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CSF Meetings

Dr. David N. Menton

Dr. Menton will be speaking at both the CSF North and South meetings on two different topics. Dr. Menton has lectured internationally and is a popular seminar lecturer with Answers in Genesis. His talks were enjoyed by many at the recent AIG Seminar held in Pittsburgh this past November. Dr. Menton has his Ph.D. in cell biology, has done research at the Mayo Clinic and has received numerous awards for his teaching abilities.

CSF South

**Springs in the Valley Church
264 Old Clairton Road, Pleasant Hills**

Monday March 14, 2005, 7:30 PM

"Beauty is Skin Deep"

We often hear the expression that "beauty is more than skin deep". While this is certainly true, beauty is also "skin deep." In this presentation the marvelous functional complexity of human skin is examined in the light and electron microscope. The body is covered with a thin layer of dead cells that keep us from drying out at a rate that would be fatal in a few hours. This layer, called the epidermis, has a precise organization that staggers the imagination. Pigment cells make little "umbrellas" that protect the genetic information in the epidermal cells. Sweat glands allow us to cool our body and work under high temperature conditions unmatched by any animal – except possibly the horse! The crowing glory of the skin is the hair. The complexity of a single hair as seen in the scanning electron microscope should alone be a sure cure for atheism.

NOTE the date has changed for this meeting to the second Monday to accommodate Dr. Menton's schedule.

CSF North

Mars Alliance Church, Rt. 228

Tuesday March 15, 2005, 7:30 PM

"Evidence for Design - the Eyes Have It!"

No organ of the human body has convinced man more regarding our special Creation than the eye. For centuries, Christians have used the eye as "exhibit A" for the handiwork of our Creator. This presentation, adapted from a medical school anatomy lecture, delves deeply into the marvelous complexity of our eye. The beautiful clarity of the cornea, the focusing lens, the control of light intensity, the invisible blood supply to the retina, the precise muscular control of the eyeball – all attest to the awesome glory of our Creator.

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by Bob Harsh

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The administration at Seneca was always very supportive of me as a professional educator who had the freedom to think on my own and teach science in a factual way. I only had one incident in all of those years. I had the daughter of the head of the Science Department in my Advanced Biology class. I shared with my students an article I had written. My student was impressed that her teacher could write a high quality article and shared the article with her father. He was not as impressed and threatened to bring in the ACLU to protect Seneca’s students. Seneca’s administrators were proactive and called for a meeting of the dad, two administrators and me. The result was that only science and no religion was being taught. They had no case and the complaint was dropped.

On many occasions I wish I could go ahead and tell the whole story. As the years went by, Creationist scientists as well as non-creationist scientists discovered more evidence that made evolution look even worse. The evidence against evolution is so strong today that even faint hearted creationist educators can feel comfortable pointing out the problems with evolution.

During the summers of the past five years I have gone to Perm, Russia on mission trips. Many of the Russians in the audiences of my lectures show their appreciation for the truth about evolution being taught to them. One high school biology teacher uses my power point lectures in her public school classroom! Those lectures go beyond presenting evidence against evolution and present the case for God being the creator! That is more than I can do in public schools in America! Our educational culture is being turned into a “defacto” atheistic society by our public institutions!

On the other hand, Young Universe Creationism is also gaining a lot of momentum. There are more scientists and educators every year who have become convinced that the scientific evidence concerning origins is clearly pointing towards “Young Universe Creationism” as having the best explanations. Even more scientists and educators are turning their backs on a purely naturalistic story of the origin of matter, energy, and life [nature produces itself] to a deistic explanation where a “grand designer” outside of nature did the creating. The “Design Movement”, while not while not necessarily accepting Biblical Creationism, none the less, does lead people away from atheistic naturalism and points them in our direction. This happens because the materialistic explanations are now being exposed as ideas without evidence and that violate rational scientific explanation.

Answers In Genesis is an organization that promotes rational scientific arguments and they have been very effective with thousands of people around the world who are not scientists by their training. Their magazine and web site [www.answersingenesis.com] as well as their highly effective speakers are an extremely important part of this recent trend towards creationism.

I am happy that I am now teaching in a Christian school and have the freedom and the encouragement, to go beyond pointing out that evolution is devoid of good science, to telling “the rest of the story”.

Doesn't the Bible Creation Account Contradict Science?

By Bill Clarke

There are teachings and doctrines in the Bible that seem to conflict with the majority of scientific views today. In science and education circles, the claim is made that the Bible is either opposed to science or irrelevant to it. This is because scientists often operate from a strictly naturalistic worldview, where they exclude supernatural creation and a supernatural Creator.

In recent news, a federal judge in Georgia ordered that stickers that had been placed in science textbooks stating, "Evolution is a theory, not fact," be removed. The Dover School Board in southeastern Pennsylvania last year voted to require the teaching of intelligent design in its public school classes and is being sued in court because of this action. Evolution proponents claim that there are no scientists who dispute evolution and that those who even question evolution do so only for religious purposes. The topic of creation/evolution in the public school classroom and the origins controversy certainly is prominent in the media today.

This raises questions about origins such as where did all the plants and animals come from? After all of the dust settles, there are only two alternative choices that most people in America consider. The two major explanations of the origin of life are:

Evolutionary Naturalism

All living things had their origin as a result of undirected natural evolution of life from nonliving chemicals followed by pure chance beneficial mutations.

Biblical Naturalism

Living things with their immense complexity were supernaturally created and they have evolved by means of genetic adjustments within the limits of their created "KINDS".

Two Biblical writers wrote centuries ago about their revelations from God on the origin of human beings.

**You created my inmost being; You knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Your works are wonderful, I know that full well.
David: Psalm 139:13,14 ~ 1000 BC**

**You are worthy, our Lord and God, To receive glory and honor and power, For you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.
John: Revelation 4:11 ~ 95 AD**

Thus the God of the Bible is Creator of the universe and all things were created for His pleasure (Rev. 4:11, KJV). Through the spoken Word, an infinite God called into existence a finite universe and God's great work of salvation came only after His prior work of creation. The Bible presents many scientific insights on the physical universe, centuries before man discovered them:

<u>Scientific Insight</u>	<u>Bible Reference</u>
Stars of Heaven innumerable	Gen. 22:17, Jeremiah 33:22
Mountains on the Ocean floor	Jonah 2: 5,6
God hangs the earth on nothing	Job 26: 7
Everything made of invisible subatomic particles	Hebrews 11: 3
Atomic Fission	2 Peter 3: 10
Ocean Currents	Psalm 8: 8
Hydrological Cycle (Rivers, ocean, evaporation, rain)	Job 36: 27, Amos 9: 6, Eccl. 1: 7
Jet Stream	Eccl. 1: 6
Dinosaurs	Job 40 – 41, Psalm 74: 14
The circle of the earth	Isaiah 40: 22

The Bible has anticipated many modern scientific discoveries, even though it is not a science textbook. Most science textbooks have to be rewritten; the Bible never had to be rewritten once! God got it right the first time. Whenever we study the evidence, we see that science supports God's Word because the Scriptures deal with truth. Evidence that God has created is so obvious that if you reject that evidence, you are without excuse (from Romans 1:20).

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