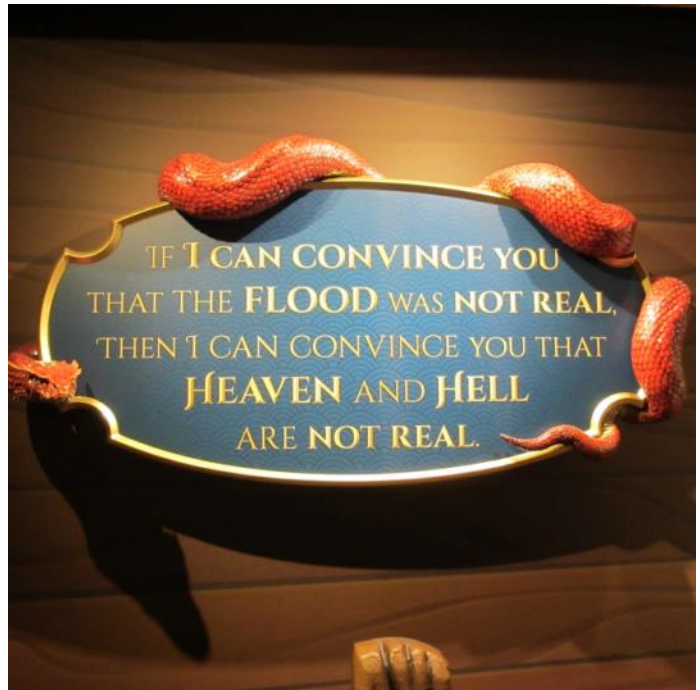
Note: transcript portions are in topical order for clarity, but the posts are numbered [on the web site] to maintain chronological integrity. After sharing this tenth and final part of the debate transcript, I have now shared the entire debate transcript between this blog post and the previous nine posts. Also, all names are abbreviated for privacy and brevity. [editor note: RC's original statements are omitted for brevity since much of it is quoted in Kevin's replies]

Kevin:

"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 organised in its deposition of its victims!" (RC's quotes are indented for clarity)

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://ca.reuters.com/article/domesticNews/idCATRE72O4TZ20110325> [obsolete link]). This is consistent with the concept of a global, oceanic

flood that would bury the land dinosaurs in sediments while carrying marine creatures along with them.



"A second argument is that we date the rocks through a number of different metrics, so we can gain multiple measures for their age (various forms of nuclear decay are the primary tools of this). We can measure geological time-scales far exceeding the 4,500 years you mention."

I responded to this argument in an earlier comment, and I will repeat it here. Radiometric dating is not a pure science in terms of what is truly observable, testable, and repeatable. Even radiometric dating relies on unverifiable assumptions: (1) the initial conditions of the rock sample regarding the amount of parent and daughter elements, (2) the quantities of parent and daughter elements were not somehow altered over time and (3) the decay rate was always constant. In fact, these assumptions have been proven to be incorrect with dating methods such as Argon-Argon and Potassium-Argon. "When muscovite (a common mineral in crustal rocks) is heated to 740°-860°C under high Ar pressures for periods of 3 to 10.5 hours it absorbs significant quantities of Ar, producing K-Ar 'ages' of up to 5 billion years, and the absorbed Ar is indistinguishable from radiogenic argon ($^{40}\text{Ar}^*$)."—Dr.

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Andrew Snelling (<http://www.icr.org/article/potassium-dating-crystal-rocks-problem-excess-argo/>). 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.

“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...”

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 not 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 convectional flow in the mantle. This convectional 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 argu-

ment here, by what ultimate standard do you judge God's method to be “needlessly complex and wholly unnecessary”?

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

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/>).

“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.”

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.

“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.”

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

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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.

"(BTW, I aim to keep things civil, since I really see no point in being anything other than that.)"

I greatly appreciate that!

I did not see any further responses from RC or any of the other humanists. Although RC did not show reverence/respect for our Creator and Savior, he was civil and respectful with me in our discussion, and for that, I commend him.

My prayer is that he and other humanists come to realize that God's Word is absolutely True, and that God alone is worthy of all honor, praise, and glory. Moreover, I pray that they confess their sinful thoughts and deeds and turn to the person and work of Jesus, God the Son, for the washing of their "robes."

"Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates. Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood."—Revelation 22:14-15

Related links: [#GlobalFlood](#) [#Dinosaurs](#) [#Geology](#) [#Fossils](#) [#Radioisotopes](#) [#UltimateProof](#) [#Resurrection](#)

Read the full post at [Unmasking Humanism](#)

Kevin's home page: <https://>

www.unmaskinghumanism.org/

Do You Believe Genesis?

BY CHARLES (CHAS) C. MORSE, D.MIN.

"[God] hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds." (Hebrews 1:2)

The only source of knowledge detailing how God created the universe is revealed in the clear and inspired text of Scripture (2 Timothy 3:16). We can learn generally "about" God by examining His marvelous creation. As the psalmist wrote, "Day unto day uttereth

speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard" (Psalm 19:2-3).

However, we cannot know the specifics of how our Lord Jesus Christ created His awesome creation unless we listen to the words of Genesis 1:1: "*In the beginning [time] God [source] created [energy] the heaven [space] and the earth [matter].*" So, in order to truly know God, how He created, how He operates, and how He redeems, believers must look to all 66 books of the Bible. "*For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost" (2 Peter 1:21).*

Moreover, the apostle John, being moved by the same Holy Spirit, wrote, "*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made" (John 1:1-3).* This excludes evolution and a progression of life through natural selection.

Hebrews 11:3 affirms that "*through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.*" Either you believe in Genesis, or you don't.

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Pick up your free copy of ICR's Days of Praise daily devotional booklet at any monthly ARK meeting.

God's Handiwork in the Desert

By Bruce Malone

Deserts cover one-fifth of the earth's land surfaces, but only the Americas have cacti. The southwestern U.S. alone has more than 2,000 varieties of cactus.

What design would you put into a desert plant for it to hold onto its water?

Cacti open their tiny pores (stomata) to take in carbon dioxide during the night, which is the opposite of most plants; they open their stomata during the daylight hours because this is when photosynthesis takes place and the carbon dioxide is needed at that time.

If the cacti were to open their pores during the day, precious water would evaporate. Losing water is not good in the desert! Cacti are designed so that during the night, stomata open up and carbon dioxide is collected and stored. During the day, the stomata close, and the previously stored carbon dioxide is used for photosynthesis. Cacti are unique in this reversed process that help them survive in the desert.

More Ingenious Designs to Enable Them to Survive:

Cacti are like sponges, so when it does rain, they collect as much water as possible. The body of the cactus acts as a reservoir, storing water. As needed, the entire cactus can actually expand its diameter. Can trees swell their trunks as they gather water, and then shrink their girth as they use the water? A mature saguaro can absorb 200 gallons from one rainstorm.

The outer part of the cactus is waxy, which helps retain moisture and reflect the heat of the sun away.

Pointy spines or "cactus needles" stop thirsty animals from getting a free drink.

Evolutionary scientists teach that cacti evolved these features over eons of time. Yet thousands of specific programming changes would



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be needed to allow some sort of "pre-cactus" to survive in the desert.

What if stomata were open during the day, like other plants? The cacti would most likely wither away and die. What if it did not have the unusual feature of its stem expanding to hold water? An extended dry spell would kill all the cacti. What if there were no spines? Animals would eat the cacti for their water.

These are just a few of the design issues that God had to think about so that cacti could survive and thrive in a harsh desert environment. Cacti show the handiwork of the great Creator!

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ARKY's Calendar of Events (as of 8/1/24)

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

***Aug 12**, 7:00 pm to 8:35 pm. The **New Answers DVD 1,2a** at Faith Christian Fellowship. Over the next two meetings we will cover the three DVD set answering 36 of the top questions from the New Answers Book. These extremely popular DVDs are perfect for young adults and anyone who wants truly succinct yet meaty answers to the questions our culture is asking.
<https://answersingenesis.org/store/product/new-answers-dvds-bundle/>

***Sept 9**, 7:00 pm to 8:35 pm. The **New Answers DVD 2b,3** at Faith Christian Fellowship. We will cover rest of the 36 top questions from the New Answers Book.

Sept 9 - 10, Living in Babylon with Ken Ham & Martyn Iles at Cedarville University, Dixon Ministry Center, Jeremiah Chapel, Cedarville, OH. Ph: (937) 766-7700. The Truth of It, for Today's World. Because God's Word is a word for every generation and every culture, it inspires ultimate clarity, hope, and action. The light of the gospel of Jesus Christ is the light that brings every generation and every culture out of darkness. Experience this for yourself, as Martyn Iles and Ken Ham bring the timeless power of Scripture to life for a changing world. Register now for this free event.

Sept 13 to Sept 15. **Creation Evidence Expo with Bruce Malone, Jerry Bergman & more** at Hope Baptist Church, 1055 N. Girl's School Rd, Indianapolis, IN. Ph: (317) 345-9072. This year marks the 21st Creation Evidence Expo which consists of three days of presentations, free to the public, from world-class scientists, theologians, and speakers who present scientific evidence supporting the conclusion that the God of the Holy Bible created all things. Evolution is not science. Charles Darwin was wrong.
<https://www.creationevidenceexpo.org/>

Sept 20, Beyond Bones: The Truth About Dinosaurs with Ken Ham and others at the Creation Museum, Petersburg, KY. Come learn how starting with a biblical worldview beginning in Genesis equips us to explain and understand dinosaurs. You'll also learn how the scientific evidence confirms God's Word about these amazing creatures.
<https://answersingenesis.org/outreach/event/beyond-bones/>

Oct 5, 21st Annual Chocolate Festival with Faith&Friends Radio at the Event Center,

Montgomery County Fairgrounds, 645 Infirmary Rd, Dayton, OH. Ph: (937) 233-2484. Going On A Chocolate Hunt! (A Safari Theme). More Info: Contact the station at 937.233.2484 or email melody@faithandfriendsradio.com for more information.

***Oct 14**, 7:00 pm to 8:35 pm. **LIVE talk "Lies in the Textbooks"** with Mark Jurkovich at Faith Christian Fellowship. You expect public school textbooks to push evolution. You would hope they would remove outdated arguments, but they don't. This talk points out many of the 'icons' of evolution taught in our school textbooks that have been proven false, but still show up in our texts.

***Nov 11**, 7:00 pm to 8:35 pm. DVD: **Spectacular Coral Reefs** with Dr Robert Carter at Faith Christian Fellowship. The existence of large coral reefs in the rock record and beneath many tropical seas has long been used as a case against a biblical Creation. But coral reefs are not as strong a challenge to the young-earth paradigm as evolutionists want us to believe. A careful analysis of these incredible underwater gardens supports biblical history. (rescheduled from January)

***Dec 9**, 7:00 pm to 8:35 pm. DVD: **The Spreading Flame: Story of the Bible** with Speakers at Faith Christian Fellowship. Trace the story of the English Bible. From the first efforts of John Wycliffe to the ultimate success of William Tyndale whose New Testament transformed England and whose diligent work in the face of opposition, persecution and ultimate martyrdom laid the foundation for the Bible we have today. (Viewing only part 2 of 5 part series)

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

Contact Steve McConaughy, 419-450-2483 for the 2024 schedule

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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Financial Statement 2024

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Misc	39.69
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8. **Encouragement and Answers:** for belief in the Biblical Creator;
9. **Leadership training:** periodically opportunity to learn how to serve in your church or school or study group;
10. **Public materials:** make available Creation resources – books, audios, and DVDs to public;
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Musings of Mark from ARK

The Importance of Genesis Revealed on the Mission Field

Missionaries have long realized the importance of teaching the history of all mankind as revealed in the book of Genesis. Every tribe and language have that history of Genesis 1 through 11 in common, and it reaches the heart of many who have never heard the Gospel before. We all long to know from whence we came. One testimony from a Wycliffe Bible Translators (WBT) missionary highlights the importance of Genesis. "We knew people needed to understand Jesus, so we translated the Gospel of Luke. Then we observed people were confused about what Jesus had saved them from – separation from God – therefore we translated Genesis."

The need to get back to Genesis is greater now than it ever has been in our own country. We cannot simply say "Jesus loves you" anymore. For fewer and fewer people know anything about Jesus, or why he came. We need to first go back to the beginning for them; that there is a God who created the whole universe and lovingly formed each one of us. But we rebelled against our Crea-

tor, and there is no way for us to get back to him unless he does it. Only then they can really understand why Jesus came and what he did for them; to understand that there is no other way to get back to a relationship with our Creator. We are incapable of restoring the relationship on our own. Our Creator himself had to provide the way. They need to realize that even now they are in rebellion against him (sin), and they need to turn away from that rebellion and back to him (repent), and receive the Creator's free gift of forgiveness that he paid by dying in our place.

Another testimony from WBT: "Normally, translators begin with one of the Gospels, but since (these) people were Muslim, it was more powerful to start from a chronological perspective... *The story of (Genesis) sweeps away some misconceptions the Muslim people have about Christian faith. For instance, common Muslim people are taught since their childhood that Christians do not believe in God. But when the Muslim people read the book of Genesis ... they realize that Christians do believe in God and that their God is the Creator of the World.*"

