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## DESIGN SCIENCE ASSOCIATION

### APPLICATION FOR VOTING MEMBERSHIP

#### STATEMENT OF BELIEF

- 1 The Bible, in its entirety, is God's inspired word. In its original autographs, it is fully accurate, not only concerning spiritual issues, but also in matters of history and science.
- 2 The universe and all that it contains, both living and non-living was designed by God and created out of nothing in six literal days as described in Genesis. Biological changes since creation have been confined within the created kinds.
- 3 The creation occurred several thousand years ago, not millions or billions.
- 4 The Noachian Flood, as described in Genesis, was an historic event, world-wide in extent.
- 5 Acceptance of the Lord Jesus Christ, who is God and Creator, is mankind's only path to reconciliation with God.

*I have read and subscribe to the Statement of Belief of Design Science Association and wish to become a voting member. Enclosed is my membership fee.*

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## DESIGN SCIENCE ASSOCIATION newsletter

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**Morning meeting  
9am on the  
third Saturday,  
December 17, 2011**

**Special Music!  
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*"...for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict." Luke 21:15*

### Horst Matschukat

## Evolutionists Aren't Ignorant—the Trouble Is, They Know So Much That Isn't So!



THE TITLE OF OUR DECEMBER TALK is a paraphrase of Ronald Reagan's line "The trouble with our liberal friends is not that they're ignorant; it's just that they know so much that isn't so." Popular creation speaker Horst Matschukat\* will document, through quotes and comments, that evolutionists "know" a lot of stuff that isn't so. We will hear of imaginative theories that are based on non-existing evidence.

There are several reasons why we need to address this issue. Students in public schools are fed a continuous stream of misinformation. The media is too biased to provide the public with a balanced view of creationism versus evolutionism. They'll never tell us that Darwin and others expressed serious doubts about their theories. No other theory is allowed to exist, other than evolutionism. If someone dares to voice a creationist view he is silenced or fired.

One current example of misinformation is a pamphlet cover that shows an ape with Darwin's face. Inside are ten questions a creationist would supposedly ask. The specious answers, however, all reflect an evolutionist's point of view—such as a superficial description of "punctuated

equilibrium", claims of many "intermediate" fossils, and a belief that the eye is a product of "time and chance" evolution. Horst will further explore questions such as:

- Why is communication between creationists and evolutionists nigh impossible?
- Why is it so difficult for a creationist to be heard in the public arena?
- How can Christians operate in a society whose worldview is diametrically opposed to theirs?

**THIS MONTH'S DSA MEETING WILL BE HELD** on Saturday, December 17, 2011, from 9 to 11:30AM, at Rolling Hills Community Church. Be sure to attend this meeting as Horst compares and considers the fruit of "repeated truth or repeated lies". *And when you come, remember to bring a plate of your favorite Christmas-time cookies!*

\*Horst Matschukat was born and raised in Germany, and holds a BSEE degree from an engineering college there. A retired Project/Construction manager, he became a Christian at 18 years old "through the good offices of the Chaplain's Corps US Army". Horst and wife Hilla immigrated to this country in 1960, and have two adult children and three grandchildren. He has developed a series of eight lectures on the subject of origins, emphasizing that "he is not a scientist, but one that just talks about readily available information which supports Genesis 1–11" and specifically the verse *In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.*

## An Association for Good Science

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# Elections Coming

Elections for Design Science Association will be held in January 2012. 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.

# Did Humans Cause Dinosaur Extinctions?

by Brian Thomas, M.S.\*

Like elephants and a few other animals, rhinoceroses are among the last of the large animals called “megafauna.” Rhinos exist in African, Indonesian, Javan, Indian, and Sumatran varieties.<sup>1</sup> They are also among the rarest animals in the wild.

The International Union for Conservation of Nature declared the Western Black Rhino officially extinct this year. The Northern White Rhino, also from Africa, may be on its way out as well, and the last Javan Rhino in Vietnam may be gone for good.<sup>2</sup>

Poachers are notorious for killing the large animals in order to harvest their highly valued horns, which some believe have medicinal properties, including use as an aphrodisiac. The horn is made of the protein keratin, the primary component of fingernails and hair. This confirms what researchers generally observe about the extinction of species: The primary cause is interaction with humans. When mankind moves into an area, some of the first animals to face destruction are those that are the most threatening, such as the megafauna. Thus, recent centuries have seen the demise of such giants as Haast’s eagle<sup>3</sup> and the moa, a giant flightless bird.<sup>4</sup>

“The current extinction crisis is caused primarily by human impacts upon wild populations,” according to UK biologist Rosie Woodroffe, who wrote on the declining populations of large carnivores.<sup>5</sup>

Rhinos are not carnivores, but in addition to being valued for their horns, they are large and can be dangerous if they are frightened or challenged. Thus, it stands to reason that if humans primarily cause the current extinctions of megafauna, then they may have caused past extinctions as well.<sup>6</sup> That could help explain the plethora of legends, found in all cultures, of heroes killing dragons, which were probably dinosaurs in many cases.<sup>7</sup>



Why did the dinosaurs go extinct? One very likely factor—among others, such as climate changes after the Flood—is the same reason the black rhinoceros and so many other megafauna have died out: People moved in and eliminated them.

## References

1. The Indian and Sumatran rhinos have one horn, while the other varieties have two. The single-horn rhinos used to enjoy a much wider distribution and were known to ancient Bible authors. The King James translators chose the word “unicorn” —the Middle English word for what is today called a one-horned rhinoceros—to translate re'em, the Hebrew word used for these creatures.
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