

April 14, 2010

Greetings in Christ!

Many of us heard a sermon on Thomas this past Sunday. Christ's words to Thomas, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed," have meaning when it comes to Genesis too. We believe, not based on the evidence, but based on the Truth of God's Word. But we are also blessed that at this time science is providing more and more evidence that helps us be able to understand how God manifests Himself not only through His word but also through each of us and the universe that surrounds us.

**Creation and Life issues in the news: Evolution as "Scientific Literacy" Dropped by NSB; Sets Off Firestorm** 04/11/2010

April 11, 2010 — Can you be called scientifically literate if you deny that humans evolved from lower animals? What if you deny the universe began with an explosion? American students have typically scored low on those questions, leading to charges that they are scientifically illiterate compared to other countries in Europe and Asia. But now, the National Science Board (NSB) decided to drop those hot-button questions in the 2010 edition of *Science and Engineering Indicators*, a biennial compilation of the state of global science, on the grounds that they don't accurately reflect students' *knowledge* of science, but rather their beliefs. The decision set off angry protests in certain quarters.

Yudhijit Bhattacharjee reported on this issue in the April 9 issue of *Science*.<sup>1</sup> He quoted Joshua Rosenau of the National Center for Science Education (NCSE) calling it "intellectual malpractice" to discuss scientific literacy without mentioning evolution. "It downplays the controversy," he said. Jon Miller, a science literacy researcher at Michigan State, conducted the survey until 2001. As the one who added the survey question in the first place, he thinks the current board is making a big mistake. "If a person says that the earth really is at the center of the universe, ... how in the world would you call that person scientifically literate?" he asked. Bhattacharjee said, "those struggling to keep evolution in the classroom say the omission could hurt their efforts."

But the NSB defended its decision to drop the "value-charged" question on evolution as a misleading indicator:

**Nature Watch:** Bee hives are being put out all over the countryside. The first wildflowers are starting to show up. Tulips, daffodils and other perennials are showing up with beautiful blossoms. Rhubarb is up and will soon be ready to pull. Frogs are actively chirping and croaking. Turtles have made appearances and many fish are actively spawning. The amount of daylight continues to increase by about 3 minutes everyday with at least 2 more hours to be added before the Summer solstice. Many fields are already planted with potatoes. Some gardeners have radishes and peas planted. Record highs have moved into the 80's but record lows are still in the low teens. Just two years ago we had snowfall during this week and had a major snowstorm the last week of April. Many birds are now sitting on nests, incubating their first clutch of eggs. These include robins, blue birds, sparrows, and even Cardinals. Watch for new goslings within the next week to 10 days. Most birds hatch within 2-3 weeks after being laid. Wood ducks are also actively incubating their first clutch. With proper nest boxes, wood ducks can concentrate in many woods areas near ponds and lakes.

**Program Information:** One last mention of the upcoming Creation and Life Issues Convocation. We still have tickets so please give us a call to arrange for your tickets. We'll have displays and information available. Listen for an interview with Dr. David Menton that will be done by Scott Hennen sometime in the next couple of days. It will be on FLAG 1100

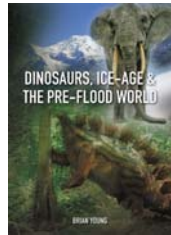
**From the Task force:** We want to again express our thanks to Scott Hennen of The FLAG 1100 radio

for his continued support of the efforts to establish the Creation-Science Environmental Learning Center at Christ Serve ranch. We also want to thank God for a recent commitment from a foundation. They have committed \$30,000 toward the Friends of Creation-Science, Limited Liability Company.

**God's Word:** Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." John 20:29

Prayer List: 1.) Please pray for God's blessing on our upcoming Creation and Life Issues Convocation. 2.) We praise God that we have received a significant commitment toward the purchase of Christ Serve Ranch. 3.) We ask for your prayers for the recovery of our friend and fellow employee Marvin Swyter's mother who had surgery on Monday. 4.) We rejoice in the wonderful weather and early spring. 5.) We continue to ask for your prayers for the campers who will be attending our Summer 2010 programs.

**Link of the week:** <http://www.allaboutcreation.org/>



**Resource of the week:** [Dinosaurs, Ice-age, & the Pre-Flood World](http://www.creationinstruction.com). This DVD is produced and presented by Brian Young. It is available at [www.creationinstruction.com](http://www.creationinstruction.com).

**Question and Answer:**

**Question:** Do you have adult Creation-Science programs scheduled?

**Answer:** Yes, you can follow this link to find out more: [http://christserveranch.org/content\\_57.php](http://christserveranch.org/content_57.php)

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