

CSA News

The Creation Science Association for Mid-America

"It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in men" Psalm 118:8

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CSA Meeting Tuesday, January 7, 1992

The Basic Session "Is Creation Relevant?"

by: Glenn Kailer

As was "What is Science?," this is also an essential session. The origins question affects every field of human endeavor: ethics, morals, politics, law, education, art, family, church, philosophy, science, etc. If you have the wrong answer to the origins question, it is highly unlikely you will have the right answer to any others.

The Advanced Session "Identifying the Noahic Flood in Historical Geology: Part two"

A video from the 2nd Intn'l Conference on Creation by: Bernard E. Northrup, Th.D.

As a recognized authority in Biblical languages, Dr. Northrup travels the world checking Bible translations for the Am. Bible Society. Along the way, he never passes up interesting geologic formations. While Dr. Northrup is an amateur geologist, so was Lyell, "the Father of Modern Geology." Furthermore, Northrup's presentations will probably change your views of rock formations forever.

CSA Meeting Tuesday, February 4, 1992

The Basic Session "Implications of Biblical Creation in Geology, Biology, Physics, Theology, Politics. Ethics. Law"

by: Tom Willis

Most people seem to think "creation" is "merely a religious concept" that has little effect on science or public life and not even much effect on the church. But origins views effect every field of human endeavor. In this session we'll examine a few of these areas.

The Advanced Session "Ecological Zonation and the First Appearances of Higher Taxa"

A video from the 2nd Intn'l Conference on Creation by: Kurt Wise, Ph.D., Geology

This paper and talk employs a number of terms of the geologist/paleontologist, and a few statistical terms, but is otherwise not technically difficult. However, it is one of the most fascinating studies of one of the great claims of evolution: "The fossil record supports evolution." Using standard statistical techniques Kurt examines the first appearance in the fossil record of virtually **all** the "higher" animals and demonstrates conclusively they are not in evolutionary sequence

INSTITUTES IN CREATION SCIENCE

Two Meetings In One

The format of **CSA** monthly meetings now consists of a short combined session, then **two parallel sessions:** The **Basic Institute in Creation Science** covering the general issues of Creation vs evolution. and the **The Advanced Institute in Creation Science.** The latter will be "more technical," and will often cover specific issues in detail while the **Basic Institute** may cover the same topics in a more overview manner. The Institutes will be suspended for special guest speakers. Choice between the two is simple. If you have not studied creation science, have not attended a complete **CSA** seminar, or have not read carefully the **CSA Seminar Notebook**, **you should attend the Basic Institute!**

Institute Fees

There is <u>no charge</u>, but those who enroll and pay the **Institute Fee** of \$70 will receive the notebook, two related text books, and a certificate of completion. For more information on attending the institutes as a student, ask for an institute flyer. Audio Tapes of most sessions will be available.

Don't Be Discouraged By The First Session!

Over 60 people attended each of the opening institutes. We were totally unprepared for such a crowd in the advanced session. In December, we had two screens including a large screen TV in the Advanced Institute. No one had a bad seat. It was an excellent session with much valuable discussion afterwards.

Meeting Location: Westbrooke Church

9898 West 95th, Overland Park, KS

Refreshments: 6:15PM - Meeting: 7:00PM Nursery Provided, \$2.50 per child (Reservation required for nursery)

Two blocks East of 69 Highway (or Switzer) on North side of 95th Street. Call (816) 658-3610 for nursery or for more information.

A Brief Review of CSA's 1991

Financially, 1991 was for CSA, as it was for many ministries, and for many of you, a fairly tough year. However the Lord and many of you have been faithful and we have met our expenses. To cut expenses we have started publishing CSA news every other month, but this may turn out to be a blessing. We feel we will be able to add more content and have more time for other important activities.

The **Real Scientists Just Say NO!** seminar series has been very successful. We had a lot to learn about planning and executing these seminars, but the turnout in most cases has been well over a hundred, which is excellent for 8 to 10 hour seminars, in small

towns. As you'll see in the schedule, several are planned in the first quarter of 1992.

Response to the **RSJSNO! Seminar Notebook** has been very rewarding. We are working on Version 2 and hope to complete it in the 1st quarter.

CSA Speaker Activity

As you read the following, keep in mind that CSA speakers, except for Glenn Kailer, are all part time. We contribute our time and most of our expenses are not reimbursed.

Demand for individual CSA speakers has been as high as it has ever been. Glenn Kailer has been so busy lately he has passed himself coming in the door on the way to his next engagement. Larry Rink has spoken a number of times around the state.

Bob Farwell has become a very popular speaker. Bob has presented nearly a dozen mini-seminars himself this year including city and state conventions for his denomination. For the next six months, Bob already has over ten significant engagements including workshops at two District conventions, and three different week-long youth camps.

Some of Tom Willis's most interesting activities included a lengthy (and quite hospitable) interview on Kansas City's only admitted humanist radio station; a three hour debate with a Th.D. and a Ph.D. (biology) in the "lion's den" - the local Skeptics Association; a three-week Christian Enrichment Seminar at Bethany Lutheran; a three day seminar at Dominion Christian School, and a fascinating presentation at the Heartland Mensa Convention (see **Mensa mini-report**). Tom also participated in a debate at the Pembroke-Hill school and has been invited back to teach a 10 hour course in Creation Science in January. Pembroke is the Number 1 private (secular) school in Kansas City.

Mensa Convention Mini-Report - by Tom Willis

Many people have inquired about my presentation at the "Heartland Mensa Convention." This was such an exciting occasion, I'll try to keep my remarks brief. Mensa is a fraternity of the top 2% of the population in intelligence as measured by IQ or other suitable standard. About 1200 attended the convention. There were parallel sessions, so I spoke to a subset. I really don't know how many, but the room was full. The first 15 minutes were roughly like David Wilkerson's first sermons to the street gangs in New York City... I wasn't at all sure I would get out alive.

Then the Lord gave me a few words for them from His Word, several people shouted that they came to hear me, not the audience, and things settled down. I was able to present Biblical Creation, a fairly good survey of evidence for creation, and the Gospel. As is my custom I defined the "scientific method" as a proof strategy leading to a reasonable faith based on evidence consistently supporting a hypothesis (and secured their agreement)! This became devastating later when I displayed a pocket comb and challenged them with a hypothesis that "All complex systems (pocket combs to 747's) owe their existence to acts of creation." I pointed out that, by the scientific method, this was a law of science, since we had observed millions of confirmations and zero exceptions. An outspoken individual who had announced earlier he was an atheist asked his biggie. "Well, isn't God a complex system, therefore isn't He also created?" I complimented him on the question, then said (paraphrased, unfortunately there is no tape):

"As an atheist, you must depend on matter as your creator of complexity. But you must cope with the 1st Law of Thermodynamics, which tells us that matter <u>must have been here forever</u> (since it cannot be produced by natural causes), while the 2nd Law says <u>matter cannot have been here forever</u>. Were I to adopt your faith, I would have to discard what I know about about physics, complex systems (and many other branches of science). But, as a Christian, my God who defined himself, thru Moses, as a spirit, is the only one who has defined himself as outside of and transcendant to the universe, and not subject to its laws since He is the one who created the laws as well as the matter.

Therefore, your question would apply to all other gods of the Hindus, Buddhists, the New Age, etc., including your "creator god", matter, since they are all part of the universe and therefore subject to its laws (I saw many people nodding in agreement). My God is the only God in history who has defined himself consistent with what I know about science. Therefore, I would say that my faith is a Type I faith - a reasonable faith, consistent with the evidence... you might say "a scientific faith." But your faith would be what we defined earlier as a Type III faith, an anti-science or anti-reason faith... that is, a faith held in-spite of the evidence [the RSJSNO! notebook has a complete definition of science (knowledge) and its relation to faith].

After this, he asked no more sarcastic questions. When I finished at the appointed time, virtually no one left. An hour later, most still remained. After more hours, there were still quite a few left asking questions. There was one minor question to which I simply said I did not know the answer. Many came up to thank me and a number remarked about my "courage" and handling of the less than polite behavior. I received a letter from the program chairman, Warren Walker, saying in part: "I realize just how much time and effort was involved in putting together a presentation for the event. Your efforts in particular were appreciated. I hope the handful of abusive Mensans ... did not detract too much from your enthusiasm. Your presentation was certainly one of the most talked-about sessions we had..."

If you count the question I couldn't answer, I felt the final score was roughly: The Lord - 99, the other guy - 1. But then, I am biased.

A Mini-Report From Glenn Kailer

On Friday evening, November 8, "Campus Chrisitans," at the University of Kansas hosted a meeting of about 70 students at which I spoke. The topic "Can an Intelligent Person Accept Creation Science," enabled me to include a discussion of the reasonableness of Biblical Creation and an examination of the so-called proofs of evolution. The toughest challenges came from one individual who, asked me to discuss the "Glaring inconsistencies in Genesis, especially in Chapter 4 where Cain builds a city and has a wife." After establishing that his problem was where the people came from for the city and where Cain's wife came from, I replied, "Well the Scripture tells us that Adam and Eve lived over 900 years and had other sons and daughers. We don't know exactly how many, but Jewish tradition says about 30 each. Now we don't know when Cain built his city, but suppose it was 300 years later, and suppose each of Adam's children started bearing at about 60 years and had about as many children as Adam. There would have been thousands of people to populate Cain's city and from whom to select a wife. Also, in

case you've wondered, as many do, about who Cain was afraid would kill him, just think, every man alive knew that Cain had murdered their great uncle."

Later he sarcastically asked me to "Confess the relationship between faith and creation." Obviously he meant that evolution was science and creation was faith, so I answered: "Well, when Isaac Newton wrote the 3rd Law of Motion he essentially said, Every action I have seen had an equal and opposite reaction, so by faith I will assume that the ones I have not seen will perform the same way.' Likewise, all the evidence I have seen points to creation, so by faith I assume the evidence I have not seen will point in the same direction. And after all, that's the way we do all science." Several students thanked me especially for the discussion of the relation of faith and science.

The next day, I drove with my teenage son Jeremy, to Phillipsburg, Kansas for a Teens for Christ Rally. About 160 young people laughed their way through my presentation by "The Mad Professor" in which I explain to them the marvelous proofs for evolution and how valuable it is for them to promote evolution so they can justify disobedience to their parents and immoral behavior. My point, of course, was that the proofs for evolution are not scientific, but silly; and the main reasons for belief in evolution is justification for living independently of the Creator. The point was not lost on these kids.

Sunday we visited Phillipsburg Wesleyan and the First Baptist churches. Both presentations were warmly received.

A few days later, the whole family went to Hutchinson for the Kansas Christian Convention where we manned a CSA booth and display and I conducted three creation science workshops.

We arrived home late Saturday, repacked and left for 3-evening creation-related revival. Each evening we spent about one hour on creation evidences followed by an evangelistic message based on restoration through a new creation. The overall response was quite positive, but a comment of real significance was made by the pastor himself: "I knew the church needed to hear what you were saying, but I did not realize how much I needed to hear it. For years I've presented Jesus as the biggest and best package under the Christmas tree, but after tonight I realize that to miss Jesus is to miss the central purpose for the existence of the entire universe." [Editors note: Glenn's message

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on Creation and Purpose is unique in the Creation Science fraternity. It is full of scriptural and scientific insight and has a powerful impact.]

Thanksgiving weekend, the Kailer family manned a CSA booth at the Nebraska State Christian Convention in Kearny, Nebraska. December and January are chock full of exciting events too. I must include another "Thank-you!" to each of you who have helped financially support this ministry. Please know that I remember your part in every victory.

Editor's Note: This brief report of Glenn's activities does not begin to cover all that he has done this month, much less in 1991. In only a little over a year, Glenn has become one of the most requested creation speakers in America. Furthermore, Glenn is unbelievably generous with his time, going where he is invited often without any mention of expenses. He has spoken often to youth groups, students, and others where no offering at all was taken. But, Glenn and his family are still living without adequate income. Glenn is a mature, informed Christian with deep insights in God's Word, a sharp wit, and growing depth in his knowledge of creation. His efforts deserve far better support from God's people than he has received. Please pray about your role in supporting Glenn's activities.

Mythbuster Series #4

"Biblical Metaphors, Transubstantiation and Religious Mythology"

Due to space limitations, Part 3 of this Mythbuster has been deferred until next issue.



\$17 MULTIPLIED

Many of you have been reading **CSA News** for years. Perhaps you've noticed that very little is said about the expenses of **CSA's** ministry. You've never been billed for the newsletter (which now goes to over 4000 people). CSA has never set a minimum fee for conducting a seminar in any church or city. The lending library services have been extended to hundreds of individuals and groups free of charge. How is this possible?

Few of CSA's activities pay for themselves. Most of the expenses of the newsletter and other services we provide are covered primarily by the membership fees and other contributions by people just like you who believe in our work. CSA has accepted the challenge of providing education in creation principles and Christian growth to everyone we are enabled to reach. Your partnership in CSA makes this mission attainable.

Your investment of \$17 for a full membership today, multiplied by the gifts and prayers of others, will insure that more and more people will come to a knowledge of the truth and the freedom which it brings.



Creation Safaris

Received from a 1991 Safari

Traveler:

"Dear Dave (Foran), Thank you for teaching us on the hikes at Ha-Ha-Tonka. I learned a lot of facts about rocks and fossils, caves and bats that I did not know. I don't think I would ever know those things. Your friend, Adam."

CSA Safaris Are Fun and Informative.

1992 Creation Safari plan is nearly complete. Safaris will be even better than 1991. Here is a summary. There may be minor changes. Details next month.

- 3/27-28 Ha Ha Tonka Topics: Biology field trip, Karst topography, cave formation, star gazing. Reservations required.
- 4/18 N. Kansas City Fossil Hunt. Topics: Geology, paleontology, fossil formation, catastrophism vs uniformitarian geology
- 5/23-25 Tour the Sturmberg Museum, Hayes, Ks, Chalk bed fossil hunt. Topics: Geology, Paleontology, American History, Natural History. Great fossils, typical evolution sales pitch, fascinating lesson in the making of an evolutionist out of a nine year old boy.
- 6/20 Coal Mine Visit (not firm yet) Topics: coal formation, geology, polystrate fossils
- 7/11 Tour the Kansas University Natural History Museum. Topics: Geology, Paleontology, American History, Natural This was so popular last year, reservations may be History. required.
- 8/8 Watkins Mill Topics: Human Creativity & technology vs animal instincts, Botany.
- 9/12 Columbia, Mo., KATY Trail (A Hiking, Biking trail on the old railroad bed along Mo. River bluffs). Topics: Geology, geologic column, biology.
- 10/16.17 Ozark Cave Outing. Bridal & Ozark Caves. Topics: Cave formation, geologic formations.
- 11/7 Squaw Creek Game Refuge Topics: Migration; speciation; beauty, color and evolution.
- Star Gazing Primary date (secondary date if primary is cloudy) 4/24 (5/1); 6/26 (6/27); 7/24 (7/31); 8/21 (8/28); 9/18 (9/25); 10/23 (10/24) Topics: Basic Astronomy, The constellations and their meaning, the age of the cosmos.



Real Scientists Just Say NO!

Seminar Schedule, 1st Otr, 1992

- 2/1/92 Northland Christian Church, Topeka, Ks. Saturday, 9:00AM to 8:00PM, Terry Barnes, Minister (913) 286-1204
- 2/23-25 Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Raymore, MO -Sunday, Monday Tuesday evenings - 7:00-9:00, with soup supper (optional) at 6:00PM. David M. Reimnitz, Pastor or Constance Windhorst (816) 322-3606
- 3/13-14 Fort Madison, Iowa First Church of the Nazarene, 22nd St. and Avenue E., Thomas H. Lorimer, Pastor (319) 372-5845. Sponsored by 10 area churches.

Several more seminars are in the planning stage. If you would like to participate in the planning and/or execution of a seminar contact CSA at (816) 658-3610 or Glenn Kailer, Seminar Coordinator, at (913) 842-8135

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