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# ARKY's News

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## **Election Worldview Dilemmas**

by Ron Cooper

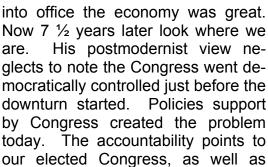
This election is for most of my friends a choice for the lesser of two evils. If we vote for a better candidate who can't win, the most evil candidate will win. It's too late to pick what we really want, or is it? Are there any important principles in God's Word that can help? I believe there is.

God created life. Sin created death. Prefer a candidate who chooses innocent life. [Declaration of Independence]

God said serve only Him. Prefer a candidate who allows and promotes Christian values. [1st Amendment]

Jesus asked," Will a thief rob a strong man?" Prefer a candidate who allows us to be able to defend our homes. [2nd Amendment]

Economics are driven by the Congress more than the President. Obama is fond of saying when Bush came



those who greedily took advantage

of their foolish legal policies.

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President sets a course, but Congress approves ALL money. Congress approves ALL laws, even judicial ones by allowing judges to continue in office or failing to censor a court or rewrite a law.

Education is driven by education. More money has just given us more bad education. The role of public education is NOT to teach our children to read and write and do math or know our country's true history. Less than 30%, sometimes even 10%, of student time is spent on these subjects. Biblical morals are zero percent. Humanist (atheist) morals are formally taught 100% of curriculum. The programs are centered around postmodernism thinking. More education means less God centered thinking and more socialistic government (what the people are taught). The "new" common sense has nothing to do with the old that was based on the Bible and Blackwell's legal commentaries (abandoned in law schools over a 100 years ago in favor of pure case law). If you want your children to get a good education make sure you are involved in the public one or home school (sure involvement) or use a Christian school you are involved in. The ONLY constant is your involvement! More money to public education is a dry well. They are doing more and more of the same thing and expecting different results. They are the evolution (continued on page 2)

**Election** (continued from page 1)

preachers of the secular churches of our day.

Taxes are the last huge issue. The solution is to expand the social humanism church of government with more taxes, more programs, more propaganda, more government oversight, and more elected postmodernist leaders. There is a call to have less government and less taxes, but we may be too far down the food chain. The people of this country may be too addicted to living on the new government plantations providing us our subsidized or imported food, our homogenized medical care, our economic equality of being taxed poor or subsidized up to the minimum economic levels others are taxed down to. Less taxes would mean less materialism provided by government.

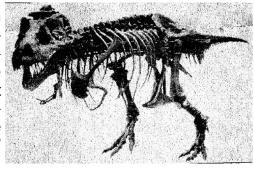
No matter who we vote for, things that have been changing for a 100 years that may be bad will not change overnight for good, but they can change overnight for worse. Look at the history of countries in the last century, it could be us. There are a lot of people who hope it will be and they want your money and your vote. There are also a lot of people who want to serve to God's glory in government. They need our money and our vote. Who are they? They are the good people who make good laws, because they believe when they personally stand before the Creator God on their judgment day, they will know they must stand accused or commended for their service according to God's laws and They know they are not God and principles. their opinions are worthless next to God's wisdom which He gives to all who seek it.

Vote for those who are God fearing, not self serving. Hard decision, because no one is perfect, but some are better and closer to the few principles mentioned here. There is more, but remember "Good laws don't make good people; Good people make good laws!" Research the candidates and my comments, then Vote!

# **USA Today Articles**

by Ron Cooper

We travel a lot and see USA Today in most of the hotels. Two articles were interesting. One was on the new attempts to discredit the finding of soft tissue in dinosaur bone of a "fossil." Conclusion:



smoke screen for headline, but no solid evidence against finding of soft tissue. They are still looking – hard – because this is major evidence against old ages in their favorite tool, dinosaurs.

http://www.usatoday.com/tech/science/2008-07-29-fossils\_n.htm?loc=interstitialskip

A creation perspective:

http://www.answersingenesis.org/articles/2007/0 4/13/t-rex-big-chicken -and-

http://www.answersingenesis.org/docs2005/032 5Dino\_tissue.asp

The second article was on "Obama, the post-modernist," 8/5/2008, by Jonah Goldberg. Highlights include:

- Obama's definition of sin as "being out of alignment with my values."
- In the Illinois senator's world, words have no fixed meaning, and truth is often just a matter of perspective.
- Obama's words mean only what he thinks they do and he gets exasperated with people who think otherwise, even in our political climate.
- His campaign is mostly about itself, "We are the ones we have been waiting for!"
- "Now is the moment" and other feeling phrases pepper his speeches, but details are left out.
- Obama's education and mentors make him our first pure postmodernist.

As President, Obama will continue to redefine our world. He has great and growing allies: Oprah, major media, and a lot of donors who are putting their money where his mouth is. <a href="http://blogs.usatoday.com/oped/2008/08/obama-the-postm.html">http://blogs.usatoday.com/oped/2008/08/obama-the-postm.html</a>

#### **New Book Reviews**

<u>Persuaded by the evidence</u>, True Stories of Faith, Science, & The Power of A Creator, by Doug Sharp & Dr. Jerry Bergman (288 pgs.).

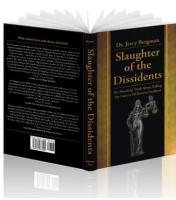


A unique and interesting collection of true stories from Christians — each sharing his personal journey to find the biblical truth of a six-day creation! From scientists in the midst of complex research to youth ministers, and more, see how each began at a differ-

ent point and place in his life to question the supposed truth of evolution and how faith and actual evidence led to his embracing a creation-based, biblical world-view. In their testimonies, you will read about their search for answers, often unavailable through their school, their church, or scientific knowledge — and how the discoveries they made have shaped their faith and changed their lives. Seeking answers for yourself? Discover the powerful truths these individuals now share — and find yourself also persuaded by the evidence! Contributors include: Carl Kerby, Curt Sewell, Dr. Robert A. Herrmann, Dr. Walter T. Brown, Dr. Raymond Damadian, Frank Sherwin, and more!

<u>Slaughter of the Dissidents</u>, the Shocking Truth About killing the Careers of Darwin Doubters, by Dr Jerry Bergman (477 pgs.).

To the majority of contemporary Christians reli-



gious persecution conjures up pictures of programs mandated by insane rulers. Dr. Jerry Bergman brings the issue of punishment and discrimination and injustice—which he quite properly identifies as outright anti-

Christian warfare—up-to-date as he focuses on the Twentieth Century theaters of academia, government, mass media, the courts, and the evolutionary establishment in general. The nature of the problem, religious bigotry, receives the fullest treatment in this comprehensive analysis of the battle between the creation and evolution world views, and its multi-generational spin off of religious intolerance and suppression. Something has to be done to ensure academic freedom. Dr. Bergman, I believe, brings that imperative to the attention of the reader more effectively than most authors have been able to. (*Dr D. James Kennedy, Founder of Coral Ridge Ministries.*)

#### Key Web Links.

Citizens for Community Values sponsoring information on all candidates and their positions on key issues: <a href="http://www.ohioelectioncentral.com/">http://www.ohioelectioncentral.com/</a>

Origins TV link: <a href="http://www.ctvn.org/origins/">http://www.ctvn.org/origins/</a>, Cornerstone Television.

Conference on "Genesis Kinds: Creationism and the Origins of Species" in Louisville, KY, 31 July 2009, <a href="http://www.bryancore.org/species/">http://www.bryancore.org/species/</a>

Burning down the House: What Caused Our Economic Crisis?

http://uk.youtube.com/watch?v=1RZVw3no2A4 http://uk.youtube.com/themouthpiece

# Possible investment property opportunity.

The Tin Shop, near ARK has been sold to a realtor and we don't know if we can use space for parking in future. We would like to know if anyone is interested in investing in another property suitable for home rental, parking space for ARK, and garage usable by ARK. Contact Ron Cooper if you are interested in knowing more on planned usage.

# **Schedule Work Days**

If you can devote 2-4 hours of activities at ARKY House. Ron is available all day/evening when not exhibiting. Activities may be electrical, plumbing, painting, construction, yard/garden work, computer, etc. depending on your interests/skills. Please call 937-256-2759 to schedule your time. It will be greatly appreciated.

#### **Scientific Truths of the Bible**

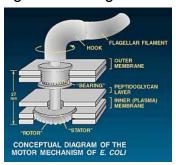
By Mark Jurkovich

If you love the Lord, you probably have learned the truth of the scriptural claim that "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness" (2 Tim 3:16). And if you are a member of ARK, that probably means you also believe the Genesis account is accurate. But did you know that the Bible is scientifically accurate else where as well? Though it is not a science text, whenever it touches on the sciences, it is true. Astronomy, Biology, Geology, Linguistics, Archeology and even Meteorology among other sciences are all touched on by the Bible.

Today I will just give an example of Biblical truths in the sciences. But I will endeavor to go into greater detail on each in future newsletters. The following are examples of the broad scope of scientific truths found in the Bible.

Astronomy - In Jeremiah 33:22 the promise to Abraham is extended to David to make his descendents "as countless as the stars". Astronomers of the day thought they could count the stars. But the Bible knew what we have only rediscovered in the past couple hundred years, that the number of stars in the universe is indeed countless.

Biology – Like an extremely tiny motor the design of the flagellum of bacteria is well beyond



our miniaturization tech-It is so comnology. plex, requiring many components to come at once, together could not have evolved. Though evolutionists have come up with envision schemes to

ways around, the arguments are very weak. (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Evolution of flagella)

Geology – Continent wide sedimentary layers, and even ones of global extent speak of global catastrophe. One if these called the "Austin Chalk" layer, is found in the United States, become the White Cliffs of Dover, and are found in Israel as well as other parts of the globe.

Paleontology – as already mentioned in the USA Today article, T Rex bones have been found in recent years with blood cells, soft tissue, and complete blood vessels. These could not have survived if the animal died millions of years ago.

Genealogy – several ancient lines of kings in Europe trace all the way back to Noah or one of his sons! And these genealogies pre-date the arrival of Christianity!

Linguistics – The world's languages cannot be traced back to a single origin as evolutionists would like. Instead they trace back to multiple distinct languages whose origins can be traced right back to the events at the tower of Babel.

Archeology – Other 'Holy Books' tell stories of mythical locations whose origins have no baring to historical or archeological sites. Only the Bible consistently provides names of places that are regularly verified in archeology. For example, Saul's head and armor were put into two temples at Beth-Shan (1 Samuel 31:9–10). Both of these temples have been found in that town, one Philistine and the other a Canaanite temple. Verification of the accuracy of the Bible even in the details of a town having two temples!

Medicine - Lev. 15:7 "Whoever touches the man who has a discharge must wash his clothes and bathe with water, and he will be unclean till evening." – Doctor's washing of hands was not a normal practice until the 17 or 1800's!

Bibliology – or more specifically the Bibliographical Test (the critical study of the Biblical text itself) shows us that that there are far more manuscripts of the New Testament than any other writing from that era. These copies have far fewer changes between them, and were written much closer to the likely date of the original writings. In short we can have great confidence the New Testament has indeed been passed down to us uncorrupted.

Resurrection-ology (not a real word) or, the study of the resurrection. If Jesus did not raise from the dead, then what happened to his body? Many brilliant men have endeavored to prove Jesus did not raise, but after studying the evidence, became convinced that Christ indeed did rise!

### **ARKY's Calendar of Events**

\*Oct 13: 7:00 pm until 8:35 pm. Global Warming DVD with Coral Ridge/Aig/ICR/etc at ARKY's House (937) 256-ARKY. Desc: Global Warming, a scientific and biblical expose of climate change. (Hidden facts revealed.) What is the truth about global warming? Are the ice caps melting? Will polar bears and penguins soon be found starving on small floating icebergs? Does the future survival of man hinge on an immediate reduction in carbon emissions?

\*Nov 10: 7:00 pm until 8:35 pm. Creation, Evolution and Deception DVD with Dr Monty White at ARKY's House. Through his own studies of the fossil record, the lack of evidence for chemical evolution, and biased dating methods, he became convinced of a literal Genesis and rejected molecules to man evolution.

\*Nov 10: 7:00 pm until 8:35 pm. The Light of the World - Alternative DVD with Chick Publications at ARKY's House. Presenting Jesus Christ as Creator, Redeemer and King of Kings.

Nov 13-14: AM until PM. ACSI Teacher Convention with Josh McDowell at Dayton Convention Center, 22 E 5th St, Dayton, OH. Desc: ARK Exhibiting. Large number of seminars (http://www.acsi.org/web2003/default.aspx?ID=1676)

**Nov 20:** 7:00 pm until 8:30 pm. **The Genesis 12 Project** with <u>Tom Hill</u> at Sharonville Public Library, 10980 Thornview Drive, Cincinnati, OH. Ph: (513) 825-4047. Tom Hill is from of AiG and CRSEF. Do relics and ruins better match secular history or Biblical history? <a href="http://www.arky.org/current/index.htm#CRSEFDirections">http://www.arky.org/current/index.htm#CRSEFDirections</a>

#### **ARKY'S CHRISTIAN BOOKSTORE**

Questions about Bible trustworthiness, real dinosaur history, flood evidence, where death & suffering started, American history? We have answers!

Books/Bibles/DVDs/CDs/Gifts/Crafts

937-256-2759 <> <u>www.arky.org</u>



2002 S. Smithville Rd At Wayne Avenue 1 mi. South of US 35 Dec 5-7: 6 to 9 pm. Once Upon a Journey, Experience the Beginning was started in 2004 with actors from Hillside Church of God, (937) 325-5553, at the Church of God Campgrounds, Springfield, OH. Become part of a tribe that goes on an outside experience journeying to Bethlehem, getting suppliers, paying taxes, finding lodging, and ending up at the manger. If a group of 13 or more want to go together, transportation will be arranged, call (937) 256-2759. We speaketh from experience: you will be blessed. Great for children!

\*Dec 8: 7:00 pm until 8:35 pm. Inherently Wind, A Hollywood History of the Scopes Trial DVD with Dr David Menton at ARKY's House, Ph: (937) 256-ARKY. : Presentation by one of the world's leading creation speakers/researchers.

\*Dec 8: 7:00 pm until 8:35 pm. 12 Ordinary Men - Alternate DVD, Grizzly Adams Productions at ARKY's House. Hosted by Jerry Rose. Feature interviews with leading scholars, exciting recreations, and authentic Holy Land footage in an investigation that dares to look beyond the peaceful image of saints in stained-glass windows to reveal the true and stirring stories of Jesus' closest followers.

**Apr 3-4: IAHE** with Ken Ham + Others at Indianapolis Convention Center, Indianapolis, IN. <a href="http://www.inhomeeducators.org/">http://www.inhomeeducators.org/</a>

Apr 17-18: Midwest Home School Convention <a href="http://www.cincinnatihomeschoolconvention.com/about-us/">http://www.cincinnatihomeschoolconvention.com/about-us/</a>

Jun 25-27: Christian Home Educators of Ohio (CHEO) <a href="http://www.ffdev3.net/">http://www.ffdev3.net/</a>

Note Asterisk (\*) Indicates regular ARK meeting at ARKY's House, 2002 S Smithville Rd, Dayton, OH. One mile South of US 35, just past Wayne Ave. Park on side or at the Tin Shop., Dayton, OH. Ph: (937) 256-ARKY.

The ARK monthly meeting is every 2nd Monday.

Membership NOT required to attend meetings!

Get the latest "CURRENT EVENTS" on the web at http://www.arky.org.

#### **GREAT NEWS FROM KROGER!**

Fundraising Made Easy With The Kroger Neighborhood' Reward Program

Dear Supporter,

Kroger has now made fundraising easier for us with the Kroger Neighborhood Reward Program. All you do is purchase a gift card from our organization's coordinator and reload the card with additional value when you shop at Kroger. When our organization reaches \$5,000 or more in reloads, within Kroger's four-week cycles, we will receive a rebate check for 4% of the total amount. If we don't reach \$5,000 in a cycle, our funds will carry over into the next cycle.

It's as easy as 1, 2, 3!

- 1. Purchase a Kroger Gift Card from our organization.
- 2. Reload your card with additional value when you shop at Kroger.

You may reload your card with any amount up to \$250 in the stores or up to \$100 at the fuel centers.

You may pay for your reloaded card with cash, check, or major credit card.

You will need to reload your card at the register before your purchases are scanned. THIS MUST BE DONE IN A SEPARATE TRANSACTION.

The balance on your card will show at the bottom of your receipt. You may also obtain your balance at the customer service desk or cash register, by calling 866-822-6252 (located on the back of the card) or at www.gcbalance.com.

3. Every time our organization reaches \$5,000 or more in reloads within Kroger's four-week cycles, we will earn 4% on the total amount.

The gift card is accepted in all Kroger Affiliated Stores throughout the U.S. Kroger, Fred Meyer, Ralphs, Fry's & Fry's Marketplace, King Soopers, Dillons, Smith's Food & Drug, City Market, QFC, Food 4 Less, Owen's, FoodsCo., Hilander, Pay-Less, Cala-Bell, Baker's, JayC, Fred Meyer Jewelers, Littman & Barclay Jewelers.

The more you reload your card the more money our organization can earn! Gift Cards are accepted at area fuel centers!

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Kroger requires a minimum of 20 participants. Call (937) 256-2759 if interested. You do not have to be an ARK member to participate.

#### **Looking Ahead**

The **2009 ARK Banquet Speaker** will be Dr Jerry Bergman. He has recently written the book *Slaughter of the Dissidents*, the Shocking Truth About killing the Careers of Darwin Doubters. Please start planning on being at our banquet on June 8, 2009 and hearing what this experienced speaker has to say.

### **End of Year Giving**

We hope you will consider asking us what we are planning for next year, so your specific desires can be accomplished. We ask that you prayfully consider how you can help ARK accomplish those plans. Below are our planned type activities for 2009:

- Monthly meetings.
- 2. Quarterly newsletters.
- 3. Operate bookstore.
- 4. Participate in Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana conferences and book fairs.
- 5. Speak at Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana activities we are invited to attend.
- 6. Attend with Special Effects Theater trailer as many fairs, festivals, schools, and church camps as we can.
- 7. Annual banquet in June with speaker.
- 8. Sponsor at least two local conferences.
- 9. Have training courses for teaching Biblical Creation and a Biblical Worldview.

These are NOT all funded. Only the first three are funded

### **Creation DVD Status**

ARK's new "6 Days of Creation" produced DVD continues to be on hold for lack of funds to complete. Any donations for this purpose will be appreciated.

# **Financial Statement**

#### **General Fund**

| Balance 1/1/08               | \$6,625.17       |
|------------------------------|------------------|
| Receipts                     |                  |
| Memberships                  | 795.00           |
| Donations                    | 3,077.69         |
| Speaker Gifts                | 0.00             |
| Projects – CC                | 675.00           |
| DRCF-2007                    | 444.00           |
| Refunds                      | 0.00             |
| Children's Ministry          | 2,290.00         |
| CEF-Collins                  | 825.00           |
| Special Events /Banquet      | 2,646.85         |
| Equipment Sold Miscellaneous | 7.00<br>-0-      |
| Internet/Phone Sales         | -0-<br>94.17     |
| Non-Tax Sales                | 2,036.10         |
| Taxable Sales                | 17,998.82        |
| Sales tax collected          | 1,253.35         |
| Shipping & Handling          | 27.90            |
| Total                        | 38,796.05        |
|                              | 30,7 30.03       |
| Disbursements                | 174.00           |
| Newsletter/CC                | 174.98<br>481.12 |
| Office<br>Telephone          | 622.33           |
| Children's Ministry          | 2,358.54         |
| CEF-Collins                  | 775.00           |
| Exhibiting                   | 6,513.78         |
| Web                          | 549.88           |
| Inventory                    | 13,106.13        |
| Equipment                    | 2,559.18         |
| Supplies                     | 800.04           |
| Insurance                    | 1,149.58         |
| Professional Fees            | 499.12           |
| Sales Tax Paid               | 1,267.12         |
| Speaking                     | 1,474.21         |
| Misc.                        | 476.00           |
| Tithes&Gifts                 | 300.00           |
| Museum Trailer               | -0-              |
| Reimbursed                   | 111.75           |
| Property Tax Escrow          | -0-              |
| Total                        | 33,218.76        |
| Balance 9/30/08              | 5,577.29         |

#### **Building Fund**

Balance 1/1/08

Balance 9/30/08

-2.227.74

-2,681.44

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| Receipts            | 5,222.03 |
| Expenses            |          |
| Mortgage            | 5,212.65 |
| Building            | 55.53    |
| Utilities           | 1,737.67 |
| Real Estate Taxes   | 22.50    |
| Advertising         | 829.50   |
| Repairs             | 45.62    |
| Total Bld. Expenses | 7,903.47 |
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Net Balance, Both Funds 2,895.85

#### **ARK Supporter Benefits**

- 1. **20% discount:** minimum on all purchases;
- 2. **Quarterly newsletter:** ARK members receive news and expansion plans;
- 3. National support: 10% of supporters' general donations is given to Answers in Genesis, our voluntary support for a national Biblical creation science organization;
- 4. **Webpage:** www.arky.org provides logical, Biblical information to a world saturated with an unbiblical, ill-suited naturalism for the needs of people;
- 5. **Monthly ARK meetings:** interesting speakers or DVD program on a variety of subjects, provided FREE to the community.
- 6. **Major speaker programs:** sponsored into the area or promoted by ARK;
- 7. **Local ARK speakers:** available for community and church events;
- 8. **Encouragement and Answers:** for belief in the Biblical Creator;
- 9. Leadership training: periodically opportunity to learn how to serve in your church or school or study group;
- 10. **Public materials:** make available Creation resources books, audios, and DVDs to public;
- 11. **Lending library:** by mail or at ARKY house for supporters;
- 12. **Bookstore available:** during regular hours and by appointment.
- 13. **Bookstore honors specials:** when offered by AiG, ICR, and WallBuilder if items are in stock.

#### Is it time for you to renew?

Please check the date above your name and address. If the date has past or coming up soon, please renew today.

#### Be an ARK Supporter!

| Name:                       |
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| City/Zip:                   |
| Membership Amount : \$      |
| Gift Amount : \$            |
| Total Enclosed: \$          |
| Building Pledge: \$ per     |
| Membership:OneSpousalFamily |

ARK individual membership is only \$25/year (\$30 couple, \$40 family). To receive this newsletter quarterly for free, please complete the address form and put "Jesus" in amount. (Please include mailing label, if you are renewing.)

#### **ARKY's Bookstore**

Bookstore hours manned by volunteers are:

Tuesday 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm; Thursday 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm; Saturday 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm; OTHER TIMES BY APPOINTMENT





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#### **Prayer Requests**

"Unless the Lord builds the house..." Please be in prayer for the ministry of the Ark Foundation.

- Funds to complete "6 Days of Creation" DVD
- For the completion of the Time Machine trailer
- For Ron as he continues to 'adjust' to retirement
- For Ray and Tammy in developing the trailer ministry
- For the Lord to use the Ark Foundation in strengthening believers and draw unbelievers to Himself
- Wisdom for Ron and the board in the direction Ark should take
- New church contacts
- More believers learn about and take advantage of Ark's resources
- Finances for paying off the building, operating expenses, and equipping trailers
- Open up opportunities/locations for presenting seminars and traveling presentations
- More volunteers, financial partners, and prayer partners.

Ark 2009 pocket calendar and Bible verse are now available.

# **Thanksgiving**

President Abraham Lincoln established a national holiday in the United States as "a day of Thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father." His proclamation also declared that all our blessings are, "the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy."

Have a Blessed Christmas Season!