

DESIGN SCIENCE ASSOCIATION newsletter

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—Morning meeting—
9AM on the
third Saturday,
December 20, 2003



“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.” Genesis 1:27



Special Music!
Bring Cookies!

Origin of Man:

“Apemen, Pre-adamites”, or Created in the Image of God?

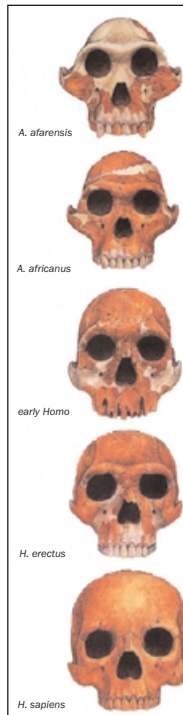


Howard Mudder

FOR MANY CHRISTIANS THE ORIGIN OF MAN poses a nagging and potentially faith-challenging question. As a young, impressive biology

major in college, our December speaker Howard Mudder* went through a gradual “evolution” from dynamic Christian youth to “sophisticated agnostic”, full of too many doubts and human knowledge to be filled with the spirit of God. Only within the past decade was he able to find the “peace that passes all understanding” by learning that “fear of the Lord is the beginning of all wisdom”.

Howard will share the fruit of some of his recent research on a



Skulls theoretically identified as “Hominids”, with human example.

number of the scientific ideas that he once held as “truths”. This will help believers and non-believers alike to understand some of the deceptions of modern science and introduce alternative interpretations of the same “facts”.

Howard will look at some the discoveries and problems posed over the past 150 years, including several of the most recent anthropologic finds. This multi-media presentation will be geared to reach middle-school students as well as adults.

THIS MONTH’S MEETING WILL BE HELD ON December 20, 2003, from 9 to 11:30 AM, and will also feature our “famous” DSA shared goodies. All are invited to bring a plate of their favorite Christmas-time treats! And come early, as there will be *special live music*, and a well-stocked discount book and video table for those meaningful Christmas gifts. See you there!

*Howard Mudder earned his M.S. in Biology from the University of Oregon in 1974. He taught high school science for ten years and then pursued a career in business for twenty years. Nine years ago, God got Howard’s attention and he began carefully researching all his former evolutionary beliefs. The result is that he is teaching again—7th and 8th grade science at Community Christian School, Tualatin, Oregon; and serving God in Design Science Association and Rolling Hills Community Church.

An Association for Good Science

Meets monthly at Rolling Hills Community Church, 3550 SW Borland Rd, Tualatin, Oregon

Discount creation book & video sales table at every meeting

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Elections Coming

Elections for Design Science Association will be held in January 2004. DSA members can consider now if they would like to run for board member or officer positions. If interested, call Keith Swenson at (503) 665-9563



Projector Project Update

At the November DSA board meeting it was decided that the group would somewhat raise our goal, regarding a multimedia projector purchase.

The current savings set aside (about \$3000) is enough to buy a very nice model. Our "higher goal" will be a portable projector that would be capable of 3300 lumen brightness (about \$4000)—noticably brighter than the other model we had considered. This will allow the group to feature outreach creationist movies/DVDs, as well as much brighter and sharper quality on our usual multimedia presentations at meetings.

Book Review

The Puzzle of Ancient Man

by Donald E. Chittick

Many of us who have heard Dr. Don Chittick's talk on the evidence for advanced technologies in ancient times have desired a book version of this intriguing subject. Now we have it, in this well-illustrated (including black & white and color photos) and fully referenced book, which signals that the days of frantically scribbling reference notes during an "Ancient Man" slide presentation are over!

The book is arranged in a similar order as the popular lecture under the same title, beginning with an overview concerning how modern man thinks and views reality. The author submits that we should take the Creator at his word, and let this serve as a mental filter for testing reality. But as with Adam and Eve, fallen man often uses some "other standard for truth, believing they are smart enough to tell who is telling the truth, the Creator, or some other source".

When archaeologists believe the evolutionist assumption that mankind has advanced from an original primitive state, Chittick maintains that they can only bump into a "puzzle" when faced with the reality of a large body of evidence. Dating from centuries soon after the Flood, many human artifacts and structures do not fit into conventional, current ideas about archaeology or human "evolution". Cited is evidence of worldwide exploration and cross-continental contact between very ancient peoples, and advanced technologies, without indication of this technology being slowly developed. For example the most sophisticated pyramids of Egypt are the earliest, with no evidence of experimentation leading up to their building.

Some of the most fascinating information included involves the western hemisphere, and the mind-boggling achievements and artifacts of the ancient Nazcas, Mayas, Incas and the mysterious pre-Incas.

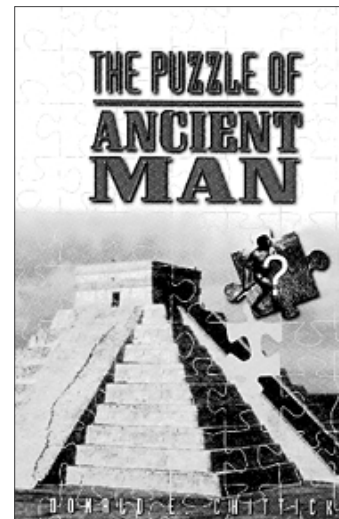
A recurring theme of *The Puzzle of Ancient Man* is that

"in spite of undergoing a continuing process of spiritual, moral, physical and mental degeneration as a consequence of the Fall, early man was highly capable. He was not 'primitive' in any sense." Ancient civilizations appear suddenly (approximately 5,000 years ago) with a highly developed culture, all pointing back to about the time and place of Babel, before the dispersion.

I think that the premise of this author must be considered, if one is to have any hope of reaching an understanding of the ancient world—an understanding that coincides with reality. Highly recommended.

Reviewed by KR Hogan

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Available at the DSA Booktable



Answers in Genesis Family Conference Prep

The first meeting of the committee to bring the AIG Family Conference to Portland on November 4th and 5th, 2004 met on Saturday after our November DSA meeting. About 16 participants attended and 11 turned in a form indicating which sub-committee or committees they were interested in participating with.

The major areas that need to be covered are:

Advertising and Promotion

...to Pastors first, and then to individuals and churches. This will be done with mailings, phone calls, advertising on radio stations and face to face meetings.

Fund Raising

...for the Christian Leaders Meeting, (CLM) to be held in September. This is expected to cost about \$5,000.

Recruiting

...two conservative pastors, one being a member of an ethnic minority church to help promote the conference with his pastoral colleagues (any suggestions?).

Prayer Manager

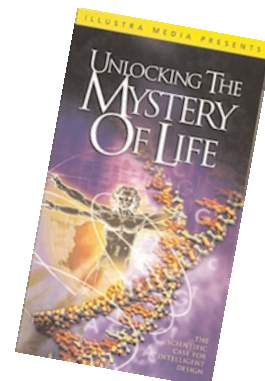
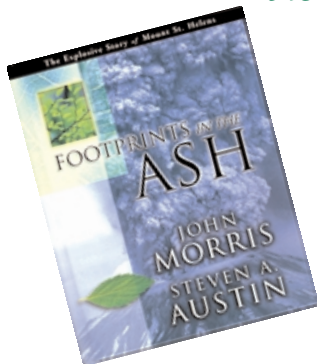
There are actually twelve sub-committees so we will be more than happy to find a place for you.

If you can help, please e-mail Craig Hubler: cwhubler@msn.com or call: 503-968-5467 and tell him a little about yourself, what area you are interested in and to what level you can participate. Include your phone number so he can follow up if he has questions. Our second gathering will be December 20 following this DSA meeting.



...you guessed it!

...we once again have a wonderful selection of books, tapes and DVDs. And as usual—all materials have a pre-priced discount—right here at the DSA Booktable!



Help for Sergei Golovin & Ukraine Ministry

November DSA speaker Rick Deighton mentioned Sergei Golovin, who with wife Olga, operates the Christian Center for Science and Apologetics in the Crimea region of Ukraine.

Earlier this year, due to a heavy storm, much of their home/ ministry center was damaged. Repair work has been proceeding on a “work-as-he-can-pay-it” basis. If you’d like to help, the best way to get funds safely to Sergei is to:

1. Write a check to Teaching Ministries International.

2. Memo the check to Sergei Golovin Ministries and designate to “renovation project”.

3. Mail check to: Teaching Ministries International, P. O. Box 1483, Snellville, GA 30278.

TMI is Georges Carillet's ministry and the Georgia address is for his forwarding agents. Georges will then process the funds and give them to Sergei.

Note: for more information on Sergei’s work, see *Creation* magazine: Sept–Nov 2000.

A DSA Pop Quiz!

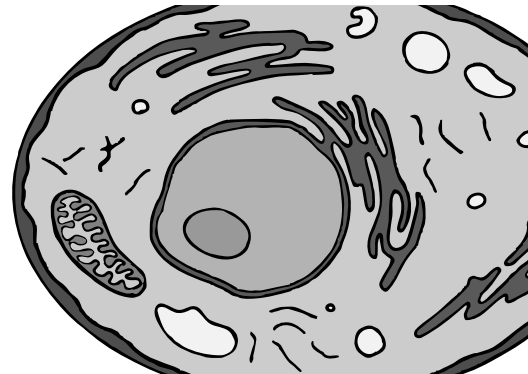
Question: *Of the following list, which belong to the realm of folklore?*

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| A. The Easter Bunny | D. Fairies |
| B. Paul Bunyan | E. The simple cell |
| C. Mermaids | F. Santa Claus |

Answer: *All.* The Easter Bunny, Paul Bunyan and Santa Claus are largely American traditions, whereas the mermaid and fairy stories have earlier roots. “The simple cell” is a modern, after-Darwin myth.

“Inside a cell—even the ‘simplest’ cell imaginable—there is very complex machinery. Machinery must exist to synthesize (that is, to manufacture) proteins, DNA, and RNA (and the machinery that does this consists of proteins, DNA, and RNA!). There must be machinery in every single cell (like photosynthesis, for example) to generate the energy that the cell must have. Every cell must have the ability to reproduce itself, exactly. To reproduce itself, the ‘simplest’ cell has to have hundreds of different kinds of proteins, and hundreds—and perhaps thousands—of different kinds of DNA and RNA molecules. Furthermore, all of these things must be arranged in precise fashion for life to exist, just as everything in an automobile factory must be arranged in assembly lines for these factories to produce automobiles, and everything in a watch must be in precise order for the watch to run.”*

*From *The Amazing Story of Creation from Science and the Bible*, Pg 31, by Duane T. Gish, Ph.D.
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