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### Jesus believed in a worldwide Flood! Do you?

By Robert Moak,  
President of CRSEF

The Lord Jesus Christ believed in the special, recent creation of all things by God! When He was asked about divorce, He showed disapproval as He quoted Genesis. But at the beginning of creation God 'made them male and female'. 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one. (Mark 10:6-8)

Jesus also expressed belief in the worldwide Flood of Noah's day, including the special preservation of life on the Ark. *For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.* (Matthew 24:38-39). The Flood in which He believed was obviously, not a "local flood," for He compared it to the worldwide future impact of His Second Coming.

Neither was it a "tranquil flood," nor a "selective flood," for Jesus said, "The flood came, and destroyed them all!" People were eating, drinking, marrying and being given in marriage up to the day Noah entered the ark. **Then the flood came and destroyed them all.** (Luke 17:27).

It is clear that He was referring to—and that He believed—the Genesis record of the great Flood! There it says that the whole earth was "filled with violence!" So God said to Noah, "I am going to put an end to all people, **for the earth is filled with violence because of them.** I am surely going to destroy both them and the earth. (Genesis 6:13). Having first been filled with people, and that, the resulting world-cleansing deluge was so cataclysmic that "every living substance was destroyed which was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and the creeping things, and the fowl of the heaven; and they were destroyed from the earth." Every living thing on the face of the earth was wiped out; men and animals and the creatures that move along the ground and the birds of the air were wiped from the earth. Only Noah was left, and those with him in the ark. (Genesis 7:23). Indeed, "the flood came, and took [literally 'lifted'] them all away."



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### Creation and Cognitive Dissonance (CD)

By Eric Jesse Norman, Ph.D.

Have you ever been asked by a friend to not send emails related to creation? We are bombarded daily with the “fact” that the universe is billions of years old. A woman in our Sunday school class recently said, “I often wondered why God waited so long to create humans and send the Lord Jesus.” These opinions may be explained by the psychology term Cognitive Dissonance (CD).

"CD refers to the mental discomfort that is caused by holding two conflicting beliefs, values or attitudes. People tend to seek consistency in their attitudes and perceptions, so this conflict causes feelings of unease or discomfort. People attempt to relieve this tension in different ways, such as by rejecting, explaining away, or avoiding new information." ([verywellmind.com](http://verywellmind.com))

Recently the James Webb telescope was launched and has taken beautiful, magnificent pictures of stars and galaxies. The Bible clearly teaches the earth and the universe are about 6000 years old but secular scientists say the universe is about 13.8 billion years old, over 2.3 million times greater than Biblical time. When talking about Biblical time to people who have been indoctrinated to believe in millions of years of evolution, they may feel CD and just reject the conversation.

There are two very effective tracts designed to lead a person to belief in the Lord Jesus. One is available from CRU (formerly Campus Crusade for Christ): *Would you like to know God Personally?* The other is from the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association: *Steps to Peace with God.*

A Christian can open a conversation by asking, "May I ask you a question?" If the other person says yes, the next question can be, "If you were standing before God and He asked you, 'Why should I let you into My heaven?', what would you say?" If they reply, "I do a lot of good works", the next question could be, "If that is not the right answer, would you want to know?" If they say yes, then share the tract and lead them to faith in Christ.

“God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16

We need a tract with facts supporting that the earth and universe were created about 6000 years ago. This may open a person’s mind to consider the Biblical truth more seriously and literally.

I suggest a tract entitled:

Seven Scientific Facts that Support Creation of the Earth and Universe about 6000 Years Ago.

1. Collagen was found in dinosaur bones. That means the bones are less than 10,000 years old, not millions of years old, because collagen would be completely gone after 10,000 years. The Second Law of Thermodynamics states that systems degrade over time. [CRSEF Newsletter October 2020, page 5]

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## Christians and "Climate Change"

By Terry Ivers

"Climate Change" is an ever-increasing concern in the World today. I would like to look at "Climate Change" in a variety of ways, starting with this article in which I would like to try and define it and then look at the history behind this very important topic. Never before in world history has "Climate Change" ideology had such a political impact on events that affect the world's population. Let's begin by attempting to nail down the term "Climate Change".

Webster's Dictionary Online: source: [Climate change Definition and Meaning - Merriam - Webster](#)

- a. significant and long-lasting change in the Earth's climate and weather patterns
- b. *especially, in current use:* such change associated with global warming
  1. Concerns about greenhouse gas emissions and global climate change are renewed among scientists and the public with every new report about the possibility of melting ice caps and rising temperatures.  
—Randy Showstack  
Drought is a paleontological fact in the American West, but the latest desiccations have a new signature, and my region's climatologists, hydrologists, foresters, and water managers are nearly unanimous in their conviction that what we are seeing now is climate change, the anthropogenic kind, a consequence of too much CO2 and other greenhouse gases.

Wikipedia: source: [Climate change -Wikipedia](#)

- a. In common usage, **climate change** describes **global warming**—the ongoing increase in global average temperature—and its effects on Earth's [climate system](#). [Climate change in a broader sense](#) also includes previous long-term changes to Earth's climate. The current rise in global average temperature is more rapid than previous changes and is primarily caused by humans burning fossil fuels. Fossil fuel use, deforestation, and some agricultural and industrial practices increase greenhouse gases, notably carbon dioxide and methane. Greenhouse gases absorb some of the heat that the Earth radiates after it warms from sunlight. Larger amounts of these gases trap more heat in Earth's lower atmosphere, causing global warming.

United Nations: source: [What Is Climate Change? United Nations](#)

- a. Climate change refers to long-term shifts in temperatures and weather patterns. These shifts may be natural, such as through variations in the solar cycle. But since the 1800s, human activities have been the main driver of climate change, primarily due to burning fossil fuels like coal, oil, and gas.
- b. Burning fossil fuels generates greenhouse gas emissions that act like a blanket wrapped around the Earth, trapping the sun's heat and raising temperatures.

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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

Here in Kentucky, we are currently enjoying warm spring weather, even though we are still about three and a half weeks away from the official spring equinox. It's once again time to publish the spring edition of the World by Design Newsletter. We at the Creation Research Education Science Foundation, are hoping that you will find the articles in this issue interesting and informative, but we also pray that they will be beneficial to your everyday walk with the Lord. In this current issue, we have articles dealing with relevant topics that you can engage your friends and neighbors with as you talk with them about all the insane things going on in today's culture.

It is more important than ever before that Christians are grounded in their faith so that when bad things are happening all around us each day, we can give truthful and intelligent answers to those who have questions. Knowing what you believe and being able to articulate those beliefs to others is one of the most important duties of a Christian.

*<sup>15</sup> 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. 1 Peter 3:15 (CSB)*

Check out some or hopefully all the articles in this edition, to equip so that you can engage the world in conversations that may be the start of a movement to turn our leaders and our nation back to God. In a world that tells us that a girl can turn into a boy, men can have a baby, the nation's borders are closed, and a women should have the choice to take the life of the baby in her womb. Is a revival in our nation crazier than any of these aforementioned ideas?

CRSEF, the board, and our members want this newsletter to be informative and educational so that you can interact positively with your family, friends, and neighbors. When you engage in cultural discussions and people have questions or opinions, it is necessary to have decisive Biblical answers, so that we can then share the good news of Christ with them.

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

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### CRSEF Monthly Program for February Thursday, February 16th 2023

**Thursday, 02/16/2023 - From 7-8 PM followed by a 15 minute, Q&A time**

A video will be shown entitled, "All Creatures Great & Small" featuring Dr. Georgia Purdom of AiG (61 minutes)

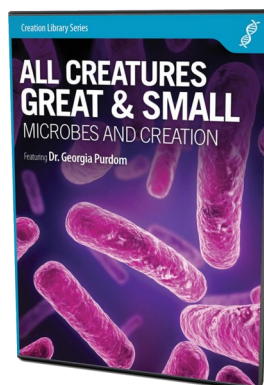
The Bible does not specifically mention microbes (i.e., bacteria) but they are nonetheless living organisms created by God during the Creation Week. Although usually associated with disease, the vast majority of microbes serve important positive functions from digestion to cycling of nutrients in ecosystems.

**Presenter:** Bob Moak will field questions after the video

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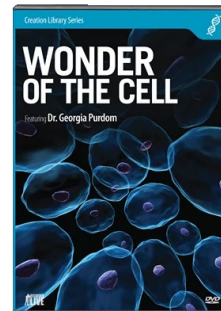
### CRSEF Monthly Program for March Thursday, March 16th 2023

**Thursday, 03/16/2023 - From 7-8 PM followed by a 15 minute, Q&A time**

A video will be shown entitled, "Wonder of the Cell" featuring Dr. Georgia Purdom of AiG (48 minutes)

Dr. Georgia Purdom uses her intimate knowledge of the inner workings of a human cell to provide a glimpse into its amazing complexity. Detailed computer animations show how the intricate "machinery" working in a single cell can only be explained as the handiwork of the Master Designer.

The cells of our bodies exhibit many amazing designs. They are miniature factories that perform thousands of jobs every second! In this DVD, Dr. Purdom explores the complexities and inner working of the cell using visually stunning animations. Journey through the bloodstream to investigate how white blood cells eliminate a bacterial infection. You will encounter proteins that literally "walk" down cellular "highways" and cells that dramatically change their shape. As a result, you will gain a greater appreciation for love and the designs of Creator God. (48 minutes)



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#### CRSEF Monthly Program for April Thursday, April 20th 2022

**Thursday, 04/20/2022 - From 7-8 PM followed by a 15 minute, Q&A time**

A video will be shown entitled, "Genetics, Evolution, AND CREATION" featuring Dr. Georgia Purdom of AiG (60 minutes)

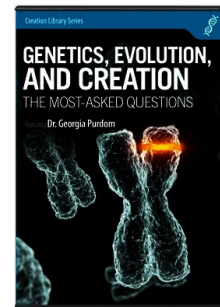
From gene duplication to beneficial mutations, more and more evolutionists are attempting to use discoveries in the field of genetics as proof for common ancestry of life on earth. In this informative new DVD, Georgia Purdom (PhD, molecular genetics) examines these arguments and shows why they are not evidence for common ancestry. Using non-technical language and illustrations, Dr. Purdom examines mitochondrial Eve, proposed human chromosome 2 fusion, ancient repetitive elements (AREs), gene duplication, and beneficial mutations to demonstrate that these "proofs" of evolution are nothing of the kind, but rather can easily be explained from a biblical worldview.

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#### CRSEF Monthly Program for May Thursday, May 18th 2023

**Thursday, 05/18/2023 - From 7-8 PM followed by a 15 minute, Q&A time**

A video will be shown entitled, "Adam or Apes" featuring Dr. Brian Thomas of ICR (36 minutes)

Ever since Darwin proposed his theory of evolution by means of natural selection, scientists have been eager to find proof. The hunt for clues for human evolution takes center stage. Fossil specimens are frequently presented to the public as undeniable confirmation that modern man developed from an ape-like ancestor. Are these claims valid? Is the evidence so iron-clad that no one can dispute it?

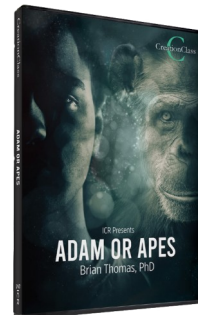
Join ICR paleo biochemist Dr. Brian Thomas as he unravels some of the biases inherent in the scientific community and dismantles the claims regarding several alleged "missing links."

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### CRSEF Monthly Program for June Thursday, June 15th 2023

**Thursday, 06/15/2023 - From 7-8 PM followed by a 15 minute, Q&A time**

A video will be shown entitled, "**How Evolution Hurts Science**" featuring Dr John Sanford for Creation Ministries International. (50 minutes)

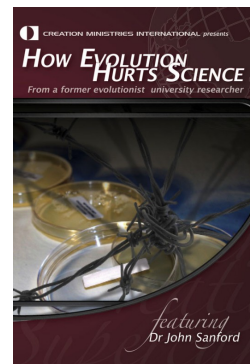
As a leading research professor, John Sanford has seen the harmful effects of how a faulty worldview inhibits good science, especially in the revealing area of alleged "junk" DNA. He also shows how fallacious arguments are used to discriminate against anyone who dares stand against the prevailing worldview of evolution and millions-of-years, and how we can make a stand against it.

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### CRSEF Monthly Program for July Thursday, July 20th 2023

**Thursday, 07/20/2023 - From 7-8 PM followed by a 15 minute, Q&A time**

A video will be shown entitled, "The Evolution of Darwin – His Impact" featuring Ken Ham of Answers in Genesis (50 minutes)

There is no doubt that Charles Darwin is one of the best-known scientists in history. But what kind of legacy did he leave? What impact have his ideas had on society, education, and Christianity?

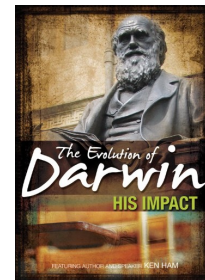
In this insightful DVD, Ken Ham looks at the fingerprints of Darwin on our modern culture. England, Darwin's homeland, is now a place where thousands of churches have been converted into night clubs and stores, and Darwin is enshrined in the names of streets, shopping malls, and buildings. Ham examines how the church failed to uphold the authority of God's Word and allowed Darwin's dangerous ideas to corrupt the truth in the Bible. Ham's powerful presentation and personal interview segments will help you understand how to win against Darwin's ideas in today's culture.

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**Brecon United Methodist Church**

7388 E Kemper Rd  
Cincinnati, OH 45249-1033  
(513) 489-7021

**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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### Do You Believe the “Impossible”?

Well, it all depends on whose definition of “impossible” we are talking about. To be a Christian, you have to believe many things that, to known scientific laws, are impossible.

For example, it is impossible for someone to be born of a woman, but not also of a man. According to biological laws, there can be no such thing as a “virgin birth”. Yet the Bible teaches that there was! And furthermore, it is an essential element that identifies the one and only Messiah, the Anointed One, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God. Do you believe this?

Likewise, it is also impossible to die (verifiably so!) and then come back to life. Yet the Bible teaches that this is exactly what happened to Jesus, and through God’s power, it also happened to Lazarus. Do you believe this?

What about Jesus’ ability to heal the sick – instantaneously! And what of His ability to walk on water, and pay His taxes from money He took out of the mouth of a fish. Feeding thousands of people with virtually nothing is equally impossible. The direct implication of this story is that He was able to keep immediately multiplying the food. Impossible, too. Equally so was His ability to walk through a wall, or to instantly calm the raging seas. Do you believe that these things were all true of Jesus?

These absolutely impossible scenarios are not limited to Jesus, though. The Old Testament documents many events that simply “could not happen”. On the day Moses was introduced to God’s amazing power, he saw a bush that was on fire, yet it didn’t burn up. Later on, through His power, sticks turned into snakes, Red Sea water was pushed aside, allowing the entire nation of Israel to cross on dry land! People bitten by snakes simply had to look at a special pole and be healed. Water came pouring out of various places in the dry desert --- enough for everyone and their livestock. Manna appeared every morning in the desert – that special food that provided all of the essential nutrients for humans to live by (remember that there are no fruits and vegetables available in the desert!). Then there was a pillar of fire in the sky at night, and a special cloud by day that would lead them. All impossible.

What about later on? What about the impossibility of a fleece wet with dew while the surrounding ground was dry? How about the impossibility of the opposite the next night? Furthermore, the laws of physics prevent an old man from being able to run faster than a chariot. Similarly, the act of throwing a man overboard into the sea cannot possibly calm a storm raging in it. By laws of biology, a man cannot be swallowed by a large fish and stay alive for three days. It is not possible for a human to lift the gates of a city off their foundation and carry them off on his shoulders. Besides, the length of a person’s hair cannot possibly have anything to do with his strength.

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**Do You Believe the “Impossible”? (Continued)**

**Christians who are educated in the world’s schools will receive the world’s education. That education will, in fact, include a random, purposeless origin for everything that exists, and billions of years of time for the earth’s existence.**

Shall we mention Peter coming out of a heavily-guarded prison - unnoticed?! Impossible. Or water being turned into wine? Surely that breaks some law of chemistry! Do we believe these things?

I could go on and on. Many other events like these have been recorded in the Bible. And most Christians I know do believe these things. But, why? Why would Christians believe this? It is not because they’ve seen these events with their own eyes, or tested the events in the science laboratory. No, Christians believe because we accept the Bible as the God-inspired, infallible Word of God.

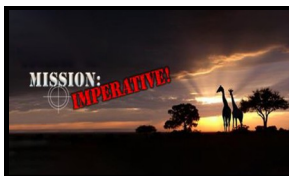
Why then, do many Christians struggle with the origins issues found in Genesis? Why do many of them believe that God did not create everything in just six, literal days, or that the earth’s age could not possibly be only six to ten thousand years, or that the flood could not have been a global event, etc.?

The reason is simple. There are two or three areas of the Bible that are mocked the most, especially by the current education establishment (our schools and colleges). Those areas are 1) the creation itself, and 2) original sin, and 3) the global flood. Of all the “ridiculous & impossible” things that Christians believe, these are the worst, so they think. Why? Again, a simple answer. Those issues lie squarely in the path of the accepted norm of naturalism, the theory of evolution.

Therefore, Christians who are educated in the world’s schools will receive the world’s education. That education won’t spend unnecessary time ridiculing a donkey that spoke, or an axe head that floated, or a lone hand that wrote on a wall. But it will invest time and energy into the core issues relating to the origins and purpose for life. That education will, in fact, include a random, purposeless origin for everything that exists, and billions of years of time for the earth’s existence.

So, we have many Christians in the nation today who will believe all of the many, awesome, amazing, “impossible” facts found in the Bible, but will stumble on the simple, straight-forward ones found in Genesis. I wonder --- who or what is their source of authority?

In Christ  
*Mike Savelly*



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## Mount St. Helens Blew Up Secular Science

By David Rives

**On May 18, 1980, Mt. St. Helens erupted sending a plume of ash as high as 16 miles into the atmosphere.**

**The top 1,300 feet of Mt. St. Helens was ejected from the North side of the mountain forming a crater up to 2 miles across and a half a mile deep.**

Sterile soil growing plants?

This area is gorgeous, filled with wildlife and abundant plant growth. It's hard to imagine that less than fifty years ago, a massive volcanic eruption stripped the mountainside bare, killing all the animals and destroying the forest.

One region, called Pumice Plain, was buried under six feet of sterile rocks and volcanic ash and dust, called pumice. Scientists assumed nothing could grow or live in such nutrient-poor soil so they assumed recovery would take a really long time. Only...it didn't!

A flowering plant called lupine was soon growing in the soil. Unlike most plants, this one has lives closely with a bacterium that harvests nitrogen out of the air, instead of the soil. These plants could grow in the 'useless' soil and their nutritious seeds served as food for the humble pocket gopher. These tiny mammals soon moved in to eat the lupine and, in the process, stirred up the soil. Soon new plants and animals could move in.

Within a decade after the eruption, Mount St. Helens was once again a thriving ecosystem. Ecologists never imagined that life could regain the area so quickly after such incredible devastation, however it did. Only years after the initial eruption, you would never imagine that this place was desolate just a few decades ago!

It seems God has specifically designed life to be able to regain its footing after a catastrophe. After the Flood, plants and animals would've quickly recolonized and turned the landscape into a beautiful and live-able world. This process would not have taken many decades—Mount St. Helens powerfully illustrated how quickly an ecosystem can recover.



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### Mount St. Helens Blew Up Secular Science (Continued)

#### Do Volcanos and the Ice Age Go Together?

When you think of volcanos, you probably think of fiery lava oozing down a mountain. What if I told you that when you think “volcano,” you should think “Ice Age”?

This particular volcano erupted in May of 1980 and was closely studied by geologists and others. It really helped us understand more about how catastrophes shape our planet.

Mount St. Helens seemed like a big explosion. After all, it released the equivalent of four hundred and forty tons of TNT and created the largest volcanic landslide on record. The ash cloud it created even cooled the earth by a fraction of a degree. So, what would happen if volcanos were erupting all over the world, at roughly the same time? It’s hard to imagine what a catastrophe of that size would do!

Most of the rock record we have today was laid down during the global Flood of Noah’s day. This was about four thousand, three hundred and fifty years ago. Throughout this record we find vast amounts of volcanic ash, so we know that, during the Flood, there was intense volcanism. Mount St. Helens is absolutely dwarfed by what happened during that time in earth’s past.

So, what does this have to do with an Ice Age? Well, we know that volcanic eruptions send aerosols into the atmosphere, and they last up there quite a long time. With all the volcanism during the Flood, the atmosphere would have been filled with these aerosols. These aerosols reflect sunlight back into space, cooling the earth. Now, if a small volcano like Mount St. Helens here, can cool the earth by a fraction of a degree, imagine what dozens of massive volcanos could do?

These aerosols would’ve cooled the earth’s temperature but the molten rock from these volcanos would’ve warmed the oceans. There would have been warm oceans and cool air and continents. This caused a lot of evaporation, which falls as...snow. There would have been cooler summers mean less melting, particularly at the poles, and so the snow builds into glaciers and ice sheets. That would have made an Ice Age! Eventually, as the world settles down, the climate does too, and the glaciers retreat to where we have them today, just near the poles.

So, next time you think of a volcano, think of the Ice Age and how the Bible’s history and the global Flood explain what we see around us.

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### Mount St. Helens Blew Up Secular Science (Continued)

#### Do humans control the climate?

The eruption of Mount St. Helens spewed vast amounts of dust and ash into the air and also released tons of trapped carbon dioxide.

Now, it's popular today to believe that man-made CO<sub>2</sub>—carbon dioxide—emissions are causing dramatic climate change, however, natural disasters like Mount St. Helens should remind us, we really don't have control over the weather!

Although the estimates keep going up, in 2013 scientists estimated volcanos are slowly releasing six hundred million tons of carbon into the atmosphere each year. These estimates came from only sampling a small number of volcanos and don't include so-called dormant volcanos, which they now believe are also releasing carbon! So, that figure will likely continue to go up as scientists do more research.

If there's an eruption—watch out! It causes a change in the climate, leading to a cooling trend from aerosols trapped for years in the atmosphere.

Now, the climate change debate is really about different views of the past. If you believe the earth is millions of years old, and the ice sheets in Greenland and Antarctica preserve a record of the climate stretching back hundreds of thousands of years, you'll have a very different view on manmade climate change than someone with a different view of history.

You see, when we start with the Bible's history, we know there was a perfect climate that was marred by sin, we know there was a global Flood that radically changed the planet—including our climate. This Flood was accompanied by intense volcanism, which would have released vast amounts of CO<sub>2</sub>, as well as aerosols, into the atmosphere. Those trapped aerosols led to global cooling and, eventually, the Ice Age! There's been radical climate change in the past and humans had everything to do with it because of our sin!

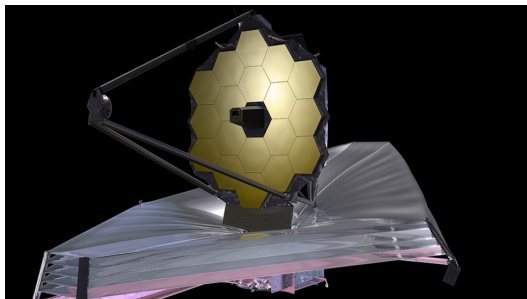
Two different views of the past, lead to two different views of the present. We need to start with the right foundation—God's Word—to get the right perspective.

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



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### Webb Telescope Continues to Challenge Big Bang

By Jake Hebert, Ph. D.

Data obtained by the James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) continue to challenge expectations of Big Bang proponents.

The JWST is designed to “see” in the infrared portion of the electromagnetic spectrum, just outside the range of visible light. Since redshifts ‘push’ most of the light from distant galaxies into the infrared part of the spectrum, the JWST can obtain better images of these very distant galaxies than if it were viewing them in visible light. In fact, the images obtained by the JWST are even more spectacular than the brilliant images obtained by the Hubble Space Telescope.

As noted in a previous Creation Science Update and Impact article, data from the JWST show that distant galaxies look more ‘mature’ and ‘developed’ than predicted by Big Bang theorists. Big Bang astronomers assume light from the most distant galaxies took almost 14 billion years to reach Earth. Although this may sound reasonable, creation scientists think this assumption is open to challenge. But in any case, by Big Bang reckoning, we should be seeing these very distant galaxies—not as they are now, but as they were almost 14 billion years ago. Hence, these galaxies should appear very “unevolved” and “immature.” Yet, this expectation is routinely contradicted, and data from the JWST are making the disagreement even worse.

Big Bang theorists are being forced to quickly revise their predictions. In a previous article, I noted that, just ten years ago, NASA was claiming that the universe’s first stars formed about 400 million years after the Big Bang. Actually, I was overly generous in my estimate: NASA was apparently making this claim as little as two years ago. Yet, a Nature article published just last year stated that the first stars formed “perhaps around 250 million years after the Big Bang.” So within just the last two years, Big Bang theorists have had to push back the estimated “date” for the first stars by about 150 million years, from 400 to 250 million years after the supposed Big Bang.

The supposed dates of the formation of the earliest galaxies are also being pushed back. That same Nature article stated, based on analysis of JWST data, that galaxies were already in existence “a few hundred million years [i.e. about 300 million years] after the Big Bang.” Yet Big Bang scientists are now claiming, just months later, that the first galaxies could have formed as early as 200 million years after the Big Bang.

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### Webb Telescope Continues to Challenge Big Bang (Continued)

Are you seeing a pattern? Big Bang theorists have to keep “pushing back” the times at which the first stars and galaxies supposedly appeared, because no matter how deep we look into space, stars and galaxies already exist! This puts increasing stress on the Big Bang model. Mainstream astronomers claim that stars and galaxies form ‘naturally’ over millions of years and that the Big Bang occurred 13.8 billion years ago. So, by their reckoning, no star or galaxy can possibly be more than 13.8 billion years old. But as the supposed ages of the first stars edge closer and closer to 13.8 billion years, there is less and less ‘time’ for natural processes to ‘make’ stars and galaxies, even if one ignores the scientific problems with naturalistic star and galaxy formation theories.

Second, more powerful telescopes should allow astronomers to look deeper and deeper into space and (presumably, by Big Bang reckoning) further and further back in time. If the Big Bang is correct, telescopes may become powerful enough that we should be able to see ‘times’ when no stars or galaxies exist. But what if stars and galaxies exist, no matter how far out we look? What if no part of the visible universe fails to contain stars or galaxies? Will Big Bang proponents admit that the Big Bang has been disproven?

Despite the denials of a world that is in increasing rebellion against its Creator, the heavens do indeed testify of God’s glory and their supernatural creation by the Lord Jesus Christ, exactly as described in Scripture.

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**Jesus believed in a worldwide Flood! Do you? (Continued)**

This is what Jesus said, and what He believed, and therefore, those who are truly His disciples must also believe this. The destructive effects of the Flood can still be seen today not only in the biblical record, but also in the abundant evidence of cataclysmic destruction in the rocks and fossil graveyards all over the world. To refuse this evidence, as do many modern intellectuals, can only be because they “willingly are ignorant,” as Peter said in referring to this testimony. *But they deliberately forget that long ago by God’s word the heavens existed and the earth was formed out of water and by water. (2 Peter 3:5).*

Therefore, if you are a Christian, and yet, you believe in evolution, then you disagree with what Jesus obviously believed when He walked this earth! Obviously from His comments, Jesus believed there was a worldwide Flood! This also requires you to believe that Jesus used evolution as His means of creating mankind! This is certainly not what Genesis teaches, and more importantly, what Jesus Christ believed and taught!

If you believe in evolution, it is important to point out there cannot be a worldwide Flood, as such an event would destroy the geologic column if it was built as evolutionists believe it was over millions of years of laying down thin layers of sediment. A worldwide flood would rip up such layers and redeposit them.

Therefore, if you are a professing Christian, a follower of Jesus Christ, and yet you believe He used evolution to create us, then Jesus is either confused about there being a worldwide flood, or Jesus is lying about the flood happening, as was stated by Him in the Scripture verses above. Do you think Jesus may be wanting to offer a coverup for those who wrote about this fictitious worldwide flood as recorded in Genesis chapters 6 through 8?

**What about the layers found in the geologic column?**

It is important to look at the geologic layers and note that all these layers contain marine life fossils, which makes no common sense unless the earth was covered by water for all of the years these layers were being formed! After the first three layers, every layer contains both land dwelling animal fossils and marine dwelling animal fossils. For this to happen would require several very catastrophic events, or one very catastrophic event. All extreme catastrophic events go against the evolutionary theory, which states that “the present is the key to the past,” which means the earth has formed in a gradual mode of disposition. The following description pulled from the Internet - This is known as uniformitarianism: **the idea that Earth has always changed in uniform ways and that the present is the key to the past.** The principle of uniformitarianism is essential to understanding Earth's (evolutionary) history.

If there was a worldwide flood then the layers, we now find would have been deposited during the time of the flood. If there was a worldwide flood, then most of the layers would thus contain both land and sea dwelling animals to be buried, which is exactly what we find! The topography we find on this earth screams of catastrophic eruptions tearing up the earth and then redepositing the debris into thick layers, which again is exactly what is observed!

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**Jesus believed in a worldwide Flood! Do you? (Continued)**

Next, if the earth were covered by water that then receded, back into the earth, there would be areas that were extremely eroded as the water ran off, this is exactly what we see. Some of the water would be trapped into large lakes with natural dams formed, which eventually break, and the water would flow out at extreme rates causing huge areas to be washed away, and large canyons could have formed. If you look around this world there are such areas everywhere around this earth. The Grand Canyon is a good example of this.

Some of this water would become permanently trapped and form large lakes, and again this is exactly what we find all over the earth. The Great Lakes are an example of this. The water receded, back into the earth and formed the freshwater wells we find all over the earth. Since fresh water is heavier than salt water we can even find rivers of fresh water beneath the oceans around this world.

Everywhere around this earth, we find beautiful areas where unusual formations have been formed when the waters receded, as it washed out some parts of the yet-to-form layers, as these layers were still soft and not yet formed in sedimentary rock layers. There are examples of this all over the earth. One such place is Natural Bridge State Park in Slade KY.

**Mount St. Helens in Washington, State - volcanic eruption in 1980:**

When the Mount St. Helens volcano erupted both evolutionary and creation scientists witnessed how a lot of geological reforming occurred in a short period of time, it does not require millions of years for canyons to be formed, and formation of what appears to be buried forests to form in just months. These appear the same as the petrified forests, which evolutionary scientists believed took millions of years to form, were formed in just a few months.

Next, we all got to see how quickly this area became reforested, it only took a few years, not millions of years. This regrowth helps creationists to show how quickly the earth could have rebounded after the worldwide flood ended. When the people and animals came off the Ark it would not have taken very long until the earth would be able to provide living areas for the wild animals.

A canyon one 40<sup>th</sup> the size of the Grand Canyon was formed at Mount St. Helens in a few days. It does not take millions of years of normal erosion by a little river to form a large canyon. If you go to Washington, State, and observe this canyon, you will note the Toutle River is flowing at the bottom of this canyon. If a person who believes in the evolutionary process of canyon formation saw this, they would surmise that river washed out this canyon over millions of years of erosion, but it was formed in a matter of hours!

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**Jesus believed in a worldwide Flood! Do you? (Continued)****Conclusion of my article:**

Radioisotope dating techniques claim to be able to determine the age of a rock. Only those rocks that were once in the molten condition, such as volcanic rocks, are candidates for radioisotope dating. Thus, the rocks at Mount St. Helens are, in principle, datable.

Samples (of rock) gathered (at Mount St. Helens) have now been dated using the potassium-argon method. According to radioisotope dating, certain minerals in the lava dome are up to 2.4 million years old. All the minerals combined yield the date of 350,000 years by the potassium-argon technique. However, we know that these minerals and the rocks that contain them cooled within lava between the years 1980 and 1986.

**Should we trust these methods to date rocks of unknown age?**

The above was taken from the book “**Footprints in the Ash**” – By John Morrison and Steven A. Austin MasterBooks, see page 67.

Now I’m going to continue this article by including an article produced by people more educated on such processes to help us gain a better perspective of this event, and the resulting geologic formations it left for us to study!

**Why Is Mount St. Helens Important to the Origins Controversy?**

by Dr. Steve Austin on July 18, 2014; last featured May 18, 2015

See this website for the full article – from Answers in Genesis

<https://answersingenesis.org/geology/mount-st-helens/why-is-mount-st-helens-important-to-the-origins-controversy/>

Rapid Erosion

***What is exceptional at Mount St. Helens is the variety of new erosion features and their concentration within a limited and intensely studied area.***

If we reason from our everyday experience concerning the way rivers and creeks erode, we might assume that great periods of time are needed to form deep canyons. At Mount St. Helens, however, very rapid erosion has occurred since the 1980 eruptions. These erosion features challenge our way of thinking about how landscapes form. What is exceptional at Mount St. Helens is the variety of new erosion features and their concentration within a limited and intensely studied area. There is no place in the blast zone at Mount St. Helens where the effects of recent erosion cannot be seen. That is what makes Mount St. Helens extraordinary! Scientists discovered that the kinds of processes causing erosion were as varied as the different features formed. The major agents of erosion unleashed at Mount St. Helens are listed in summary here.

**Jesus believed in a worldwide Flood! Do you? (Continued)**

Two-thirds cubic mile of landslide and eruption debris from May 18, 1980, occupies 23 square miles of the North Fork of the Toutle River north and west of the crater (see figure 1). It was the largest debris avalanche observed in human history! This debris was deposited across the entire width of the valley along the uppermost 16 miles of the North Fork of the Toutle River. These deposits average 150 feet in thickness and form a hummocky surface that blocks the pre-1980 channel. Before the May 18 eruption, Spirit Lake had an outlet river draining westward into the Pacific Ocean.

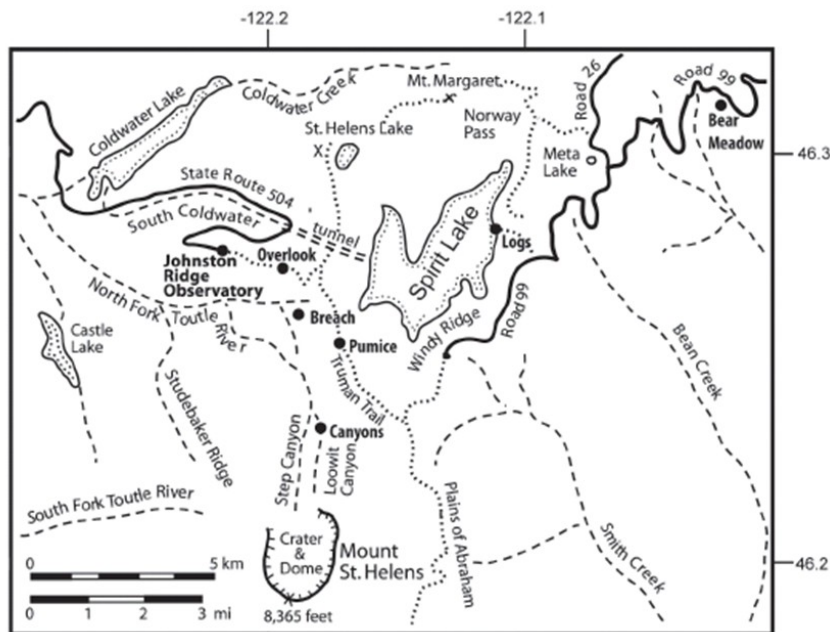


Figure 1. Map of the north flank of the volcano showing areas of special interest to understanding catastrophic geologic processes within Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument. “Overlook” is an observation post one mile east of Johnston Ridge Observatory on the ridge showing the eroded landscape on the North Fork of the Toutle River. “Breach” is the March 19, 1982, erosion feature with the “Little Grand Canyon” that is currently closed to off-trail activity without special use permit. “Pumice” is the Pumice Plain deposit consisting of various laminated pyroclastic flow deposits. “Canyons” displays the mudflow eroded bedrock channels up to 600 feet deep on the north flank of the volcano. “Logs” is the shore observation locality on the Harmony Trail on the east side of Spirit Lake. “Bear Meadow” is the northeastern observation location outside the blast zone.

From May 18, 1980, to March 19, 1982, the upper drainage area of the debris avalanche deposit was not connected to the Pacific Ocean, and water from Spirit Lake basin and the crater of the volcano did not connect to the Toutle River, due to debris blocking the valley. Because of this debris, there has been no natural outlet formed for Spirit Lake.

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An explosive eruption of Mount St. Helens on March 19, 1982, melted a thick snowpack in the crater, creating a destructive, sheet-like flood of water, which became a mudflow. Breaching the deposits on the upper North Fork of the Toutle River (see “Breach” in figure 1). The most significant erosion occurred in the biggest steam explosion pit. The mudflow filled the big steam explosion pit with mud, which then overflowed the west rim of the pit as a deep ravine was cut into the 1980 deposits to the west.

The flow formed channels over much of the hummocky rockslide debris, allowing cataracts to erode headward, and established for the first time since 1980 a dendritic integration of channels on the Toutle’s North Fork drainage. Erosion has occurred intermittently since then, but most of the streams were established in their present channel locations on March 19, 1982. Figure 2 is within the breach formed by the big mudflow that day. Bedrock was eroded up to 600 feet deep to form Step Canyon and Loowit Canyon on the north flank of the volcano (see “Canyons” in figure 1).

***The “Little Grand Canyon of the Toutle River” is a 1/40th-scale model of the real Grand Canyon of Arizona.***

Individual canyons on the debris avalanche deposit have a depth of up to 140 feet and are cut through landslide debris and pumice from pyroclastic flows (see “Breach” in figure 1). That erosion left elevated plateaus north and south of a great breach, resembling the north and south rims of the Colorado River. Also, gully-headed side canyons and amphitheater-headed side canyons in the breach resemble side canyons in the Grand Canyon. The breach did not occur straight through the obstruction but has a meandering path, which reminds us of the meandering path of the Grand Canyon through the high plateaus of northern Arizona. The “Little Grand Canyon of the Toutle River” is a 1/40th-scale model of the real Grand Canyon of Arizona.

Small creeks that flow through the headwaters of the Toutle River today might seem, by present appearances, to have carved these canyons very slowly over a very long time period, except for the fact that the erosion was observed to have occurred rapidly! Geologists should learn that because the long time scale they have been trained to assign to landform development would lead to obvious error at Mount St. Helens, it also may be useless or misleading elsewhere.

In the complete article there are other interesting views related to the fast formation of geologic processes, but this article will end with the “conclusion” from the complete article.

**Conclusion:**

Mount St. Helens provides a rare opportunity to study transient geologic processes which, produced within a few months, change what geologists might otherwise assume required many thousands of years. The volcano challenges our way of thinking about how the earth works, how it changes, and the time scale attached. These processes and their effects allow Mount St. Helens to serve as a miniature laboratory for catastrophism.

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**Creation and Cognitive Dissonance (CD) (Continued)**

Seven Scientific Facts that Support Creation of the Earth and Universe about 6000 Years Ago. (Continued)

2. The DNA molecule cannot form in the presence of water. That means evolution is impossible because water is present in nearly every environment on earth.  
[CRSEF Newsletter June 2022, page 2]
3. Moon dust shows the moon is about 6000 years old. Scientists measured the rate at which dust collects on the moon and found that 1 mm would accumulate per thousand years. The moon's dust is about 6 mm thick, so that indicates 6000 years.  
[CRSEF Newsletter October 2022, page 2]
4. Even "simple" life forms are too complex to come together by random chance. The "simple" E. coli bacterium contains over 700 different proteins, which are highly complex.  
[CRSEF Newsletter June 2021, page 4]
5. The "earliest" galaxies do not fit the Big Bang theory. Findings from the James Webb telescope show that the "earliest" galaxies are too distinct and well-formed to be made by the Big Bang.  
[CRSEF Newsletter February 2023, page 2]
6. The human genome is too complex to be formed by random chance. Our genes have 3.1 billion DNA base pairs and an error in just one pair can cause a life-threatening condition like sickle cell anemia.  
[CRSEF Newsletter February 2021, page 4]
7. The Bible says God intentionally created the earth and the universe. This means there was no random, chance activity involved. "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." Genesis 1:1  
[The Bible is the best reference for Biblical creation.]

Years ago, I heard a preacher say, "When you are under attack, launch an offensive!"

Let us take the truth of God's word to our nation and the world. Please reproduce this "Seven Facts" tract and share it with others.

"For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God for the pulling down of strongholds. We destroy arguments and every proud obstacle to the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ." 2 Corinthians 10:4-5

"For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart." Hebrews 4:12

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### Christians and "Climate Change" (Continued)

- c. Examples of greenhouse gas emissions that are causing climate change include carbon dioxide and methane. These come from using gasoline for driving a car or coal for heating a building, for example. Clearing land and forests can also release carbon dioxide. Landfills for garbage are a major source of methane emissions. Energy, industry, transport, buildings, agriculture, and land use are among the main emitters.

The proceeding answers are given for "Climate Change", these answers mainly come from a humanistic, atheistic worldview that does not acknowledge nor consider God, the Creator, and Sustainer of all things. Genesis 1:1: *In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.* In the very first verse of the Bible, God through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit leaves no room for humanity to complete a thought without the acknowledgment of their Creator God. This simple fact is the reason Christians should understand what "Climate Change" is really about, and they should not fear it. Genesis 8:22 (CBS) <sup>22</sup> *As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, and day and night will not cease.*"

### History of the "Climate Change" Movement

It is imperative to recognize that "Climate Change" is a worldview issue, you either see it from a humanistic worldview or you see it from a Biblical worldview. If looking at "Climate Change" from a humanistic worldview, the history of the movement is an important aspect to be concerned with. I will list a few of the events below that have scientifically or politically been used to progress the "Climate Change" agenda.

Swedish scientist Svante Arrhenius, in the 1890's calculated the temperature effect of a doubling of atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub>, showing that burning fossil fuels would likely warm the planet. In 1938 a British engineer named Guy Callendar correlates temperature trends to rises in atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> levels. James Hansen, an American climate scientist testified before Congress in 1988, that the planet is warming and is already altering the climate, because of the human-caused buildup of greenhouse gasses.

British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher stated that binding emissions targets are needed at the U.N.'s Second World Climate Conference, held in Geneva, where scientists highlighted the risks of global warming to nature and society. The U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change at the Rio Earth Summit in 1992, began signing countries up, the goal was to control emissions to prevent extreme climate change. The UNFCCC's was to enshrine the idea of "common but differentiated responsibilities,," meaning developed countries must do more because they are responsible for most historical emissions.

In 1995 UNFCCC treaty members gathered in Berlin for the first "Conference of Parties." They produced a final document calling for binding emission targets. At COP 3 in Kyoto, Japan, in 1997, parties agree to the first treaty that requires specific emission reductions. Under the Kyoto Protocol developed countries are obligated to reduce emissions between 2008 and 2012 from 2009 levels, with different levels assigned to different countries. Key United States Republican Senators denounced the accord. The UNFCCC met for the next four years with varying degrees of difficulty, with problems arising from different nation members each year.

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### Christians and "Climate Change" (Continued)

It was announced in 2015 that global warming had passed a 1-degree Celsius increase. Extreme weather events including floods, droughts, and wildfires continue to get more frequent and more severe around the globe, and countries are increasingly confronted with these immediate climate change threats.

The Paris Agreement in 2015 is the first global pact to call for emissions pledges from both developed and developing countries. Countries were asked to pledge National Determined Contributions (NDC's), with an increasing ambition every five years, with signatories promising to try to keep global warming within 1.5 degrees Celsius of the preindustrial average. President Donald Trump called the Paris treaty bad for the economy and said the United States will withdraw, and that withdraw became official in 2020.

These are only some of the highlights or lowlights depending on your worldview, but as you can see from the brief history I have given you, the climate agenda has been moving forward for the past century with most of the momentum coming in the past 30 years or so. I have given these highlights so that the readers can see for themselves that the Climate Change Movement is a real thing. There are many sides to the climate debate, science, politics, and religion are just a few.

In the next installment of the World by Design Newsletter we will explore the world-view aspects that each play and define their specific roles in the climate debate.



Great American Midwest Homeschool Convention, Cincinnati, Ohio

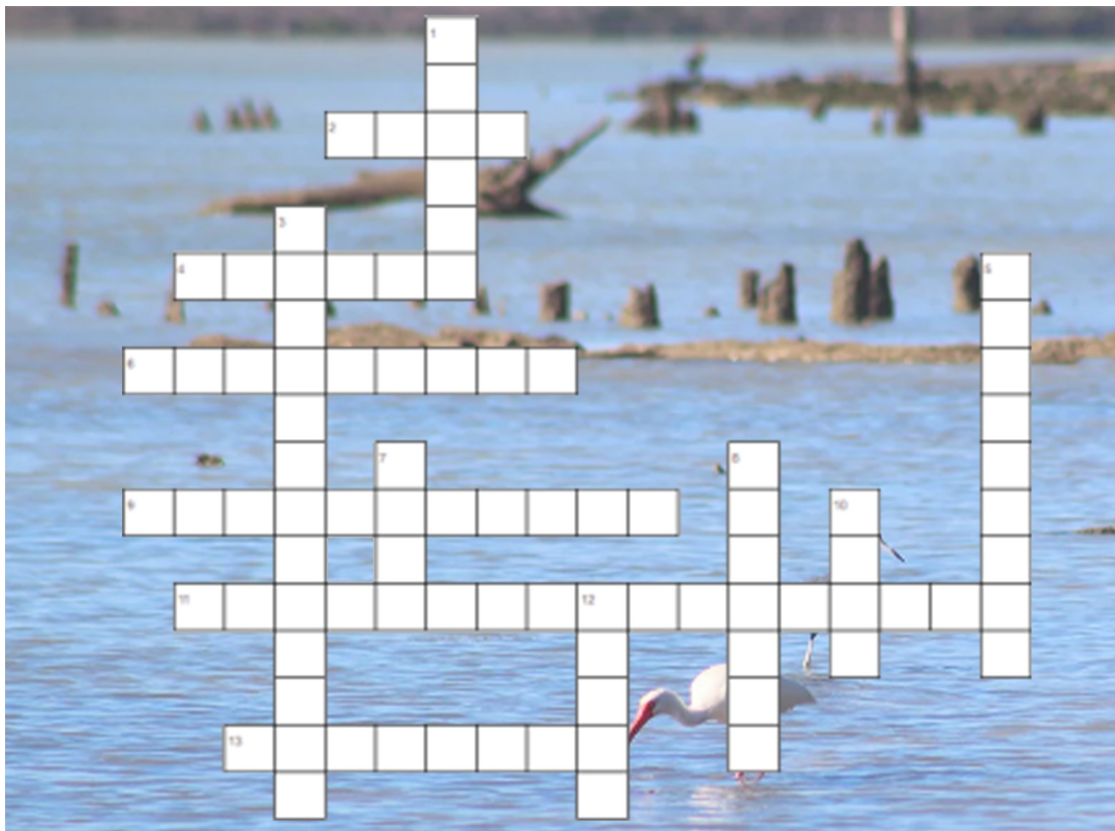
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## Kid's Fun Page

### Searching for Waterfowl

Learn more about kinds that may have been on the Ark as Inspector Barry Mins studies new creatures every week in the "Show and Tell" section of KidsAnswers.org!



#### Down

1. This kind \_\_\_\_\_ in colonies.
3. This kind loves to munch on \_\_\_\_\_.
5. The eggs are \_\_\_\_\_ for approximately a month.
7. Adults of this kind lay 2-4 \_\_\_\_\_.
8. They prefer high-carbohydrate and \_\_\_\_\_ foods.
10. the word "\_\_\_\_\_" derives from the ancient Egyptian word for these birds
12. These birds \_\_\_\_\_ off the water, in trees and on housetops.

#### Across

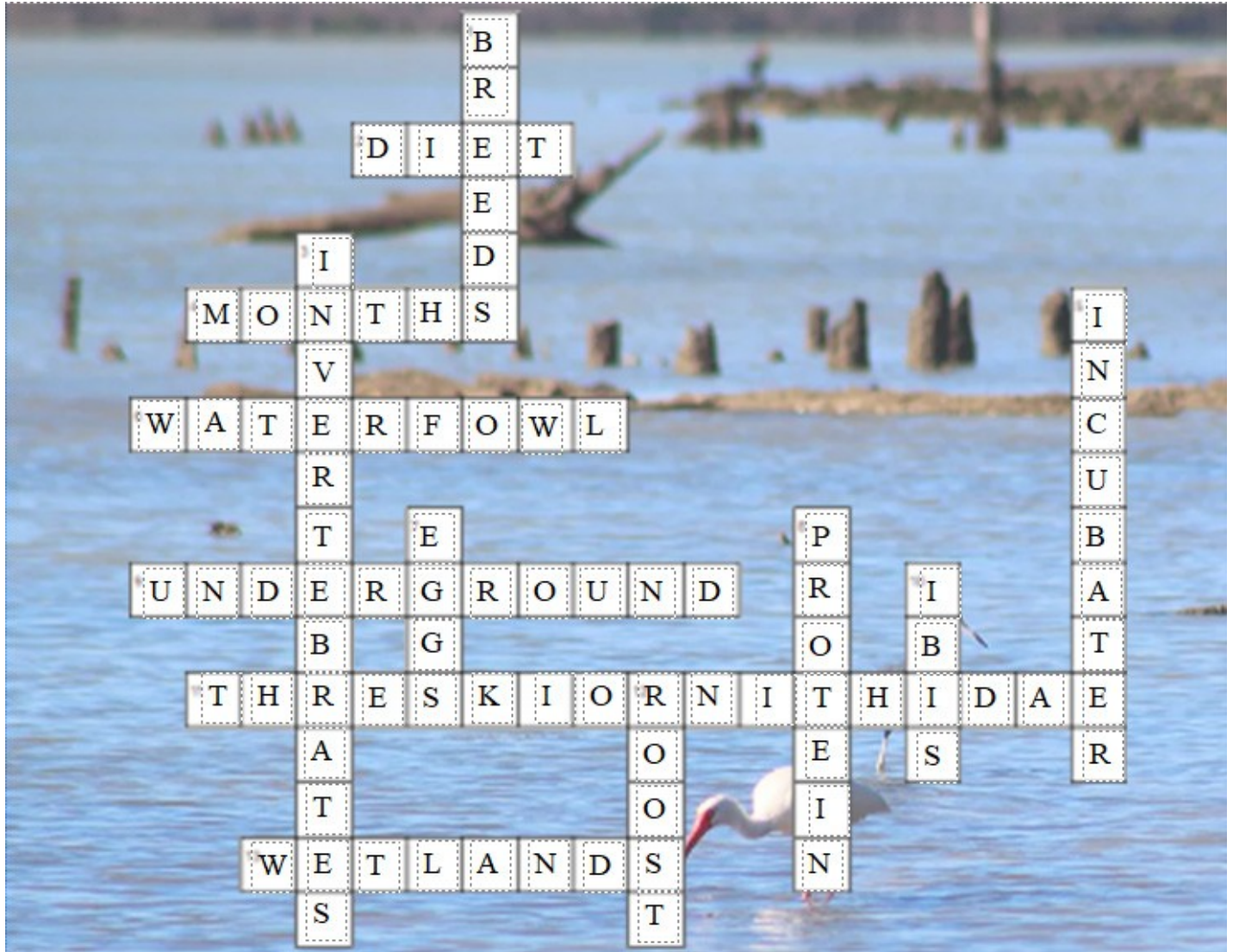
2. They are comfortable adjusting their \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Nest building is begun about two \_\_\_\_\_ before the eggs are laid.
6. These birds are known as \_\_\_\_\_.
9. Some species have the ability to detect \_\_\_\_\_ invertebrates.
11. This week's kind is the \_\_\_\_\_.
13. These birds prefer \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Word Bank

- Invertebrates
- Protein
- Underground
- Diet
- Incubated
- Ibis
- Breeds
- Waterfowl
- Wetlands
- Roost
- Threskiornithidae
- Eggs
- Months

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