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The Origin of Life: By Chance or by Design?

7:30 PM, February 17, 2004, Nazareth Hall, Blue Room, Northwestern College

Dr. Christopher W. Macosko, Distinguished Chemistry Professor, University of Minnesota is a gifted speaker who makes complex topics understandable to all and will show clearly that the blustering of the evolutionists is without merit. The theory of evolution begins with the origin of life itself. Most biology texts still repeat the chemical origin of life theory proposed in the 1930's. This talk will review scientific evidence for and against this theory and more recent efforts to find a naturalistic explanation for the origin of life.

Chris is internationally recognized for his research in reactive polymer processing - a blend of transport phenomena, chemistry, and materials science. He was among the first researchers in the United States to realize the potential of reaction injection molding. Reactive polymer blending is another major research area for his group. Current research focuses on creating multiphase polymer microstructures via melt blending. He has also been active in developing new rheological test methods and applications and authored the popular text: Rheology, Wiley 1994.

The Macosko Group has produced over 300 publications and been home to nearly 100 Ph.D. and M.S. students. He is also the Director of IPrime, the Industrial Partnership for Research in Interfacial and Materials Engineering at the University of Minnesota.

All meetings are free and open to the public. A free-will offering will be taken.

Are you a Member?

TCCSA membership follows the calendar year so everyone comes due on January 1. Check your address label following your name. If there is a letter M and a number it tells you what year you have paid for. An R following your name means you have requested the mailing but are not a member. Dues are only \$20 and in addition to helping support TCCSA you receive a discount of books, tapes and CDs.

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Summer Activities

With the snow and cold **Think Summer**. Plans are already firmed up on several dinosaur digs.

John Mackay and Joe Taylor will be heading up two weeks of activity at a new Montana dig site in July.

Adventure Safaris is planning 2 or 3 weeks of dino digs but dates are not yet set. Stay tuned for updates as they become available.

Coming up. . .

Feb. 21-22 Science fair at Har Mar Mall in Roseville. Check the Adventure Safaris box on the other side.

Mar. 16 - Tom Willis - Creation/Evolution: Which is Science; Which is Myth?

April 20 - Russ McGlenn

May 18 - Dr. Richard Broadberry

Check www.tccsa.tc for other activities in our area.

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<p>HEAR NO "CREATION"...</p> <p>TWEET TWEET BZZZZZZZZZZ QUACK QUACK FLAP FLAP GRRP GRRP! WOOF WOOF SPLASH! HA HA HA</p>	<p>SEE NO "CREATION"...</p>	<p>SPEAK "NO CREATOR"...</p> <p>DAN LIETHA '79 ©</p>	<p>HAVE NO EXCUSE.</p> <p>For since the creation of the world God's invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that men are without excuse.</p> <p>Romans 1:20</p>
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Adventure Safaris

Plan to participate in the science fair February 21-22 at Har Mar Mall. A great learning experience for students presenting a Christian worldview the secular community rarely sees. See www.tccsa.tc for ideas & rules or call Julie Von Vett at (651) 464-4361. Others should plan to stop by Har Mar and view what these students have done. Judging is Saturday morning and the projects remain on display through Sunday.

Adventure Safaris presents the Creator and His designs and laws to homeschool coops. Contact us if you are interested in receiving an excellent science education for your students. As a nonprofit organization, we are supported by our school work as well as by interested churches and individuals. All gifts made out to TCCSA are tax deductible.

Check out Russ' Adventure Safaris annual report included with this issue to find out what has happened in 2003 and his plans for the future.

Watch for information on summer activities coming up.

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TWIN CITY CREATION SCIENCE ASSOCIATION (TCCSA) 2003 ANNUAL REPORT TO MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

TCCSA celebrates 30 years of serving the greater metropolitan area with Biblically based Creation science.

The Association had an outstanding program of monthly presenters in 2003. In addition, three "Technical Sessions" were held one each in June, October, and November. These meetings resulted in not so much as technical sessions, but creditable extension and exposure of our monthly speakers.

- JANUARY 2003- Search for the Titanotheres Treasures of Noah's Flood by Russ McGlenn.
- February 2003- Biblical Recipe for Good Health by David Fruehauf.
- March 2003- The Exodus: Fact or Fiction? by Dr. Charles Aling.
- April 2003- The Fall of Babylon by Dr. Clyde Billington.
- May 2003- The Two Best Secret Weaknesses of Evolution by Russ McGlenn
- June 2003- Atomic Structure - Do We Care? by Dr. Glen Collins.
- July 2003- Unlocking the Mystery of Life, a video.
- September 2003- What Has God Wrought, the 30th TCCSA anniversary keynoted by Bill Overn.
- October 2003- Seven Ways to Show How Creation Truths Will Change Lives Forever by Dennis Petersen. Also, The Truths About Ancient Civilizations.
- November 2003- How Darwin Developed His Ideas by Dr. Kevin Anderson. Also, Biological Aspects of Evolution.

The TCCSA has many activities ongoing, and Board members provide the leadership for them. Listed below are highlights of the 2003 activities.

Monthly meetings with local and national speakers.

TCCSA Bulletin with news information and a Creation cartoon.

Adventure Safari sponsorship and support.

The www.tccsa.tc website is extensive and updated regularly.

TCCSA phone line, 612-330-3881, for inquiries and meeting information.

Assistance with the Science Fair which is held in February at the Har Mar Mall.

Sales of selected books written by our monthly presenters.

Planned Creation Science youth essay contest.

Encouraging TCCSA members and friends to interface directly with the Minnesota Education Science Standards Committee.

The TCCSA has a very active and dedicated Board. We celebrate the diversity of God-given talents of

each member and the energy and willingness to serve TCCSA endeavors. Members are encouraged to attend Board meetings and consider becoming a Board member. Contact any Board member for the day, time, and place of the Board meetings.

The current Board members are:

Dr. Gary Elsesser, Brent Fox*, Naomi Hard*, Al Heitkamp, Bob Helfinstine+, David Johnson, Steve Macks, Russ McGlenn, Dr. Ross Olson, Bill Overn+, Byron Twiss, and Julie Von Vett*
+ Board member emeritus status *Board member joining in 2003

Lyndon Griffin and Linda Gunderson served faithfully as Board members, and respectively, as President and Program chairperson in 2003. Russ McGlenn moved to California to expand Adventure Safaris to the West Coast. We wish them well in their new endeavors for the Lord.

Reportedly, there are over 100 Biblical based Creation groups and/or organizations listed on our tccsa.tc website. This is an indication of the awareness, interest, and a growing belief in the true account of God's Creation as revealed in the Holy Scriptures and reinforced by sound science.

We thank all of those who supported the association with membership dues, freewill offerings, and donations. All moneys go towards speaker's expenses, honorariums, newsletter mailings, publicity, and book purchases. All Board members serve on a volunteer basis, therefore association moneys are used wisely and effectively.

The annual financial report will be included in the March newsletter following the audit.

TCCSA FOR THE FUTURE

- Continue to bring monthly meeting speakers who will reinforce our Christian beliefs and faith.
- Support youth education and activities through Adventure Safaris, science fair, youth essay contest, and encourage young persons to attend our regular meetings. The future of truthful science rests with our young people and their correct science education.
- Promote and encourage individuals to lead Biblical Creation efforts in Christian churches and other organizations.
- Generate up to date information for the many people that now log on to the TCCSA website.

In summary, TCCSA encourages you to become a member of TCCSA or renew your membership for 2004. You are strongly encouraged to use the information and personal contacts made to help others on the narrow path to Everlasting Life. We thank everyone for their support and efforts to reach common goals.

From Jude 21-23a, "Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. And of some have compassion, making a difference. And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire".

It has been my humble privilege to serve as your interim President in 2003. To God alone be the Glory.

Al Heitkamp

McGlenns' 2003 Adventure Safaris Year End Report

Fighting Terrorism has been the main thrust of President Bush this year. One man on the radio called this World War III. In a sense, he is right because this is a global threat and terrorism is hitting nations all over the world. It is interesting to note that in Daniel's time, the stronghold of evil, that is Satan, was Persia, present day Iraq and Iran. By our armies attacking this stronghold, we pray that the heart of terrorism will be broken.

"But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one hundred and twenty days" Dan 10:13

As you know, we are also in a spiritual warfare against Satan's goal to destroy God's Kingdom. His attack is much more subtle than terrorists. To do this he must turn the hearts of people toward a belief that they themselves are their own gods and that God is irrelevant. Satan never denies that God exists, but he does try to propagate the idea that everything in the world and universe came about through natural means by chance and accident and that God is not relevant to "modern" life.

Pick up any of the latest science journals such as Scientific American, Discovery, Omni, and you will see new theories that life and the universe simply came into existence out of nothing by a "quantum fluctuation" or some other mystical effect.

The Year's Goals

Our goal this year has been to demonstrate that true science shows that all things have a cause and effect and there is a First Cause. True science teaches that laws affect all functions of the universe so that there is a reasonably safe and predictable home for humans to live in. In this home, humans then have the opportunity to choose to do good or evil.

Translate the Book *Design v. Chaos* into PowerPoint

We have been expanding Russ's book, "*Design v. Chaos*" from 140 pages of text and illustrations, to over 600 PowerPoint slides to show that the New Spinning Ring Model of the Atom fits classical science, is consistent with a biblical world view, and has all cause and effect properties based on 13 measurements of the electron.

Why put time into something no one can see, and most people do not care about? Science should follow the Dominion Principle, in Genesis 1:26, which teaches that we are to understand the creation so we can use it to make life better here on earth. If our understanding of the basic building blocks of creation is faulty and in error, then our whole basis for science will be in error. In my book I show that the major scientific breakthroughs since Newton have been by Christian men and women. These discoveries, such as the Wright Brother's airplane and Faraday's electricity, have benefited the world and made it a better place to live. These discoveries have also made it easier to get the Gospel out to the world. I believe this is the purpose of true science and that we need to challenge young people to pursue scientific careers for this end.

Teaching Opportunities

We have reached, through Homeschools, about 500 students this year. Russ and Tricia taught at several camps this year in Minnesota, Wisconsin and South Dakota. At the Cedar Canyon Camp in SD six students raised their hand when an invitation was given to ask forgiveness of someone they may have hurt or offended and three accepted Jesus.

At Phantom Ranch (WI), these were ten recommitments and nine who accepted Jesus. Nearby we

ined staff members at Timberlee Christian Center. Both of these camps are bringing campers to our summer dinosaur dig.

Five homeschool groups were developed in California last Spring and now that we have moved, we continue to work with them in California. We made the move, based upon a conviction that God wanted us to expand our ministry in Creation Science. Two teachers, Lori Funderburk and Kevin McGlenn, are continuing to work in Minnesota. Tom Craven has taken over teaching Creation Science at our home church at Meadow Creek. Others that God is raising up to teach this life changing message about creation are: Julie Von Vett, Dan, Nathan, and Laura (teaches art and preparation of bone) Korynta, and Jacob Hefferon. Another teacher, Aaron Vogle, plans to start homeschools in Colorado using our materials.

South Dakota Dinosaur Dig

The dinosaur dig was a huge success. It was the first time in nine years that that we were booked solid for all three weeks. We had to turn some away. We had about 23 people plus staff each week. A highlight for Russ was his sixth grade teacher and Sunday School teacher Tom Hill, who attended the dig along with some of his family.

It seems most were hearing about us from the web site. Our webmaster did a search on “dinosaur digs” and ours was the third site out of the top ten based on those receiving the most hits. Most of the other sites had information not actual digging. While at the dig, we had the Noah’s Ark model as a guest exhibit at the Grand River Museum in Lemmon, SD. Stuart Schmidt owns and runs this and it is on his ranch that we have our dig. We were interviewed by the newspapers and had a lot of local people come to the museum to see the Ark and visit the dig site to hear lessons on dinosaurs and the Bible.

Discipling

We continue to stay in touch discipling students we’ve had in a Bible Study in Minnesota. We plan to return to MN. in April to teach for a month in the homeschools, churches, and at the TCCSA meeting [7:30 PM, Third Tuesday, Northwestern College]

Please pray we will hear our Shepherd’s voice clearly and follow therein.

In Him,

Russ and Tricia McGlenn