



A NEWSLETTER TO PROVIDE CHRISTIANS WITH UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ABOUT THE CREATION/EVOLUTION ISSUE AND PROGRESS ON THE CREATION MUSEUM

HAS NOAH'S ARK BEEN FOUND?

In the last few days there has been a buzz in Christian circles and the media about a report that real evidence of Noah's ark has been discovered on Mt. Ararat in eastern Turkey. Perhaps by the time you receive this more information will be available, but so far we can only say that whatever it is that is claimed to have been found, a lot more specific details and information are needed before any definite conclusions can be reached.

In our creation meetings and seminars we always emphasize the importance of letting the Bible be the foundation of our thinking. This will help prevent us from jumping to conclusions before all the facts are known. So what would be the foundation to start from related to this subject based on the limited information we have so far? It would be to go back to Genesis and realize that the account of the flood is given as a real historical event that was a global catastrophe.

The New Testament gives additional confirmation of this through the words of Jesus Himself, **"But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and did not know until the flood came**

and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be" (Matthew 24:37—39).

It would certainly be an additional witness to confirm the truthfulness of biblical history if this find is truly the ark, or perhaps just portions of it that may have been salvaged and used for building other structures after the flood. Scientists do admit the possibility of materials being preserved for long periods of time if encased in solid ice. And at between 13,000 to 14,000 feet elevation where this find is claimed to be located, I have been told that the ice sheet covering Mt. Ararat can in places be hundreds of feet thick.

Regardless of the outcome of this latest report concerning Noah's Ark, we know that there will be scoffers that will laugh, make fun of, ridicule, and reject the basic message of the Bible that we are all sinners who desperately need the saving work of Jesus Christ on the cross. If this report turns out to be genuine there will be an interesting present-day parallel to the biblical account. Just as there was an ark visible in the days of Noah that was the only way of salvation from destruction, so the same ark visible today would also witness to the only way to avoid eternal loss by salvation through Jesus Christ.

Contact Dr. Butterworth to hold meetings at your church or group. 866-771-TRUE (8783)



CMOTO took advantage of the opportunity to have a display table at the recent SHEM (Southwest Home School Education Ministry) Convention in Springfield Missouri. Barry Dullum, CMOTO'S vice president was one who helped man the table.

What Went Bang, and Why?

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The phrase “Big Bang” has become famous, occurring in numerous books, magazines, and even advertisements. The term refers to the sudden, explosive beginning of the universe: the beginning of space and time as we know them. Few readers realize that the “Big Bang” can be used to mean two different things.

Physics research has provided a great deal of evidence that the universe came into being instantaneously, with a sudden impact. This has been termed the Big Bang. Some, however, have taken this term to refer to an *acausal* [uncaused] explosion. They believe that the universe suddenly banged into existence all by itself, without any sort of pre-existent Creator.

Proponents of this theory have no explanation for such a mechanism, though they state it as if it were a fact. Even the abstruse theoretical papers which purport to explain the appearance of the universe atheistically always make two major omissions. They fail to explain what existed before the explosion (and how it got there), and they fail to explain why it exploded. Most often the equations will assume an unexplained primordial substance called *ylem* (pronounced EYE-lemm), and an unexplained energy. Never has a theory even been advanced to satisfactorily explain either.

Contrary to the claim of some atheists, the Big Bang does not eliminate the need for a First Cause,

but instead emphasizes it. Acausality does not exist in the physical world, and scientists will be the first to agree with that. Even spontaneous combustion, which occasionally occurs on Earth, is not truly acausal, but is a manifestation of energy building up over time until it reaches a certain threshold.

The Big Bang makes sense only when it, like all other physical phenomena, is assumed to have had a cause. It points to an act of creation by God, as described in Genesis 1:1. It also testifies to purposeful intent, since there are at least six constants (numbers or quantities) which are needed for time and space to exist, and the universe is set at those precise constants.

In Proverbs 8:22—31, Wisdom and Understanding are personified. Understanding says, “The LORD possessed me in the beginning of His way, before His works of old. I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was...When He prepared the heavens, I was there.” Wisdom and Understanding were there when the Creator formed the original matter of the universe, the “ylem” as it now is called. They were there when He broke the darkness by declaring, “Let there be light!” And when that Divine declaration rang out, there must surely have been a Big Bang indeed.



LEFT: Curtis and Sherry Baker continue to fascinate children with their creation presentations, and give answers that are scripturally based and supported by real science.

RIGHT: One of Darwin’s finches from the Galapagos Islands that he mistakenly thought supported his idea of evolution. These birds have always been finches, and will always continue to be finches.



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Financial accountability is extremely important to us. To this end *Creation Museum of the Ozarks* has obtained 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status from the IRS. Donations can be claimed as charitable giving for tax purposes. We have engaged the services of Mr. Dan Wiser, Certified Public Accountant in Springfield, Missouri.

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