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16th Annual ARK Banquet Summary

By Ron Cooper

This is a summary for the many of you who couldn't come.

Monday evening, June 13, 2011, was ARK's 16th Annual Banquet. Our speaker was Mark Looy, from Answers in Genesis.

First, everyone was very pleased with the food at MCL Cafeteria. I told Mark I loved their broccoli, but he sweetly gave me a George Bush (Senior) look and got meat and potatoes instead! His wife, Renee, got a healthy plate of good stuff. (I harassed Mark all night, but in jest, so Mark will still be speaking to me in the future.)

Before Mark began his talk, he asked me to cover some items ARK is involved in, since several of the evening's attendees were new to ARK, I EMPHASIZED we are a Biblical Creation Science and History Ministry, i.e., a biblical Worldview proclaimer. For the past year our country's Biblical heritage has been emphasized, especially the active study and use of the US Constitution. We are recommending -- and using -- a course called, "The Institute on the Constitution," IOTC for short. It covers the background, history, and actual founding documents and how to use them. A moral and informed group of citizens is the best protection of our God-

given rights.

The IOTC course is twelve 90-minute classes, with the only cost being a \$35 workbook (in the Dayton area). Using this reproducible model of instruction has resulted in over **700 people in the Miami Valley area** being taught. Several classes are in session three times each year. Current classes are listed on our web site at <http://www.arky.org/Constitution/IOTC/Classes.htm> along with much other information on this important subject.

By the way, did you know that our web site has over 800 pages in static information and a large number of external links to general information and specific Creation organizations, etc? It cost about \$1000 per year on average to maintain the site. It is all hand coded. The site is funded from general donations, so your feedback is requested and specific help is requested.

I also mentioned that 10% of all ARK membership fees in the past 16 years is donated to AiG and has an accumulated value of around \$5000 we have directly donated to them. Many members have also separately donated,

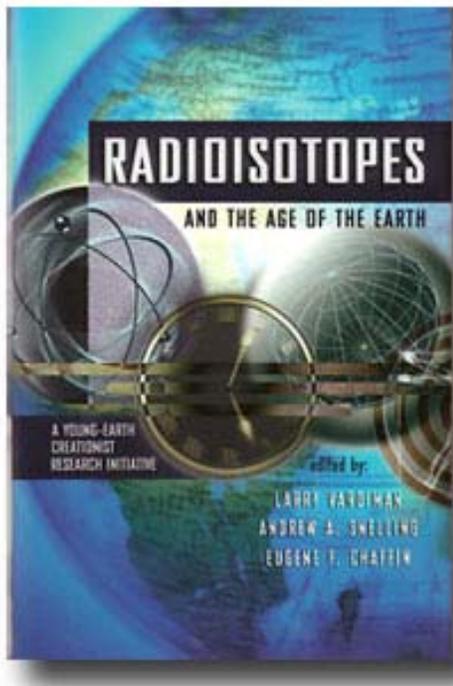
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Scientific Truths of the Bible Part 11: The Age of the Earth

By Mark Jurkovich

If you sum up all the genealogies and other historic dates in Scripture, you come up with an age of the earth on the order of 6000 years. But is there evidence to support that age? We touched on evidences for a young universe back in part 4 of this series (Arky's News Vol. 15, #2). Today we will cover some of the vast evidence for a young earth.

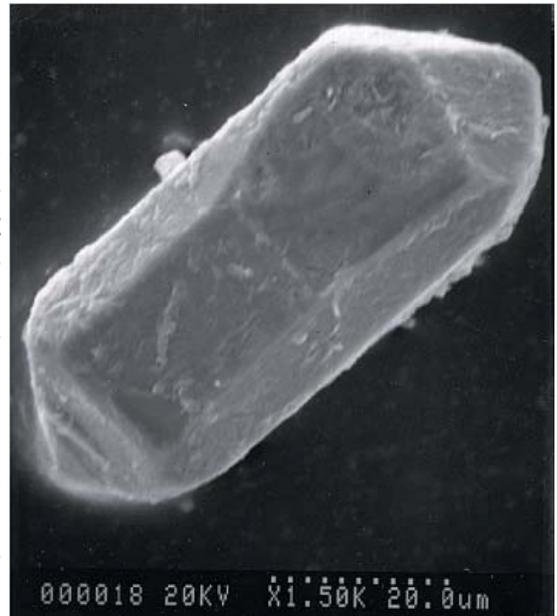
When one talks of the age of the earth, most will think of radiometric dating. And many also assume that radiometric dating confirms the earth is billions of years old. But this is just not the case. Several major assumptions are made in radiometric dating that are just not provable. As a result, these methods consistently



give wrong dates to substances of known age, and will give widely ranging ages for the date of the same substance. Many good Creationist works cover the problems with radiometric dating. So for the sake of space, I refer you to the resources at the end of this article.

What I will cover is an amazing, recently developed dating method that strongly points to a Biblical age of the earth. Over the past decade, a team of scientists from the Institute for Creation Research conducted a project called Radioisotopes and the Age of The Earth

(RATE). When a radioactive element decays it emits either an alpha particle (a helium nucleus), or experiences beta decay (a neutron is converted into a



Helium is trapped in these tiny zircon crystals from Uranium in the crystal

proton). The alpha particles readily convert to a helium atom and will be trapped in the rock. But over time, the helium produced by radioactive decay will migrate its way out of the rock, called helium diffusion. These diffusion rates are predictable and measurable. And the rates say that the helium should have all diffused out if the world was billions of years old, and says there should be a lot more helium in the atmosphere than there is. But the RATE team found plenty of helium in the rocks, the amount, in fact that you would expect for a 6000 year old earth!

The RATE study produced other amazing results pointing to a young earth. The study determined that nuclear decay rates were highly accelerated in the past, accounting for the billions of years predicted by conventional radioactive dating methods. Additionally, Carbon 14 was found in coal and even diamonds that are supposedly hundreds of millions to billions of years old, showing they are only thousands of years old.

Finally, there are many features on the earth that also point to a Biblical age. Here are just a few:

Things once thought to take long ages to form have been demonstrated to form rapidly

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such as coal, oil, stalactites and the process of petrification.

At current erosion rates, Niagara Falls is at most 7-9000 years old (and much younger when you take post flood conditions into account).

There is not enough mud on the sea floor. It accumulates about 20 billion tons per year. Sediment 'should be' dozens of kilometers deep, but is only 400 meters deep.

Earth's magnetic field is decaying. Which means it was stronger in the past. Life would not have been possible much longer than 6,000 years ago.

Look for these Resources at the ARKY bookstore, or on the web:

Mike Riddle, "Doesn't Carbon Dating Disprove the Bible?" (Booklet), Answers in Genesis, 2007

Dr. Andrew Snelling, "Radioactive and Radiocarbon Dating" (DVD), Answers in Genesis, 2009

Dr Don DeYoung, "Thousands not Billions", Master Books, 2005 (also on DVD)

Evidence for a Young World,

<http://www.icr.org/article/1842/>

Dating Niagara Falls, <http://www.icr.org/article/123/>

Familiar phrases that came from the KJV

To how many of these will you say 'I didn't know that came from the Bible'? After you read the list, perhaps you can think of a few more.

Living off the fat of the land – Gen 45:18

Eye for an eye - Ex 21:24

Scape goat Lev - 16:8

The apple of your eye – Deut 32:10

Nothing but skin and bones - Job 19:20

By the skin of your teeth - Job 19:20

A man after my own heart - 1 Sam 13:14

Out of the mouth of babes - Psalm 8:2

At their wit's end - Psalm 107:27

Nothing new under the sun - Eccl 1:9

A fly in the ointment - Eccl 10:1

A drop in the bucket - Isaiah 40:15

Holier than thou – Isaiah 65:5

Has clay feet – Daniel 2:33

The writing on the wall - Daniel 5:5

Salt of the earth - Matt 5:13

His left hand doesn't know what his right hand is doing – Matt 6:3

In all his glory – Matt 6:29

Pearls before swine - Matt 7:6



A wolf in sheep's clothing - Matt 7:15

A house divided against itself cannot stand - Matt 12:25

The blind leading the blind - Matt 15:14

The signs of the times - Matt 16:3

Many are called but few are chosen – Matt 22:14

The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak – Matt 26:41

Peace on earth, good will to men – Luke 2:14

Our daily bread - Luke 11:3

Count the cost – Luke 14:28

The truth shall make you free - John 8:32

No respecter of persons – Acts 10:34

A law unto themselves - Rom 2:14

The powers that be - Romans 13:1

All things to all men – 1Cor 9:22

In the twinkling of an eye - 1 Cor 15:52

Abide by the letter of the law - 2 Cor 3:5 ???

A thorn in your side - 2 Cor 12:7

A fall from grace - Gal 5:4

You reap what you sew - Gal 6:7

Don't let the sun go down on your anger – Ephesians 4:26

A thief in the night - 1Thess 5:2

Fight the good fight – 1 Timothy 1:18

A love of money is the root of all evil - 1Tim 6:10

From <http://www.kjv400celebration.com/index.php>

Heading for a collapse?

By Mark Jurkovich

In Vol 15, #1 (Apr 2009, "Coming Train Wreck"), and Vol 15, #3 (Oct 2009, "History Unfolding") of the ARK Newsletter were a series of articles concerned about where our country was heading. Today warning signs are stronger than ever. Congress quibbles over billions while the deficit is in the trillions. Foreign countries are starting to divest themselves from the US dollar. It will likely soon be removed from being the world's reserve currency. And when it is removed, massive inflation is a strong likelihood. Once inflation sets in the growing interest on the national debt may overwhelm the budget.

Recent articles in the news include "More Americans Think Economy Will Never Recover" (CNBC, 3 Jun 2011), "Greenspan 'Scared' Over Deficit" (CNBC, 3 Jun 2011), "Wall Street Baffled by Slowing Economy, Low Yields" (CNBC, 1 Jun 2011) and "Economic Recovery Is Languishing as Americans Await Signal of Better Times" (Bloomberg, 2 Jun, 2011). In fact, one market strategist in the "Wall Street Baffled" article was quoted as saying, "We're on the verge of a great, great depression."

Here are some physical things you can do to protect yourself that various experts have suggested:

Get back to the basics, grow your own vegetables, learn to can them, relearn how to cook from scratch, add a rain barrel to one or more downspouts.

Build up a six month supply of food and essentials.

Still time to invest in silver, and maybe gold.

Some expect silver to go over \$150/oz and gold over \$5,000/oz.

If you have the resources, buy farm land, even if you just turn around and lease it out.

Put some money in a foreign bank, Canada would be the easiest. If kept below \$10,000, it does not have to be reported.

What does this mean for believers? Has the Lord removed his blessing from this once

Christian nation? Is this a part of a soon to come tribulation, and His return? Whatever it means, we must remember who is still in control, and that He calls us to be faithful. "Who then is the faithful and wise manager...? It will be good for that servant whom the master finds doing so when he returns." (Lk 12:24-43, NIV)

What to do as Christians? A coming time of trial could be good for the church, refine us, and get us back to the essentials of living for Him. At minimum, it should result in getting us back on our knees. With great trial comes great opportunity, closed hearts may become open. We must be ready to show His love in the midst of great trial, and possibly persecution.

Prayer Requests

Please be in prayer for the ministry of the Ark Foundation.

- For Ricki Pepin and the ongoing Institute on the Constitution classes.
- For Ark's finances which are extremely tight now.
- That Ark Foundation be used in strengthening believers and drawing unbelievers to the Lord.
- For Ron and Brenda as they travel to many Christian venues on behalf of ARK.
- More believers learn about and take advantage of Ark's resources.
- Open up opportunities/locations for presenting seminars and traveling presentations.
- More volunteers, financial partners, and prayer partners.

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and this alone has been significant. It is said when we die, the only thing we get to keep is what we have given away.

I mentioned our newest source of income that costs our supporters nothing: the program offered by Kroger's for nonprofit groups like ours. The use of a specific ARK-registered Kroger gift card is the key. All money added to the card (at a Kroger store/cashier) accumulates to ARK's benefit. Four percent is paid by Kroger to ARK every month the total exceeds \$5000 of money added to the cards for use at Kroger's. We are getting over \$200 every TWO months now. With some more active users, we could go to every month. Let us know if you would like to help and get one of our assigned cards. You can even use it for gas at their stations.

I then introduced Mark as one of the three dynamic forces at AiG. Ken Ham is the Vision Caster, Mark Looy is the Vision Gatherer, and Mike Zovath is the Vision Maker. Together this trio continues to give a new vision to the Church of all the grand-old truths about who God is to us. It is an evangelical message, a historical truth, and a hope born in Faith from the Father to the Son.

Mark talked about this important message that began in 1961 with "The Genesis Flood" and spreading through seminars, publications, and the Creation Museum. Now the platform many are excited about: the Ark Encounter, is in the works. It will be a multi-dimensional experience using facts and an actual full-size ark to illustrate Biblical truth. I asked about plans and Mark said he can't tell everything yet. It is a struggle, but even bad press has been a blessing at spreading the word. The things he did tell us are the subject of future news.

Mark's total talk was an important update and review of where they have been and where they are going. Stay tuned.

Total attendance was 50. Thirteen lucky people went home with very nice door prizes. Three volunteers were recognized for 100, 200, and 400 hours of volunteer service. Ken Ham signed a special hard copy of *Already Compro-*

mised that Mark gave Ron.

Stock Reduction Sale

By Brenda Cooper

As stated elsewhere in this newsletter, finances are very tight. For the first time in our history we had to ask for an extension from *Master Books*. Ordering in the Spring was based on past event sales. Events sales have been a large disappointment. Basically, we are losing money after expenses on all events. Costs up, sales down. Lots of lookers, but few buyers. Also, we have two large fall events cancelled and can now schedule events you know of to replace them.

Therefore our inventory is too high and we are going to offer almost everything **in the store** at our cost to supporters in August. **These will be our lowest prices ever. So buy Christmas, school, birthdays, etc. NOW!**

If you don't live local, we will only charge **ACTUAL SHIPPING**. Compare that to anywhere else. (Our normal shipping is free to \$5.00.)

At these prices, we require cash or checks only. Credit/debit cards will be a 5% surcharge.

Bring family or friends with you and let them save 30% (the normal member discount). Better yet, ask them to be supporters with their own membership and get full savings! If your membership has expired, renew at time of purchase or before and get full savings.

Sale includes books, DVDs, CDs, stuffed animals, gifts, etc. including from Answers in Genesis, WallBuilders, Rose Publishing, Master Books, Anchor, Christian Liberty Press, Apologetics Press, Zondervan, etc. on a first come, first serve basis for all IN-STOCK ITEMS!

Web prices will be adjusted to sale prices WHEN you call in your order to 937-256-2759 or Email arkfoundation@arky.org.

Unique Birthday Gift Idea

We have been given a collection of *Time* magazines from late 70s and early 80s. Someone suggested that a magazine dated the week of a birthday would make a unique birthday present for \$1.00. Give us a call (937-256-2759) with the dates you would like to purchase.

ARKY's Calendar of Events

(as of 07/01/11)

See more details and complete list at

<http://www.arky.org/current/index.htm>

***Jul 11: Already Gone** DVD, Ken Ham. Why your kids will quit church and what you can do to stop it.

Jul 14: 7:00 pm until 8:35 pm. CRSEF program, Newest **Missing Links: still missing! with Dr. J** (Dr. G. Charles Jackson) at Sharonville Public Library, 10980 Thornview Drive, Sharonville OH 45241-2795. Ph: (513) 825-4047. All of the branches of the Darwinian "tree of life" require that there be found fossils documenting the origin of every new species -- not just humans arising from an ape-like common ancestor. From 2006 to 2011 many erroneous link fossils have been offered by evolutionary researchers. All are easily debunked--by science. Come and get an evo-news update with Dr. J.

Jul 18-22: morning until evening. **2011 Apologetics Conference with Ken Ham & AiG Team** at Florence Baptist Church, about 15 miles S of Cincinnati directly off I-75, Florence, KY. Suitable for ages 15 and up.

July 23: 10:00 am until 8:00 pm?. **Ohio Oath Keepers Midwest States Meeting** at Geneva Hills retreat, 740-746-8439, 1380 Blue Valley Rd. SE, Lancaster, Ohio 43130, Email: info@genevahills.com. Meet the new president Steve Frasure. Campers welcomed Friday and Saturday nights. Use Email to get directions & address or use Campground Website. Steve and his executive committee will present objectives and gather ideas from you. RSVP via email to: OKOhio6@aol.com, <http://oathkeepers.net/oh/>. Ron speaking also.

Jul 25-27: All day. Hillsboro **Family Camp** with various speakers at Restoration Acres, 2.5 miles N of Hillsboro on Rt 124, Hillsboro, OH. Ph: (937) 256-ARKY. First session starts at 9:00 am, six preachers per day. ARKY exhibiting.

July 31 - Aug 5, and Aug 7-12. Adventure Safaris Dinosaur Dig Summer 2011 with Russ and Tricia McGlenn at Campsite, South Dakota, SD. Ph: (805) 588-3353. <http://www.tccsa.tc/> Imagine excavating dinosaur bones that haven't seen the light of day since Noah's Flood. Russ and Tricia McGlenn with Adventure Safaris (Twin Cities Creation Science Association) invite you and your family on the family vacation of a lifetime! Come and experience the thrill of digging up dinosaurs and cleaning and preparing the bones for museum display. From finding the bones to seeing where they go in the museum, this truly is the best family vacation ever! Camp site included in price. One or two creation science talks a day. We usually go to the dig site in the morning and late afternoon. Cost is \$1,095 per family (\$350 for student only).

***Aug 8:** 7:00 pm until 8:35 pm. **Creation Not Confusion DVD with Gary Bates** at ARKY's House. Two Part Series: Facing the Fruit of the Culture AND Feeding the Fruit of the Church. We will show

the first. In these fast paced and informative presentations, there is demonstrated with stunning clarity how beliefs about where we came from determine our overall worldview, our behavior, and where we think we go when we die -- and why the church should embrace this issue if it is to be the force it once was when engaging the culture. Example after example of faulty scientific reasoning...

Sept 9-10: 5:00 pm until 12:00 pm. **Church of God Men's Ox Roast** with Speakers at Marengo Camp, Marengo, OH. Ph: (937) 256-ARKY. ARKY exhibit.

Sept 10: 10:00 am until 8:35 pm. **Creation Liberty Evangelism with Christopher Johnson** at Harvest House International Church, 10089 North Ketchen Rd Mooresville, IN 46158, Mooresville, IN. Ph: (937) 256-ARKY. The Christians at Harvest House are working hard to invite surrounding churches, teachers, school board members, everyone they can, to attend this weekend.

***Sept 12:** 7:00 pm until 8:35 pm. **Discovering Americas Founders** DVD with Dave Stotts. We will do one of the three parts. From Washington, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Virginia learn about the life and times of the Adams family: John, Abigail, and John Quincy; the Benjamins: Franklin, Rush, and Banneker; and other Revolutionary heroes, including George Washington, Haym Salomon, and Noah Webster. Come along for the ride to discover how faith and commitment to God and country contributed to the founding of our nation!

Sept 16-21: **7th Annual Creation Evidence Expo 2011** with Pastor Frederick Boyd <http://www.creationevidenceexpo.org/wordpress/>,

Sept 17: all day **Constitution Day** with Citizens in Your Town, (Also called Citizenship Day) is pan American federal observance from 1787 recognizes the ratification of the United States Constitution and those who have become U.S. citizens.

Sept 24: 10:00 am until 5:00 pm. **Community Chocolate Festival** at Montgomery County Fairgrounds Coliseum, 1043 S Main St, Dayton, OH. Ph: (937) 233-2484. Faith and Friends Radio, Bill Nance & Melody Morris

Oct 8: 9:00 am until 11:00 am. **Full Gospel Businessmen's Fellowship** with Ron Cooper at HomeTown Buf-

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 of the month.

Membership NOT required to attend meetings! - Get the latest "CURRENT EVENTS" on the web at <http://www.arky.org>.

Financial Statement 2011

General Fund

Balance 1/1/11	\$8,406.91
Receipts	
Memberships/Newsletters	673.00
Donations	502.40
Speaker Gifts	150.00
Projects	0.00
Children's Ministry	10.00
Special Events /Banquet	475.00
Equipment Sold	0.00
Savings Withdrawal	4,503.06
Kroger Gift Cards	937.26
Loan Proceeds	200.00
Reimbursed	247.70
Misc	105.00
Non-Tax Sales	671.33
Taxable Sales	9,712.07
Sales tax collected	655.93
Total	27,249.66

Disbursements

Newsletter/CC	73.99
Projects	0.00
Office	195.08
Telephone	509.08
Children's Ministry	142.21
Exhibiting	2106.01
Web	0.00
Inventory	8,354.39
Equipment	1,386.01
Supplies	261.01
Insurance	776.67
Professional Fees	570.66
Sales Tax Paid	1,259.39
Speaking/Events	0.00
Misc.	55.86
Tithes&Gifts	0.00
Museum Trailer	0.00
Reimbursed	40.70
Total	15,731.06

Balance 6/30/11 11,518.60

Building Fund

Balance 1/1/11	-6,250.46
Donations	8,977.51
Expenses	
Mortgage	3,643.02
Building	8.90
Utilities	1,268.10
Real Estate Taxes	8,202.11
Advertising	0.00
Repairs	0.00
Total Bld. Expenses	13,122.13

Balance 6/30/11 -10,395.08

Net Balance, Both Funds 1,123.52

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1. **30% 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;

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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.

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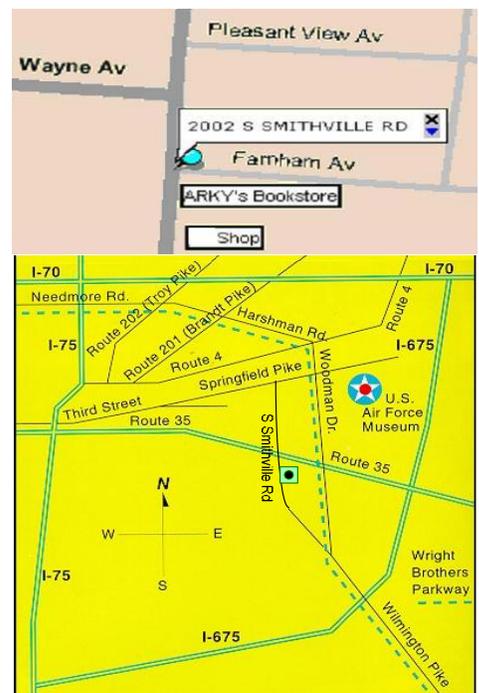
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Natural Selection is not

By Mark Jurkovich

In the most recent issue of Acts & Facts, by the Institute for Creation Research (July 2011), there was an article titled "Natural Selection is Given Credit for Design in Nature" by Dr. Guliuzza. In it the statement is made "And while the statement 'organisms generate traits that successfully fit nature' is accurate, why do knowledgeable scientists, including creation scientists, routinely state, 'Nature selects the fittest organisms'?"

This statement makes a very good point, nature cannot select. Just using the word 'selection' implies an intelligent choice. By evolutionists own definition, there is no intelligence behind nature. As the author puts it later in the article, "Since no tangible force or agent can truly be linked to 'selection;- even by analogy or metaphor—using the word puts evolutionists in a dilemma." So while 'natural selection' has been the cornerstone of evolution, it is a

misrepresentation in itself.

We need to start using the statement "organisms generate traits that successfully fit nature". This statement rightly assigns the power to adapt in the organism's DNA and reproductive mechanisms rather than mindless nature as the evolutionists have done.

So the next time someone uses the phrase 'natural selection' point out to them the fallacy of that statement and that the real agent of change lies in the God given traits built into the organisms DNA. Nature has no mind to select, but the mind of God has built into living creatures the ability to adapt to changing environments.

Link to the ICR article:

<http://www.icr.org/article/6199/>

—————Quotable Quote—————

Democracy must be something more than two wolves and a sheep voting on what to have for dinner. -- James Bovard, Civil Libertarian (1994)

