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Dr. David Menton to make two presentations on October 24, 2007



Where: University of Pittsburgh
Oakland Campus
David Lawrence Hall (Rooms 120 and 121)

When: October 24, 2007
7:00 to 10:00 pm

7:00-8:00 "Fearfully and Wonderfully Made: Human Embryonic Development"

Speaking of his own development in his mother's womb, the Psalmist declared, "I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made;" (Ps 139:14). This presentation follows the marvelous embryological development of the human body and placenta from fertilization to birth. Dr. Menton will produce the evidence that human life begins at conception; the developing baby is a live human being that is never a part of its mother's body, but rather is uniquely formed and known by God. This overview of our development provides insight into such issues as cloning, stem cell research, "the pill," the recapitulation myth, spontaneous and elective abortion.

8:40-9:40 "Creation vs. Evolution: Evidence and Implications"

In this three-part presentation, Dr. Menton will discuss the common ground that both creation and evolutionary science hold including natural selection and the scientific method. A brief overview of the evidence that stands in support of both views will follow. Finally a discussion of the very different and profound implications that each theory produces for life in the now and in the hereafter will be addressed.

These presentations sponsored by the Creation Science Fellowship and the Cornerstone Christian Ministry at Bellefield Presbyterian Church (<http://cstone.wikidot.com>) are **FREE** and open to the public. A 20 minute question and answer period will follow each presentation.

Dr. Menton earned his BA from Minnesota State University and Ph.D. in cell biology from Brown University. He served as Associate Professor of Anatomy at Washington University School of Medicine from 1966 to 2000, was awarded "Teacher of the Year" in 1979 and "Professor of the Year" in 1998. He is currently President of the Missouri Association for Creation (www.gennet.org) and a lecturer with Answers In Genesis (www.answersingenesis.org).

Evolution Based on Modern Myths

By Bruce Malone

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There is a preponderance of scientific evidence to support creation as the correct explanation for our existence. The misconception that evolution is science while creation is religion is propagated by a variety of "myths" surrounding the evidence for evolution.

Myth: *Our universe is the result of the explosive expansion of the "Cosmic Egg" billions of years ago.*

Reality: This just ignores the bigger question—who laid the “cosmic egg”? The first law of thermodynamics proves that matter and energy cannot just appear. Evolutionists must ignore the most basic law of science at the very start of their belief system. Furthermore, explosions do not result in increased organization of matter. Has an explosion ever created ordered complexity?

Myth: *The fossil record proves evolution.*

Reality: There are no clear transitions between vastly different types of animals in either the living world or the fossil record. Lining up three objects by size or shape does not prove that one turned into the other.

Myth: *Structural and biochemical similarities prove common ancestry.*

Reality: The lack of fossil transitions strongly refute this myth. Common ancestry is only one of two possible explanations for similarities. Purposeful design can explain the same features in a more direct way. In addition, totally different organisms often display similar features. This supports the existence of a common designer.

Myth: *The rock layers of the earth form the pages of earth's history showing millions of years of evolutionary progression.*

Reality: The fossil record does not show a clear, "simple-to-complex" progression of life forms. Life is complex and well developed wherever it is found in the fossil record. Major groups of plants and animals appear suddenly in the fossil record, with nothing leading up to them. Most rock layers and the fossils they contain can be explained better by a worldwide flood and subsequent events.

Myth: *Radiometric dating methods are "absolute." They are accurate and reliable.*

Reality: Although radiometric dating methods seem to show a trend of great age, these methods depend upon numerous unprovable assumptions. When used to date events of known age, such as the lava flows in Hawaii or the Grand Canyon, they have been wrong by orders of magnitude. How can we be sure they are accurate for events of unknown age? Furthermore, the vast majority of other dating method indicate a very young earth.

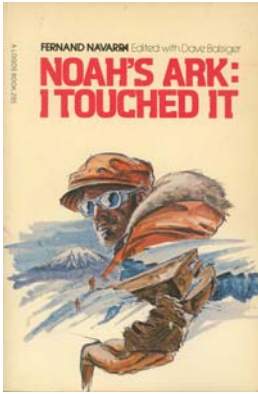
Myth: *The human body contains many "vestigial organs" , left overs from our evolutionary development.*

Reality: Although at one time there were dozens of features of the human body listed as vestigial, most have been shown to have important functions. After all, even if a few parts have lost their original function that does not prove evolution. To demonstrate evolution, you need to show the development of completely new structures, not the loss and degeneration of previous characteristics.

Myth: *The fossil record for human evolution is complete and clear.*

Reality: All too often the propagandists for evolution present their story with statements such as, "Every knowing person believes that man descended from apes. Today there is no such thing as the theory of evolution, it is the fact of evolution." (Ernst Mayr) The evidence for human evolution is fragmentary and reconstruction involves artistic license. Many competent scientists totally reject evolution. They acknowledge that it is not even a good scientific theory, much less a fact.

This is a condensation of an article by Dave Nutting of Alpha Omega Institute. Alpha Omega is a non-profit creation education organization in Colorado and can be reached at www.discovercreation.org.



"Noah's Ark: I Touched It"

As reviewed by Bob Ivey

Although not technically a creation science book this 137 page book by French industrialist Fernand Navarra is a fascinating and engaging account of his four expeditions to the volcanic Mt. Ararat beginning in 1952.

During his third in 1955 he and his 11 year old son succeeded in recovering a piece of hand-hewn lumber from a stagnant glacial lake near the top of the mountain. This piece of the ark was about 5 ft. long and sadly had to be cut into three shorter pieces in order to smuggle it out of Turkey.

The book continues with a diary account of his 1969 expedition in which he describes the recovery of more wood from the ark and includes appendices describing other deluge traditions and a description of the ark structure.

Readers will enjoy Fernand's vivid descriptions of the geography, the people and his encounters with government officials. The book includes many photographs documenting his adventure and discovery.

It should be of particular interest to creationists that the wood Fernand recovered was dated to be around 5000 years old.

On a personal note, a copy of this paperback book, published in 1974, was recovered by my wife from a box of donated books. Though its pages are yellowed it appears to have never been read. Interestingly it is still available through www.amazon.com.

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