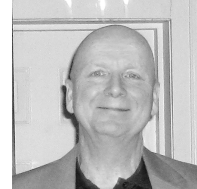


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Why I believe in Creation

Elder Charles Moore



and engineers to create new technologies and ways of doing society's business, other economies in

I want to tell you a fanciful story. One day a group of scientists got together and decided that man had come along way and no longer needed God. So they picked one scientist to go and tell Him that they were done with Him. The scientist walked up to God and said "God, we've decided that we no longer need you; We're to the point that we can clone people and do many miraculous things, so why don't You just go and get lost.? God listened very patiently and kindly to the man. After the scientist was done talking, God said, "Very well, how about this? Let's say we have a man-making contest? To which the scientist replied, "Okay, great! But, God added, "Now we're going to do this just like I did back in the old days with Adam. The scientists said, "Sure, no problem and bent down and grabbed a handful of dirt. God looked at him and said, "No, no, no. You go get your own dirt."

I remembered that joke in connection with our Bible study group's Feb. 4 lesson when we listened to the debate between Ken Ham of the Creation Museum and Bill

Nye known as the "Science Guy". It was an interesting debate. "The debate drew a few Nye disciples in the audience, including Aaron Swomley, who wore a red bowtie and white lab coat. Swomley said he was impressed by Ham's presentation and the debate's respectful tone. "I think they did a good job outlining their own arguments without getting too heated, as these debates tend to get," he said." (FoxNews.com)

Bill Nye tried to make the point often, that if you believe in the creation model, you can't be a scientist. He said, "For the United States to maintain its leadership in technology, we need well-educated science students. To allow our students to come of age without the knowledge gained through the extraordinary scientific insights and diligence of our ancestors would deprive them of understanding of nature and our place in the cosmos. It would also rob our students of their future. Without scientists

other countries will out-compete the United States and leave our citizens behind."

Ken Ham in his opening foray, showed that many scientists for example, Stuart Burgess PHD in Biomimetrics, Danny Faulkner, PHD in Astronomy and Andrew Fabitch, PHD in Microbiology who are creationists. As Ham put it, they have no difficulty in being able to do science and still maintain a creation world view. I think that is absolutely true. It is a false dichotomy to say that you can't be a scientist and believe that the creation model is true.

Why do I believe in the creation model as described in the opening chapters of Genesis? First of all, I choose to believe the creation model. I say it that way because it goes against all that I was taught and probably you were taught as well as a student in elementary, middle school, junior high, high school and college. Nonetheless I choose to believe it anyway. You might say, "What's wrong with you that you would choose to believe something that goes against all that you were

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taught?" I make a conscious, and I think, the only safe choice "May it never be! Rather, let God be found true, though every man be found a liar, ..." (Romans 3:4)

Scripture tells us, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light day, and the darkness He called night. And there was evening and there was morning, one day. Then God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." God made the expanse, and separated the waters which were below the expanse from the waters which were above the expanse; and it was so. God called the expanse heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, a second day." (Genesis 1:1-8)

That is just the first two days of creation but even in these few verses you can see how simply God tells us how this world came into existence. We can talk about how God did this but that He did is without question for Christians. You are in an unenviable position if you begin to come up with ways to explain how God did not say what He clearly said. One of the axioms of my life has been, "I may not like what God says, I may not understand what God says, I may not know how to apply what God says to me about my life but I must always deal with what God says and try not say that He didn't say it."

We live in a, materialistic, naturalistic world in which some have devised a way to take God out of the equation of how this world came into existence and life began upon it and many have chosen to believe that it better describes our existence. I simply do not agree.

I do agree though that what you believe about creation is not as important as what you believe about Jesus. Salvation does not turn on creation but on the fact that Jesus came into a sin stained world, lived a sinless life, died on the cross for our sin, rose from the dead, ascended back into heaven, sits on the right hand of the Father, interceding for us and will come again in power. Trust in Jesus will change your eternal destiny and change your world view.

"Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Thessalonians 5:23).

At-Large News Diane Begeman



With all of the snow days that the kids have had this winter so far, I've heard at least one mom ask....Are they ever going to go back??? Currently some of the schools are looking at getting out around the 17th of June! This will be a short summer for some.

Bekah Smeltzer was without electricity for 13 days. An ice storm caused major problems. She got a generator and they became such good friends that she named him "Gerald". Gerald was able to keep her warm and keep the pipes from freezing, but her yard was a mess from all the tree limbs and branches that came down because of all the ice.

Ben Smeltzer moved out to Arizona last year and has been staying with his Aunt Karen and Uncle Brad. He found an apartment and has moved in. What big changes in a short time. We pray all goes well with the changes for you Ben.

Sally Smeltzer is having knee replacement surgery in February. We pray for a swift and pain-free recovery.

Toby Winterholler, an old friend of the church, was in the hospital recently. He was diagnosed with having seizures. He is not to drive for at least 6 months. Pray for Toby and the family as they adjust to this complication.

Rip says that Norma continues to do all right. She has her good days and bad days, as we all do.

Word has it that retirement does not always bring slower times for us. Sonya Pease retired from Kodak and then promptly went to work for them again through another company.

Pray for those who are having problems from all the snow and ice and the problems that that brings.

Tim and I received wonderful news recently...Kane, Jennie, Ainsley and Everett will be moving back to this area at the end of February. We are especially looking forward to having them be so close. We will be blessed to have all of our kids close to us. Seth and Abby, the furthest, are a 3 hour drive.

I recently heard that Gabe Vargas was 16 years old! Really? I do believe that I've lost some time!

I leave you this month with this ----- **Instead of complaining at his lot, a contented man is thankful that his condition and circumstances are no worse than they are. Instead of greedily desiring something more than the supply of his present need, he rejoices that God still cares for him.**

Michigan Report

Tim Begeman



I'm one of those weird people that love the winter weather and there has been a lot to love in our part of the world so far this year. This winter is reminiscent of times I remember as a child with a blanket of thick snow continuing to cover the ground and hide the repulsive brown mud and dormant foliage. The snow has been so steady that we have had a large number of deer congregate in our back yard foraging for morsels of food. Diane felt sorry for them and started buying field corn to help satisfy them and keep them away from her cherished delicate evergreens.

This month we had our annual business meeting on the first weekend. We decided to meet at our house which provided a more intimate, bucolic and tranquil backdrop. In our meeting we discussed and evaluated the many things we accomplished in 2013. We also deliberated on what direction we should pursue this new year in this ever changing world. It's always a distinct balance to be in but not of. It's always a good thing to take stock of our God given talents and abilities to get the most bang for our buck to spread the gospel message. We are all in agreement to try to not only reach out to those who need God's message of free grace to the lost, but to also equip and sanctify those believers who wish to reach out in their everyday lives. We re-elected Dave Fedor as our dual board member and Melinda Begeman as our local board member. They both did a great job their last term and we should expect more of the same in their next term.

The second weekend we had our bi-monthly outreach to our local Magnum Nursing home visit. The big difference this time my Dad (Dale Begeman) is now a new resident there so he got to be on the receiving end of our outreach after so many years of being on the giving end. Paul Vander Horst led out in hymn singing accompanied on piano by Pastor John Schott. Elder Moore took the many prayer requests and offered a word of prayer to God. I gave a very short message about the ever present need for saving grace for all of us and the need for us to feed on the word of God every day.

We continued our weekly Bible studies thru January at rotating home venues. We are delving into the book of Isaiah. The evening consists of partaking into some healthy and tasty snacks. We assess current prayer needs and offer a word of prayer. We view a video starring Theologian Dr. Paul Blackham and then process and glean life changing and enriching truths from the word of God that we can use in our everyday walk. We all cherish the watershed conversations that these lessons engender as the evening progresses.

"If we couldn't laugh, we would all go insane."

Robert Frost

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Are you the Weakest Link?

Below are four (4) questions. You have to answer them instantly. You can't take your time, answer all of them immediately.
OK, let's find out just how clever you really are.

Ready?

GO!!!

First Question: You are participating in a race. You overtake the second person. What position are you in?

Answer: If you answer that you are first, then you are absolutely wrong! If you overtake the second person, you take his place, you are second!

Try not to screw up in the next question.

To answer the second question, don't take as much time as you took for the first question.

Second Question: If you overtake the last person, then you are...?

Answer: If you answered that you are second to last, then you are wrong again. Tell me, how is it possible to overtake the LAST person?

You're not very good at this are you?

Third Question: Very tricky math! Note: This must be done in your head only. Do NOT use paper and pencil or a calculator. Try it. Take 1000 and add 40 to it. Now add another 1000. Now add 30. Add another 1000. Now add 20. Now add another 1000. Now add 10.

What's the total?

Did you get 5000? The correct answer is actually 4100. Don't believe it?

Check with your calculator!

Today is definitely not your day. Maybe you will get the last question right?

Fourth Question: Mary's father has five daughters: 1. Nana, 2. Nene, 3. Nini, 4. Nono. What is the name of the fifth daughter?

Answer: Nunu? NO! Of course not. Her name is Mary. Read the question again.

If you got them all wrong, you ARE the WEAKEST LINK!!