

Check your Calendar, and Register Now for the DSA

# Deschutes Raft Trip

Monday and Tuesday,  
July 11 & 12, 2011

This two-day raft adventure covers 35 miles of the beautiful Deschutes river country, features an overnight campout, and is fully provisioned by Discovery Outfitters.



**Why?** Besides enjoying good Christian fellowship and the adventure of whitewater rafting, DSA members Steve Hayley and Keith Swenson will present a creationist perspective on the biology, geology (and night-sky stars) of the Deschutes Canyon.

**Who?** All interested persons are welcome to register. Anyone younger than age 18 must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

**Meet:** We will meet in the parking lot of Central Bible Church [time to be announced] and drive to Maupin, OR, where the raft trip begins. Return time to Maupin will be around 5 PM Tuesday.

**Bring:** A list of personal items recommended will be sent to each person registering. Provided by Discovery Outfitters will be all rafting equipment, meals (lunch, dinner, breakfast & lunch) and shuttle to and from raft sites.

**Cost:** \$170. per person. (Due with this application). A customized movie of this outing (DVD or Blu-ray) is included in cost.

**Registration:** To register, return the completed coupon below with your payment. Acceptance will be on a first come, first serve basis.

**For more info,** contact coordinator Ruth Hazen at: rehazen@gmail.com

## Deschutes Rafting— July 11 & 12, 2011 (Mon. & Tues.)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Adults in party: \_\_\_ kids: \_\_\_

Amount Enclosed:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Please note: you will be contacted if trip is full)

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# DESIGN SCIENCE ASSOCIATION newsletter

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Morning meeting  
9am on the  
third Saturday,  
March 19, 2011

“You alone are the LORD. You made the heavens, even the highest heavens, and all their starry host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them.” Nehemiah 9:6

## Spike Psarris

# What You Aren't Being Told About Astronomy



SCIENCE BOOKS, PROGRAMS, and other media tell us that we ‘know’ the universe is billions of years old. We’re told that it formed all by itself in a “Big Bang” event, with no Creator being involved.

But here’s what they aren’t telling you. The secular model actually predicts that most of the things we see in space, including stars, galaxies, and the planets of our Solar System... cannot exist.

The secular model fails to explain the heavens. Rather, the heavens declare the glory of God. In this presentation from first-time DSA speaker Spike Psarris\*, we will view beautiful photographs from NASA and other sources, and discover what we aren’t being told about astronomy.

**THIS MONTH’S DSA MEETING WILL BE HELD** on Saturday, March 19, 2011, from 9 to 11:30am, at Rolling Hills Community Church. *Be sure to attend this meeting as we compare secular models with creation models of astronomy.*



\*Spike Psarris was previously an engineer in the United States’ military space program. He entered that program as an atheist and an evolutionist. He left it as a creationist and a Christian.

Spike now writes and speaks on Biblical creation. He has published six articles in *Creation* magazine, one in CMI’s *Technical Journal*, and is the author of the DVD “What you aren’t being told about astronomy, Volume I: Our Created Solar System”, (available for sale at the DSA booktable)

Spike’s website: [www.creationastronomy.com](http://www.creationastronomy.com)

## An Association for Good Science

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# Deschutes River Wildlife Walk

Saturday, April 23, 2011

This is a very popular day trip to study the abundant wildlife and interesting geology of this (usually) sunny area.

Led by Steve Hayley and John Hergenrather, this 4-5 mile hike passes through beautiful streamside and sagebrush habitats amidst exposures of the Columbia River basalt.

We will identify wildflowers, discover some petrified wood and see portions of the old Oregon Trail, but the emphasis will be on the abundant bird life.

Bring binoculars and a bird guide if possible (Steve and John will have a few extras). Instruction will be based on a biblical view of origins and earth history.

Cost of this trip is \$25 for families or \$15 for

individuals (includes several great handouts). At 8:00 am we will meet at the south end of the Deschutes River Campground which is 16 miles east of The Dalles. John will send a list of participants to help you make car pooling arrangements if desired.

*To register, please go to the Creation Encounter website, print & fill out the registration form: [www.creationencounter.com](http://www.creationencounter.com)*



## Origins Breakthroughs of 2010: Astronomy

by Brian Thomas, M.S.\*

Every year brings new scientific discoveries that shed light on the past. The Institute for Creation Research is dedicated to the study of origins from a biblical perspective, and ICR News has compiled what it considers to be the top findings related to origin studies from 2010. This article examines astronomy, and will be followed by a feature on breakthroughs on the genome.

### Evidence against a Big Bang

The Big Bang is a proposed model for the origin of the cosmos that leaves no room for supernatural intervention into the created order. As a result, it is forced to violate the two universal laws of thermodynamics. By having matter appear out of nowhere, it violates the law of conservation of mass and energy. By having that matter self-organize into hot stars, galaxies, and superclusters—all while it should have been thinning out and cooling during eons of expansion—it violates the law of entropy.

In addition to these problems, a 2010 discovery contradicted the Big Bang prediction that galaxies should look younger the farther out into space they appear from earth. The “mature” galactic clusters are only supposed to exist close-in, but more were discovered in the far distance this past year, adding to similar observations from prior years.<sup>1</sup>

Also, a study of 900 quasars posed a serious challenge to another assumption common among astronomers.<sup>2</sup> Shifting of starlight toward the red, low-energy end of the light spectrum, called “redshifting,” is supposed to be an effect of the expansion of the universe. Some of the very massive, bright, and very distant quasars showed identical light-travel time patterns but very different redshift values. If qualities like mass can shift light to the red, then redshift measurements alone may not be as reliable in providing accurate distance or Big Bang time estimates as once thought. These quasars alone imply that the Big Bang hypothesis rests on shaky ground.

### Young Comets

If the solar system is really billions of years old, then its comets should no longer exist because they lose mass every

time they pass around the sun. In 2010, the comet problem worsened for those insisting on such an old age. Close-up photographs of a special comet named Hartley 2 showed that it is spewing snow into space through multiple fissures.<sup>3</sup> This comet not only looks young by its size, which has not yet been completely whittled down by the sun, but it now looks even younger because of the extraordinary internal activity that is causing it to lose even more material.

Many long-age comet proponents think that an unobserved cloud of distant icy objects periodically and accidentally supplies the solar system with comets. But a 2010 study admitted that this idea is totally inadequate to explain the comets currently in orbit. A replacement concept was offered proposing that long ago the sun “robbed” comets from ancient stars.<sup>4</sup> However, not only was this even less plausible than the first idea, but it only pushes the origin of comets further back in time, ultimately explaining nothing.

### Conclusion

Comets and their orbits look like special creations, and they look younger than ever because of 2010’s closer-than-ever view of one of them. Certainly they were designed to “be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years.”<sup>5</sup> The Big Bang concept, already fully bankrupted, now has more explaining to do than ever before. The universe looks fully mature, as would be expected in a completed creation.<sup>6</sup> And the fully mature galactic clusters near the outer edge show that the cosmos was intentionally created.

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