What impact has DSA had on your life?

Design Science Association is approaching its 20th anniversary this fall. A special commemoration will be held at an upcoming meeting—meanwhile we would like to hear from people about how DSA has influenced their lives. How have lives been changed, faith strengthened, what sort of ministries have been started as a result of contact with DSA... How have other organizations benefited from the influence or support of this group... Some thoughts or memories about DSA field trips and experiences — info or concepts learned on these outings...

Also, let us know if you have history, photographs (digital photos may be emailed to address below) or memorabilia you can share with us at the 20 year meeting later this year. A “DSA 20th” movie will be made for the special meeting, including many of these photos.

Let us hear from you!

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Dr. Thomas Kindell
Irrefutable Examples of Design in Nature

For our October meeting, popular speaker Dr. Tom Kindell* will discuss numerous examples of extreme design precision. In a colorful presentation—similar in style to Jobe Martin’s Amazing Creatures that Defy Evolution series—Dr. Kindell will discuss several more creatures that also defy a “time, chance and magic” explanation. Some of these amazing creatures will include:

The fresh water clam that produces an exquisite and animated decoy “fish” on its back so it may attract fish to host its larvae.

The Surinam toad whose unique physiology allows it to reproduce even when there is no water available for it to lay its eggs in.

The unlikely predator who hijacks the “missile defense system” of his prey and then converts it for his own defense.

The sex life of the dragonfly which has proved impossible to explain by evolutionary mechanisms.

The giraffe whose amazing anatomical features keep it from “blowing its brain”.

Also discussed will be the “Frank Starling Mechanism”, without which we would die from pulmonary edema within minutes. And, the complexity of the human brain—a supercomputer that defies evolutionary explanation and proves to be a truly “thought provoking organ.” Also, Dr. Kindell will cite the “single best example of irreducible complexity” (no, it’s not the bacterial flagellum).

This month’s DSA meeting will be held on Saturday, October 16, 2010, from 9 to 11:30 AM, at Rolling Hills Community Church. Join us as we consider even more examples of extreme design precision in nature!

*Dr. Thomas Kindell was once an ardent believer in the “fact” of evolution. However, through his exposure to the scientific case for creation, he became a zealous creationist. He has received advanced training in scientific creationism through the Graduate School of the Institute for Creation Research in Santee, California. He also received his M.A. in Biblical Studies from California Graduate School of Theology, and holds a Doctorate in Philosophy of theology (major in philosophy of Biblical apologetics).
In mid September, 22 participants joined leader Dennis Bokovoy for a Creation Encounter bus tour of Missoula Flood locations in eastern Washington state. Areas visited were the Channeled Scablands, Grand Coulee, Moses Coulee, Dry Falls and Palouse Falls. Striking evidence of the Lake Missoula Flood was seen at each tour stop.

Tour participants standing on glacially striated granite rock overlooking the Grand Coulee Dam. The glacier that scratched the granite blocked the Columbia River at about this point causing the waters of the Lake Missoula Flood to spill out of the Columbia and flow down what is now Grand Coulee.

Field guide and host, inside bus.

The group drove down into Moses Coulee in order to get a feel for the size and power of the flood that cut the scabland channels. Moses Coulee is second only in size to the Grand Coulee.

Standing in front of a large boulder that was ripped up and transported during the LMF.

The "Explore the Gorge" bus in front of "The Feathers" a single row of giant basalt columns left as the Lake Missoula flood cut Frenchman Coulee by removing the rest of the basalt flow on both sides of these columns.

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