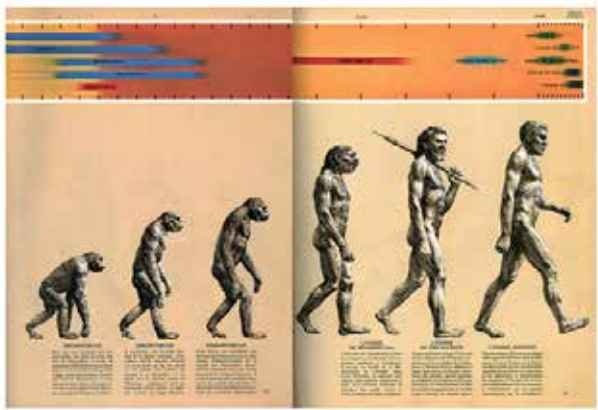




The Blossom Ridge Mission: To provide an inspirational introduction to the origin of creativity and Biblical creation. To help discover the epic passion that our Creator has for each one of us.

To build faith that encourages the use of our God-given passions and gifts. To remind others to consider His works of creation as part of our worship. And to reveal the glory of our Creator!



Myth-Informed and Myth-defied?

By who? Was it just the scientific secularists or did artists and publishers have a role in mis-informing our society about evolution as well?

The March of Progress, (ape to man drawings), Haeckle's embryo drawings and The Age of Mammals, (a center piece painting for the Hall of Mammalian Evolution at Yale Peabody Museum) all were created using the artistic and creative skills of an artist. None of these drawings were based on authentic observable evidence. They are conjecture. Each of these images have made it into our memory banks. Unfortunately, this has created a "branding" familiarity on macro evolution. Every communication vehicle can be used for good or evil as with most areas of life. In the case of promoting Darwinian evolutionary theories, there has not been one fossil discovered that contains specie to specie transitional evidence.

If you feel sheepish that secularists have used these drawings as evidence of Darwinian evolution, and that publishers and artists like myself helped to literally brainwash you—then you are quite normal! I believe that the brain washing wasn't intentional in the beginning. I think that people were really trying to understand man's greatest questions. Two of which are...Where did we come from?—And... Why are we here? Darwin gave us a theory in which visual and creative people can express their talents. Since there is no observable evidence, the theory must be creatively imagined and graphically expressed. A visual presentation is a very powerful thing—it sticks with us! Should the artists behind these drawings take some of the blame for their almost



universal acceptance. What about those who funded it—or published it—should they also take responsibility for this cultural paradigm? It seems we need someone to take the blame and responsibility for this so we can move ahead. Well, here it is...



A Decree and Confession

Let be known, that I, Jim Kraft, standing in stead of past artists and designers, on this day, February 23, 2014, following the example that our Creator gave us, do solemnly take full blame for the evolution paradigm that has led our society down a path based on assumptions. As punishment, I will spend the rest of my days extolling the creative works of our Creator God. I do this because no one has stepped up to take the blame, as most are not able due to death. Also, I don't have the patience to wait 40 or 50 years for secularists to come around—the typical time required for paradigm resetting!

Society can follow the yesteryear educator's example: When it was discovered that the earth is indeed round, they threw out their "flat earth" teaching. This is logical behavior in my book. God's word teaches that we are to make every effort to keep our heads. Throwing out macro evolutionary findings and giving God the credit for His creation, would do the trick for me! Now that we have someone to blame, can we shake hands, laugh at ourselves, move on and begin to rethink our educational materials?

Once issues like these are settled, we should take notes on how these false paradigms come to be accepted. Today's visual CGI technology enables us to create realistic images. Therefore, no matter how fantastical the idea is, it can be visually created and placed in our media. It is so easy for our reality to be blurred and to have deception take a foothold. Who knows what other areas we are becoming myth-informed and myth-defied.



Even the best of us can come down with "Pharasee-itis"!

I was saddened by Pat Robertson's and Glenn Beck's comments on the Nye and Ham debate. Glenn only saw the division it might cause, and Glenn was enamored with the idea that we can all be as one. Pat's disdain for the infallible Word of God's account in Genesis (which also spreads to other Biblical accounts) was palpable. A sad response for a Christian leader.

We *are* to be salt, we *are* to be light reflecting the love of God. We *are not* to be ashamed of our Creator, we *are not* to be timid in proclaiming truth! It is about the battle for the soul and the consequences are eternal.

I am not making judgments, that's God's department. If we have truth to convey, we should simply convey it to whoever God has put next to us.

In regards to Pat Robertson's comments on the Nye and

Ham debate, well, he should have followed the old adage: think before you speak! Each area of evolution is fact to Mr. Robertson. It didn't seem to matter that Nye declared the Word of God as nothing but a bunch of fairy tales.

I was also taken back as Mr. Robertson talked down to Biblical creationists. I think that both Mr. Robertson and Glenn Beck caught that miserable disease that old religious leaders can get when they become full of themselves—I call it "Pharasee-itis." In any case, what could I possible do to help raise awareness—in the spirit of *steel sharpening steel...*? I wrote to both of them. If the letters got through—who knows...? Will it do any good—who knows? Maybe if enough people invited them to visit the Creation Museum in Kentucky before they make their next public statement about Biblical Creation, perhaps Pat and Glenn's comments would be different the next time around. This is a reminder to keep those in the public eye in constant prayer.

Nye and Ham Debate and its Silver Lining Stats.

I believe that the Nye and Ham debate was put together by God. As the hornet nest gets stirred, the bees come out of the nests to see what's up... In this case, people hear the Word of God and God ultimately wins because the Word does not return void. Could either gentleman done things differently to represent their case better, absolutely.

Lately, I have been learning to stubbornly pursue the silver lining in each trial or trouble that comes my way. After all, trials are one of life's constants... :)

The Bill Maher interview with Bill Nye started out fairly with Maher asking pretty good questions. Then after a minute or two it was like two snickering boys telling stories around the campfire. And of course, the audience chimed right in. It's amazing how small the hooks are that these public figures hang their coats on.

A friend of mine who is steeped in the sciences stated that most secularists have very little knowledge of the Bible and how the locations and events described in the Bible can be geologically and historically verified.

Speaking of small hooks, I received a call from my daughter in college. It was the call that my heart wasn't expecting. My daughter just came from her biology class and had just finished hearing and seeing the evolutionary evidence that is presented in our secular (and, often times, our Christian) colleges. Quoting her best explains it: "Is that it? Isn't there more? That's all you've got—the failed Miller experiment, and a list of assumptions and unverifiable evidence?" She told me that she hadn't really been sure that she could trust the account of Biblical creation when she has been constantly hammered with the secularists' view. She figured, like most of the world, that there was observable, undeniable evidence that supported evolution. She saw for herself—and—is making decisions for herself. She discovered that accepting evolution is an act of faith, the very point that Ken Ham was trying to make in the debate. Evolutionary belief is just that—a belief system and must be accepted by faith. I choose to put my faith in an infallible God, rather than a secular scientist! Critical thinking is still alive and well! PTL!

Here are the known stats as of 2-10-14 regarding the Nye and Ham 2/4/14 debate:

- 70 Media outlets were represented at the debate
- 2.5 Million clicks on the You Tube video of people and 1300 groups watching. More than the Super Bowl on-line viewer ship. An estimated 7m+ in total to date.
- More than 1300 groups signed up to watch. One known group had approx 1500 at Liberty University.
- Most countries around the world are represented in the clicks.

[Http://www.answersingenesis.org/articles/2014/02/06/debate-reactions-mixed](http://www.answersingenesis.org/articles/2014/02/06/debate-reactions-mixed)

The debate taking place at all is a blessing in itself, as others in the secular sciences encouraged Bill Nye not to debate with a creationist. By debating a creationist it would validate Biblical Creation as a viable science, according to the nay sayers. This type of snootery really should go the other way around. My God can create something from nothing and created the *two* fully intact enzymes needed to create life (unlike the Miller experiment). I would love to understand how "billions of years" designed and created the symbiotic elements on the periodical table and the infinite instruction sets found in the molecular of each creation. How does "time" create? And here is something else I would like an explanation for:

According to Sir John Eccles, neurophysiologist, in giving an account for a simple hand movement, Eccles stated: "There is no material event that describes how this complex sequence of actions gets started." Sir John concluded, "Each of us is a unique, conscious being, a divine creation... it is the only view consistent with all the evidence."

"He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together."

Colossians 1: 17

This month's word from our imaginary alien friend!

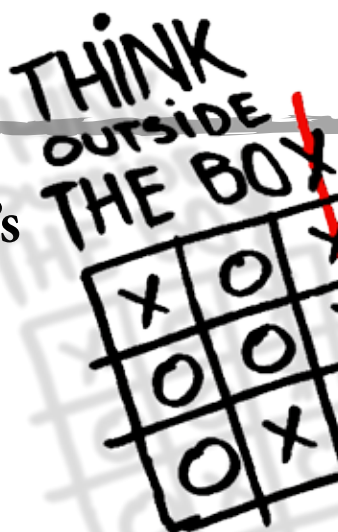


What?! I don't exist?

Bill Nye covered in the "Ham and Nye" debate that once life is over, upon our physical bodies expiration, he will not exist—just like our imaginary alien friend here. But unlike Bill Nye, the rumors of alien visitation will

always be with us. The "Flat Earth" society still exists (really). Perhaps the society of Evolutionary Science can rent office space with them.

In contrast, applying John 3:16 to our lives, grants us the gift of eternal life! Wow, to "exist" for eternity in the loving of our Creator! If it's that easy, then why is it so difficult to do? Just as our imaginary alien friend has "a faux" kind of existence, so do the spiritual blinders that we "choose" to wear. Since eternal life is a spiritual matter, so too is the blinder removal process. Through prayer, a spiritual process, the blinders can be lifted. Try it and see what happens. The only thing at risk here is one's eternal existence! If we are able so see the light of God's truth, then what we gain is incredibly significant—eternal life!



Evolution's Oxymoron's

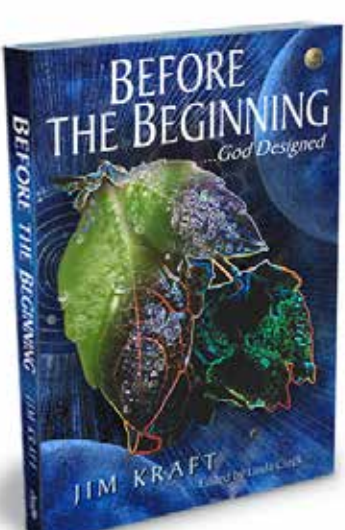
- Evolutionary Design
- Ordered Chaos
- Evolutionary Fact
- Macro-Evolutionary Science
- Evolutionary Thinking
- Theistic Evolution

Evolution's Under Estimated Truth's

- Evolutionary Religion
- Evolutionary Paradigm
- Evolutionary Assumption

Dr. William Lane Craig stated that science cannot account for everything, a common misconception in secular science. He listed five things that cannot be scientifically proven:

- 1). Logic and mathematics; science presupposes logic and math, so trying to prove it by science would be arguing in circles.
- 2). Metaphysical truths.
- 3). Ethical statements of value.
- 4). Aesthetic judgments.
- 5). Aesthetic itself cannot be justified because it's permeated with unprovable assumptions.



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The heavens speak!

What to watch:

The Mountain by Terje Sorgjerd vimeo.com/22439234

The video speaks for itself.

Side Note: Best wishes to Burt and Debrah on the opening of their new Dickey's Barbecue Pit on Mentor Ave., just east of Chilli-cothe. A very tasty experience! Kid's eat FREE on Sundays!