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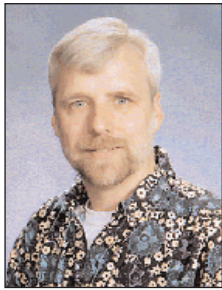
newsletter

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—Morning meeting—
9AM on the
third Saturday,
May 17, 2003

All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. John 1:3

May Meeting: Evidence for the Origin of Life



Speaker Mark Demming

SCIENCE IS ALL ABOUT DISCOVERY of the how and the why of all things around us from the smallest objects to the universe as a whole. A very intriguing question that science has tried to answer is how did life get here on earth. All theories to date have one or more of the following three guiding assumptions:

1) Life formed from some unique chance events against all odds and has been struggling ever since for survival (we are a mistake and unique), or 2) the very laws and nature of the universe lead inescapably to life and higher orders of life (we are destined and not unique) or 3) life was designed by some outside entity (we are created and unique).

Traditionally the foundations of science have been by experimental evidence and most science done today is done by examining things that can be measured or tested in the lab. Some sciences like the historical sciences are more difficult because they are trying to examine something in the past that cannot be directly tested. Any theory concerning past events can only rely on what we know to be true today to verify it. It is

more like a detective trying to decide whether the evidence for a death suggests natural causes or was it a murder and if so who did it.

The current secular scientific institutions have decided that evolution is the foundation of all science. It is implied that one can only understand the present when one is guided by the past. It is claimed that there is insurmountable evidence that evolution is a fact and has vast explanatory power in understanding us, our current planet and universe.

Evolution is part of the historical sciences and, in most of its definitions, relies on events in the remote past that lead to the world of life we have in this wondrous universe. Unfortunately the catchword “evolution” refers to many distinct and scientifically separate theories, each with its own presuppositions, evidences and arguments. There is the evolution of the universe and galaxies from nothing (the big bang), the evolution of our solar system from gases and dust to its present form, the evolution of life from non-life, the evolution of new features to give new families of living creatures (macroevolution) and the variational evolution that rearranges existing features to give new variety in a species (microevolution).

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An Association for Good Science

Meets monthly at Rolling Hills Community Church, 3550 SW Borland Rd, Tualatin, Oregon
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In our May meeting, speaker Dr. Mark Deming* will focus on the evidences for life from nonlife. He will describe what it takes to make life from the ingredients (the molecules) to the simplest living organism (the cell), present the evidences given by science in origin of life experiments in labs and give geological evidence for the

oldest life and conditions for life. Mark will also present the current theories of life's origin and touch on the search for life in our solar system.

THIS MONTH'S MEETING WILL BE HELD ON May 17, 2003, from 9 to 11:30 AM. See you there!

*Dr. Mark Deming, currently teaching science at Westside Christian High School in Lake Oswego, OR. Ph.D. Chemistry, USC (1992) B.S. Chemistry, CSULA (1986)

THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 2003

Mount St Helens Biology Field Trip

DSA will lead a field trip to Mount St Helens on Thursday, June 12, 2003. The event will focus on biological recovery from catastrophism at Mount St Helens as a means of gaining insight into the worldwide recovery that followed Noah's Flood.

Included in the day will be a 3 to 4 mile hike on the Hummocks Trail, followed by supper with Lloyd and Doris Anderson at their Seven Wonders Museum. Limited to about 20 participants, so register early. Leaders will be Steve Hayley and Keith Swenson.



Photo by Doug Hazen



REGISTRATION: Mt St Helens Biology Field Trip/Thurs., June 12, 2003

Name: _____ Date of Registration: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Number in party: _____

Note: More detailed information will be mailed to each person registering

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THURSDAY, MAY 29, 2003

Dog Mountain Wildflower Hike

WHAT? Design Science Association conducts field trips to study and enjoy the beautiful spring wildflowers of our area. Instruction by leaders John Hergenrather and Keith Swenson is based on a Biblical view of origins and earth history.

WHERE? Our destination is the spectacular flower-covered meadows atop Dog Mountain, WA in the Columbia River Gorge.

WHO? Only those with a high degree of physical fitness should register for this hike. It is 3.8 miles to the top of Dog Mountain and every step is uphill. Elevation gain is about 2600 feet.

MEET: We will meet at 7:30AM in Lewis and Clark State Park just east of Troutdale. Take exit 18 from I-84, east of Troutdale, just after crossing the Sandy River. The road winds so that you stop facing the river. Turn left, and go a short distance (under railroad trestle) to the parking area of Lewis and Clark State Park. Carpooling arrangements will be made at the park.

BRING: Day pack, sack lunch, canteen, binoculars, notebook and pencil, adequate clothes for wet or cold weather. Special item: If possible bring a copy of *Wildflowers of the Columbia Gorge* by Russ Jolley. Sufficient copies of this book will also be available for loan.

COST: There is no charge for the trip, but a small donation to DSA is appreciated!

PLEASE NOTE: All vehicles parking at Dog Mt. must display a Northwest Forest Pass, which may be purchased at sporting goods stores.



REGISTRATION: Dog Mt. Wildflower Field Trip/ Thursday, May 29, 2003

Name: _____ Date of Registration: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Number in party: _____

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

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TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 2003

Deschutes Canyon River Raft Trip

WHAT? Design Science Association joins with High Cascade Adventure, a Christian outdoor outfitter, to conduct a one day raft excursion on Oregon's Deschutes River.

WHY? Besides enjoying good Christian fellowship and the adventure of white water rafting, DSA members Steve Hayley and Keith Swenson will present a creationist perspective on the biology and geology 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 (location to be announced) at 7:00AM and drive to Maupin, OR, where the raft trip begins. Return time will be early evening.

BRING: Provided by Cascade Adventure will be all rafting equipment, and lunch. A list of personal items recommended will be sent to each person registering.

COST: \$55. per person. (Due with this application).

REGISTRATION: To register, simply return the completed coupon below with your payment. Acceptance will be on a first come, first serve basis. You will be notified if trip is full. (Limited to 35)

QUESTIONS? For further info, contact Ruth Hazen (field trip coordinator) at (503) 658-7734.



REGISTRATION: Deschutes Raft Trip /Tuesday, June 24, 2003

Name: _____ Date of Registration: _____

Address: _____

Number in Party: _____ adults _____ children

Amount Enclosed: _____

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