

June 2, 2010

Greetings in Christ!

Welcome to another month! **June** is a particularly significant month in God's creation. The summer solstice comes and with it the beginning of shorter days. Much new life becomes evident both in flora and fauna. And, we are constantly reminded of God's grace as each day begins with the **sure and certain knowledge that our sins have been forgiven**. That is true of every day of every month, but June just seems to be a particularly graceful month with its longer days, the many changes that happen, and our look around and see God's hand through our camping, gardening, hikes, swimming, and other adventures in the great outdoors.

Creation and Life issues in the news: Science vs. the Bible: Reconciling Genesis and the Big Bang

By Lauren Green

God created the universe in six days. Science says it took 15 billion years. How to reconcile those numbers? If you're Gerald Schroeder, the answer is simple: Do the math.

The math, however, is not so simple.

Schroeder is a physicist and biblical scholar who teaches at the College of Jewish [Studies](#) in Jerusalem. He's one of several scientists trying to reconcile the ancient writings of the [Bible](#) with science, starting with the big one: Did God create the universe in six days, resting on the seventh? Or was it born in a fiery "big bang" billions of years ago?

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth," reads the story of creation described in Genesis, the first book of the Bible. Schroeder, who earned two Ph.D.s from MIT, says those opening chapters are descriptions of the big bang itself. They are, as he says, "identical realities."

To read the rest of this article, follow this link: <http://www.foxnews.com/scitech/2010/06/02/science-vs-bible-reconciling-genesis-big-bang/>

Coming to America

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A new death pill is on its way to America. Unveiled in Europe last year, ellaOne is classified as emergency contraception, but it works much like the abortion pill RU 486 by blocking progesterone from reaching the womb. Both drugs ultimately kill an unborn baby.

To read the rest of this article, follow this link: <http://www.lifeissues.org/breakingnews.html>

Nature Watch: It has gotten a little dry in the last couple of weeks. Beautiful weather the last two weeks of May have put nature even further ahead. Lake temps are near those for the end of June rather than the beginning. Goslings have really put on weight and will soon start to have real feathers starting to show. Parent geese are completing their own molting and will have new feathers as well. Turkey eggs should be hatching now with young soon to be seen walking behind their parents. Most crops are

now through with hay harvest either complete or well under way. Tonnage is high for a first crop as is the quality. Dragonflies continue to keep a bumper mosquito crop under control. The Minnesota Odonata Survey Project surveys dragonflies and damselflies throughout Minnesota. They use volunteers to search. If you are interested, here is a link: <http://www.mndragonfly.org/>

Program Information: Christ Serve Leadership Training will be held from June 10-15th. This program is for youth 14 and older who would like to eventually be on staff at camp or who would like to have their leadership skills further developed. Youth will participate in the Junior Counselor Training on Friday-Sunday noon. To find out more you can visit the Lutheran Island Camp website by following this link: http://islandcamp.org/content_22.php

From the Task force: The Task Force will be meeting on Monday June 7, at 10:00 at Lutheran Island Camp. We have been blessed in the past week with several phone calls and registrations that have come as a result of our work with AM 1100 the FLAG in Fargo. The signal extends to much of western Minnesota and the eastern Dakotas. Scott Hennen and his team are committed to helping us realize our vision of purchasing Christ Serve Ranch and establishing the Creation-Science Environmental Learning Center on that property.

God's Word: ²⁵ There is the sea, vast and spacious,
teeming with creatures beyond number—
living things both large and small.

²⁶ There the ships go to and fro,
and the leviathan, which you formed to frolic there.

²⁷ These all look to you
to give them their food at the proper time. Psalm 104: 25-27

Prayer List: 1.) Please continue to pray for staff that they would be given the strength to persevere as they share the importance of creation-science. 2.) Please ask God to lift up donors and investors so that Christ Serve Ranch might be purchased soon. 3.) Please keep the Task Force in your prayers as they meet next week. 4.) Many of our campers will be traveling in the next few weeks. Please ask God to grant them safe journeys. 5.) Please keep our summer staff in your prayers as they go through training and preparation for campers.

Link of the week: <http://www.accuracyingenesis.com/>



Resource of the week: The Astronomy Pocket Guide. Discover the strong evidence that points to a young age for the universe, and get a biblical view of astronomy, too. Truly, the infinite size and complexity of the universe proclaims the awesome majesty and power of its designer, God. Available from Answers in Genesis.

Question and Answer:

Question: How important is it for our children to understand God's role in creation?

Answer: God not only had a role in creation, He did it! Children who don't understand the Biblical facts of creation, man's fall into sin, and God's power and grace demonstrated through the historical facts laid out in the Bible are more apt to reject the truth of Jesus Christ and their salvation through His role as Savior. We know that God expects parents to "teach them to your children" Deuteronomy.

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