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## Is There A Problem In America?

By Ron Cooper

Have you ever wondered what made us a Christian nation? According to Benjamin Franklin in his 2nd Autobiography, it was six common beliefs in early America.

1. Existence of some Deity.
2. That He made the world.
3. We're governed by His Providence.
4. Most acceptable service of God was doing good to man.
5. Our Souls are immortal.
6. All crime will be punished; All virtue will be rewarded; Either here or hereafter!

Franklin said he, "preferred that men live by Christianity, even though it be objectively false, then by Deism, even though it be objectively true!" In other words, Christianity, as a belief system, as a moral compass, was to be preferred over all other systems. Without this common basis, it is impossible for America to exist as a country of free citizens.

America was not Christian because everyone was Christian, but because most everyone understood the value of Christian morality to their well being and

security. Families were more stable; the work ethic was honored; a person's word was trusted; the best people could be trusted even when you could not see them, because they felt accountable to their creator at judgment.

America was not perfect, but it was better than anywhere else. Yes, there was massive denominational bickering, but no open warfare (except over slavery). Yes, there was crime, but right was not wrong and local judges were consistent with the law based on moral and common law. Yes, we had occasional bad leaders, but it was few in number until about 1965.

But moral Americans have fallen asleep and no longer do we have common beliefs, nor are we better for it.

If you are satisfied with the way things are, do nothing. If not, then help us prayerfully, financially, actively, thoughtfully, and do it now. It is not just America that is dying, so are all moral things, all positive Christian influences



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## **Scientific Truths of the Bible Part 13:** **The Ice Age**

By Mark Jurkovich

So what was it like after Noah left the ark? Did the world's climate quickly settle down to be like the climates we have today? Not likely. Considering the massive global turmoil that had just taken place in the flood year, it probably took several centuries for the world to settle down to a new 'normal'. Consider especially the fountains of the great deep which brought forth vast quantities of water, water that would have been very warm or even hot. Coupled with all the volcanic activity that accompanied the global flood, it is estimated that the oceans were as warm as 30°C on average right after the flood, and took about 700 years to cool to present averages. This time period after the flood readily explains where the ice age fits into Biblical history.

The warm oceans meant evaporation was much higher, which in turn meant much higher precipitation around the world than we see today. Warm waters also meant the Arctic Ocean did not freeze over. At the same time, all the volcanic activity during the flood (and for many years after) would have created a lot of dust in the atmosphere. This would partially block the energy from the sun, resulting in cooler climates.

High amounts of precipitation from the warm oceans, coupled with cooler weather from dusty atmosphere therefore created massive amounts of snowfall in the northern latitudes. Under these conditions, ice sheets would only need 500 years to build up to the maximum extent, and 200 more to melt back off.

The ice free Arctic Ocean while contributing to the amount of evaporation, also shielded por-

tions of northern latitude lands, leaving them ice free. Notice in the figure that even at the greatest extent of the ice age, large portions of Alaska and Siberia were ice free!

These ice free zones help us explain what happened to the mammoths. The evidence is that these ice free zones were lush in vegetation, supporting large amounts of animals. Towards the end of the ice age, the glaciers were receding, but the Arctic Ocean finally cooled enough to freeze over. The climate changed drastically as glaciers melted and former northern temperate areas got much colder. The animals living in these zones would have been



30% of the land was covered at the peak of the ice age

caught by the sudden changes. As creation scientist Michael Oard put it, "Many of the Siberian mammals likely died from the cold, wind, and drought that came during the deglaciation phase"<sup>1</sup>.

So in conclusion, Conditions after the flood created ideal conditions for one

great ice age that lasted around 700 years. There is no need for the evolutionary claims of multiple ice ages. As Michael Oard states "it is unnecessary to accept the current complicated evolutionary ideas of about 30 separate ice ages over the past 2.5 million years, with the most recent ones lasting 100,000 years"<sup>2</sup>. Once again the evidence fits what the Bible says.

References: (\*Available from ARKY's Bookstore)

<sup>1</sup>Michael Oard, *Frozen in Time\**, Master Books, 2004 (also available at : <http://www.answersingenesis.org/home/area/FIT/index.asp>)

<sup>2</sup>Michael Oard, "Setting the Stage for an Ice Age" <http://www.answersingenesis.org/articles/am/v2/n2/setting-stage-for-ice-age>

Eric von Fange, *Noah to Abram: the Turbulent Years*, 1994

## “Relatively Simple”

Frank Sherwin, M. A.

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In his book *Why Evolution Is True*, evolutionist Jerry Coyne of the University of Chicago made the following jawdropping statement:

Around 600 million years ago a whole gamut of relatively simple but multicelled organisms arise, including worms, jellyfish, and sponges. These groups diversify over the next several million years, with terrestrial plants and tetrapods (four-legged animals, the earliest of which were lobe-finned fish) appearing about 400 million years ago.<sup>1</sup>

The phrase “relatively simple” is awash with subjective interpretations. “Relatively simple” compared to what? Creation scientists maintain that if it’s living, it’s complex. Living things bear the indelible stamp of detailed complexity that science—in this 21st century—continues to discover.<sup>2</sup>



It would seem that Coyne is betting readers of his book will not bother to investigate to see how “simple” jellyfish are. If they did, they would discover that jellyfish are exceedingly

complicated.

Secular authors Thain and Hickman, in their brief description of jellyfish (Scyphozoa), manage to use the word “complex” twice.<sup>3</sup> Jellyfish have the sophisticated medusoid stage composed of endodermal gonads, two nerve rings or tracts, a four-pouch enteron (that receives the gametes), and “a complex system of radial canals [that] branches out from the pouches to a ring canal in the margin and makes up a part of the gastrovascular cavity.”<sup>4</sup>

Coyne mistakenly thinks that sponges

(Porifera) are relatively simple—but experts on this cryptic phylum would not agree. Indeed, three evolutionists state how complex “the many types of spicules” are,<sup>5</sup> and that the sponges’

“unique water-current system” has “various degrees of complexity,” as well as spongin (a specialized collagen)<sup>6</sup> and the amazing ameoboid archaocytes that



aid in digestion and can differentiate (assume specialized function) into specialized cells such as sclerocytes, collencytes and spongocytes.

Some sponges employ “a very strange developmental pattern,” illustrating how so many varieties add up to vast amounts of complicated information, all within supposedly “simple” sponges.<sup>7</sup> What evolutionist is prepared to say that any creature (like the sponge) that produces oocytes and sperm is simple? In addition, a member of the Demospongiae (the largest class in the sponge phylum) living off Australia has “more than 18,000 individual genes”—unexpected complexity that is confounding evolutionists.<sup>8</sup> Humans have about 24,000 genes. ...

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7. Ibid, 248.
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Find the full article in Acts & Facts, Vol.40, No.7, July 2011, p. 17.

<http://www.icr.org/article/6193/>

## Dinosaur Dilemma

By Ashleigh Slater

**M**y kids love the T rex exhibit at our local museum. They're awed by the enormous height and tiny arms of these creatures. It comes as no surprise to me, then, that television shows such as PBS Kids' "Dinosaur Train" and Nick Jr.'s "Dino Dan" appeal to them.

As a parent who holds a biblical view of Creation, I've often wondered if we should avoid these shows and wait until my kids are old enough to understand the basics of the debate between evolution and intelligent design. Should I expose my young kids to a worldview that teaches chaos and chance rather than plan and purpose? Would the messages of these programs undermine what I'm seeking to teach them?

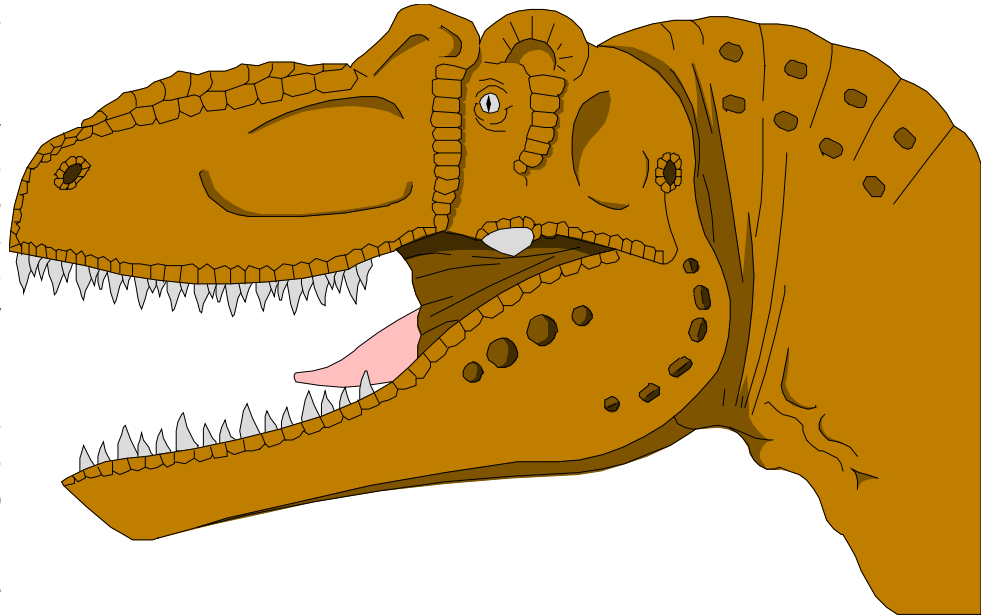
In time, my husband and I realized that we could actually use these programs as opportunities to reinforce God as Creator. First, we watch the programs with our children. This allows us to counter dialogue on the show in an age appropriate manner. For example, we might ask, "Who made the dinosaurs?" To which our kids have learned to answer, "God!"

Second, we make sure these television shows aren't our kids' only source of information

about dinosaurs. We buy books that explicitly point to God as the Creator of all — including these massive marvels.

Whether our kids are looking at bones or cartoons, we enjoy making the most of teachable moments, pointing our kids to the creative genius behind creatures of enormous height and tiny arms.

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## 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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**Kids Korner**  
**The Investigators – Part I**

This article is based on almost TOP SECRET information over 2,000 years old! This real life story is about the outbreak of a dreaded disease, traced back through family history by The Investigators.

The Investigators are a group of P.I.'s (Private Investigators) who recently went on an assignment from the Head Brass. We're talking the Head Honcho, Chief and true Top Dog. You guessed it – mom! Jerry's mom needed to know deep hidden secrets about the family in



order to save the life of his older brother who is suffering from a genetic disease that's been passed down for hundreds of generations. If The Investigators

can find the cure, they will save his life.

As the P.I. team set out to uncover Jerry's family history, they saw a pattern arise. It seemed that every generation had been plagued by it. Some had even died as a result of the effects of the disease. Doctors were consulted to uncover why so many members of Jerry's family had to deal with such a curse. The P.I. team went into action and continued to search through family records and genealogies of each and every household of their relatives. Each record and report indicated one recurring fact: the disease was rampant throughout Jerry's family! It started to look rather bleak towards the outcome of Jerry's brother's life.

As we looked through the annals of generations past, we uncovered a report of mighty

men of valor who were known as valiant men ready to fight and ready to protect. There were also gatekeepers (community watchmen), counselors, treasurers, officers and judges. Wow! Our friend came from good stock! Jerry's brother had goals to keep the family tradition of becoming a mighty man by joining the local police department. He, too, like his relatives, wanted to serve and protect his family, friends and those in his community. That's why it was perplexing about this disease taking over the life of someone seemingly so innocent, so undeserving of such a tragedy. Was there a cure? Could he escape the fatal grip it had on his body? Could he escape the consequences it would hold? Will his life ever be normal? Will he be able to pursue his goals?

These questions and more will be answered in the next issue of The Investigators. So, keep looking up, kids. Until next time, this is TJ signing out.

**Gardening tips**

In follow-up to last newsletter's article "Heading for a collapse?", a fellow Arky member recommended the following books. "The Backyard Homestead: Produce all the food you need on just a quarter acre!", editor Carleen Madigan; and "All New Square Foot Gardening Book" by Mel Bartholomew. Happy and successful gardening!



*Problem in America? (Continued from page 1)*

are dying. Evolution is winning; therefore, God is dying in our culture. Look around the majority of churches. The youth are not there. The ARK Foundation will also be a victim without your positive help, given new taxes, lower road sales, lower renewal rates, and fewer active members.

ARK wishes you well, but wake up America. ARK has not quit, but we are discouraged. ARK has many opportunities, but lacks resources. Can you help? Yes, learn our Constitution. Yes, ask for a Creation talk to your group. Choose you this day who you will serve (Jos. 24:15).

## ARKY's Calendar of Events (as of 10/01/11)

See more details and complete list at  
<http://www.arky.org/current/index.htm>

**Tuesdays, Sept 27 through Nov 29: 9:30 am until 11:30 am. Institute on the Constitution (IOTC) course with Ron Cooper** at ARKY's House, 2002 S Smithville Rd [1 mi South of US 35, just past Wayne Ave], Dayton, OH. Ph: (937) 256-ARKY. If you can't come to the evening classes on the Institute on the Constitution (IOTC) course, you now have an option! I will be teaching the IOTC course in 9 classes of 2 hours each starting September 27 and ending November 29 from 9:30 am until 11:30 am. It is given at ARKY. This is the same 18 hours of the 12 classes. It will be a bit more intense because of the shorter period. Class size will be limited to a max of 30. I need at least 3 students. If you have children in school, this is your chance to do this while they are at school. If you are working 2nd shift, you can now have a time to get-er-done in the morning. In 9 classes, your knowledge level and your ability to be an informed citizen will be transformed! If you want an evening course there are 5 listed at:

<http://www.arky.org/Constitution/IOTC/Classes.htm>. Come visit to check out class! Cost is only \$35.00 for the workbook and handouts. The course is FREE! Email me at [History@arky.org](mailto:History@arky.org) as soon as possible! Please let others know about these life changing classes. Forward this to interested friends.

**Oct 8: 9:00 am until 11:00 am. Full Gospel Businessmen's Fellowship** with **Ron Cooper** at Set Free Ministries, 1817 E 3rd St, Dayton, Oh. call Ph: (937) 256-ARKY. FREE - an offering will be taken. Reservations Not Required. <http://dayton-fgbmfi.org/day-breakfast-a.html>

**Oct 9: 9:15 am until 11:45 am. Design, Deluge & Dilemma, + Messianic Prophecies** with **Jonathan Sarfati** at Church of the Open Bible, 4990 Old Troy Pike, Dayton, OH. Ph: (937) 233-5595. Evolution - The Greatest Hoax on Earth? Creation Ministries International (US), Deluge of Evidence Tour.

**\*Oct 10: 7:00 pm until 8:35 pm. The Beauty and Design of Butterflies** with Metamorphosis at ARKY's House. Throughout history, butterflies have fascinated artists and philosophers, scientists and school-children with their profound mystery

and beauty. In Metamorphosis you will explore their remarkable world as few ever have before. How did these extraordinary creatures come into being? Are they the products of a blind, undirected process? Or were they designed for a purpose by an intelligence?

**\*Nov 14: 7:00 pm until 8:35 pm. God's Perfect Plan for the Family** with Ron Cooper at ARKY's House. In personal conversations with hundreds of people over the years, Ron has noticed a consistent pattern in the Bible about the family that seems to be a surprise to almost everyone. God has a very specific plan for keeping families strong. Unfortunately, we seem to have forgotten it. This program will describe that plan, then allow you to tear it apart - if you can. Be warned, please use God's word, not your opinion.

**\*Dec 12: 7:00 pm until 8:35 pm. DVD: The Runner from Ravenshead** with Family Friendly Fun at ARKY's House. "An Outstanding Masterpiece! — Audience Choice San Antonio Independent Christian Film Festival 2010". With stunning cinematography, an original score, and a unique all children cast, this is one you'll watch again and again. Sam has been sentenced to Ravenshead Prison, guarded by wardens who keep a vigilant watch and relentlessly pursue anyone that tries to escape. Fortunately, the City of Refuge Guide Service is there to direct escaping prisoners toward freedom. When Sam makes her break, the under staffed Guide Service is forced to commission the enthusiastic but accident prone janitor, Henry, instead of a regular guide. Join as they experience hair breadth escapes, hilarious bungles, and a climactic pursuit in the Guide Service rocket-car. Rollicking adventure, fun, and humor combine with an engaging story in this allegory that teaches how to find rest from the struggles of life.

*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**

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|-------------------------|------------|
| Balance 1/1/11          | \$8,406.91 |
| <b>Receipts</b>         |            |
| Memberships/Newsletters | 1,248.00   |
| Donations               | 505.02     |
| 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       | 1,171.74   |
| Loan Proceeds           | 200.00     |
| Reimbursed              | 267.70     |
| Misc                    | 105.00     |
| Non-Tax Sales           | 913.55     |
| Taxable Sales           | 13,953.59  |
| Sales tax collected     | 946.35     |
| Total                   | 32,855.92  |

**Disbursements**

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| Newsletter/CC         | 161.99    |
| Projects              | 0.00      |
| Office                | 590.49    |
| Telephone             | 689.63    |
| Children's Ministry   | 142.21    |
| CEF-Collins           | 0.00      |
| Exhibiting            | 2,918.04  |
| Web                   | 669.40    |
| Inventory             | 20,764.35 |
| Equipment             | 1,445.95  |
| Supplies              | 340.62    |
| Insurance             | 776.67    |
| Professional Fees     | 671.33    |
| Sales Tax Paid        | 1,807.93  |
| Speaking/Events       | 0.00      |
| Misc.                 | 103.13    |
| Tithes&Gifts          | 0.00      |
| Museum Trailer        | 0.00      |
| Reimbursed            | 40.70     |
| Sales Returns         | 0.00      |
| Savings/RE Tax Escrow | 0.00      |
| Total                 | 21,122.44 |

**Balance 8/31/11 11,733.48**

**Building Fund**

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| Balance 1/1/11      | -6,250.46 |
| <b>Donations</b>    | 11,577.56 |
| <b>Expenses</b>     |           |
| Mortgage            | 4,857.36  |
| Building            | 8.90      |
| Utilities           | 1,687.78  |
| Real Estate Taxes   | 9,502.47  |
| Advertising         | 0.00      |
| Repairs             | 0.00      |
| Total Bld. Expenses | 16,056.51 |

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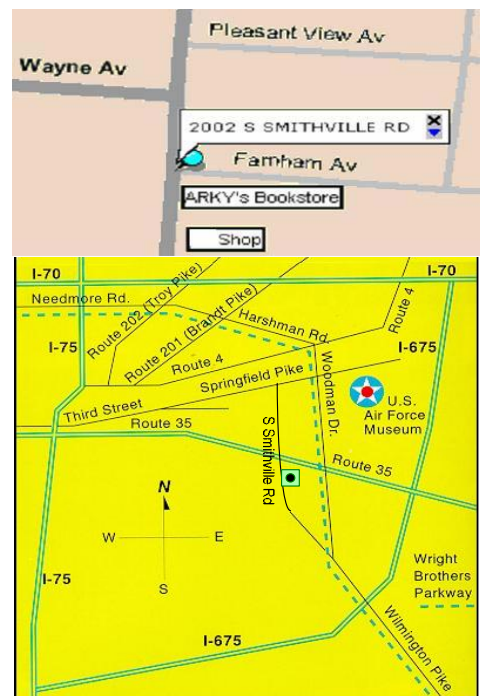
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## **Tale of Two Commentaries**

By Mark Jurkovich

On consecutive weeks in The Washington Times National Weekly, a commentary appeared regarding statements made by Governor Rick Perry. Mr. Perry made some statements indicating his belief in Creationism. The first article, by Mona Charen (“A Hurricane, evolution and Rick Perry”, Sept 5, 2011) reveals the common misconceptions held by many. Her main theme was that the global warming proponents in declaring the “science is settled”, are in reality showing their “unscientific and dogmatic orthodoxy”. But while she defended global warming skeptics, she did not defend Mr. Perry’s view of Creationism. Her statement that evolution “remains the best explanation yet propounded to explain biological changes” shows we have a long way to go in educating people on the truth of Bibli-

cal Creationism.

The next article, however, boldly challenged evolution (“Science as a matter of political faith”, by Robert Knight, Sept 12, 2011). The thrust of Mr. Knight’s article was to “expose the misuse of science as a false religion.” In the article, he quotes Richard Dawkins who said about Gov. Perry, “Uneducated fools can be found in every country and every period of history.” But Mr. Knight points out that Mr. Dawkins “reveals the intensity of his own faith when he claims that evolution explains ‘everything about life, including our own existence.’” Mr. Knight even quotes Romans 1:20-22 in his article.

While I pray that Ms Charen learns the truth about the science of Creationism and the lack of science in evolution, we can be comforted by the fact that the truth does sometimes get out there, even in national secular publications.

