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September Event with Dr. David Menton was Very Successful

About 170 people enjoyed an evening with Dr. David Menton at Cornerstone Ministries in Export, PA. Dr. Menton, from Answers In Genesis presented his exciting new topic *God's Girders: The Human Skeleton System*.

CSF thanks all who worked to make this event a success especially Pastor Donn Chapman for hosting this event and making the introduction and to Amy Nyiri for her help in coordination.

The audio of Dr. Menton's presentation is available on the CSF web site courtesy of Steve Sobek.

Universe by Design

Plans are being made to bring Dr. Danny Faulkner to Geneva College to present his talk *Universe by Design* on November 14, 2006. More details will be available on our web site and in next month's issue of Origins Insights.

Dr. Faulkner is the author of the book *Universe by Design* and has participated in past ICCs both as a presenter and editor.

CSF Meetings

CSF South

New Wine Harvest Church
268 Old Clairton Road, Pleasant Hills

October 17
Dennis Wert

Topic: *Greater than the Sum of Its Parts*

Dennis Wert, past CSF Chairman, will discuss examples of design as seen in this wonderful world including altruistic cells, coordination and control.

CSF North

No Meeting in October

November 14
Dr. Danny Faulkner
Geneva College, Beaver Falls, Pa.

Topic: *Universe by Design*

Good Morning Students

By Bruce Malone

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The debate over evolution vs. creation is not just a dry technical argument concerning isotopic dating methods, dinosaur bones, or whether mutations can turn pond scum into people. What we believe about where we came from determines how we view life, and ultimately, our actions. Answers to such basic questions as “Where did we come from?”, “What is the purpose of life?”, and “How do we determine right from wrong?”, are derived directly from our belief about our origin. If we are just the result of random chance changes that turned swamp gas into people, then life has no ultimate purpose or meaning...each person must determine for themselves what is right or wrong...and truth really does not exist.

This is the essence of what is being taught to your children each day in public schools:

“Good morning students and welcome to high school. Our first lesson today will be to teach you where you came from. Many of you have been taught that God created you. However, that is a religious concept and must therefore be reserved for Sunday mornings. You may keep that belief, if you wish, but we will now teach you more important things like science and reality.”

“You see, Johnny and Suzy, you are really here as a result of cosmic accidents and random chance. Billions of years ago, “nothing” exploded and turned into gas molecules. These gas molecules bounced around until they became stars. These stars then changed simple atoms into bigger atoms. After lots of time passed, these larger atoms and molecules formed a big rock that we call Earth. Parts of this rock dissolved into water and became alive. After billions more years, little critters in the water climbed onto land and started walking around. Over time, birth defects happened (which we call mutations) and these critters turned into other kinds of critters. More often than not these critters wiped out the previous critters. Finally apes turned into people. And here we are. We were not there to see any of this happen, and we cannot really prove how it could have happened, but we are absolutely sure this is where you came from. You see now Johnny and Suzy, why science and reality can teach you so much more than religion.”

“One more thing Johnny. Because you are just a cosmic accident, you really have no basis for judging other people. You must be tolerant. Homosexuality is just a choice. Abortion is just a choice. Sex with anyone or anything at anytime is just a choice (but please be careful). Anything you choose to believe is OK as long as it is good for you. And you get to define what is “good”! After all, you are really just a cosmic accident, and after a few more billion years the universe will collapse back into nothingness anyway.”

“That’s all the time we have for biology and history today. Now it is time to go to your new class on self-esteem and good behavior where we will try to define good behavior for you. Have a good day, Suzy and Johnny, and be the best little well behaved accidents you can be”

Is it any wonder that lying and cheating are widespread in schools and government? Is it really surprising that despondent students resort to violence and suicide?

Let’s return to true education where students have the freedom to view the scientific evidence for creation. Then they will once again have a factual basis for understanding that their lives have meaning and value, because they are made in the image of a personal Creator. Only then will morality have an immovable foundation because it will be the reflection of that Creator.

Origin of Life Fairness in Public Schools

A new 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation that approaches the issue of teaching origin of life theories in public schools was established in Jacksonville, Florida on August 28, 2006.

Few are aware that the courts have ruled atheism is a religion for the purposes of the First Amendment in 2005 and thought about it's implications on the teaching of origin of life theories in public schools. In brief, evolution becomes both religious and scientific theory (using the court's definition of scientific theory), and abiogenesis becomes purely religious theory. That being the case this organization puts forth that these atheist origin of life theories should be treated no differently than any other origin of life theory, anything less is unconstitutional.

The organization does not seek to remove the teaching of evolution from the public schools or to take a position on which Creationist theory is the "correct" theory. Their argument and point of contention is the "unequal" application of law on religious theories taught in public schools.

According to their mission statement "We educate the public about a U.S. Appeals Court finding that "Atheism is a religion", the logic behind it, and seek to end to the unconstitutional establishment of atheist belief in public schools by motivating the public to express "their" opinion to the proper government authorities".

Currently the organization is targeting Florida. Their web site reports that "[t]he next state has not been decided, however it can be said it will be from among the following: Texas, Kansas, or one of the coastal south-eastern states."

Visit the website at <http://originoflifefairness.org> for much more information and the links/facts to back up their position.

Read a Good Book Lately?



A Creation Science book, that is.

If you have and would like to provide a book review, CSF would be happy to hear from you.

Please submit your book review, 250 words or less, to bookreview@csfpittsburgh.org. Be sure to include your name along with your city and state.

Selected book reviews will appear in *Origins Insights* and/or our web site www.csfpittsburgh.org.

Creation Quotes

When we give away Creation we've given away half the reason to praise God.

Donn Chapman

This skillful ordering of the universe is for us a sort of mirror in which we can contemplate God who is otherwise invisible.

John Calvin

I have been forced to conclude that scientific creationism is not only a viable theory, but that it has achieved parity with (if not superiority over) the normative theory of biological evolution.

Paul Ackerman in
"It's A Young World After All"

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