J.D. Mitchell

La Brea Tar Pits—Death Trap or Something Else?

Mr. Mitchell has taken information from Mr. Weston’s papers, from communications with Mr. Weston and from other sources, and has prepared this lecture which looks at the evidence of the tar pits from a non-uniformitarian perspective. There will be a question and answer period following.

**This month’s DSA meeting will be held on Saturday, November 19, 2005, from 9 to 11:30 AM. Be sure to attend this “tar fossil friendly” meeting, to hear a new perspective on evidence from the La Brea Tar Pits!**

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Specimen from Tar Pits on display at November meeting

At this meeting, DSA member Rick Thompson will have a La Brea Tar Pits specimen on display. (This unusual fossil was purchased from a dealer, as the location has been closed to collecting for a number of years).

These water beetles (*Cybister explavatus*) are estimated to be the most common fossil found in the Rancho La Brea Formation.

Be sure to see this one “in person”.

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.

If interested, email Keith Swenson at kswenson@mindspring.com

Book Table Opportunity!

There will soon be a need for an individual or couple to begin operation of the DSA Book and Video Sales Table, as its current managers are becoming “time challenged”.

This service is a vital creation-ministry and critical to DSA. Required would be some organized space in a garage, and an ability to (once per month) pack table stock to meeting location by 7:30 AM and return materials home.

Interested may contact Kevin or Ruth Hogan: krhogan@pmug.org or Keith Swenson: kswenson@mindspring.com
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“Evolution, Intelligent Design, and God: A Conversation” set for Nov. 6 and 13

A two-part lecture series, “Evolution, Intelligent Design, and God: A Conversation,” will be held on two successive Sundays, Nov. 6 and 13, on the University of Portland campus, 5000 North Willamette Blvd. The lectures, free and open to the public, will begin at 2 p.m. both Sundays and will be held in Buckley Center Auditorium.

The format each Sunday will include lectures by two speakers, who then will join three University of Portland professors in a panel discussion, asking what then is our concept of God?

On Nov. 6, John Haught and Peter Dodson will review the scientific data and theological implications of evolution theory. Haught is the Lanegger Distinguished Research Professor of Theology at Georgetown University, specializing in systematic theology, and author of God After Darwin: A Theology of Evolution. Dodson is president of the Philadelphia Center for Religion and Science, anatomist at University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine, paleontologist, and author of books on dinosaurs.

On Nov. 13, speakers Michael Behe and Michael Gurney will delve into intelligent design and religion. Behe is a professor of biological sciences at Lehigh University in Pennsylvania and author of Darwin’s Black Box, internationally reviewed in more than 100 publications and recently named by National Review and World magazines as one of the 100 most important books of the 20th century. Behe is noted for introducing what he calls “irreducible complexity,” an idea that life is too complex at the biochemical level to have evolved. Gurney is a professor of theology at Multnomah Bible College in Portland and a doctoral candidate at Edinburgh University in Scotland.

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Hosts of the lecture series are Margaret Hogan, Mc Nerney-Hanson Chair in Ethics and Executive Director of the Garaventa Center for Catholic Intellectual Life and American Culture; Steven Kolmes, Rev. John Molter Chair in Science; Rev. Thomas Hosinski, C.S.C., University of Portland theology professor, and Templeton Foundation award winner. Hogan, Kolmes, and Hosinski will join the speakers each Sunday during the panel discussions.

For more information about the lecture series, please contact Jamie Powell at the Garaventa Center for Catholic Intellectual Life and American Culture at (503) 943-7702.
VHS Tapes on Close-out Sale at DSA Booktable

The DSA Book & Video Table is phasing out its stock of VHS tapes! We are transitioning all titles we carry into DVD versions (which are lighter, better quality and have more informative features). In the meantime, all taped copies of our past DSA meetings will be sold for the price of $1 each, while other commercial VHS titles will sell for $5 each.

Note: any of our past taped meetings will still be available on VHS, from direct mail order to Brady Hess—but, once closed out—they will not be carried regularly at meetings.

The tapes are still excellent quality; we simply want to go to a format that packs better—get ‘em while they last!

Donations are Accepted

As a reminder, DSA is now recognized as a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization and will be issuing end of the year tax deductible receipts for donations. Contributions may be sent to DSA address on front page—thank you for donations.

AFTER EDEN

by Dan Lietha

THE ‘FLOOD’ WILL NEVER HAPPEN! NOAH HAS BEEN WARNING US OF THIS ‘JUDGEMENT FROM GOD’ FOR DECADES NOW ...

One message you never want to receive from God is, ‘I told you so’!