I Thought I Saw An IXΘΥΣ

by Charlie Crowe, Northport, Al.

A couple of weeks ago I explained to my girls why some people put a little fish on their car. It is the IXΘΥΣ, the Greek word for fish which early Christians used as a form of identification. They adopted an acrostic meaning, using the letters as the first letters in the Greek words for "Jesus Christ, God, Son, Savior." Since that day my daughters and I have made a game of looking for the little fish which might indicate the driver is a brother or sister in Christ. It is fun and encouraging. But an odd thing happened the other day. I thought I saw an IXΘΥΣ but as we got closer I realized that it wasn't.

The two lines were the same and there was writing in the body of the fish. But this was a fish of a different school. There were two tiny legs attached to the fish, one just under the head, and one just in front of the tail. And the writing wasn't the typical Greek characters or the word Jesus I had come to expect. There in the body of the fish was DARWIN.

I was shocked, I was enraged, I was offended, all the reaction the owner wanted not to mention the familiar spirit which concocted the idea. But suddenly I was enlightened. I saw in that eight-inch plastic and chrome symbol a distillation of the whole Creation/Evolution debate.

The real issue of Creation and Evolution is "Who is God?" We could fairly say that the true God of the universe is the one who caused it all to happen. If the universe was created by the infinite transcendent God of the Bible then He is God. If the universe was created by a series of random changes that have occurred within the context of mathematical possibility then evolution is God. The real issue is much deeper than the scientific debate. The real issue is who is God.

As for the young lady with the Darwinian fish on her car, she is undoubtedly in the dark about the facts of the Creation/Evolution debate... in the dark about the true nature of that debate. And most certainly about Jesus Christ, God, Son, Savior. So I must replace my shock, rage, and offense, with love and compassion, for she too was made by the Creator she is trying to deny. Her fish is simply a symbol of her attempt to take God off His throne and place someone... anyone... else there. And that is the real issue in the Creation/Evolution debate.

This is a book about much more than the currently popular theme of Creation and Evolution. It's a book about the true nature of creationism in the entire Christian worldview. What is meant is this: Every complex system in the world whose origin we know had its origin in the will and effort of one or more intelligent living beings. Since this is true of all observations, it qualifies as a Law or Principle of Science. All complex systems are created.

When you attempt to restore or rebuild a broken system, if you hope for true restoration, you must begin with knowledge of the system's original design and purpose. Any attempt at restoration without reference to design specifications may be a good work, but will not match the original creation. This is true of rebuilding antique cars, or repairing current models. If you will agree that people and human relational systems are also complex, you should agree that fixing people and relationships will require knowledge of creation's purpose for humanity.

This is why I say that Creation's Design and Purpose is about much more than a single theme. The work of evangelism is described by the Apostle Paul as the Ministry of Reconciliation. Isn't reconciliation the art of bringing back into alignment things which have drifted from the ideal? Isn't the work of evangelism the work of declaring to a lost and broken humanity that they can be restored to their Creator's design, purpose and function? Isn't eternal life essentially the experience only of those whose lives conform to the will of their Creator? If so, Creation's Design and Purpose is about all of life.

I subtitled the book "The Frontline of Spiritual Warfare." Warfare exists where two kingdoms are in mortal conflict. The kingdom of Satan has declared war on the kingdom of God, and vice versa. One primary strategy in battle is to spoil the intent of one's adversary. God will undo the works of the Evil One. But, for now, Satan has avowed to deface the Creator's purpose for his ultimate creation, man. Man was created according to Genesis 1 not after any other pattern but God himself. "In his own image he made him." Man is designed to be like God. When Jesus came, he was called the Second Adam, the second representation of godlikeness in human flesh. Adam allowed the corruption of God's design in man when war was declared by the enemy in the garden. Jesus won the right of restoration of man to his proper place. On Calvary's cross he canceled the devil's authority.

Both the Garden of Eden and the Hill called Calvary saw spiritual events. Yet the battles rage on in the struggle for each human mind as each man must determine his own allegiance, his own pattern for his life. God's pattern is conformity to
Jesus, the model of the restored image of God. Satan's pattern is one of self-expression, without reference to the Creator's design and purpose. That battle for the meaning and expression of creation's essence is still the battle in each of our lives.

Now from a purely Christian perspective this may seem quite simple to understand. However, in this present age, we have a sinister ideology which is being used as a pseudoscientific apologetic to deny the very created nature of man. I refer to evolution mythology. There is a concerted effort to skillfully apply a knowledge of science to the presentation of evolution in such a way as to produce the illusion that evolution itself is scientific and, therefore, true. The truth is that the only thing evolution evidences prove is that someone believes in evolution or wants you to. I am becoming convinced that the majority of Christians have too much respect for evolution to attack it. Somehow, they reason, God must have used an evolution process to cause the universe and the things in it. The question is not whether or not God could have used evolution. The question is whether God lied about his method of creation.

Not only do we have a written history of the creation of time, space, matter, energy and everything composed therefrom, but we have a well-developed scientific method which has proved beyond reasonable doubt that every major proposition of evolution is scientifically untenable. Evolution is, according to history and science, false. Even so, evolution is the dominant apologetic for an anti-God worldview and for everything atheism produces.

Evolution's fruits in the church range all the way from lukewarmness to bizarre and liberal theologies. Its fruits in the world range from Nazism to Communism to American liberal politics with an increasingly socialist agenda. Evolution's impact on human lives has included over 100,000,000 deaths with the twentieth century alone in the name of improving the race. No other doctrine has so effectively undermined man's sense of God's design in all things as has the teaching of evolutionism.

The Christian warrior can hardly pretend to be battling the forces of wickedness in this world without assaulting the chief stronghold of the enemy. The Apostle Paul reminds us that our warfare is an ideological warfare. "For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. 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 Corinthians 10:3-6, NIV) Paul describes the demolition of strongholds as the undoing of arguments and pretensions. What better description for evolutionism?

In Creation's Design and Purpose, I have tried to demonstrate not only that Christians must recover a defensiveness of creation principles, but must recognize evolutionism as a primary weapon of the enemy to spoil knowledge of God's design in creation. I have tried to explore how the mind of man is both the battlefield and the prize in spiritual warfare. The armor of God is supplied to effectively guard our minds from enemy attack and to win other minds held captive by the enemy.

To obtain a copy of this book, see next page.

A New Radio Program:

Science & Reason

WREN radio, AM 1250, Topeka, Ks.
Monday - Friday 4:30 PM

CSA's own Glenn Kailer has been watching doors open to creation ministry in many exciting ways. One of the most recent openings through which Glenn has moved is into the production of a daily radio program called "Science & Reason." The program is currently a 15 minute segment with a casual discussion of issues and ideas which relate to science and education specifically with reference to the creation/evolution controversy.

The program is currently being broadcast on WREN radio, AM 1250, from Topeka, Kansas at 4:30 each afternoon, Monday through Friday. It can be heard in much of Northeast Kansas and parts of southern Nebraska and western Missouri.

Also, sponsors are needed to help to finance the expansion of the radio ministry. Business sponsors will benefit from the advertising value of their association with a vital Christian ministry. Individuals can imagine the fun of sponsoring a day's broadcast to celebrate a birthday or anniversary.

If you would like more information about the radio broadcast, or if you could help pass the word about the program to a radio station in your area, there is a 24 hour voice mailbox for your convenience. That number is 800-810-FREE ext. 22. You may request a brochure, a Science & Reason Newsletter, and/or an audio taped sample radio program to pass on to a radio station in your area.

Dinosaur Notes

The largest dinosaur ever discovered, Seismosaurus, is probably just a large Diplodocus. He is supposedly, of course, at least 65 million years old. An interesting note however is that his bones are not completely fossilized. They even contain protein, which is believed to survive only a few thousand years, even under the best conceivable conditions. Evolutionists are frantically trying to come up with a story explaining the preservation of these bones and bone proteins.

Gillette, David D., SEISMOSAURUS HALLI... A New Sauropod Dinosaur from the Morrison Formation... of New Mexico, Journal of Vertebrate Paleontology, Dec. 1991

Quotable Quotes

"For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds; Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ..." - 2 Cor 10:4-5

"O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called" - 1 Timothy 6:20
Video Tape of the Month:

Mount Saint Helens: Explosive Evidence for Catastrophe
See the Meeting Announcement for January, 1996 on the last page of this CSA News.
We are featuring two outstanding Video tapes this newsletter. See below for the second one.
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2nd Video Tape of the Month:

Grand Canyon - Monument to the Flood
A Video by: The Institute for Creation Research
See the Meeting Announcement for February, 1996 on the last page of this CSA News.
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Book of the Month:

Creations Design and Purpose: The Front Line Of Spiritual Warfare
See the book summary in this issue of CSA News.
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CSA Speaking Engagements
- Nov 19 - Dec 17, 1995, Sunday Mornings - Lord of Life Lutheran, 3105 W. 135th Street, Overland Park, Ks. - Tom Willis and Ken Carlson
- Jan 5-7 - Fort Pierce, Florida - Glen Kailer
- Jan 7, 1996, 7:00PM - Open door Bible, Belton, Mo. - Tom Willis
- Jan 12 -15 - St. Petersburg, Florida - Glenn Kailer
- Feb 10 - 11 - Phillipsburg, Ks. - Glenn Kailer
This past June 4 - September 3, Tom Willis, Ken Carlson, Jim Henderson, Larry Rink and Cal Myers teamed up to provide a 14-week seminar for Redeemer Presbyterian Church, Overland Park, Ks. This class was very well received with good attendance. We mention it because many people when they call, seem to worry that we are only interested in helping where there will be large crowds. This is simply not true. We are happy to help where the Lord calls us.
We do not charge for any of our services except where a "product" is involved such as a book, video, audio tape or visit to a commercial establishment. We do not normally have the resources to give away such products. Thus, the only problem with "crowd size" would be that when a lot of travel expense and time is involved, our speakers may not always be able to afford the time or expense.
For details on any of these engagements, or to arrange a CSA speaker for your group, call (816) 658-3610

Wilderness Pack Trip
The Creation Research Society is sponsoring a creationist natural history/research expedition into the Bob Marshall Wilderness, from August 4 to August 10, 1996. This seven-day trip will explore the biology and geology of one of the largest wilderness areas of the U.S. Of special interest will be an examination of the Lewis Overthrust which outcrops along the Continental Divide in this area just south of Glacier National Park. Dr. John Meyer, Director of the Van Andel Research Center of the Creation Research Society will lead the trip. Packing services will be provided by the Cheff Guest Ranch. For details, contact Dr. Meyer at (520) 636-1153.

The Creation Science Association for Mid-America
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CSA Meeting Tuesday, January 2, 1996
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Mount Saint Helens: Explosive Evidence for Catastrophe
Geologist Dr. Steven A. Austin shares a decade of research at Mount St. Helens and Spirit Lake. Beautiful photography, dramatic pictures of a volcano and its effects, daring and thorough research, backed by intelligent narrative all help the viewer see the flaws in evolvo-science and its "millions of years." Mount St. Helens, as clearly shown in this film provides devastating evidence against the notion that it is even possible for millions of years of time to be present in the rocks.

CSA Meeting Tuesday, February 6, 1996
Combined Basic and Advanced Institutes in Creation Science

Grand Canyon - Monument to the Flood
A Video by: The Institute for Creation Research
Led by Dr. Steven A. Austin, a team of six Ph.D.'s in geology and paleontology provide beautiful and exciting photography in and around the Grand Canyon accompanied by intelligent, thought-provoking narrative. The film credibly demonstrates that the sedimentary rocks of the Colorado Plateau, and thus the Grand Canyon, are largely, if not completely attributable to the Genesis flood, not to slow processes. Also presented is convincing evidence for a a fairly new theory of how the canyon was probably formed in weeks rather than eons.

1996 Creation Safari's
Family Outings That Honor The Creator

1996 Safari Dates will be published in the next CSA News that you will receive in early March. Safaris begin in late March. In April will be the very popular one to Ha Ha Tonka at the Lake of the Ozarks where we will explore Karst Topography, the famous Missouri savannah (prairie flowers and grasses mixed with woodland), sink holes, underground river, caves, etc. Perhaps nowhere in the world are so many fascinating natural phenomena located in so small an area.

Important Safari Notes!!
1. For Safari Details, call or write to request a copy of the brochure: "1996 Detailed Safari Information" (Available early March) which will give you costs, meeting place, time of departure and return, what to bring, safari registration information, etc. Costs: CSA does not charge for safaris. However, some of the places we visit do have entrance fees. Obviously some of the safaris have other costs associated with them such as lodging.
2. Astronomy Safaris meet at The Berry Patch, 22509 S. State Line Rd. From KC, south on 69 Hiway or Holmes Road to 223rd St. Then to State Line, then South 1/4 mi. to entrance. Please call or write to register the names of each adult and child safari participant.

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