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Greetings in Christ!

**Creation and Life issues in the news:** We've reprinted a portion of an article found at Yahoo News. This is the criticism that we will face from our detractors both inside and outside of the church.

PETERSBURG, Kentucky (AFP) – For a group of paleontologists, a tour of the Creation Museum seemed like a great tongue-in-cheek way to cap off a serious conference.

But while there were a few laughs and some clowning for the camera, most left more offended than amused by the frightening way in which evolution -- and their life's work -- was attacked.

"It's sort of a monument to scientific illiteracy, isn't it?" said Jerry Lipps, professor of geology, paleontology and evolution at University of California, Berkeley.

"Like Sunday school with statues... this is a special brand of religion here. I don't think even most mainstream Christians would believe in this interpretation of Earth's history."

The article in its entirety can be viewed at:

[http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20090630/ts\\_alt\\_afp/scienceusreligionevolution\\_20090630134058](http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20090630/ts_alt_afp/scienceusreligionevolution_20090630134058)

**Nature Watch:** My how those geese do grow. There is only a little bit of size difference between parents and goslings as they have been growing rapidly on rations of grass and aquatic vegetation. The fox kits are doing well at the Island. They've been spotted in various places around the Island and can be seen to jump straight up and down, practicing their pouncing skills. Water temps are now approaching 80 degrees in ponds and marshes and there are algae blooms quite often. Second crop hay is being cut, some early sweet corn is tasselling, small grains have headed out and are looking wonderful. There is an abundance of pelicans, snowy egrets and other predator waterfowl.

**Program Information:** Our friend and educator Brian Young will be in Minnesota this fall for several programs. He has some availability for churches, schools, and organizations from October 26 through the 31<sup>st</sup>. He does a number of excellent presentations that can range from an hour or more to several hours over a couple of days. His cost are reasonable and your congregation or group will receive thanks many times over for inviting him. You can contact him by phone at 402-756-5121 or by e-mail at [creation1@juno.com](mailto:creation1@juno.com).

We still have openings for 8-11 year olds in our Creation Safari camps coming up over the next couple of weeks. It will be a great adventure for them.

**From the Task Force:** The Task Force will be meeting on July 20<sup>th</sup>. They will be hearing reports from their various committees. Of particular interest will be information on a

group of investors that is being organized to purchase Christ Serve Ranch. Also the Vision committee will be presenting an in depth report on its vision of programs, policies, and information along with a summary report provided by Pastor Dave Thompson which gives a brief 1-2 page synopsis of what we hope to accomplish. The Task Force also encourages you to help others sign up for the weekly e-news and become involved in what's happening with the Creation-Science Environmental Learning Center.

**God's Word:** "Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the **creation** of the world. John 17:24

Prayer List: 1.) we continue to pray for our friend Gary Schroeder, member of the Task Force, who will undergo surgery next week; 2.) we ask for your prayers to sustain Ken Ham and the Answers in Genesis staff for their work; 3.) We ask for your prayers for life advocate Sarah Palin as she makes very difficult decisions about her future; 4.) Please pray that God would lift up investors ready to purchase Christ Serve Ranch on our behalf; 5.) Please pray for the children who will be arriving next week to participate in the Creation Safari camp.

**Link of the week:** <http://www.creationism.org/library>. This will take you to an excellent resource library from which you can actually check out resources.

**Resource of the week:** **I Wonder Who Hung the Moon in the Sky**. This is a wonderful children's book by Mona Gansberg Hodgson and illustrated by Chris Sharp

Question and Answer:

Question: When do children begin to have their faith attacked by evolution?

Answer: According to recent studies, it happens at a much younger age than we had originally thought. Recently, I was watching cartoons with my grandchildren and was reminded of the insidious nature of modern media on their faith. They were watching dinosaurs they were told were millions of years old. We switched to another channel that showed a person evolving from a human into a spider. We switched to another channel that had a documentary on how old the earth was. The things we have been teaching are children on Sunday are being denigrated and made fun of the rest of the week by the television they watch, the teachers who teach, and the books they read. When is their faith attacked? From the day they are born the devil is seeking them out, ready to devour their very souls.

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