

June 1, 2011

Greetings in Christ!

### ***Creation and Life issues in the news: Universe's Most Distant Object Spotted After Massive Explosion***

An international team of US and UK [astronomers](#) have spotted the most distant explosion, and possibly the most distant object, ever seen in the universe, according to a new paper to appear in the Astrophysical Journal.

University of Warwick astronomer Dr. Andrew Levan was one of the first members of that team to spot the exploding star, known as a gamma-ray burst, which are the brightest events to occur in the universe.

This explosion in particular was briefly as bright as several thousand galaxies. To put that in perspective -- it was more than a million *million* times brighter than our Sun.

With such luminosity, researchers were able to detect it with satellite based [observatories](#) at an extreme distance of 13.14 billion light years -- putting it 96% of the way to the edge of the Universe, making it the most distant object ever seen.

Read more: <http://www.foxnews.com/scitech/2011/05/25/researchers-spot-universes-distant-object-massive-explosion/#ixzz1O4zUfaqR>

### **Pro-life Statement Enters UN Youth Fray**

By Amanda Pawloski

NEW YORK, May 26 (C-FAM) As negotiations begin this week on the initial draft resolution of the upcoming youth conference, a growing international youth coalition submitted a pro-life statement to the UN.

The draft resolution on youth and the pro-life statement are an indication of divided opinions that will manifest in the July conference to celebrate the end of the UN International Year of Youth.

The UN youth document presents a negative state of youth in the world, focusing on young people as impoverished, unengaged, and intolerant. In contrast, the pro-life statement contains an optimistic appraisal of the potential that young people have to participate in development.

In little more than three pages of the initial draft resolution on youth there are no less than nine references to the World Program of Action for Youth (WPAY). This program of action has controversial language on sex education, sexual and reproductive rights, and contested interpretations of gender.

To read more: [http://www.c-fam.org/publications/id.1865/pub\\_detail.asp](http://www.c-fam.org/publications/id.1865/pub_detail.asp)

**Nature Watch:** We continue to watch goslings continue to grow near the entrance to the Island. We expect to see some ducklings emerge soon. We have been seeing lots of finches lately and they are beautiful. We had a few people try the bass opener around camp. The weather did not cooperate but we had some fish caught. These recent weather systems have really been playing havoc with water levels, crops being planted and some of the new babies being born. We're happy to welcome dragon flies. They are real mosquito eaters and its good to have them around. If you can catch some, they make

great bait when tipping the end of a hook or fishing fly. Bass love them. We hope you are enjoying your rhubarb. It has really been growing with all of the recent moisture. We've also enjoyed the wonderfully sweet smell of lilacs and honeysuckles this past week. Road kill this past week was heavily waited toward deer. They have much less cover this time of year as many of the crops they hide in have just been planted and there is a lot of farm activity going on which keeps them moving.

**Program Information:** Watch for photos from the upcoming Creation Photography week. We'll be highlighting them after the June 5<sup>th</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> week. We still have some openings for the Young Scientist camps coming up in June. We also have a few places left for the August event.

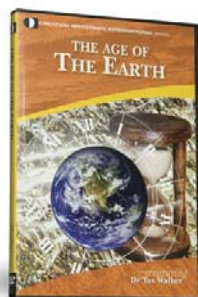
**Bulletin insert:** Brian Young will be at Lutheran Island Camp for numerous events in June. Be sure to check out the camp website for upcoming events.

**From the Task force:** Once again this past week we receive some wonderful gifts. These were directed to the purchase of membership units in the Limited Liability Company. The Task Force will be meeting on Monday the 6<sup>th</sup>. They will be receiving several reports and will review on soon we'll be able to move forward with the purchase.

**God's Word:** "I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.'" Revelation 21: 2-4 NIV

Prayer List: 1.) Please gift thanks for the wonderful gifts we continue to receive. 2.) Please ask God to bless our upcoming Task Force meeting. 3.) Ask for God to lift up the additional gifts and investments we need to move forward. 4.) Ask God to show you how He wants you to participate in our Creation-Science Environmental Learning Center. 5.) Ask God to sustain those many thousands who continue to be challenged by floods, tornadoes, wind storms, and other natural catastrophes.

**Link of the week:** <http://biblicalgeology.net/>



**Resource of the week:**

**The Age of the Earth DVD**

Many people think the earth is billions of years old. But geologist Dr Tas Walker shows that the evidence actually fits best with the biblical record of history. Dr Walker challenges us: How can we know the age of the earth? He shows why there is only one reliable way to know the age of anything—find out in this illustrated presentation.

Question and Answer:

**Question:** How many people receive this e-news?

**Answer:** We are approaching 200 that receive our Creation-Science e-news. We have about 800 that receive the one on Tuesday that provides general camp information. Please feel free to encourage others to sign up for either or both.

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