Brandon Church

Impacts in Society

Why does the subject of origins matter? Does it really make a difference how we got here? Is the debate really important? Is this just a topic for academic and theological interests, or should the average person care about the subject as well? In our October meeting, Brandon Church will address these questions by examining the impacts that contrasting views of origins have made on modern history.

Darwin published his book *Origin of Species* in 1859, and his ideas quickly became mainstream. But as evolutionism spread out through Europe and America, its philosophical components began to be adopted into business practices, social policies, education methods, economics, laws, politics, and so on, so that in 1955, Julian Huxley could say, “Our present knowledge indeed forces us to view that the whole of reality is evolution ...” This idea has become entrenched in every area of our modern society, but its effects reach deeper still.

Ideas have consequences. Because Biblical Christianity and the theory of evolution give us very different pictures of who we are and what our place in the world is, they lead to sharply different worldviews, and this colors our views of other people, of society, of life, and even of ourselves. Jesus said that we can know a tree by its fruits.

**This Month’s DSA Meeting will be held on**
Saturday, October 15, 2005, from 9 to 11:30 AM. Don’t miss this presentation (that Brandon feels is his most important) and bring some friends—as we compare some of the fruits that Darwinism and Christianity have produced.
At the Warrenton Air Fair in late September, printed materials were handed out and information shared about DSA’s monthly meetings and field trips. The sponsor of our booth was Melody Twiss, who requested that we provide a creationist understanding of the mechanics and design of flight. To fill that need, copies of Andy McIntosh’s *Intricacies of Flight* and Jim Irwin’s *Flight of the Falcon* were sold. Table volunteers were Rick and Sylvia Thompson, Juanita Guy and Marianne Pike. (And special thanks to the US Coast Guard, for their help in setting up the canopy!)

Above: Car is carried by powerful Jayhawk helicopter.

Near right: National Guard rescue team dog came down a helicopter rope with handler, in an amazing demonstration.
“Brrr! Can’t wait til next year!”

DSA person Charity Lundgren experienced a “refreshing” dip in the famous Boxcar Rapids section of the Deschutes River, during our September day tour. But she still recommends the outing—see you next rafting season!
Planning on handing out candy to costumed visitors this October 31? Along with that bubble gum, be ready to give 'em a dinosaur card!

Each features a colorful attention-getting cover with an informative briefing on the back side. Remember, you can never know how far some of these “missionary” cards will travel... Get stocked up at DSA's Book and Video Table! (Pack of 50 for $3.50—we are selling these at cost!)

**Elections Coming**

Elections for Design Science Association will be held in January 2006.

DSA members can consider now if they would like to run for board member or officer positions.

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