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Was Adam Created As A Man, Or Did He Evolve Into A Man?

By Robert Moak, President of CRSEF

The Bible refers to Jesus as the seed—He is the salvation of mankind. **Jesus is The Seed not a seed!** Jesus had to die and be buried (planted), before He could come back to life, thus Jesus became the new seed, or the new Adam. Paul calls Jesus the Last Adam, because there will be no other Savior. *So it is written: "The first man Adam became a living being"; the last Adam, a life-giving spirit.* (1 Corinthians 15:45).

Many professing Christians today believe that God used evolution, (theistic evolution states that a god or gods used evolution), as His method of creation. However, Creation teaches that death is an enemy—and is the result of the sin of mankind. Death is the “last enemy” to be defeated by the Creator Himself. Paul wrote about this “*last enemy*” in his first letter to the Corinthians, and for us. *For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.* (1 Corinthians 15:22-26)

Evolution teaches that death is an ordinary process, and was the driving force that created (or evolved) animals into becoming human beings. The evolutionary view states that death will continue, until the end of time. Actually, the evolutionary view really ends there. The people who needed to understand how everything got here by an evolutionary process did not believe in God, as they were atheists and thus, could not accept a Creator or Designer. Christians who have been convinced that the universe is billions of years old, and thus, the Biblical account of Creation happening only a few thousand years ago, had to be wrong.

Did God Use Evolution To Create Everything?

If you want to believe in evolution, then allow for a plant that grows from a seed. It starts to grow when the seed dies and begins to decay, then this seed comes back to life, and a new plant begins to grow.

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Origin of Life, Part III Why Nations Fall

Eric Jesse Norman, Ph.D.

The past articles, Origin of Life, part I and II, conclude life could not have originated by chance evolution. Therefore we believe God created Life as written in the Bible. Do people discount the Bible by believing man originated by the process of evolution?

What is the result of ignoring God's Word? "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge." Hosea 4:6

God's Word is the truth (John 17:17b) and points us to the Truth (Jesus), "I am. the truth..." John 14:6. The Bible states "believe on the Lord Jesus and you will be saved and your household", Acts 16:31 and "they follow me; and I give them eternal life." John 10:27b-28a.

How do civilizations fall? Sodom and Gomorrah didn't win any battles and didn't end well. "God said "For the sake of 10 I will not destroy it" Gen18:32b. "The two angels came to Sodom. the men of Sodom, both young and old, all the people to the last man.. called to Lot. Bring them out to us that we may know them" Gen 19:1-5. "This was the sin of your sister Sodom: she and her daughter had pride, surfeit of food, and prosperous ease. They were haughty and did abominable things before me" Ezekiel 16:49-50. Pride is the king of sins with the middle letter I.

I accepted the Lord Jesus Christ at age 11 and attended Church consistently through high school. In College I did not go to Church regularly but while in the Army committed to attend Church each Sunday. After College I served for three years in the electronics Division of the U. S. Army Ordnance Guided Missile School at Redstone Arsenal, AL. I then transferred from the Ordnance Corps to the Infantry. My next assignment was as a Company Commander for nearly a year of a Basic Training Company at Ft. Bragg, NC. before transferring to Vietnam.

While at Lai Khe, Vietnam, First Infantry Division Headquarters, I made friends with three other Captains as we waited a few days until we received our assignments. My battalion was based in Di An but when I reported the battalion was guarding a beautiful new water purification plant for Saigon built by the USA. The facility had recently been attacked with mortars by the enemy. While at the plant I noticed two large boxes filled with New Testament (NT) Bibles furnished by the American Bible Society titled "Good News for Modern Man". As I took one of the Bibles, I thought are things that bad? Yes, they were.

I was impressed by a successful Lieutenant who was often reading his Bible. Before I arrived at the battalion the Lieutenant told me of a previous engagement. Our battalion was assigned to capture a hill. One rifle company lead the attack but lost several men at the base of the hill. The Battalion pulled back and the lieutenant's company was told to lead the attack the next day. The night before he taught a Bible study and all soldiers attended, those living godly lives and others. He read a Psalm where God wins the victory. The next day they took the hill, didn't lose a man and found many dead enemies.

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The Castration of Jesus Christ, "His Church", and the Gospel Processes and Failures Part 3

by Terry Ivers

Once again in this, the third and final installment of *The Castration of Jesus Christ, "His Church", and the Gospel*, I will continue to offer my personal opinions on the current state of America and the Christian church. In part three of this series of articles, I would like to present a few of the processes and failures which I feel have contributed greatly to the current situation facing Christians in America today. As I have said, these are my personal beliefs and opinions but I challenge everyone reading this to check the facts and the "real history" of the past two to three hundred years, and then evaluate your worldview. Revisionist history and academia's non-relevance attitude of the past is the greatest engine to Secular Humanism which is the "god" of the modern culture in America and the philosophy that explains most of the current worldviews all over the world.

Secularization

There can be no question that the secularization of the American culture is to blame for the evil and wicked events that populate the twenty-four-hour a day news cycles. As I have pointed out numerous times in the past articles, competing worldviews are the antecedent for the current cultural ills, that we are now dealing with. It was Solomon that told us in the Book of Ecclesiastes "that there is nothing new under the sun", so that means that if we expect today's culture to be different from past cultures, the Gospel of Jesus Christ must be proclaimed. It does not take a doctorate in history to realize that human culture always progresses towards chaos and destruction, through pride, selfishness, and aggression. Throughout recorded human history man has always shown their autonomous nature, from Adam and Eve in the garden to the present-day men or women our main compulsion is to be god instead of honoring and obeying God. Every inclination of our being tells us that we should have authority over our lives. This is why we turn and run from God, and scripture is very clear when it states;



¹⁰ *as it is written:*

There is no one righteous, not even one.

¹¹ *There is no one who understands;*

there is no one who seeks God.

¹² *All have turned away;*

all alike have become worthless.

There is no one who does what is good, not even one. Romans 3:10-12 CSB



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EDITOR'S THOUGHTS?

By Terry Ivery

"I think the whole d... thing
is overexaggerated. . ."

Harry R Truman, March 31st 1980
The Longview Daily News

The leaves are turning, and the days are getting cooler here in Kentucky, which should be a reminder to all Christians that the Lord is constant and true in his promises. In this latest edition of the World By Design Newsletter we are attempting to provide every Bible-believing Christian with the tools and information needed for them to answer questions for their friends and neighbors as well as strengthen and bolster their faith in Christ Jesus.

In our current world of social media, podcasts, network news media, and big tech companies all playing a huge part in the control of the flow of information that influences people every minute of every day. Misinformation has become a popular buzzword in America today, but most of the time it is used to describe an opinion or viewpoint that is opposite of the current social or political agendas being forced on the American citizens. It is more important than ever, for Christians to understand and know **what** they believe as well as **why** they believe the gospel of Jesus Christ.

¹³ Who then will harm you if you are devoted to what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for righteousness, you are blessed. Do not fear them or be intimidated, ¹⁵ but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, ready at any time to give a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you. ¹⁶ Yet do this with gentleness and reverence, keeping a clear conscience, so that when you are accused those who disparage your good conduct in Christ will be put to shame. ¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil. 1 Peter 3:13-17 (CSB)

Christians should be reading and studying Scripture daily to prepare themselves for their intended purpose which is to live out Christ's teachings and to live so that God receives the glory for everything we do. Hopefully, the World By Design Newsletter helps you to do that. With all the influences that were mentioned above, we need to provide good information which will inspire you to continue studying and reading so that you will be prepared when you are confronted by the culture.

² Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God. Romans 12:2 (CSB)

We welcome your questions and concerns and ask that you send us information and articles that you would want us to share in upcoming issues of the World By Design Newsletter. Thank you for your interest and involvement in CRSEF and we look forward to hearing from you, we may be contacted at editor_wbdnewsletter@twc.com or rlmoak@fuse.net.

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Please plan to come and **invite your friends and neighbors too**, as usual there is no charge for this program!

CRSEF Monthly Program for November Thursday, November 18 2021

Thursday 11/18/2021 - From 7-7:45 PM followed by a 15 minute, Q&A time

The Heavens Declare is a 12-part documentary showcasing compelling evidence for a universe created by God just a few thousand years ago. Experts in astronomy, astrophysics, and cosmology build their case for a biblical worldview.

The Heavens Declare "The Wonder of Magnetism" - Episode 9

This episode explores the magnetism God created in the universe to protect the planets.

Our experts will explore:

- How are magnetic fields generated and what is their purpose?
- Why are magnetic fields decreasing?
- What are magnetic reversals and why do they happen?
- How does planet magnetism support a recent creation

Presenter: Bob Moak will field questions after the video has been shown!

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CRSEF Monthly Program for December Saturday, December 25th 2021

Event: CRSEF Monthly Program - No Program is held in December!

Merry Christmas!

Presenter: God will present His Son to the world!

Location: O Little town of Bethlehem



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CRSEF Monthly Program for January Thursday, January 20th 2022

Thursday, 01/20/2022 - From 7-7:45 PM followed by a 15 minute, Q&A time

The Heavens Declare is a 12-part documentary showcasing compelling evidence for a universe created by God just a few thousand years ago. Experts in astronomy, astrophysics, and cosmology build their case for a biblical worldview.

The Heavens Declare "Asteroids and Comets" - Episode 10

This episode explores how asteroids and comets showcase a recent creation.

Our experts will explore:

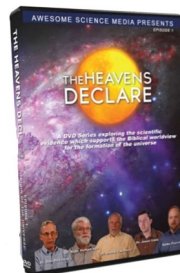
- Where do asteroids come from? How are they generated?
- Did an asteroid kill the dinosaurs?
- Did comets bring water to the earth?
- How do comets show the age of the solar system?

Presenter: Bob Moak will field questions after the video

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CRSEF Monthly Program for February Thursday, February 17th 2022

Thursday, 02/17/2022 - From 7-7:45 PM followed by a 15 minute, Q&A time

The Heavens Declare is a 12-part documentary showcasing compelling evidence for a universe created by God just a few thousand years ago. Experts in astronomy, astrophysics, and cosmology build their case for a biblical worldview.

The Heavens Declare "The Space Race" - Episode 11

This episode explores how space exploration furthered our understanding of God's incredible universe.

Our experts will explore:

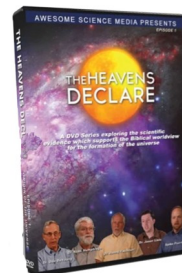
- How has space exploration impacted humanity?
- How has evolution impacted space missions?
- Can other planets support life? Why is earth unique?
- How can space exploration glorify God?

Presenter: Bob Moak will field questions after the video

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Driving Directions:

From I-71

Merge onto I-275 W toward I-75
Take the REED HARTMAN HIGHWAY exit- EXIT 47
Turn LEFT onto REED HARTMAN HWY
Turn LEFT onto ramp (To KEMPER ROAD)
Turn RIGHT onto E KEMPER RD
Proceed on Kemper Road about ½ mile, the church is on the left side of the road.

From I-75

Merge onto I-275 E toward I-71
Take the REED HARTMAN HIGHWAY exit- EXIT 47
Stay to the left and then from the right lane
Turn RIGHT onto REED HARTMAN HWY
Turn LEFT onto the ramp (To KEMPER ROAD)
Turn RIGHT onto E KEMPER RD
Proceed on Kemper Road about ½ mile, the church is on the left side of the road.

Enter the church from the parking lot through the back door; then proceed to the sanctuary, see the lighted sanctuary sign, just slightly to the left of the entry door.



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The Elephant in the Living Room

By Mike Snavely, founder and president of Mission Imperative!

In high school, Dr. Polly Matzinger was voted “most likely *not* to succeed”. But, through the encouragement of some college professor friends, she pursued her education the whole way to a doctorate degree in immunology. She now has scientists working for her at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.



She has developed a new theory about how our bodies’ immune systems work. It differs greatly from the accepted norm. If she’s right, it could revolutionize the way that diseases are understood and treated. Her theory was developed because she questioned long-held beliefs about how the immune system functions. She doubted the status quo. She believed that what was accepted by most, if not all, scientists was wrong.

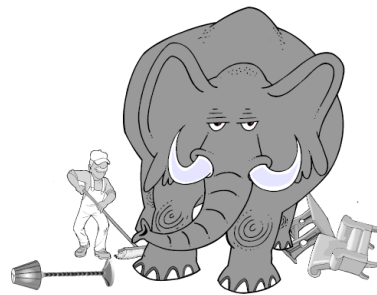
Now, many of them are coming over to her side, convinced that she very possibly is right. In responding to her status as a forward-thinking groundbreaker, she said, “What’s nice about science is, if things don’t make sense, you can question them and not get fired for it”.

Well, at least that’s the way it *should* be; perhaps the way it probably is in most scientific disciplines – except if you question evolution! You don’t dare question that!

Why don’t you dare question evolution? – especially as a scientist? Because EVERYBODY knows it’s true! All “credible” scientists believe it! Nobody of intellect doubts it. Only those poor boneheads who’ve been duped by outdated and ridiculous religious dogma question evolution.

Wait, now! Imagine if you *were* a scientist who had the same questions and doubts about evolution that Dr. Matzinger had about accepted norms in her field? According to her, you can go ahead and question the theory without fear of losing your job! Right?.....WRONG!

In an article printed in *The Ledger* (February 17, 2000) entitled, “*The Biologist*”, the author recounts an interview with a scientist who is working on the human genome project. His specific focus is on the genetic controls of diseases, the purpose for which would be to eliminate them! Pretty good idea!



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The Elephant in the Living Room (Continued)


The interviewer asked the scientist about his beliefs on evolution. His answer was shocking. He said that he knows of NOBODY in his whole profession who believes in evolution any more. He said that genetic information was designed by “genius beyond genius”. When asked if he has ever lectured on or written about this viewpoint, his answer was just as shocking as the first. He said, “No, I just say it evolved. To be a molecular biologist requires one to hold on to two insanities at all times. 1) It would be insane to believe in evolution when you can see the truth for yourself, and 2) It would be insane to say you *don't* believe in evolution because all government work, research grants, papers, college lectures – everything would stop. I'd be out of a job....”

(Huh?! I thought in science, if things don't make sense, you could question the..oh, never mind!)
The geneticist being interviewed said something else interesting. He said, “The work I do in genetic research is honorable. We will find the cures to many of mankind's worst diseases. But in the meantime, we have to live with the elephant in the living room.”

“What elephant?” asked the interviewer.

“Creation design. It's like an elephant in the living room. It moves around, takes up an enormous amount of space, loudly trumpets, bumps into us, knocks things over, eats a ton of hay, and smells like an elephant. And yet we have to swear it isn't there!”

Well, Dr. Polly?



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SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE EXPLAINED – ADVICE FROM THE PRESIDENT

July 16, 2021 by David Rives

Have you heard that constitutionally, we have to keep Church and State separate? If you're a history buff, you know that such a phrase is not found in the U.S. Constitution, or any official US document. The first amendment does not restrict Congress from acknowledging (or even participating) in a religion and it's teaching.

Now, it's true that we find in the Bill of Rights "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion," but what's the intent of this phrase? Does it mean that it should be illegal for State-Run schools to teach Biblical values? That they should ban Intelligent Design? Refuse Christian prayer? Does it mean that our government can't promote Judeo-Christian values? Not at all. Long after the founding documents were written, we find that Theodore Roosevelt, the 26th President of the United States had some advice. He said that:

"A thorough understanding of the Bible is better than a college education."

Lest you say that he was making this statement out of ignorance of the higher-education system, Roosevelt graduated from Harvard with honors.

Speaking of America, he had some pretty strong words. He said that:

"It is necessary for the welfare of the Nation that men's lives be based on the principles of the Bible. No man, educated or uneducated, can afford to be ignorant of the Bible."

President Theodore Roosevelt

He also said that it would be literally impossible for us to figure out what life is about if the teachings of the Bible were removed.

Roosevelt is not here to witness it, but the Bible is indeed being removed from every aspect of America, and, just as he predicted, the welfare of the Nation is suffering. Teddy wasn't an ultra-conservative by any means. Yet he still realized this! Political views aside, almost every Christian can agree that as the Bible is removed from the Nation, our well-being and morality has a tendency to go downhill.

Teddy was right. It is necessary for the welfare of the Nation that our lives be based on the principles of the Bible!



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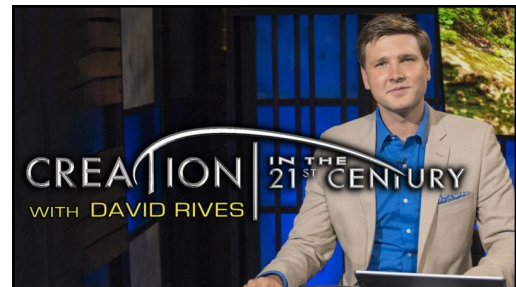
SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE (Continued)

A look at history tells us that we can't be ashamed to stand up for our Christian values, and if we love our country, we certainly cannot take these values out of the Government. No official document ever even suggested we do that, but we've allowed people to convince us that we have to take God out of schools. That we have to take the Ten Commandments (the ultimate guide for human morality) off of courthouses. And we've seen the tragedy it brings. When you tell my generation, and Gen-Z that we are nothing more than animals—accidents of the cosmos, then why are you surprised when we see teen suicide on the rise? Why does 22 Veteran Suicides every single day surprise us? Why do school shootings shock us? Animals live and die. The lion kills the gazelle without consequence. If we are just a highly developed animal, there is no higher purpose for life, so what's the point of living? As a Christian, I know differently. We are wonderfully made in the image of God, and He wants you to be a part of His family for eternity.

A thorough reading and understanding of Scriptures—from the Creation account, through the life of the Messiah, to future prophecies—is key to our freedom, our future, and our life. The Bible is the instrumental, best-selling guide to a successful eternity.

I'm David Rives, truly the heavens declare the glory of God.

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Was Adam Created As A Man, (Continued)

Modern science does not know how this “new life” happens. After the seed grows a new plant is produced that bears fruit that has the same seed in it, which will go through this same cycle, and produce fruit with seeds in it. If one of these seeds dies (or germinates), then it will produce another plant, and the lifecycle continues. Does a different kind of fruit ever grow from any seed? **No, the same kind of fruit is always produced.** This describes an eternal process—as defined in the Bible, **which describes the creation of plant kinds.**

The same repetitive process is witnessed in all animals with the same genome count. They can have intercourse, and if the female’s egg(s) is fertilized by the male of the same kind of animal there can be produced viable offspring. The offspring is never different than the parents, and thus **produces another animal of the same kind.** If evolution is true, then why, doesn’t the offspring ever come out different, as must have occurred in the past to create new types of animals?

If animals share a common ancestry (evolution), then why are animals not able to have intercourse and produce viable offspring? How did the genome become different through the evolutionary processes? How did distinct genomes evolve? Can the genome be altered by mutations, and result in a pure distinct genome?

Paul referred to Jesus as the last Adam and of course, he called Adam the first Adam. This is the key in that it indicates there will never be another Adam. Jesus completed the life cycle of mankind. There is no need of another Adam as mankind has been completed by the perfect seed of Jesus!

Is Jesus evolving? How does evolution define Jesus? Was Jesus limited as a man who had evolved from an animal? Was Jesus evolving as a man was/is He still evolving into a higher form of God? Would Jesus need to evolve more as a man, so He would not fail in His mission? If God used evolution to create mankind, then it makes sense that Jesus was still evolving, doesn’t it? If Jesus is God, then is God also still evolving?

The Evolution Of Jesus:

For Jesus to evolve to be the replacement for Adam required that Jesus could not receive the mortal seed of Adam. This was accomplished by having Him be born to a virgin. Thus, the evil seed of Adam would not be passed on to Jesus. Normal human babies are born into this world through the fertilization of the female egg by injection of the spermatozoa of a human male. This is basic biology for replication of mankind. When this process is completed, the offspring will have inherited the evil human nature, or seed of Adam. This process started because of the curse also known as the Fall of Man. So, when Jesus was born into this world He was like Adam before the curse of sin entered in the Garden of Eden. Jesus did not have an evil human nature, just as Adam did not have before the original sin was committed. If the Fall of Man did not bring suffering and death into this world, thus requiring Jesus to die to cover the sins of mankind, then Jesus could not be the Savior!

If you believe in suffering and death for millions of years before the Fall of Man, then the shedding of blood could not bring salvation. The Bible plainly teaches that the Messiah must shed His blood and die, as the perfect sacrifice in order to cover over the sinful nature of mankind!

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This sinful nature was inherited from Adam. Paul wrote about this need for a perfect sacrificial offering to atone for the sins of mankind. *But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves to God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.* (Romans 6:22-23). If you believe God used evolution, then you cannot believe that death was the result of sin, or eminently the Fall of Man. If death and suffering were going on for millions of years before Adam evolved into a man, then Adam's sin could not have caused any problem to come into this world.

So, Jesus was like Adam before he sinned, thus Jesus would not have any stain of sin on His human nature or soul. Therefore, Jesus could be the perfect sacrifice required, as long as He did not sin during His earthly lifetime. In the New Testament we read that Jesus did live a sinless life, thus He was the perfect sacrifice required to allow Him to be the Savior of the world. Paul wrote about this for the church in Rome, and for us who have chosen to follow Jesus. *Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned—for before the law was given, sin was in the world. But sin is not taken into account when there is no law. Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who was a pattern of the one to come. But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many! Again, the gift of God is not like the result of the one man's sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification. For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.* (Romans 5:12-17).

In Revelation we read about how the new world will be perfect, just like it was in the beginning, before Adam sinned. *And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."* (Revelation 21:3-4). If you do not believe that there was a perfect world before Adam's sin, and that **there was death and suffering before sin**, then why would you believe God's promise of the creation of a new and perfect world in your eternal future?

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Peter wrote about the Flood, which Peter obviously believed occurred and if you believe in evolution could not have occurred, as it would have destroyed the geologic column, as the evolutionists have devised it! Then Peter goes on to describe how we must believe in the resurrection of Jesus in order to be saved. *It is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit, through whom also he went and preached to the spirits in prison who disobeyed long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a good conscience towards God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.* (1 Peter 3:17-22).

If you do not believe in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, then you will not be saved, and live in the new world! Jesus' perfect sacrifice guaranteed salvation ONLY to those who accept through grace this offer. If anyone goes to heaven when they die it is because they have been covered by the blood shed by Jesus Christ. **You can know you are going to heaven** and will live on the new perfect earth when you leave this cursed lifetime, because Jesus paid the price of your admission into heaven! Jesus promised He will come to take you to where He is!



Last November CRSEF donated our Acrocanthosaurus model to the David Rives Ministries. This is a photo of it on his studio set for the program **Creation in the 21st Century** which can be seen on the Trinity Broadcast Network.

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Origin of Life, Part III (Continued)

Four months later, while at Lai Khe for a function I talked to a Sergeant Major who knew the Division well. I asked, about my three Captain friends "How is Captain _ doing? Sadly he replied that "He was shot through the back by a sniper and is dead." How is Captain_? "He was hit in the legs by a rocket-propelled grenade and bled to death". How about Captain_? "He was hit by an enemy 50 caliber round in the knee and was medically evacuated to the States. I went outside to the woods and prayed deeply.

I completed my Service in Vietnam June, 1969 and was awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service. I attended Church services every Sunday while in Vietnam. The last Sunday as I was traveling to out-process, there was no Church service available. That evening I went into a dark Chapel and prayed, thanking God. A soldier guard came in asked what I was doing and I told him attending my own Church Service and He said OK.

When I came home, I read the Good News NT. I was fascinated by the book of Acts how they spread the gospel. I didn't know at the time that God had nine short term mission trips to Africa planned for me. When I enrolled in So. IL. U. Edwardsville for Chemistry courses needed for an advanced degree, I started reading my Bible for 4 pages each night. I started in Genesis using a KJV version given to me from my home Church. I read 4 pages each night so I could completely read the Bible through in one year. I thought If I don't understand everything I will know more the next year when I read it through again which has been my practice for over 50 years.

Why do Nations Fall? Israel fell in 722 BC but God pronounced His judgement years before. After Solomon's reign, God split the 12 tribes: 10 in the north, Israel and 2 in the south, Judea. The leader of Israel, Jeroboam (931-910 BC), "took council and made two calves of gold. And he said to the people you have gone up to Jerusalem enough. Behold your gods who brought you out of the land of Egypt."

Someone asked Dr. Billy Graham of the 10 commandments which one was the most important. He said they all are important but probably #1 "You shall have no other gods before me," Ex 20:3. This was clearly idol worship, which they had brought from Egypt. Do you have idols in your life? God pronounced judgement on Israel in less than 22 years: 1 Kings 4:16 "And He will give Israel up because of the sins of Jeroboam." "And the time that Jeroboam reigned was 22 years." 1 Kings 14:20. I heard Billy Graham say the saddest verse in the Bible is Hosea 4:17: "Ephraim is joined to idols; let him alone."

Do we have 'golden calves' in our Country? We have had two Presidents that have strongly supported homosexuality and abortion and now we have a third. These actions are still being debated as they are moral problems. Why continue something that is wrong? There is a principle of universality: what if everybody did this? It is said 'an action is socially acceptable if it could be universalized -- everybody could do it. There would no more be a human race in a few years. If a bridge is out and one person says continue on and another says stop or you will fall into the pit who is showings love?

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Origin of Life, Part III (Continued)

The so called 'golden calves' cited above are named in the Bible as abominations: homosexuality (Leviticus 18:22) and abortion (Jeremiah 32:35). According to the Oxford Languages sin is defined as "a transgression against divine law" and abomination as "as a thing that causes disgust or hatred". According to the Bible, this is a choice between good and evil. "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanses us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9

Sin has a corrupting influence. Lot was a godly man "For that righteous man lived among them day after day, he was tormenting his righteous soul over their lawless deeds that he saw and heard." 2 Peter 2:8. Lot was rescued but what became of his herdsman "Let there be no strife between you and me and between your herdsman and my herdsman; for we are kinsmen". Gen 13:8 "Abram dwelt in the land of Canaan, while Lot dwelt among the cities of the valley and moved his tents as far as Sodom. Now the men of Sodom were wicked, great sinners against the Lord." Gen 13:12-13. What happened to Lot's herdsman? Only Lot and his two daughters escaped from Sodom.

Judah had a godly king Hezekiah (715-686 BC) but his son Manasseh (695-642 BC) acted wickedly, 2 King 21:16 "Moreover Manasseh shed very much innocent blood, till he had filled Jerusalem from one end to another, besides the sin which he made Judah to sin that they did what was evil in the sight of the Lord." Since 1973 our Nation has aborted more than 50 million babies. Sometime during Manasseh's rule, God declared judgement and Judah fell in 586 BC. I remember being in college in student Bible studies and we would pray our Country had not yet reached the point of no return. We are much closer today.

During King Josiah's reign (640-609 BC) while cleaning the Temple the book of the law was found. When the King heard the words of the law he repented and consulted Huldah the prophetess: 2 Kings 22:14. "Because they have forsaken me and have burned incense to other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the work of their hands, therefore my wrath will be kindled against this place, and it will not be quenched." 2 Kings 22:17.

Judah's heart had become hardened described as a 'stony heart' Ezekiel 11:19. They did not wish to respond to God. Their heart condition is described as a vine. Ezekiel 15. For a Bible class studying of Ezekiel 15, I cut a 1 inch diameter one foot length of a vine growing on our Sycamore tree. It was like a steel rod or hardened stone that I could not bend.

God judged Israel and Judah but has not forgotten his 'chosen people'. When the Lord Jesus Christ returns "And I, the Lord will be their God..." Ezekiel 34:24a.

Guard against a hard heart. Billy Graham said "It is a dangerous thing to hear preaching and reject God's Spirit." Your heart can harden over time. We are admonished to "exhort one another unless you be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin," Hebrews 3:13 and "for those who have their faculties trained by practice to distinguish good from evil." Hebrews 5:14b and "not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." Hebrews 10:25.

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Origin of Life, Part III (Continued)

The solution is 2 Chronicles 7:14 (when I was a boy we said 'if' is a little word with a big meaning)

"if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from Heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land"



Lance and Bob working at the CRSEF booth at the Heritage Day Festival in Mason, Ohio.



Processes and Failures Part 3 (Continued)

In the current culture, we are bombarded by social justice and political correctness philosophies, but these philosophies are man-made, not God-ordained or given to us by Scripture. The historical evidence of the past century proves that man is constantly denying the sovereignty of God and always attempting to self-promote. True Christians understand the simple fact that "ALL" humans as well as, everything else that exists in Creation do so because it was created by an all-powerful, omnipotent, omnipresent Creator God. Therefore we have a standard that has been revealed to us and recorded in Scripture by the Creator which establishes our Christian Worldview.

¹⁰ So that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. Ephesians 3:10 ESV

Because the Christian Worldview is based on God's standard and not man's, it doesn't change over time.

¹⁹ God is not a man, that he might lie, or a son of man, that he might change his mind. Does he speak and not act, or promise and not fulfill? Numbers 23:19 CSB

Secular worldviews are based on man's philosophies that are constantly changing, always being updated and reformulated such as, but not limited to, Humanism, Universalism, Relativism, Atheism, Naturalism, Polytheism, and every other man-made ism.

Present Day Issues

At this present time in America, we see a general lack of "the fear of God", in its citizenry and also the governing bodies which are mostly elected by those same citizens.

⁷ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and discipline. Proverbs 1:7 CSB

Because its citizens nor the leaders of America no longer fear God, there is no godly wisdom to be found in the country today. This is a huge problem for Christ's church, but also the future of America. If ancient history tells us nothing else, it is that nations that no longer follow the precepts and commands of God do not last long. This is the reason places such as Rome and Greece have a thriving tourist economy, many travel to these locations to see remains (ruins) left from previous nations that turned from or even worse never accepted God.

⁷ Don't be deceived: God is not mocked. For whatever a person sows he will also reap, Galatians 6:7 CSB

Processes and Failures Part 3 (Continued)

The Christian values that were believed by our ancestors, and were one of the main reasons for their coming to America, have gradually faded away over the last four-hundred plus years. Just as the attitudes of the Israelites that God brought out of Egypt more than thirty-five hundred years ago, Americans today do not appreciate what God has done for this nation, and are choosing to wander in the wilderness of liberalism.

The Processes

Liberalism is the hallmark of human nature, man is born in sin, this is because the first Adam chose to be autonomous and was easily deceived by Satan in the garden. It is no accident that our current American culture finds itself in a world that outright denies the very creation ordinances that God spoke into existence at the beginning of all things. Many processes have brought about these disturbing changes in our nation, both political and spiritual, starting shortly after the arrival of the first pilgrim settlers. It is easy to blame the government and the leadership of America for all of this mess, but I honestly believe that Christians and the Christian Church are to blame for the apostasy we see in the nation. I also believe that weak pulpits and worldly congregations are the two things most responsible.

¹⁶ *However, I have let you live for this purpose: to show you my power and to make my name known on the whole earth.* Exodus 9:16 CSB

Education

The main purpose of a Christian is to make the name of Jesus Christ "*known on the whole earth*" as Exodus 9:16 tells us, for this to happen Christians must be different than the world, yet the Christian church is hardly undistinguished from the world. Education in America is the most pronounced example of this abomination before God. A blog by Voddie Baucham posted on exodusmandate.org stated this, "How I long for voices like Hodge, Van Til, and Machen (who called government education a "soul-killing system") to be heard among my Southern Baptist brethren. However, with over eighty-five percent of our children in the government schools and more government school teachers and administrators than any other 'denomination,' it is highly unlikely that our side will prevail on this issue any time soon. One wonders what the schools will have to do to our children before we are willing to acknowledge the folly of our choices." ^A

"This whole process of education is to be religious, and not only religious but Christian.... And as Christianity is the only true religion, and God in Christ the only true God, the only possible means of profitable education is the nurture and admonition of the Lord." (Charles Hodge 1797 - 1878)

"I am as sure as I am of Christ's reign that a comprehensive and centralized system of national education, separated from religion, as is now commonly proposed, will prove the most appalling enginery for the propagation of anti-Christian and atheistic unbelief, and of anti-social nihilistic ethics, individual, social and political, which this sin-rent world has ever seen." (A.A. Hodge 1823 - 1886)

The only people who seem to have nothing to do with the education of the children are the parents.

G. K. Chesterton

Processes and Failures Part 3 (Continued)**Higher Education**

The first institution of higher learning in America was Harvard College in Cambridge, Massachusetts, founded in 1636 and named by its first benefactor, the Puritan clergyman John Harvard. According to Wikipedia:

"the Massachusetts colonial legislature authorized Harvard's founding, "dreading to leave an illiterate ministry to the churches when our present ministers shall lie in the dust"; though never formally affiliated with any denomination, in its early years Harvard College primarily trained Congregational clergy".

Early in the 18th century, Harvard's liberal Unitarian teachings prompted a group of ten Congressional ministers led by James Pierpont known as "The Founders" to use the "An Act for Liberty to Erect a Collegiate School" proposed by the General Court of the Colony of Connecticut to form the "Collegiate School" which became Yale College and found its permanent home in New Haven, Connecticut in 1716.

This brief example of only two of America's higher learning institutions shows us that liberalism moved through the educational system, even though the colleges were formed to train pastors and ministers for the gospel, left to the wisdom of prideful man they one by one became apostate. In the example of Harvard and Yale, we see that because of the liberal teachings at Harvard in only eighty years, there was the necessity to start a new school to train biblical ministers for the Gospel, and yet, just twenty-eight years later Whitfield (one of America's greatest preachers) would state:

"As for the Universities, I believe it may be said. Their Light has now become Darkness, Darkness that may be felt. . . . Tutors neglect to pray with and examine the Hearts of the pupils.—Discipline is at too low an Ebb: Bad Books have become fashionable among them." (George Whitefield, 1744)

The Normal School

In the 19th century Horace Mann (1796 - 1859) a political figure in Massachusetts became known as "The Father of the Common School Movement," he argued that the common school, a free, universal, non-sectarian, and public institution, was the best means of achieving the moral and socioeconomic uplift of all Americans. The Harvard Unitarians were instrumental in opening one of the first "Normal schools in America very early in the 1800s. A "normal school" was also known as a teacher's college, where teachers were trained for primary or elementary education. If the government instructs the teachers, they will teach the government's agenda so that the government will be training children to do its bidding.

Secular Education in America

Horace Mann brought the Prussian education system to America. In 1819 state-sponsored compulsory classrooms started in Boston, Massachusetts, and in Prussia, for the first time forcing parents to send their children to government-run schools for education purposes. As Paul reminded the Colossians:

⁸ *Be careful that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit based on human tradition, based on the elements of the world, rather than Christ.* Colossians 2:8 CSB

Processes and Failures Part 3 (Continued)

A post was written by Glen Schultz on March 16, 2015, in the Kingdom Education Ministries blog, titled "*The Lie That Has Taken Millions Captive*"^B reflects the importance of Mann on the American governmental education system. In the post Schultz wrote:

"Mann was affectionately referred to as the Father of the Common School. The "Common School" was the forerunner of today's public education system. One historian said this of Mann's influence on education,

No one did more than he to establish in the minds of the American people the conception that education should be universal, non-sectarian, free, and that its aims should be social efficiency, civic virtue, and character, rather than mere learning or the advancement of sectarian ends.

Even though Mann assured Christians of his day that he was not trying to divorce the Bible from learning, he had an agenda that reflected his religious beliefs founded in his Unitarian faith. This agenda is clearly seen from his statement,

"We who are engaged in the sacred cause of education are entitled to look upon all parents as having given hostages to our cause."

So what is the lie that has taken millions of young people captive to a false philosophy? It is Mann's declaration about the roles of the home, church and, school that has resulted in this travesty. He wrote,

"Let the home and church teach faith and values and the school teach facts! "

At the beginning of the 20th century John Dewey (1859 - 1952) an American philosopher became one of the largest influencers of American education. Dewey was influenced by Charles Darwin, as well as Jean-Jacques Rousseau (1712 - 1778) which led him to his evolutionary philosophy in education which led to the American educational system we have today. For us to understand what John Dewey believed and taught, can surely be summed up in this quote:

"Children who know how to think for themselves spoil the harmony of the collective society which is coming where everyone is interdependent..."

G. Stanley Hall (1844 - 1924), in 1878 was the first person to be awarded a Ph.D. in psychology in America, from Harvard University. Ten years later, in 1888 Hall helped to establish Clark University in Worcester, Massachusetts, he also was one of the leaders in founding the American Psychological Association in 1892 and became its first president. Hall was the first to link together genetic psychology and education. G. Stanley Hall believed that children developed over their lifetimes just as species evolved throughout time. This was the beginning of an age-based, peer-based, grade-based education system, not an education system based on the quality of the knowledge of the individual student as it was with a one-room schoolhouse.

Processes and Failures Part 3 (Continued)

Two Hundred years after the first state-sponsored normal school in Boston Massachusetts, the current American government-run education system is completely influenced by atheism, human secularism, and enlightenment philosophies, which all reject the teachings of Scripture. To give one example of the consequences that show just how insane the educational system is, I will return to Harvard. I am going to use Harvard because not only was it the first institution of higher learning in America, but it is still considered one of, if not the standard for higher education in the country. The following is an article written by Hannah Frishberg on nypost.com.^c

Harvard's new chaplain is an atheist — and 'Good Without God'

"Harvard University's organization of chaplains is getting a new president to coordinate the campus' Christian, Jewish, Hindu, Buddhist and assorted other religious communities. Only the new president, 44-year-old Greg Epstein, does not identify with any of those traditional religions himself.

He is an atheist.

Despite his disbelief in any higher power, Harvard chaplains felt Epstein — author of the book "Good Without God: What a Billion Nonreligious People Do Believe" — was a good choice for the position due to young people's increasing lack of religiosity."

Biblical Education

I have attempted to explain in this article why I believe American government education is the main cause of the liberalism in our country that is so prevalent at this time, we as parents and grandparents have allowed the government to train up our children to become children of the state. Is this what God calls Christian believers to do?

Let us turn to scripture to see what God has to say about our children.

¹ *Unless the Lord builds a house, its builders labor over it in vain;* Psalm 127:1a CSB

and in the same chapter, the Psalmist (Solomon) says

³ *Sons are indeed a heritage from the Lord, offspring, a reward.* ⁴ *Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the sons born in one's youth.* ⁵ *Happy is the man who has filled his quiver with them.* Psalm 127:3-5 CSB

¹³ *Then all your children will be taught by the Lord, their prosperity will be great,* Isaiah 54:13 CSB

Processes and Failures Part 3 (Continued)

Next, let's hear what Moses had to say to the Israelite people as part of his final instructions for God at the end of forty years of wandering in the wilderness.

6 *"This is the command—the statutes and ordinances—the LORD your God has commanded me to teach you, so that you may follow them in the land you are about to enter and possess. ² Do this so that you may fear the LORD your God all the days of your life by keeping all his statutes and commands I am giving you, your son, and your grandson, and so that you may have a long life. ³ Listen, Israel, and be careful to follow them, so that you may prosper and multiply greatly, because the LORD, the God of your ancestors, has promised you a land flowing with milk and honey. ⁴ "Listen, Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. ⁵ Love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. ⁶ These words that I am giving you today are to be in your heart. ⁷ Repeat them to your children. Talk about them when you sit in your house and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. ⁸ Bind them as a sign on your hand and let them be a symbol on your forehead. ⁹ Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your city gates.* Deuteronomy 6:1-9 CSB

If the Old Testament was not clear enough on the training of our children, Paul gives us more instruction in the New Testament:

6 *Children, obey your parents in the Lord, because this is right. ² Honor your father and mother, which is the first commandment with a promise, ³ so that it may go well with you and that you may have a long life in the land. ⁴ Fathers, don't stir up anger in your children, but bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.* Ephesians 6:1-4 CSB

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Conclusion

Children are a blessing from God, and as parents, God has entrusted us with the main duty to protect and train them up in the fear and admonition of the Lord. There is no greater calling for a parent than to raise his children to honor the Lord Jesus and turn all things back to the Glory of God. Life is a generational process and we have lost that concept in our present-day lives. What is your legacy going to be? Christian people, will we pray for repentance and revival so that our nation will once again look to God for leadership and authority, or will we continue to run obliviously head-long in our current judgment?

²⁶ For this reason God delivered them over to disgraceful passions. Their women exchanged natural sexual relations for unnatural ones. ²⁷ The men in the same way also left natural relations with women and were inflamed in their lust for one another. Men committed shameless acts with men and received in their own persons the appropriate penalty of their error. ²⁸ And because they did not think it worthwhile to acknowledge God, God delivered them over to a corrupt mind so that they do what is not right. ²⁹ They are filled with all unrighteousness, evil, greed, and wickedness. They are full of envy, murder, quarrels, deceit, and malice. They are gossips, ³⁰ slanderers, God-haters, arrogant, proud, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, ³¹ senseless, untrustworthy, unloving, and unmerciful. ³² Although they know God's just sentence—that those who practice such things deserve to die—they not only do them, but even applaud others who practice them. Romans 1:26-32 CSB.

If we fail to understand this current judgment that we find our country and ourselves in, our children's children will not have to travel far to experience the ruins of a once-powerful civilization.

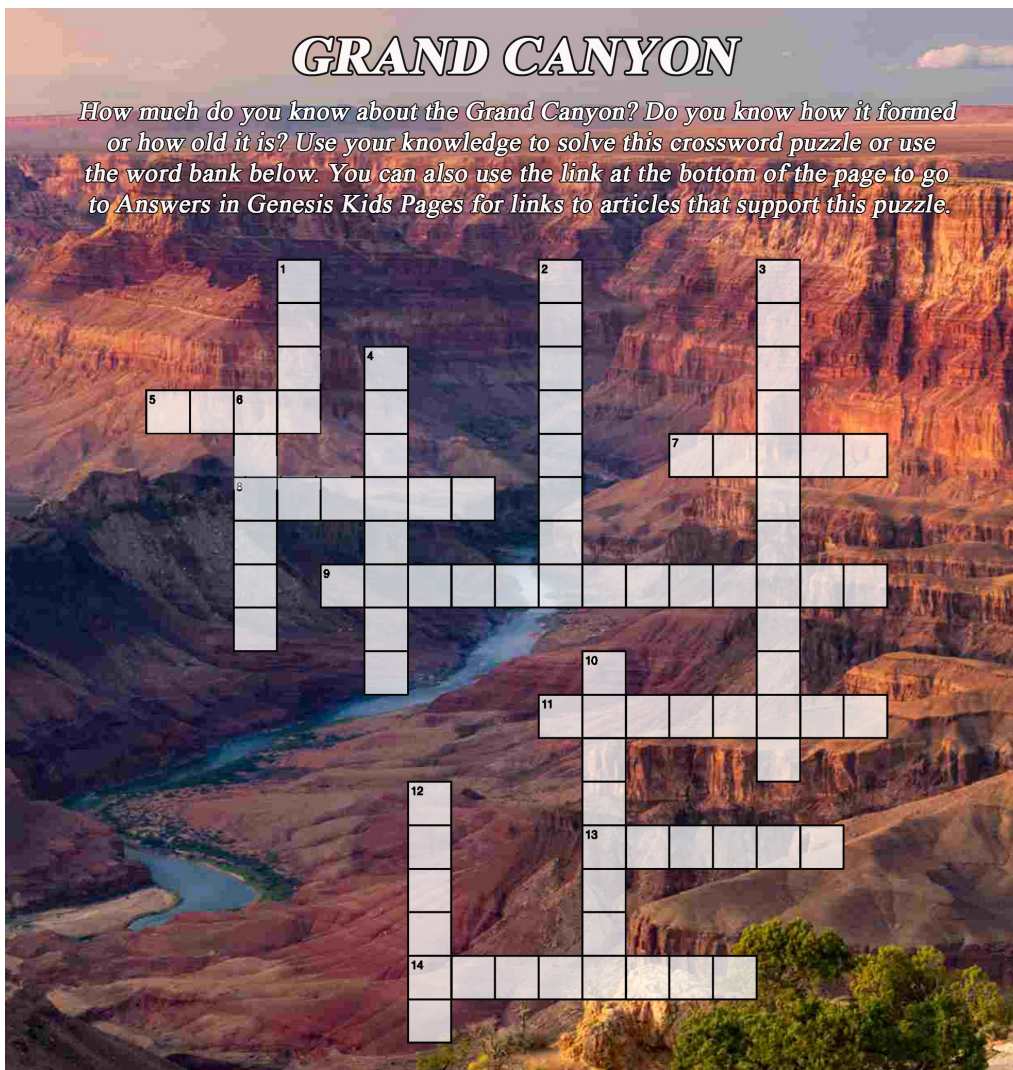
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ACROSS

5. Dr. Snelling believes the folded rock layers were formed while they were still ____.
7. The canyon is evidence of what a lot of water over a ____ period of time can do.
8. The Grand Canyon is evidence of the rapidly deposited sediment ____ deposited during Noah's flood.
9. Rock can sometimes be bent without cracking by _____, under intense heat and pressure.
11. The Grand Canyon is up to _____ miles wide in some places.
13. Shortly after the global flood, the ____ began.
14. The Grand Canyon is only a few _____ years old.

DOWN

1. There are ____ trips down the river at the bottom of the canyon.
2. The _____ River flows through the bottom of the canyon.
3. _____ are animals that climb on rocks in the canyon.
4. Some of the _____ rocks (schists and granites) are from the creation week.
6. Dr. Andrew Snelling is currently testing samples from _____ rock layers to show that they were not formed under intense heat and pressure.
10. Canyons don't require _____ of years to form.
12. There are several areas of the Grand Canyon that show rocks bent almost _____ degrees.

Word Bank and links to AIG articles on next page.

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**Grand Canyon Crossword
WORD BANK**

- THOUSAND
- MILLIONS
- METAMORPHOSIS
- COLORADO
- SOFT
- SHORT
- FOLDED
- ICE AGE
- BIGHORN SHEEP
- BASEMENT
- EIGHTEEN
- RAFT
- LAYERS
- NINETY

To find article containing the information needed to complete the Grand Canyon Crossword Puzzle, click on the article links below from the Answers in Genesis Kids website.

Visiting the Grand Canyon

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Formation of the Grand Canyon

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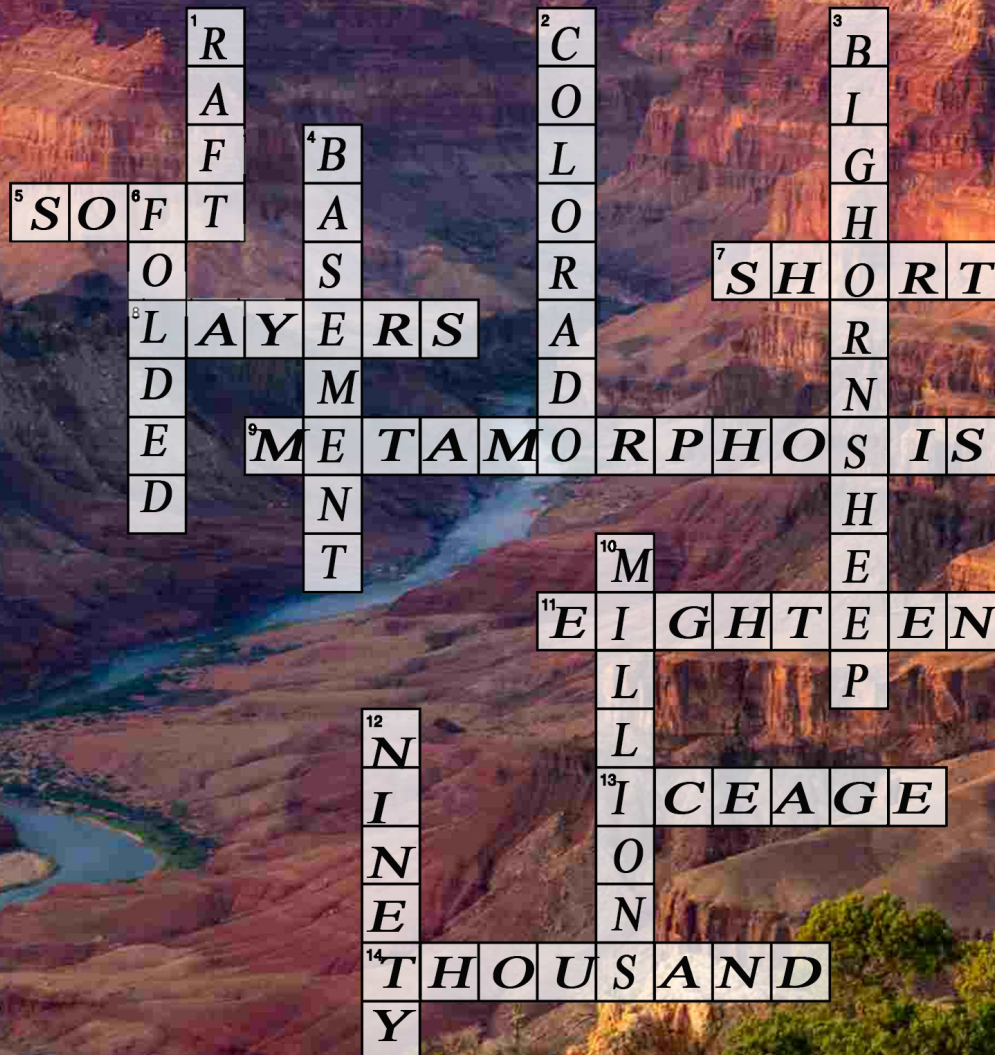


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GRAND CANYON

How much do you know about the Grand Canyon? Do you know how it formed or how old it is? Use your knowledge to solve this crossword puzzle or use the word bank below. You can also use the link at the bottom of the page to go to Answers in Genesis Kids Pages for links to articles that support this puzzle.



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