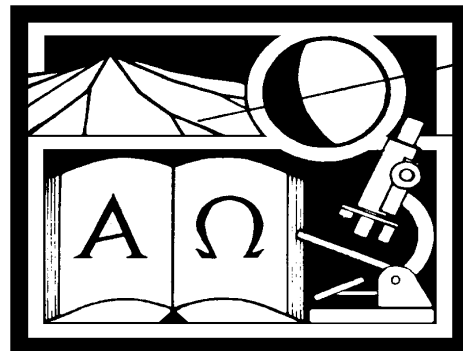


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## ***Impressions of the Steubenville Answers in Genesis Seminar***

***By Bob Harsh***

I would like to share a few of my impressions of the Answers In Genesis seminar that was held November 12-13. I went with a positive attitude but with mild expectations. Well, was I pleasantly surprised! Now that I have seen an AiG seminar in person, I would highly recommend anyone, who has the opportunity to attend when it comes to their area, to not miss a great opportunity. Let me speak, perhaps out of turn, and suggest that CSF start planning to bring an AiG seminar to our area. The chief promoter of the Steubenville seminar was a CSF member, Dr. John. From the first time you meet Dr. John you can't help but say to yourself, "Now there goes an "ambassador for Christ"! A friend who has attended CSF for several years introduced his physician, Dr. John to CSF. We who have been in the trenches of organizing and promoting a large Creation conference know and appreciate many of the behind the scenes things Dr. John and his committee have had to deal with. Thank you very much, Dr. John!

On the first day, Friday several hundred school children participated in a daytime program geared especially for them. That alone was a huge success. I arrived on the scene with most other adults on Friday evening and was blown away by the size of the crowd. A familiar face greeted me and made me feel at home. Our chairman, Dennis Wert had already set up our information table. Dennis is someone you can count on. I delivered some new CSF information sheets that were very attractively developed and produced by Reid Moon.

The booth located across the aisle caught my eye. The Ohio Creation Education Association had a very impressive display. I learned from two of their founding members that they had organized only about six months ago. Their purpose is "to serve as a voice and resource assisting the public in acquaintance with, and understanding of, the evidence and data that suggest direct creation as opposed to Darwinian or neo-Darwinian evolution as the correct theory explaining the origin and existence of life and matter." So far they have had their booth at several fairs and have

### **MEETING INFORMATION**

***No meeting in December! The next CSF meeting will be held on January 18. Dr. Stephen Rodabaugh, who is a mathematics professor at Youngstown State University, will lead our thoughts in "Philosophical and Logical Evidence [Arguments] for Creation".***

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passed out literature. My AiG experience started off on the right foot with a very enjoyable conversation with Curtis Goins and David Snyder, two of their founding members. CSF in Pittsburgh wishes our sister creationist organization a hearty welcome to our mutual adventure. Some of our readers may live close enough to the OVCEA to visit with them, so I am including their contact information: OVCEA, P.O. Box 625, Beverly, Ohio, 45715 / Bbc@marietta.edu Web page <http://mcnet.edu/~Bbc/page80.html>

I went into the main part of the arena and found that Bobby O'Connor from another sister creationist group in Charleston, West Virginia had a much better location for his display booth. On the other hand he had more to offer to make the seminar interesting. Bobby, who is a good ambassador for our cause, has constructed a 5'-6' scale model of the Ark. He seems like a young man who wants to serve God and who is eager to learn. I got to know Bobby at our ICC in 1998 and enjoyed visiting with him again; **One more part of my encouraging experience at the seminar.** Bobby will take up his Ark and travel anywhere he can to help people to visualize what Noah's Ark was like. He even kept a copy of John Woodmorappe's book on the Ark out for people to look at.

At the front of the arena seating area near the stage were very impressive, life-size plastic models of dinosaurs that the man performing in song, Buddy Davis, had made. Buddy is an excellent artist and an entertaining singer/song writer. My favorite model

was the flying pterosaur that had a wingspan I would estimate as about 15 feet. I had known of Buddy but had never heard him sing and did not know any of his songs. Buddy's greatest contribution is, without a doubt, most

*A true scientist  
would say that  
nothing in biology  
makes sense  
except in the  
light of evidence.*

valuable for his children's songs. One of his songs answers the important question; what should the fossil record show? *Billions and billions of dead things, of course!* Another of his children's songs explored what the world was like before sin entered the world due to Adam's sin. "When Dragon's Hearts Were Good" imagines a world where Adam and Eve get to play with dragons who, of course are not fierce but instead are very playful. That song led to a children's book by the same name. Buddy and his wife Kay have also produced two beautifully illustrated nature books, written specifically to counter the usual nature books that are filled with the lie, evolution. A verse from Buddy's song, "We're reclaiming holy ground" should serve to introduce you to his important message.

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We're taking back the glory of  
creation,  
And we're giving it back to  
Christ.

We've heard enough of *evilution*  
To last all our lives.  
We're gonna rebuild our  
foundation,  
And Christ is our cornerstone.  
Our castle shall stand against the  
fiery darts,  
And God will send the devil  
home.

Buddy Davis traveled with me by way of CD on my hour and a half trip back home. His lyrics spoke what I needed to hear and Buddy was a real added blessing to my AiG experience.

Ken Ham was the speaker Friday night. Ken, a former high school biology teacher from Australia makes good use of his very entertaining sense of humor during his presentations. He is best described as a warrior against evolution [and those who teach the lie, evolution, to young people]. Ken spoke of how **evolutionists** must put on their **rose-colored evolution glasses** in order to **avoid seeing the Creator** as they study nature. He spoke of the authority of scripture, because it is God's message to us about how things happened in the real historic [prehistoric if you will] past. We know the flood that God sent as punishment for sin, covered the whole earth, **because God told us in His message to us concerning the flood that it covered the whole earth.** He told about the extent of the flood, as well as how long the creation took; it is as plain as the nose on your face, and yet we trade in the **authority** of scripture for the **tentative** [science by definition] hypotheses of men. Many of these men would willingly admit that they cannot include a

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creator, external to matter and energy, into the development of their hypotheses. Christians are duped into thinking that they need to interpret clear scriptural teaching **in light of “science”** instead of interpreting the tentative understanding of nature, “science” **in the light of scripture!** I agree with Ken. Let’s start an **on purpose** habit of putting on our “biblical naturalist” glasses **and on purpose** take off our evolutionary naturalist glasses so that we may really understand nature.

Ken’s second talk had a teaser for a title, “Dinosaurs As Missionary Lizards”. Dinosaurs were created on days five [Gen.1:21] and six [Gen.1:24], were on the Ark with Noah [Gen.7:8], and lived together with humans in the same locality and time frame [Job 40]. Ken has a great sense of fresh imagination and used it well to propose that God placed many “teenage” animals on the Ark; not fully grown but with all kinds of potential.

My personal highlight on Saturday was Dr. Dave Menton, who is a professor of Anatomy at Washington University in St. Louis. Dr. Menton is a top-notch speaker who also has a great sense of humor to lighten up his presentations. His two excellent programs were very detailed descriptions of the marvels of God’s design as seen and understood in the human eye and in feathers and hair. Dr. Menton teaches medical students about human anatomy and when asked if he teaches creationism at Washington University he answered that all of his lectures were creation oriented simply because he taught about the many

wonders of God’s creation, the human body. After seeing Dr. Menton’s presentations I think it would take a great deal of faith to believe that humans or birds came to be by way of evolution. He related a story about correspondence between the great biologist, Asa Gray, who was a

***How many millions of your tax dollars will be spent this year by Darwinists trying to find evidence for a theory they claim is already proven beyond a reasonable doubt?***

creationist and Rev. Charles Darwin. Gray asked Rev. Darwin to explain the evolution of the highly complex and well-designed human eye. Rev. Darwin wrote back that the complexity of the eye greatly disturbed him. Dr. Menton always referred to Darwin as Reverend Darwin since the only degree Darwin earned was in divinity, not in any field of science.

Ken Ham’s final presentation identified a major cause of *racist* ideas as coming from Darwin’s theory. Darwin wrote a book, *Descent of Man*, which described the slow but steady evolution of man from brutish beasts to cultured man. Ernst Haeckel popularized the fraudulent idea that embryos go through the various

stages of the evolutionary development of their species during their own embryonic development. Racism kept evolving to the point that Australian Aborigines and Pigmies from Africa were displayed in zoos as examples of “missing links”! Hitler and his followers made great use of Darwin’s philosophical framework for the basis of their perverted racist ideas. Neo-Nazis today and KKK leaders propose that the black race is “less human” and in their twisted minds they imagine the Caucasian race is the most evolved. Ken co-authored a book, *One Blood*, that explains in detail why he thinks we should drop the very idea and terminology of *rac*es of humans altogether, because of the evil that that evolutionary term has brought about. But he goes further and explains how the concept of races is also non-biblical. It looks like an important book to review in a future issue.

The seminar ended with a very detailed presentation by Dr. Jack Cuozzo, a dentist, who has made an excellent study of Neanderthal skulls from many different sites. His hypothesis is that people from long ago didn’t mature as fast and that, in part led to humans who could live for hundreds of years. He has written a book, *Buried Alive* that you may want to read to learn more about Dr. Cuozzo's interesting hypothesis.

I have probably gone on too long, but I wanted our readers to know of my excitement so that more of these AiG seminars could be sponsored across the country. I hope you will be motivated to do what you can.

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