Dear friends of FACT and the Glendive Dinosaur and Fossil Museum,

Well, summer has ended, winter is rapidly approaching and the museum is now closed, as of the start of November. It will reopen the first Friday in April (Apr. 4, 2014). Don’t forget, however, that we will be open on Friday and Saturday following Thanksgiving (Nov. 29-30, 2013) and Thursday, Friday and Saturday after Christmas (Dec. 26-28, 2013).

We have had a wonderful 5th season with over 7,000 visitors to the museum. Thanks to all of our guests. We are very blessed to be able to interact with many of our visitors, and so many have an encouraging word for us. You will be happy to hear that we received several reports of people’s worldviews—and lives—being positively impacted by being exposed to a biblical view of creation. Of course, this is not always the case. Some who come to the museum are incensed that anyone would challenge the “fact” of evolution and a completely material view of the universe, where God does not exist. If you don’t have a thin skin, you might enjoy reading some reviews of our museum on websites like Google or Trip Advisor—if you do, please consider leaving a review of your own.

This season we also experienced some changes and loss. A very faithful volunteer, Miss Inez Senner, went to be with our Savior and Lord. She was an outstanding servant of God, working for her church and community throughout her adult life. She especially loved to work with children and often served as a children’s tour guide at the museum. We miss her dearly.
In addition, Otis and Miriam Kline, the museum’s founders, have taken up residence in Rapid City, South Dakota, to be closer to family. However, Otis will continue to serve as the president of FACT and as the museum’s paleontologist, and will make regular treks to Glendive to lead our guests on dinosaur fossil digs. An exciting development is the addition of Tommy and Martha Lowman to the museum’s paleontology team. Tommy and Martha live in Tennessee but are going to spend their summers with us in Glendive as full-time volunteers and working with Otis at our field sites. Recently, Otis and our guest diggers have been recovering extremely rare, juvenile *T. rex* bones. This has caused Otis to be very excited about next year’s digging opportunities. So, if you are not worried about getting your hands dirty and sweating a little under the beautiful Montana skies, consider joining us for a fossil dig in 2014. Information about day-long and half-day digs can be found on our [website](#).

We are nearing completion of a brand new display that explains the geologic column from a biblical perspective. This exhibit features eight dioramas created by our artist, Melanie Richard. They vividly picture the pre-Flood world, multiple stages of Noah’s flood and the immediate post-Flood world of Babel and the Ice Age, as well as how the sedimentary rock layers and the fossil record were created. Melanie has done a fantastic job, but she didn’t stop with the dioramas. She also created eight accompanying 12-inch globes that show a worldwide view of the same stratigraphic stages. This allows you to see both “the big picture,” as well as a detailed close-up of the consequences of the flood. Many guests have commented on how powerful Melanie’s presentation is, stating that it cleared up a lot of their questions. Thank you, Melanie, for sharing your gift with us.

One question many people ponder in relation to the flood of Noah’s day is, “Where did all the water go at the end of the Flood?” This is a great question, and the Bible answers it for us in Psalm 104.
Notice in the eighth verse of this Psalm we are told that the mountains rose and the valleys sank down. This passage gives biblically-based scientists insight into the geologic workings at the end of the Flood. As the valleys sank down, creating new sea basins during the recessive stage of the Flood, there would have been a tremendous amount of space for the waters of the earth to fill. The rising mountains would have caused the waters to run off into the sinking valleys. The force of this extreme amount of water rushing towards the new sea basins would have been tremendous, creating many of earth’s canyons and other geologic features.

Is there any evidence to suggest that such valley sinking occurred in the past? Absolutely! Consider the humble “guyot.” A guyot is an isolated, underwater volcanic mountain with a flat top that lies over 660 feet below the ocean’s surface. The reason for the specific depth is that below that level carbonate materials like coral can no longer form, due to insufficient light. Yet guyots always have carbonate materials like coral on their tops, which suggests that at one time they were much closer to the surface.

The sequence of events is quite clear: 1) volcanic mountains rose out of the water during the early stages of the Flood; 2) the volcanoes became inactive at some point during the Flood; 3) the wave actions of the Flood’s later stages planed off the top of the mountains; 4) because their planed, flat tops were near the surface, coral began growing; 5) during the Flood’s recessive stage the valleys sank down and the underwater mountains sank with them until they sunk to a depth where no more coral could accumulate on their tops. This fits perfectly with God’s description of what He did during the recessive stages of the flood in Psalm 104:8. Praise God that His Word is completely reliable from the first verse to the last. The entrance of God’s Word truly does bring light. (Ps. 119:130)!

I hope that you will have a chance to visit us during the upcoming holidays. May God richly bless you, and may He enable all of us to glorify His holy name!

For our Creator’s glory.

Darrin

Darrin Clinton
Museum Director
Now a word from Otis...

Thanks Darrin for this informative newsletter. I also want to remind our supporters to reserve next Feb. 7, 8 & 9 for our 2014 Creation Weekend. This year we will have Dr. Dean Ortner of the Wonders of Science ministry. Sometimes known as the “million volt man,” Dr. Ortner will be with us for three “electrifying” days. From talking with folks who have heard him, we will be in for a time of excitement and discovery, as we learn more about our God’s awesome creation. Stay tuned for more specific information about this event as it gets closer to February.

Also, Melanie Richard has started work on our new Ankylosaurus exhibit. Ankylosaurus magniventris was discovered by Barnum Brown in the Hell Creek Formation of Montana in 1906. With its low-slung, wide-armored body and distinctive tail club, this dinosaur is another excellent example of unique design. Genesis 1: 22-25 informs us that each of God’s creatures multiplies “after its kind,” they don’t evolve into or from something else. This dinosaur clearly exemplifies that. Just like our museum’s Pachycephalosaurus, the ankylosaur is so unique it has no known ancestors. As I tell our museum visitors, if you have no ancestors the only alternative is that you were uniquely created!

God bless you for your continued prayers and support for our ministry. I pray you will have a wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas season with family and friends.

In His service,

**Otis**

Otis E. Kline, Jr.

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