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When a Bug Is Not an Engineering Problem

From <http://www.creationmoments.com/>

Isaiah 54:11 "O thou afflicted, tossed with tempest, and not comforted, behold, I will lay thy stone with fair colors, and lay thy foundations with sapphires."

Squid and chameleons change colors. So does the golden tortoise beetle. But it does so in a way never before seen.

Squid and chameleons change colors by signaling pigment cells in their skin to shrink or expand. The golden tortoise beetle uses an entirely different method. The beetle is normally a very shiny golden color. But when disturbed, it turns blood red. The secret of its color change lies in the unique structure of its shell. It is made up of transparent chitin. The chitin is arranged in three levels, each with their own layers. In between the layers are microscopic channels, connecting them together. Normally, the beetles' body fluid fills the layers, smoothing them into perfect mirrors. But when disturbed, the body fluid flows out, making the shell transparent and revealing a bright red fourth layer.

Scientists quickly recognized that

this design could lead to some important new technology. "Nature never stops surprising us with elegant solutions to everyday problems," said a chemist at GE Global Research Center in Niskayuna, New York.

This design is such an "elegant solution" to some engineering problems that "nature" must be given credit as if it were a being. Why not just recognize that the Designer of this "elegant solution" is the Triune God Who created it and uses color to show His glory to His creation?

Prayer: Thank you, Lord, for using color so generously to beautify Your creation and

show forth Your glory. Amen.

References: Science News, 8/18/07, p. 99, C. Barry, "Mood Bugs."

ANOTHER ARK SPONSORED BUS TRIP TO THE CREATION MUSEUM.

Between now and May 31, we would like to organize bus trips (4) to the Creation Museum with the lowest ticket prices ever offered for our group. We support and promote this great museum with the Biblically based message and the very high quality displays, programs, and presentations, not to mention the petting zoo, beautiful outdoor setting, picnic shelters, and ongoing improvements. See web site.



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Scientific Truths of the Bible Part 3: **Evidence for the Resurrection**

By Mark Jurkovich

Did Jesus really raise from the dead? Our whole faith hangs upon his death and resurrection. Even Paul declared "for if Christ did not raise from the dead, our faith is in vain and we are still in our sins" (1Cor. 15:17) There have been a number of people over the years who have set out to prove the resurrection could not have happened, or at least try to find out what really happened (not believing the resurrection itself). A number of them ended up becoming convinced that indeed it did happen, and became followers of Jesus themselves. One such person is Frank Morrison who wrote Who Moved the Stone in 1930. Not being a believer in miracles, yet fascinated by Jesus none the less, he set out to write about Jesus' last days before the crucifixion. But in his studies he became convinced by the evidence, and ended up writing about the resurrection instead.

If Jesus didn't raise from the dead, what happened to his body? Many were strongly opposed to this new 'sect' including Paul himself. But no one came forward producing his body, or pointing out where it is buried.

Some claim the disciples stole his body. But the tomb was guarded by roman soldiers. How could the disciples have stolen the body under their noses? The guards would have been executed for letting that happen (especially if they all fell asleep). The Bible actually gives some insight into this. When the soldiers told the authorities what happened, they were paid to say the disciples stole the body, and were assured they would be protected from reprisal. (Matt. 28:11-15).

Then what of the disciples? Were they even capable of stealing the body? They scattered when Jesus was arrested. They were basically still in hiding on Sunday (John 20:19). They were still in disbelief even after several told them they saw him alive (Mark 16:10-13). It is highly improbable that they would have gotten up enough courage to attempt to sneak in and try to steal the body, let alone try to overpower the soldiers in the attempt.

On the other hand, it is the dramatic turn around that occurred in these disciples that is one of the strongest evidences for the resurrection. Though they were in mourning and fearful on Easter morning, less than two months later they were boldly proclaiming His resurrection on Pentecost (Acts 2). In fact, they were changed so much that over the next several decades, all but one of them were put to death for that claim. It is just inconceivable that every one of them would be willing to die for something they knew to be a lie. In fact, the Bible says there were over 500 (1 Corinthians 15:5-8) who had the privilege to see him alive before his ascension into heaven. The fact that none of the 500 plus came forward to say it isn't true again attests to the fact that the resurrection indeed did happen.

So what other theories have people proposed? One is that he faked his death (normally called the swoon theory). But this one is even more unlikely than the disciples stealing the body. Jesus would have to pretend to die while on the cross, and convince the soldiers he was dead (who would have broken his legs to speed death if they found him still alive, John 19:31-37). It is

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more likely he would have died later of his injuries anyway (crown of thorns, whipping which literally tore open his flesh, the crucifixion itself, and the spear in his side). If he did manage to survive, he surely would have not had the strength to roll away the stone without collaborators. [which again goes back to the disciples/collaborators willingly dying for a lie] Finally he would have had to fake his ascension, and

spend the rest of his life in hiding to keep the lie going.

A variant of the swoon is if someone else pretended to be him, and die in his place. That person would have had to convince his captors he was Jesus from the arrest on, then willingly die this excruciating death in Jesus' place. That would still leave Jesus somehow disposing of the other person's body, fake the resurrection, then again fake the ascension and hide the rest of his life.

Then there is the legend theory, that the belief of his resurrection came into vogue only years after Christianity got started. But those who study ancient history, mythology, and legend say that it takes several if not many generations for a legend of such magnitude to take hold and be believed. There is more than ample evidence that a strong belief in the resurrection was already well established within that first generation, while eye witnesses were still alive (both who would attest to it's truth and who would attest to it's falsehood if it was false).

There are even more evidences, and more complete arguments to the points I have raised, but I leave that up to the experts.

The bottom line is, you do not have to just blindly believe and hope the resurrection is true. In fact, the evidence for his resurrection is so overwhelming it's exciting. He went through that agonizing death just for us, but then he truly rose again, and has promised he will come back for us.

A couple references:

<http://www.leaderu.com/everystudent/easter/articles/josh2.html>

<http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/2964/resurrection-evidence.html>

Accelerating Towards a Train Wreck

By Mark Jurkovich

Well the latest stimulus package has been approved and there is already talk of another. But will all of this government intervention do what they claim it will do? Will it turn our economy back around? More and more people are com-

ing out saying the opposite will happen instead, both Christian leaders and secular experts. The warning signs that have been around for some time are now shouting (rising national debt, increasing government intrusion, growing hostility to Christianity, etc.) While there may be a short term improvement, there is a good chance it will be followed by a complete collapse. In many ways it may be worse than the great depression, for back then most people at least adhered to Christian principals. You can no longer say that today (<http://www.freerepublic.com/focus/f-religion/2126063/posts>). Massive riots and food shortages in the next few years are a part of some people's predictions. The United States will even cease to be a first world country, some predict.

David Wilkerson (Cross and Switchblade) is one who has come forward with very sobering words (see links below:

<http://www.worldnetdaily.com/index.php?fa=PAGE.view&pagelid=91296>
<http://wnd.com/index.php?fa=PAGE.view&pagelid=91247>).

He has a recent positive track record when in 2001 the Lord lead him to do what at the time seemed some strange things, but ended up being perfectly timed to help victims and rescue workers on 9/11. He believes the Lord has told him that another great disaster is about to happen. This time, our country won't be as able to recover from it. But he also had this to say to concerned Christians, "It is simply this: Stand still and see the salvation of the Lord." With great trials often comes great moving of the Lord.

We as Christians should not panic, but we should be prepared. So what can we do? Here is a list of suggestions:

PRAY ! - Repent for yourself and for our country. Pray for the lost and for the Lord to give you his heart for them. And ask him what you should do.

Know your scripture – No matter what the situation, the Lord is in control and the ultimate victory is His.

Build up a 30 day supply of food and other emergency supplies

Grow your own fruits and vegetables

Get a rain barrel

Get out of debt

Prayer Requests

"Much prayer, much power. Little prayer little power! No prayer, no power!" (Peter Deyneka founder of Slavic Gospel Assn.) 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 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.

GREAT NEWS FROM KROGER!

Fundraising Made Easy With The Kroger Neighborhood Reward Program

Kroger has now made fundraising easier for ARK 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, ARK 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.

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- c. You will need to reload your card at the register, **or service desk**, before *your* purchases are scanned.

THIS MUST BE DONE IN A SEPARATE TRANSACTION.

- d. 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.

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

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Kids Korner **Creation Science Investigators** **(C.S.I.)**

“The Case of the Wrong Grade”

Written by Ray and Tammy Collins

The C.S.I. are seekers and protectors of truth, headed by the one and only Sir Vey Lance, private detective. He sets out to solve a crime against the truth when it is identified.

This time, the crime was against a student, Paul, who had turned in a required class report about the Apostle Paul. He thought it would be neat to do a report on someone who shared his name and had a reputation as a great man of God. The teacher claimed that the students were not allowed to write about a ‘religious’ figure. As a matter of fact, this particular teacher didn’t even allow students to talk about their faith in class. That’s why this was a case for the C.S.I. team.

Sir Vey Lance (S.V.L) called in Dipper Doug, a.k.a. Double D (D.D.), to help solve the case. “Dipper” is another detective. The two of them talked to Paul, the student in question, to gather the facts. Then, they spoke to the teacher to gather her side of the story. Here’s their conversation.

S.V.L.: “Double D, it’s clear that the teacher holds a bias against Christians. Some of the students in Paul’s class did far less work on their report and received a much higher grade than what he was given.”

D.D.: “It seems to me like an open and shut case.”

S.V.L.: “What do you mean?”

D.D.: “Well, Sir, the teacher told us that it was obvious that Paul had done his homework. She was even impressed about how much time he had put into the report. However, in the end, she said that she wasn’t going to allow any of her students to express their personal beliefs in God, even if they had interesting facts to share.

S.V.L.: “Well, Double D, the law of the land,

established long ago by God Himself and handed down to mankind, is what we live by today. The law states that every person has the right to express their beliefs without religious discrimination.”

D.D.: “That’s right, Sir Vey Lance! The law states that the expression of a religious viewpoint is



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speech, which in the United States is protected against discrimination by the First Amendment.

S.V.L.: “Let’s go talk to the parents, the school principal, and the teacher. We need to help them understand that we are all for the law and, in this case, the law is on our side.”

D.D.: “Let’s go!”

Kids, if you have any questions that need answered by the C.S.I. team, send them to: tjcol-lins@donet.com. Remember, following God means doing what’s right!

Financial Peace University

Upcoming seminar on God’s plan to beat debt.
Class Preview: March 15, 2009 1:30 PM.
Class Starts: March 22, 2009 1:30 - 3:30.

Belmont Church of Christ, 3003 S. Smithville Rd, Dayton. For more information, call 937-239-5235. Or visit www.daveramsey.com, enter Zip 45420, and click on Belmont Church of Christ

ARKY's Calendar of Events (as of 3/14/09)

***Mar 9:** 7:00 pm until 8:35 pm. **God of Wonders! with Eternal Productions DVD** at ARKY's House. Includes 18 chapters (thunderstorms, snow crystals, hummingbirds, etc.) and explores the wonders of creation, conscience, and the glory of God! Explore the Creator's Power, Wisdom, Justice and Love.

Apr 3-4: AM to PM. **IAHE with Ken Ham** + Others at Indianapolis Convention Center, Indianapolis, IN. Indiana Association of Home Educators fair with ARKY exhibiting.

***Apr 13:** 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. Presentation by one of the world's leading creation speakers/researchers.

Apr 16-18: AM to PM. **Midwest Home School Convention** with [Several Speakers](#) at Cincinnati Convention Ctr, Cincinnati, OH. ARKY exhibiting.

***May 11:** 7:00 pm until 8:35 pm. **The Culture War-Nothing is Neutral & Not All GODS are ALIKE** with Dr Voddie Baucham at ARKY's House. Christians are engaged in a culture war, and the stakes are high. At issue is whether we will stand by our faith or be undermined. This powerful message demonstrates how that academia and the media elite have sought to impose an intolerant "tolerance," religious relativism, and philosophical pluralism as the three-pronged sacred dogma to which Christians must yield-face persecution and scorn.

***Jun 8:** 6:00 pm until 8:35 pm. **14th Annual Banquet with Dr. Jerry Bergman** at MCL Cafeteria, 4485 Far Hills Ave, Dayton, OH. Ph: (937) 256-ARKY. Author of "Slaughter of the Dissidents", The shocking truth about killing the careers of Darwin doubters!

Jun 19-20: AM to PM. **Christian Home Educators of Kentucky (CHEK)** with various speakers at Valley View Baptist Church, 8911 Old Third Street Road, Louisville, KY. Ph: (502) 348-4239. ARK exhibiting.

Jun 25-27: AM to PM. **Christian Home Educators of Ohio (CHEO)** with [various speakers](#) at Veteran's Memorial Hall, Columbus, OH. During this 3 day event, ARK is exhibiting.

Jun 30-Jul 3: AM to PM. **2008 North American Christian Convention (NACC)** with [various speakers](#) at Convention Center, Louisville, KY. ARK exhibiting.

***Jul 13:** 7:00 pm until 8:35 pm. **The Light of the World - DVD** with Chick Publications at ARKY's House. Presenting Jesus Christ as Creator, Redeemer and King of Kings.

Jul 16: 7:00 pm until 9:00 pm. **The Secrets of Jonathan Sperry** with Movie Preview at Patterson Park church, 3655 E Patterson Rd, Beavercreek, OH. Ph: (937) 866-2471. Pastors, Youth Directors, church leaders are invited to reserve a preview spot with WFCJ Radio for this new Christian film.

Jul 18: 4:00 pm until 9:00 pm. **Point of Grace & Selah with Free Concert** at Island Metro Park, 101 E Helena St, Dayton, OH. Ph: (937) 866-2471. Kaleidoscope at 4 pm and full double concert after that!

Jul 26-29: AM to PM. **Family Camp** at Restoration Acres, Hillsboro OH. ARKY Exhibiting.

Sept 11-12: 6:00 pm until noon. **Men's Ox Roast & Retreat** with [Denny Medlin](#) at Church of God Ohio Retreat Center, Call for directions. Maringo, OH. Ph: (937) 488-4755. ARK operating Trailer for bookstore.

Sep 18-23: morning until evening. **5th Annual Creation Evidence Expo** with Pastor Frederick Boyd at Bill Gothard Training Center, 3855 East 10th, Indianapolis, IN. Ph: (317) 345-9072. Expo will bring to light overwhelming evidence presented by leading creation scientists including: Dr. Carl Baugh, Dr. Charles Jackson, Dr Thomas Sharp, and Dr. John Whitcomb.

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>.

Financial Statement

General Fund

Balance 1/1/09 \$3,740.16

Receipts

Memberships	45.00
Donations	270.00
Speaker Gifts	0.00
Projects – CC	75.00
CEF-Collins	0.00
Children's Ministry	0.00
Special Events /Banquet	0.00
Equipment Sold	0.00
Miscellaneous	600.00
Reimbursements	3.80
Refunds	0.00
Internet/Phone Sales	0.00
Non-Tax Sales	889.86
Taxable Sales	936.28
Sales tax collected	65.44
Shipping & Handling	0.00
Total	6,625.54

Disbursements

Newsletter/CC	0.00
Office	0.00
Telephone	75.97
Children's Ministry	0.00
CEF-Collins	0.00
Exhibiting	600.00
Web	0.00
Inventory	998.06
Equipment	150.00
Supplies	90.68
Insurance	0.00
Professional Fees	36.54
Sales Tax Paid	950.36
Speaking	0.00
Misc.	400.00
Tithes&Gifts	0.00
Museum Trailer	105.50
Reimbursed	0.00
Property Tax Escrow	-0-
Total	3,407.11

Balance 01/31/09 3,218.43

Building Fund

Balance 1/1/09 -1,559.59

Receipts

Expenses

Mortgage	607.17
Building	0.00
Utilities	528.95
Real Estate Taxes	0.00
Advertising	0.00
Repairs	0.00
Total Bld. Expenses	1,136.12

Balance 01/31/09 -2,575.71

Net Balance, Both Funds 642.72

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With the new ARKY bookstore floor plan, the bookstore area is opened up allowing more enjoyable shopping and viewing. The book area is grouped for History, Bible and study aids, Science, Origins, and three distinct subgroups: Curriculum, Children's, and DVDs for all subjects and entertainment.

DVDs are being slowly expanded to include more family friendly fare, both old and new, e.g., The Sound of Music, the Ten Commandments, Road to Redemption, Time Changer, Facing the Giants, and more.

Scheduling our Special Effects Theater

We can now consider places to schedule with possible dates and times, on a first come, first serve basis. Our priority is to reach high volume locations like festivals. To do that or any event will require additional prayer to learn the ropes and have the expense money. Events charge for space and volunteers must eat and vehicles need gas, etc. Help us as you can. Thanks.

Creation Museum discount

Not a member of the Creation Museum? Then show them your ARK Foundation of Dayton membership card at their admissions desk and receive \$5 off the price of admission.

Concealed Carry Class

If anyone is interested in a full class at a lower cost for learning the safe ways of handling handguns please contact us. Cost is expected to be less than \$80 per person and given by Christian NRA instructors.