

CSA News

The Creation Science Association for Mid-America

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

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CSA Begins 14th Year

In the Fall of 1983, six men with various scientific backgrounds met to organize an effort to research and publicly proclaim the validity and importance of Biblical Creation, while simultaneously opposing its eternal enemy - evolution. [History records that Evolution as a concept has been around as long as man, though the word "evolution" has been used to describe it for only a short while.] We sent out a flyer to a few people announcing our first meeting in December 1983. We invited Walter Lang, founder of the Bible Science Association, to be our guest speaker. Forty-five people attended. The meeting attracted several others who would become active in CSA.

Some active workers have left the area, others were less interested than they originally thought, but generally their shoes have been filled by others who have joined the ranks:

Larry Rink, who joined us at our first public meeting, was already active and productive in this work, and remains so today. In addition to being an active public speaker and researcher, Larry maintains and operates the **CSA Lending Library** and conducts all the Astronomy Safaris.

Ken Carlson, a fuels consultant specializing in electric power generation with a major international consulting firm, began showing up at nearly every CSA function. He became so fascinated with the 1980 eruption of Mt. St. Helens and its implications for the origin of coal, that he began researching the subject wherever he went. Today, Ken's presentation, "**The Eruption of Mount St. Helens - Life-sized Laboratory in Rapid Formation of Sediment Layers, Canyons, and Coal,**" contains convincing proofs that these **geologic formations not only could have formed quickly, but must have!**

Bob Farwell, was an atheist/evolutionist science teacher, became a Christian/Creationist, and has become a very popular **CSA** speaker, appealing to all ages. As a teacher, he has much experience communicating with young people. Initially he relied heavily on the research and concepts of others, but has now become a much more active researcher and thinker on his own. Bob now leads, or helps lead, virtually all **CSA Safaris** (except astronomy).

Glenn Kailer was a frequent **CSA** visitor for several years before he decided, in February of 1990, that the Lord was leading him to join CSA on a full time basis. Starting with only conviction and virtually no money Glenn has become one of the most active and effective Creation Speakers in the country. One, among his many accomplishments, is that Glenn is host of a **one hour daily** radio talk show entitled "Science and Reason" on the Amerinet Broadcasting Network, Satellite: Galaxy 6, Transponder 23, Audio 8.1 Wide Band. Glenn is on national radio more hours per week, with a show focusing on

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Is There Life on Mars?

by Tom Willis

If you have watched TV, read a magazine or paper, or listened to the radio in the last two months or so, you surely know "**Science has discovered life on Mars.**" At CSA, we have received many phone calls and letters asking about this "discovery." Most sane folks regard true science to be something man thinks he has discovered about the physical universe and has rigorously demonstrated the truth of his claim by sound reasoning about the meaning of incontestable evidence. Let us consider the "Life on Mars" claims and evidence:

- 1 Exorbitant claims were made.** While the headlines varied and often contained some hedges, the subheads and text of the articles I saw largely claimed pretty solid evidence for Life on Mars. Consider USA Today Wed, Aug. 7, 1996, page 3A, the first line in a large box, "The Martian Chronicle," is "An ancient meteorite provides unmistakable evidence that life once existed on Mars, scientists say." Later they state "Chemical analysis... identifies it as originating from Mars," and "Scientists from NASA and several universities say they found organic molecules..."
- 2 Claims like the ones above by the press were more exorbitant than those made by the researchers.**
- 3 Far from all scientists agreed with the claims.** As near as I can tell, *Science* magazine published one recent article by the team producing the claims ("Search for Past Life on Mars; Possible Relic Biogenetic Activity in Martian Meteorite ALH84001" (272:924-930)), but also published "Mars Media Mayhem," (274:161). Interesting remarks appear in *Nature*, "Opening Martian Can of Worms?" (382:575-576).
- The claim is often stated and nearly always implied that this "discovery" somehow supports evolution and will "only trouble creationists and Christian fundamentalists who adhere to a literal interpretation of the Bible (Monmoney L.A. Times, Saturday, Aug. 31, 1996). Even NASA Administrator Daniel Goldin gave support to this claim, asserting that this "gets to the foundations of beliefs of the human species." * The fact that the Earth was created before stars, that the Earth is the focus of history and the sin of one man resulted in a curse on the entire creation should cause sensible Christians to view with skepticism claims of life in space. But, the Bible does **not** state that life exists only on Earth. As usual, non-Christian commentaries on Christianity are wrong. Incidentally, the "discovery" **does not support evolution.** Available evidence does not support the notion of evolution of life on earth, it certainly does not support it on Mars. If life **was** on Mars, it was undoubtedly created, **and**, as a number of scientists have suggested, it is just as likely to have traveled

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Science, Reason and Creation, than any other person. Among Glenn's guests in 1996 have been Ian Taylor, Ken Ham, John MacKay, David Bergman and Tom Willis.

Cal Myers quietly attended CSA meetings for some time, then he made a nice contribution and wrote a very nice letter saying "I have been following CSA for two years. Your presentations are well planned and scientifically accurate." While we certainly appreciated the nice contributions (which continued), as we got to know Cal, we appreciated Him much more. Cal joined us and developed several fascinating presentations. In addition to being a Ph.D. in Medical Physics, Cal is a careful researcher and thinker. His knowledge of Medical Research and his careful treatment of Scripture brought very helpful depth and breadth to our ranks.

Jim Henderson teaches Biology at Johnson County Community College. With his interest in Biology, and especially Botany, Jim has developed fascinating talks on the complexity and obvious design in nature.

The present "core group" of CSA is rounded out by your editor, Tom Willis. While I have a couple degrees in the sciences, my chief contributions have been, the initial and ongoing impetus, CSA News, our book "Real Scientists Just Say NO!", and our publications "Ape Men - Science or Myth," "The Origin of Caves and Cave Formations," "Classification, Ranking ... Creation and Evolution - Notes on Systematics and Taxonomy: The Value of These "Sciences" and Their Relationship to Discussions of Origins."

Countless others have contributed much. Mark Christenson has faithfully audio and video taped our meetings for many years. Bruce MacArthur has faithfully set up the meetings for several years and recently located, ordered, installed, tested and documented the software needed to hold our mailing expenses down under the new Postal Regulations for bulk mail. Pastors Clint Hall and Brett Miller of Westbrooke Church have graciously bent over backwards for many years to provide a facility for our meetings. Clint doesn't need much education in this area, he was involved in it many years before we were.

And then there are all of you who have contributed your time and money to our efforts. This is the time of year when we remember that men of the World gave gifts to the King who would later give so much to The World. It is only fitting that we remember and thank our brothers and sisters who have contributed so much to our ministry. We have never had enough money. Anything you do these days costs a lot of money. Just the new mailing software will cost almost \$1000 per year for updated Address Certification CDROMs required by the Post Office. Most of our workers have never even requested that their expenses be covered. But neither have we ever run out of money, thanks to all of you who have contributed. May the Lord richly bless you and yours in the coming year.



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If we examine all the data, we find that the "evidence" supporting these claims is a bit shallow (the text following the * contains our comments):

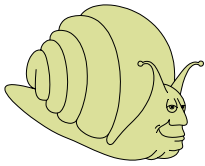
- A Meteorite, called ALH84001, weighing 4-1/2 pounds, was discovered in Antarctica in 1984. The original paper, published in *Science*, attracted little attention.
- The meteorite is unusual composition, only about 11 meteorites have been discovered with similar composition. **One of the other similar rocks (EET79001)**, not from the same location, contains some "crystallized bubbles" claimed to be similar to Mars atmosphere. * The argument goes like this: One rock contains "crystallized bubbles" that provide some support for the notion that it might have come from Mars. The other 11 rocks have other similarities to each other, therefore they might also have, maybe, come from Mars.
- The composition of **none** of the meteorites is similar in any way to rocks actually brought back from Mars. * To most scientists, this means they probably didn't come from Mars. Strangely, to others, it means they must have come from deep under the Martian surface.
- One of the rocks (ALH84001) (the one generating the news) has high concentrations of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH's). One way these can be produced is chemical alteration of organic matter (living, or once living matter). * There are many inorganic ways too, including processes required in the most popular theories of planet formation. PAH's are found in interstellar space.
- The one biggie rock (ALH4001) contains "**carbonate globules**" with magnetite crystals and iron-sulfide minerals which are produced by some bacteria on earth. * But all these chemicals commonly form by inorganic (nonliving) processes. If you have spent any time around evololand, you know that "globules" are often strong evidence of life popping out of rocks. What is a globule? Well it's anything round... or almost round.
- The **globules** were shaped somewhat like eggs... or tubes, therefore they may be fossilized bacteria. * Here come those globules again. If they are fossilized bacteria, they are 100 times smaller than any life ever discovered on earth. Therefore, there is no scientific reason to believe that they are bacteria.
- **The press conference** announcing this "discovery" was called by NASA. * NASA's budget has been dwindling considerably lately (who says Clinton hasn't done anything good?). The religious/philosophical motive behind all this "Life on Mars" hoopla is obvious, but the financial motive is hardly any less obvious.

Th..th..th.. that's all folks. You can believe "An ancient meteorite provides unmistakable evidence life once existed on Mars" if you choose. As for little old fundamentalist me, I'll stick with my old-fashioned Bible.



Wise men
still seek him





Creation Safaris

Join CSA on a Creation Safari

In 1996 CSA conducted 18 Creation Safaris: 8 Major Safaris and 10 Astronomy Safaris. Almost 1000 people attended. Safaris for 1997 will be announced in the March/April CSA News, mailed about February 10th.

To obtain detailed information on Safari costs, meeting place, time of departure and return, what to bring, etc. -- request a copy of the booklet: "CSA 1997 Safari Details."

Audio/Video Tape of the Month:

National Parks of the West... Family Fun or Religious Indoctrination?

by: Tom Willis

Tom and his family take you on a slide tour of some of the most famous scenic spots in America. They show you the religious and pseudo science claims made by our government about these parks and the obvious evidence that the claims are false.

Audio Tape: \$5.00 - Video: \$13.00 (Includes postage)

Book of the Month:

The Young Earth

by: John D. Morris, Ph.D.

Even more controversial than evolution is the age of the earth. This is one of the best books on either side of this issue by a Ph.D. Geologist who has spent his life studying the issue. Soft cover, 136 pages + 67 Transparency Masters.

Regular Price: \$15.00 plus postage.

Special: Jan/Feb, 1997 Price: \$13.00 plus postage.

Personal Note:

As mentioned in the Nov/Dec issue, on August 16, Tom Willis, your editor, had his aortic heart valve replaced. This is very aggressive surgery. Complications resulted in a stroke affecting eye movement and coordination. Countless people gave us prayer and other support. Three and a half months later my eyesight, health and strength are nearly normal. There is little doubt the prayers were the largest factor. Thank all of you so much. Don't stop now.

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by: Ken Carlson, Cal Myers, Jim Henderson,
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Two blocks East of 69 Highway (or Switzer) on North side of 95th

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

CSA Meeting Tuesday, January 7, 1997

The Basic Institute in Creation Science

The Origin of Life

The Myth of Chemical Evolution

by: Tom Willis

In Evolvoland apes evolve into humans by the magical processes of Mutations and Natural Selection, matter from a huge explosion evolves into stars and galaxies by gravity, and lifeless chemicals evolve into living creatures by ... well, by evolution. Some people find dinosaurs and ape-men interesting, but, to me, the "logical processes" used in Evolvoland to justify belief that chemicals woke up one day and started reproducing is a real study in the condition of the Human Heart, and solid evidence that the Bible was right all along. Surprise, surprise.

**The Advanced Institute in Creation Science
Evolutionary Origin of Life Scenarios...**

A Video from the International Conference on Creation
by: Drs. R.D. Lumsden & N.D. Francis

A more technical discussion of the January Basic Institute topic (above) This one was presented at the 1994 ICC. Stories of possible naturalistic origins of life continue to be presented as "science" to students. They continue to be stories, not science.

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CSA Meeting Tuesday, February 4, 1997

The Basic Institute in Creation Science

Ape Men - Science or Myth

by: Bob Farwell

Since around 1860, a very few folks have "earned" their living by finding pieces of dead apes and declaring them to be human ancestors... and pieces of dead humans and declaring them "primitive" (and other very scientific titles). Interestingly, many folks have opinions on the truth of these various claims, but few have really examined the evidence, much less the "reasoning process" applied to the evidence. Bob does it with thoroughness, style and humor. An entertaining and very educational session. Ages 10 and up.

**The Advanced Institute in Creation Science
The Genesis Kinds:
A Perspective from Embryology**

A Video from the International Conference on Creation
by: Sheena E.B. Tyler, Ph.D.

In December, this topic was discussed from the perspective of a biological researcher. Tyler looks at the same topic from the perspective of embryology. Remember that embryo similarities are presented in virtually every textbook as evidence of evolution. Most of us have never heard the same subject analyzed from the perspective of seeking the Genesis Kinds rather than trying to convince everyone God doesn't exist. It should be verrrrrry interesting.

CSA speakers ... participate in many engagements at churches, schools, colleges, educational conferences, radio and TV shows, home study groups, etc. Call or write for speaker information.

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