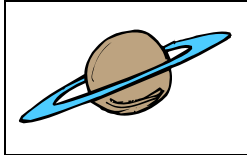


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"It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in men" Psalm 118:8 Volume 9(3) May/June, 1992

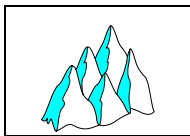
CSA Meeting Tuesday, May 5, 1992



The Basic Session "Is Evolution Science... The Origin of the Universe and Solar System?"

by: Cal Myers, Ph.D.

We will have several more sessions on geology, but due to a scheduling problem we will begin a new series now: "Is Evolution Science?" Cal Myers is a practicing physicist who enjoys demonstrating to people that they can rely on God's Word with vastly more confidence than they can depend on the claims of "Evolution Science." In this easy-to-follow session, Cal discusses evolution "theories" regarding the most basic, and yet most dramatic components of the observable world... galaxies and the Solar System. Even a layman should be able to conclude that evolution "theories" on these topics are without scientific merit.



The Advanced Session "An Ice Age Within Biblical Time"

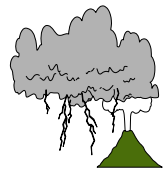
A video from the 1st International
Conference on Creation
by: Michael J. Oord, M.S.

It is time Christians learn that it is much easier to explain the Ice Age from a Biblical perspective than from an evolutionary one. Michael Oord holds the M.S. in Atmospheric Science. He does research in both the pre-flood water canopy and the Ice Age. A very interesting session.

CSA Meeting Tuesday, June 2, 1992

A Combined Basic and Advanced Session "The Five Biblical Geologic Catastrophes As Seen In Present Geologic Formations"

by: Bernard Northrup



We've been learning Dr. Northrup's views on geologic history in the Advanced Institute. Through the providence of the Lord, he noticed the announcements in **CSA News** and called to inform us he would be attending a wedding nearby, and to offer to wrap up the sessions **in person**. Needless to say, we gratefully accepted.

The "Father of Modern Geology" was Charles Lyell, an anti-Christian with no formal training in geology and a personal desire to destroy Christianity by undermining the foundational writings of Moses. According to Darwin's own writings, his evolutionary faith was totally dependent on the theories of Lyell. It is therefore more than fitting that one of the principal architects of the eradication of Lyellian "geology" be a great

man of God... with little formal training in Geology. Bernard Northrup holds the Th.D. and is an expert on Biblical Languages. Lyell travelled the world searching for evidence that God did not exist. Dr. Northrup circles the globe tirelessly laboring with Bibles International to make God's word understandable to all the peoples of the world. As Lyell searched diligently for evidence of enormous elapsed time, Dr. Northrup searches for an understanding of what truly happened in geologic history, and what the Bible says about it.

As Lyell inspired Darwin to discard the Bible, Northrup's work has the power to inspire many to pick it up again! If you miss this session, you will miss one of life's real intellectual and spiritual treats. So don't miss it!

Meeting Location: Westbrooke Church

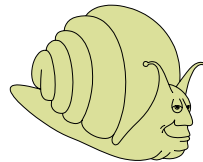
9898 West 95th, Overland Park, KS

Refreshments: 6:15PM - Meeting: 7:00PM

Nursery Provided, \$2.50 per child

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



Creation Safaris

CSA Creation Safaris Are Fun and Informative.

• **N. Kansas City Fossil Hunt.** 4/18 (1:00PM-4:00PM). Topics: Geology, paleontology, fossil formation, catastrophism vs uniformitarian geology. **Meet:** NE corner, 16th & Swift, NKC, MO. **Fee:** ⁽²⁾ Contact: Farwell, Foran

• **Star Gazing** - Primary date (secondary date - if primary is cloudy) 4/24 (5/1); 6/26 (6/27); 7/24 (7/31); 8/21 (8/28); 9/18 (9/25); 10/23 (10/24) Topics: Basic Astronomy, The constellations and their meaning, the age of the cosmos. **Notes:** Each outing includes a lecture on basic astronomy and the Biblical and spiritual implications of the stars and constellations, followed by viewing of the astronomical objects appropriate for the season. **Fee:** ⁽³⁾ **Meet:** The Berry Patch, S. on 69 Hiway or Holmes Road to 223rd St., then to State Line, then S. 1/4 Mile. Contact: Rink

• **Chalk Bed and Sturemberg Museum Tour, Hayes, KS.** ⁽¹⁾ 5/23-5/25 Topics: Geology, Paleontology, American History, Natural History. **Notes:** Visit to several famous fossil hunting areas: Castle Rock, Monument Rocks, Mushroom Rocks, and Rock City. These chalk beds contain fish, sharks, reptiles, dinosaurs and much more. See a typical evolution sales pitch at the Sturemberg Museum and compare it with a Biblical evaluation of the same data. Also, a fascinating lesson in how Eastern money and "intellectual guidance" made an evolutionist out of a nine year old farm boy. **Register:** Please send name and address and age of each attendee to **CSA**. **Meet:** at the I70/Bonner Springs Toll Booth Plaza, 6:00AM. **Fee:** ⁽²⁾ Contact: John Hauser



Mythbuster Series #4 "Biblical Metaphors, Transubstantiation and Religious Mythology"

"And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. Matt 26:26

We are concluding our discussion of religious myths, using Transubstantiation as an example. This is Part 3 (Please read parts 1 & 2 in the September and November, 1991 CSA News before attempting to follow this discussion.)

In response to the earlier parts of this Mythbuster, we received many letters and calls. Some manifested livid rage, stating "This is terrible, you have no business saying those things." Others said "Verrrry interesting, send me more." A few even seemed genuinely interested in discovering the truth. Among the responses were printed sermons, scathing letters and calls, tracts promising me countless benefits (including salvation) if I would properly adore Mary and/or say my rosary frequently. But I received not one presentation of Biblical evidence and/or reason, nor even a sentence discussing the evidence and reasons I gave for my position. One caller did send a tract that purported to present Biblical evidence, but it simply quoted a few passages and declared that they proved transubstantiation. All the passages were dealt with in the **Mythbuster**.

One interesting call came from Scott Butler, who claimed he was a former top official in Campus Crusade for Christ, now a "converted protestant" who had "led 200 protestant pastors back to the true church." He said he would call back in one week, to outline sound reasons for me to repent and turn to true Christianity. He would also send literature and tapes. I told him I would be very happy to hear him out, provided his reasons were Biblically based. But, he did not call back, nor did he send literature or tapes. He left no number or address.

A Brief Review

Transubstantiation is the belief that the bread and the wine in the Lord's Supper turns to the actual flesh and blood of Jesus at some time during the ceremony. In Parts 1 and 2 we gave seven primary reasons for the conviction that the foundational sentence for the Lord's Supper "And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body" (Matt 26:26), **contains** a metaphor. It is important to observe that I said it contains a metaphor, not that it is one. The proper interpretation of this passage (which is also the **literal** one) is that Jesus gave them bread, they received and ate bread, but Jesus **said** it was body. No Bible author referring to this passage gives even a hint they ate anything other than bread. Thus, by definition, the **literal interpretation** of the passage is that the disciples received and ate bread, but that Jesus **said** it was body. By definition, He metaphorically related the bread to his body. Remember, the definition of a metaphor is an **implied comparison**. If the comparison is explicitly stated, it is not a metaphor. Had Jesus said "this represents my body," there would be no issue, it would be a simile.

As pointed out earlier, the Bible authors clearly document the metaphorical relationship between bread, the body of Jesus, and God's Word: Jesus makes clear "Man does not live by

bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God," John says "In the beginning was the word and the word was with God, and the word was God," and "the word became flesh and dwelt among us," etc. The Bible clearly teaches that Jesus brought us a clear understanding of God's word, and that we are to consume it with the same hunger that we do "real" food, and for the same reason... God's word is as important as food to sustain life! For this reason, and the **six other reasons** listed previously, I maintain the phrase "this is my body" is a metaphor. But several questions remain:

Are There Other Passages That Substantiate Substantiation?

Actually the strongest case for transubstantiation is in a passage seldom mentioned by followers of the doctrine:

"Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you. Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him. As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me. This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever.

"... Many therefore of his disciples, when they had heard this, said, This is an hard saying; who can hear it? When Jesus knew in himself that his disciples murmured at it, he said unto them, Doth this offend you? What and if ye shall see the Son of man ascend up where he was before? It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life. But there are some of you that believe not... From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him."
John 6:53-66 (emphasis added)

Within the context of the entire Biblical teaching on the question, this passage teaches the same thing as Matthew 26: Whoever eats of "this bread" (the word of God, which is Jesus, since "the Word became flesh") and drinks of the cup (accepts the spilling of His blood as the propitiation for their sins (Matt 20:22,23), will have eternal life. Notice that, in this passage, **eating "His flesh" and drinking "His blood" are conditions required for eternal life!** If these phrases are metaphors, they are compatible with the entire teaching of the Bible, but if literal, it is a radically different doctrine than any other in the Bible, and contrary to the fundamental Christian doctrine "**believe on the Lord Jesus and thou shalt be saved.**" Nowhere, but in commentaries on the Last Supper can one read the doctrine "**Munch on the Lord Jesus and thou shalt be saved.**"

What About "Consubstantiation"?

The sermon gave the standard definition and defense of "consubstantiation." After summarily rejecting transubstantiation, he says that Jesus "is therefore saying that we do actually eat His body and drink his blood." Thus, believers in this doctrine reject "transubstantiation," but then turn around and declare a doctrine that is virtually indistinguishable from it! But the sermon builds **persuasion** for a difference by continuing: "How Christ's body and blood are given in, with, and under the bread and wine is a miracle and a mystery, beyond

human understanding." Somehow, we are to make a big deal out of the "in, with and under" but these words are strictly the words of man... they do not appear in the Bible! No Bible passage even hints at this notion. Nor is one quoted to substantiate the phrase... it is simply announced! Somehow, the phrase "in, with, and under" is supposed to absolve consubstantialists from cannibalism. But it does not! As this sermon illustrates, the doctrine boils down to "we do actually eat His body..."

But the important question is not "what do consubstantialists teach," but what does God require? If God requires that we eat shoes, a sensible person will eat shoes. My position is simply, the evidence for consubstantiation is no different than the evidence for transubstantiation. But, the sermon, and the practice of consubstantialists in general (remember generalizations are never fully accurate, especially where humans are concerned), do serve to illustrate an important reason to be concerned about these issues.

Is Consubstantiation Christian?

The sermon was titled "The Lord's Supper Is Important - I Cor 11:23-29." It contained much truth. It said the Lord's Supper is important (I agree). It said that in 1 Cor 17ff, Paul "scolds the Christians at Corinth for despising and misusing the Lord's Supper" (true, Paul did). "Then he (Paul) talks about the importance, as well as the seriousness of the Lord's Supper, when he says that anyone who misuses it receives it to his damnation or judgement rather than to his blessing" (reasonably close to what Paul said). But Scriptural faithfulness plummets from this point forward. He quotes one phrase of Paul's, followed by lots of **interpretation**. Let's first read Paul:

*"Now in this that I declare unto you I praise you not, that ye come together not for the better, but for the worse. For first of all, when ye come together in the church, I hear that there be divisions among you; and I partly believe it. For there must be also heresies among you, that they which are approved may be made manifest among you. When ye come together therefore into one place, this is not to eat the Lord's supper. For in eating every one taketh before other his own supper: and one is hungry, and another is drunken. What? have ye not houses to eat and to drink in? or despise ye the church of God, and shame them that have not? What shall I say to you? shall I praise you in this? I praise you not." "For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.' **For as often as ye eat this bread**, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come. Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep." 1Cor 11:17-30*

The meaning of the passage seems patently obvious: Paul chastises them for drunkenness, heresies, divisions, and rudeness, while they are celebrating the Lord's Supper. Then he

accurately quotes and repeats that Jesus gave them bread, they are eating bread, and they are doing so **in remembrance** of Jesus, to **show** the Lord's death. (Isn't the phrase "**show the Lord's death**" virtually identical to "represent the Lord's death," a view that this preacher rejects?) Paul then chastises them for engaging in this ceremony **unworthily**. How could the Corinthians deserve such criticism from Paul? He is quite clear: because they were drunk, rude, divisive and engaging in other heresy while pretending to honor the most important event in history!

But, what does the sermon say? He quotes only one tiny piece, "Take eat, this is my body" and "this cup is the New Testament in My blood." Then he claims: "So Jesus says it consists of His body and blood. Is He then telling us that the bread and wine are miraculously changed into His body and blood and therefore are no longer bread and wine? This is called 'transubstantiation' and is the teaching of one large church body. But is it true? No, for this text also says 'As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup,' so it is clearly saying that the bread and wine are still present and we eat and drink them."

Up to this point, the treatment of the text is fine. But, watch the myth unfold with the phrase "are still present." The scripture says nothing about the bread and wine being "present." It simply says we start with bread and wine, and we eat bread and wine, but Jesus **calls it** His body and blood. The phrase "are present" is persuasion, leading one to the preacher's view. A casual trip through the writings of Stephen Gould or Charles Darwin will provide hundreds of illustrations of this technique. Treat some data correctly to prove what an objective person you are, then unload the myth.

Next the sermon addresses churches that teach "the bread and wine merely represent Christ's body and blood, or that this sacrament only brings Christ's death on the cross to our remembrance, and we don't actually receive Christ's body and blood at all?" He rejects this view with the simple claim "No, for the Apostle Paul clearly points out that Jesus said, 'Take eat, this is My Body,' and is therefore saying that we do actually eat His body and drink his blood. How Christ's body and blood are given in, with, and under the bread and wine is a miracle and a mystery, beyond human understanding." First he says the bread is bread (not body) because Paul says so, but it is body because Jesus says so.

Notice, **the sermon gives not one word of evidence or logic to reject the metaphorical interpretation of "this is my body!** It merely assumes the conflicting phrases of Paul and Jesus must both be taken literally (ignoring completely the many metaphorical uses of bread and body by the same authors). Remember also that Jesus said "Behold a sower went forth to sow..." (Matt 13:3), "ten virgins which took their lamps" (Matt 25:1), and "Destroy this temple and I will rebuild it in three days," and "... the beggar died and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom..." (Luke 16:22). In each case Jesus spoke these metaphors as though they were literal fact, but we know they were not by the context in which they appear. No one seriously believes these were real events. This is exactly what happened in the Last Supper. Matthew said, "He broke bread, and gave it to them..." but he quoted Jesus as saying "Take eat, this is my body." Matthew says he gave them bread; Paul says he gave them bread; Paul says it is bread we are eating, but they quote Jesus saying it is body. The metaphorical pattern is the same as many other Gospel metaphors.

There's more. Paul then quotes Jesus, "do this in remembrance of me." And Paul clearly states it is "to **show** the Lord's death,"

which is as plain as he could have said it without using the English word "represents" the Lord's death. But the sermon ignores all this evidence and magically transforms the Supper into a hybrid bread/body and wine/blood with Christ's body and blood "in, with and under the bread and wine" (whatever that means)... all by a mystery/miracle beyond our understanding and all with no change in texture or flavor. I call this "John Paul Jones homiletics": "Damn the evidence, full speed ahead."

The sermon then discusses the great sacrifice Jesus made (agreed). But, he claims Jesus "sealed the New Covenant by His physical presence" in the bread and wine. This is clearly false teaching. I know of no scripture to support this claim, and the sermon presented none. Jesus promised he would never "leave us or forsake us," that "wherever two are more are gathered in my name, there will I be also." He promised to be present whenever we needed him, not in bread or wine!

What Does The The Lord's Supper Mean?

The Lord's Supper commemorates the occasion of the Lord's sacrifice, the way all the Old Testament holidays (all initiated by God) commemorate significant events in their relationship to God. Lest you believe the claim I am denigrating the Lord's Supper, there is also no precedent for identifying a repetitive miracle with any Biblical holiday. Furthermore, the meaning of the metaphorical relationship between the body of Jesus and His Word is documented in several places herein, and unmistakably documented in the Gospel of John:

John's opening clearly relates the Word to Jesus, and Jesus to God. "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us." Also, remember Jesus has said "Man does not live by bread alone, but by every **word** that procedes from the mouth of God." In chapter 6, John reports Jesus saying:

"This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die. I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world. The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying, How can this man give us his flesh to eat? Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you. Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him. As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me. This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever." John 6:50-58

Notice, if we treat this passage "literally," consubstantiation cannot be right, because Jesus **is bread**. But consubstantiation is the belief that he is "**present in the bread**." But he isn't saying either. He is simply tying the entire message together. Jesus is God's Word (incarnate). We need to consume God's Word the way we do food. If we expect to be saved, we need to partake of "the cup" in his blood. He has already explicitly tied "the cup" to the sacrifice he is about to make (Matt 20:22,23). I frankly fail to see how it could be any more clear, or any more masterfully put by the Master, Himself.

When all is said and done, the evidence for consubstantiation is the same as for transubstantiation. Consubstantiation is merely transubstantiation with the added wrinkle that we are not eating only body and blood, but a mysterious hybrid between bread/body and wine/blood. If the scripture truly said that, I am fully confident in God's competence to pull it off. However, I am not persuaded that the Scripture says that!

Why Spend Time On This Issue?

The mail and phone responses illustrate one of the major reasons for discussing religious myths, including "Christian" ones. Peoples lives are so dominated by mythology that they have absolutely no interest in anything but demanding that others agree with them. Evolution is a classic case of such a collection of religious myths, but equally devastating are "Christian" myths.

Jesus hated religious myths. He called them "traditions of men," and called those who perpetrated them white-washed tombs, vipers and hypocrites. He treated murderers, lying tax collectors, and prostitutes with compassion, but reserved his strongest words for "religious leaders" who perpetrated just such myths. The folks he described with these unflattering remarks were not leaders of some satanic cult or fellowship of atheists. They were leaders of God's true church. They were not "liberals," but "conservatives.". They believed the Bible was inerrant, prayed several times a day, and were *against* all the right things. I suggest there are two important reasons Jesus treated them so harshly:

- 1 Myths perpetrated by secular leaders are surely harmful, but are easily identified by people who are truly seeking God. Evolution, for example, a complete system of religious mythology, is surely harmful. Religious atheist/humanists (Communists and Nazis) have murdered over 100 million people in this century, claiming all the while they were merely engaged in scientifically accelerated evolution of the human race. However, Jesus' position is:

"And I say unto you my friends, Be not afraid of them that kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do." Luke 12:4

You see, God can easily restore a body destroyed by atheists. Furthermore, those truly seeking God, can easily learn to laugh at atheism and evolution in its various forms (I know many high school students who laugh their way through biology class). However, myths perpetrated by "religious leaders" are done "in the name of God" and may lead people who are seeking God into serious error. In the case of transubstantiation, all three of the important lessons of the Lord's Supper outlined above are **likely to be lost on anyone who doggedly believes he is eating the flesh of God!** Teaching a tradition of man in "the name of God," "sets itself up against the knowledge of God." That is a very good reason to make Jesus angry. (see 2Cor 10:5 above)

- 2 As in Matthew 15:2-9, where Jesus castigated "religious leaders" for perpetrating their myths, such men frequently multiply their myths (traditions) to the point they deny their followers all or most of God's true message to his people, thus doing great harm to His people. Promoters of transubstantiation have historically carried their conviction far beyond a mere "doctrinal difference."

Thousands of Christians have been burned at the stake or had their heads cut off for daring to suggest that they might read the Bible themselves (as it commands them to do), pray to the real God (as the Bible tells them to do) rather than to living and dead humans (as the Bible forbids them to do), bow only to the true God (as the Bible commands them to do) rather than to humans and statues (as the Bible forbids them to do). If you think killing theological opponents was merely a brief aberration, you are sadly mistaken. For example, when I reminded one caller of this sordid history, he effortlessly brushed it off by saying he understood that most of the people killed were not unbelievers, but claimed they were Catholics. But they didn't believe everything the church demanded. "The church had to do something," he said. This fellow felt fully justified in killing people who said they were Catholics but didn't agree with all his doctrines. Incidentally, the word Catholic in the Greek means "on the whole," or universal. The word church means assembly, or called out assembly. The real "catholic church" consists of the world-wide body of people who have been called out of the world into His kingdom. It has nothing to do with those who subscribe to the doctrines of the Bishop of Rome.

You see, if truly believed, "Christian" myths can be as physically harmful as atheist ones, and they could easily prevent salvation. In this light, the false doctrine of transubstantiation is more harmful than it superficially appears, because it masks its believers from the important knowledge that they need daily doses of God's word, not His flesh, and definitely not the traditions of man. It is not possible to replace the clear intent of scripture that believers spend lots of time reading and meditating on God's Word, by frequent munching of a wafer. Furthermore, the clear intent of Scripture is that the eating of bread is "**in remembrance of**" the body that was broken for us; that the drinking of the cup is symbolic of the blood Jesus spilled for us; **and** the fact that we may have to "drink the same cup," (Matt 20:23) if we are true to Him; and that the people who give us the cup (spill our blood) are quite likely to be "conservative, religious leaders" claiming to represent the true God.

Belief In Consubstantiation Can't Be That Bad

That's easy for you to say, but much harder to substantiate (pun intended). Watch where the "consubstantiation sermon" goes next. He reminds us that those who do not agree with him are "eating and drinking damnation unto themselves." This is **absolutely not** what 1Cor 11 (quoted above) says. It says that those who eat and drink unworthily, eat and drink damnation. But Paul clearly defined "unworthily" as drunkenness, rudeness, divisions, heresies and turning the Lord's Supper into a brawl. Paul gives **absolutely no hint** of requiring that we believe we are eating the body of Jesus and bread in order to be worthy. The intent of the passage is obvious to anyone who bothers to read it. Paul **is** saying that, if we are thinking about anything, but that incredible act of self-sacrifice while we are slurping the Lord's Supper, we are making a mockery of the most important event in history! If I took the **sermon** seriously, I could be stone drunk during the Lord's Supper, and still be worthy... provided I believed I was eating meat and drinking blood.

The sermon then explains a "'close communion' ... to observe its fellowship aspects, and to protect people from taking the Lord's Supper to their spiritual harm." The doctrine of "close communion" is that "true believers" are to examine others to see whether they are worthy, particularly in their belief they are eating Jesus ("in, with and under" the bread, of course). If they do not measure up, they would interfere with fellowship,

and could even injure themselves, so they should not be permitted in the "close communion." **This doctrine is the opposite of what Paul said!** Paul did not commission the church to examine others regarding the doctrine of consubstantiation, nor to protect them from spiritual harm by preventing them from taking the Lord's Supper. **He said:** "let a man examine himself."

Our preacher then claims "in His Holy Supper, our Lord offers us forgiveness of our sins." This is blatant heresy! Jesus offers forgiveness to **all** who repent and believe, not to those who eat him! At Pentecost, when Peter was asked "what must we do," he did not reply "go quickly and eat Jesus." When the Philippian jailer asked Paul, "What must I do to be saved," Paul failed to mention eating Jesus. No New Testament author ever mentions "the Lord's Supper" in a salvation context.

So you see, mythology is identical to lying. One myth requires another to salvage the first, and it eventually becomes a habit, with balderdash piled upon trash. "Come now, let us reason together, sayeth the Lord." If we believed this sermon, here is the Gospel of Jesus Christ:

Forgiveness of sins is offered to all who partake of the Lord's supper. In this we eat some bread and wine, but we also eat Jesus. We don't believe a miracle converts the bread to Jesus (that's transubstantiation, which is wrong), but we believe a "miracle/mystery" converts it to body/bread, with the bread "present" and the meat "in, with and under the bread," all with no change in texture or flavor. Thankfully we can confidently believe we are eating Jesus while eating this bread, because it is through belief that we are eating Him that He offers forgiveness. We true believers must warn anyone who doesn't agree with all our doctrines not to take the Lord's Supper, to prevent them from spiritual injury, and to spare us from damaging our fellowship. Also, until someone believes in consubstantiation he cannot take the Lord's Supper, so he cannot receive forgiveness because that is where it is offered. So you see, forgiveness comes by faith and faith must be in periodic eating of Jesus.

As bizzare as this paragraph is, I believe it reasonably condenses the sermon.. And the sermon is a reasonable representation of consubstantiation, and the apologetic support normally given it. By contrast, the very first "ecumenical conference" was convened by Paul to determine what rules were to be placed on new believers. It concluded with Peter rising to say:

"Wherefore my sentence is, that we trouble not them, which from among the Gentiles are turned to God: But that we write unto them, that they abstain from pollutions of idols, and from fornication, and from things strangled, and from blood." Acts 15:19-20

eating Jesus. Now, consider the following Scripture:

"But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him." 2Cor 11:3-4

These are the only doctrinal restraints they placed on the gentiles at that conference, but this sermon requires that we break fellowship with anyone who doesn't also believe they are eating Jesus. Now, consider the following Scripture:

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If this sermon does not present "another Jesus," "corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ," what is a better candidate? In my judgement, transubstantiation, and consubstantiation, along with their attendant doctrines, qualify as "another Jesus ... another gospel."

I wish we were finished, but we are not. Many "reformers" disagreed with Luther and others who insisted on this "doctrine." Zwingli debated Luther heatedly on the issue, but **he refused to break fellowship over it**. Zwingli offered Luther the right hand of fellowship. **Luther refused!** Furthermore, Luther and other "leading reformers" followed the same practices as the Roman Church before them. They tortured and even put to death those who disagreed with their theology. They could not convince their peers they were right, so they resorted to another strategy. Do you remember the old preacher joke about the written sermon that contained the marginal note, "Weak point, pound pulpit!" The Roman Church and the "leading reformers", went far beyond this to: "Weak point, kill opponent."

If you have trouble believing this about the reformers, it is another example of the power of mythology in our lives. To realize it is true, you have merely to remember your Grammar School American History: The founders of this country were Christians fleeing religious persecution. Thousands of their flock were tortured and even put to death. However, the political power of the Roman Church had been broken, particularly in Northern Europe and England. They could no longer kill people in these areas for any reason, much less for theological ones. The pilgrims were fleeing the persecution of religious leaders. But they were "reformers," not Romans!

Today, based largely on Luther's example, followers of consubstantiation are typically encouraged to break fellowship with, and certainly not pray with, those who do not endorse it, because praying with such horrible people would damage "our close fellowship." Inevitably, 2 Cor 6:14 is invoked (it was in the sermon discussed above):

"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?"

Notice the sheep are led from a mild discussion of what happens during the Lord's Supper, to a conclusion that those who do not subscribe to our notions are unbelievers and should be shunned! If a "religious leader" takes these notions this far, particularly a doctrine as weak as *substantiation*, I frankly see little difference between him and the Pharisees:

"Ye hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying, This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men." Matt 15:7-9

Remember, the Pharisees were very religious, and "very conservative." But Jesus wasn't impressed. Luther, Zwingli and Calvin were men. None claimed to be writing scripture. If you base your salvation or doctrines on their writings, you have built your house on sand.

Is There Any Relevance To Creation/Evolution?

Absolutely! All myths attempt to explain historical events, or present processes. And all myths are inherently religious, i.e. they serve as apologetic systems for alternate religions. All alternate religions interfere with the knowledge of God and offer another Gospel, "another Jesus." Most result in the physical death of many innocent people. Whether the myth attempts to explain the origin of frogs or the meaning of the Lord's supper, 2 Cor 10:5 applies to it:

"We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ." 2 Cor 10:5

This is plain. All "true Christian believers" (borrowing a phrase from our preacher friend) know that Mythbusting is what Christian leaders must constantly do. **Therefore, any claim that this topic is irrelevant is nonsense.**

Furthermore, the proof strategy for all myths (evolution to substantiation) is the same: **magic** (persuasion and illusion designed to deceive listeners, and speaker, into believing they actually have solid evidence for the myth). If you understand the way one myth is sold, it will help you defend yourself against many others. "*Substantiation*" in both its popular forms is, in my judgement, mythology. It ultimately becomes a vehicle for establishing "another Jesus," another mode of salvation, a flimsy excuse for refusing to fellowship and pray with other Christians (destroying the unity of believers commanded by the Scriptures). And it obscures the real meaning of the Lord's Supper. It is a pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God!

Once more now, this "Mythbuster" is not directed at any individual, group, or groups. God has a people in every group. This has been an illustration of "the traditions of man" (religious myths), how they are maintained, and the harm they cause.

But, remember, belief in a few erroneous ideas does not prevent one from being a Christian. Indeed, if it did, we would all be in serious trouble. However, all myths, even those promoted by "sincere Christians," are both temporally and eternally harmful to those who believe them. God instructed us all to "weigh what the prophet says," he also instructed us to love the prophet, even if he is wrong. In other words, we can hate his view, while loving him. I truly hope that all readers, including especially Mr. Smith, will rest their lives in the hands of Jesus... and seek their doctrines from His Word, rather than from theologians, commentaries, or "traditions of the church."

"As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." We will take our cues from the Scripture, and act on our understanding of His Word, leaving the doctrines of men to stand on their own. I am certain we will have a few spankings due us when we stand before the Lord. But, I sincerely doubt we'll be required to eat a toe to gain admission. If it turns out I am wrong, I'll quickly learn to enjoy toes.

I am happy to receive critiques of views expressed in the Mythbuster Series, provided they are based on evidence from Scripture or other appropriate sources. If they show us wrong, or even that an alternate view is equally tenable, then I will repent!

Tom Willis, President, CSA

CREATION SAFARIS (Cont'd from page 1)

• **Coal Mine Visit.** 6/6 (8:30AM to 5:00PM). Coal mines are one of the easiest places to study geology because the excavation is done for you. Much valuable evidence against evolution has been discovered in coal mines. Needless to say, evolutionists spend very little time in coal mines. Since this is our first opportunity to get into these mines, we cannot be sure what we will find there, but we can guarantee a great adventure. Topics: coal formation, geology, polystrate fossils. **Meet:** Call. **Fee:** ⁽²⁾ Contact: Carlson

• **Kansas University Natural History Museum.**⁽¹⁾ 7/11 (9:00AM-4:00PM). **One of the most popular safaris ever!** Bob takes you on a complete museum tour providing Biblical and scientific commentary on the evolutionary claims made therein. Topics: Geology, Paleontology, American History, Natural History. **Meet:** McDonald's parking lot, I435 & Metcalf. **Fee:** ⁽²⁾ Reservations required. Contact: Bob Farwell

• **Watkins Mill and Fossil Hunt.** 8/8 (9:00AM-5:00PM). **This is simply a great family outing with substantial educational value.** Topics: Human Creativity & technology vs animal instincts, Botany. **Meet:** 9:00AM, McDonald's at I35 and Barry Road **Fee:** ⁽²⁾ Contact: Foran, Hauser

• **Notes:** (1) Reservations Required for outings with this note ⁽¹⁾. Notes (2) & (3) are for suggested contribution to cover CSA expenses: (2) \$2.00 per person. (3) \$1.00 per person.

Report from Ha Ha Tonka

About 20 attended the Ha Ha Tonka outing. We had star gazing, fellowship, s'mors, and one very smoky cabin Friday nite (caused by operator error when John Hauser only partially opened the damper before building a roaring fire).

On Saturday we hiked through much of Ha Ha Tonka Park examining the very unusual Savanna (a cross between a woodland and a prairie). The Savanna is maintained largely due to annual fires (all by natural causes) which burn off the underbrush, permitting the Savanna flowers and grasses to flourish.

The other main feature of the park is the Karst topography, including underground river (which issues forth as a 50 million gallon a day spring), sink holes, caves, and rock formations that seem to be full of holes. Of course the sales pitch of the national religion is that this all took place millions of years ago. But we suggest it is the result of a large fresh water sea which

disappeared only 600-700 years ago when it formed the Missouri and Mississippi rivers.

To top off the outing we stopped for a delightful evening and dinner at Der Essen Plas in Cole Camp, Mo.

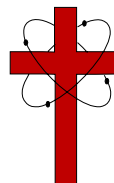
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- **5/30 - 9:00AM to 5:00PM - Havensville Christian Church,** PO Box 154, Havensville, Ks. 66432. Contact: Ora Martindale, Pastor (913) 948-2831

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Book of the Month - May/June, 1992

"The ANSWERS Book"

by: Ken Ham, Andrew Snelling, Carl Wieland

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NEWS BRIEFS

Why Johnny Can't Read

Over 7000 Errors Found in Ten U.S. History Books

Educational Research Analysts, Mel and Norma Gabler, and their team of research analysts have documented over 7000 errors of fact in only ten recently published U.S. History textbooks. Here are some samples:

- Truman settled the Korean war by use of the Atomic bomb. (It was WWII, no atomic weapons in Korea)
- Nine-year error in the date of the Korean war
- Napoleon won at Waterloo (Most famous defeat in history)
- America acquired Cuba (Presumably we gave it to Castro)
- Dred Scott's master lived in Missouri (It was New York)
- The Panama canal zone is 50 miles wide (it is 10 miles wide)
- "Sputnik" was the first successful inter-continental ballistic missile with a nuclear warhead (Sputnik was a satellite, not an ICBM)
- Two year error in the date of Oliver North's congressional testimony
- Washington is found dispensing letters from the White House a year after he left office
- Congress can amend the constitution
- Battle of Vicksburg took place in Tennessee (Vicksburg is in Mississippi)
- MacArthur led a crusade against subversives (MacArthur led the Pacific war, McCarthy led the "crusade")
- WWII began in 1942. (What can you say about that)
- Six presidential elections prior to Carter were all won by Republicans (Kennedy and Johnson apparently didn't count)
- American troops invaded Cuba at the Bay of Pigs (American troops were not present)
- Dwight Moody led revivals in the early 1900's (Moody died in 1899)

Audio Tape of the Month - May/June 1992

"The History of the World as Told By God?"

by: Larry Rink

Excellent survey of Genesis 1-11 (and related origins scriptures) with a summary of the scientific evidence supporting all the major historical events reported in scripture. Excellent teaching tape.

Price: \$4.00 (includes postage)

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