



Midwest Creation Fellowship Newsletter

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Summer 2004

“Origin of Life” Equipping Course with Mike Riddle Friday and Saturday, November 5–6, 2004 East Troy, Wisconsin

“...Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect...”
I Peter 3:15–16

This seminar is designed to equip you to:

- Develop background knowledge on the subject of biological origins
- Develop critical and logical thinking skills
- Build confidence in knowledge of true science
- Defend the Biblical worldview of creation by using scientific evidences.

The presentations are very easy to understand, and small group leaders will help students learn how to appropriately bring up these issues in class. Topics include Natural Selection, The Miller Experiment (chemical evolution), The Second Law of Thermodynamics, Facing Challenges, and DNA, RNA, and Information. Much of the information on these topics is excluded from textbooks and presentations in public schools and even in some Christian schools.

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“Age of the Earth” & “Creation Compromises” presented by Young Creationist Thinkers Saturday, October 16, 2004 Winfield, Illinois

Hear two interesting topics addressed by winners of our 2004 Student Essay Contest! The free breakfast starts at 8:45 a.m., and the presentations begin at 10:00 a.m.

This event showcases the excellent work of the students and the success of our efforts to encourage the next generation to research and present a creation topic. Twenty-one students entered, evenly divided between Junior High and Senior High divisions. Scores overall were even higher than scores last year, with the same judges presiding. Thus, we anticipate another very informative meeting! Come to encourage the next generation and to be encouraged!

Please mark your calendar! Reservations for the FREE breakfast MUST be made by October 12 at (847) 244-4373. Please plan to attend for a good time of food, fellowship, and education.

Directions to Faith Baptist Church 27W010 Parkway Drive, Winfield, IL 60190

From the north:

Get to Geneva Road.

Go east or west to County Farm Road.

Turn south on County Farm Road and go about 0.6 miles south to the church.

From the south:

Get to Route 38.

Go east or west to County Farm Road in Winfield.

Turn north on County Farm Road and go about 1.5 miles north to the church.

The church's sign is on County Farm Road, but the driveway entrance is on Parkway Drive. To enter the parking lot, go east on Parkway Drive. Enter the church at the main entrance and go straight ahead to the Fellowship Hall.

Library Corner

Sixteen new additions to our Library-by-Mail are shown below. To use the Library-by-Mail, you need to be an MCF member (see the mail-in coupon on page 3), and you also need to pay return postage for borrowed items. The postage rate is about \$1.35 for the first pound and an additional 40¢ per pound thereafter. As I've been promising for months, SOON (ahem) we will have the actual electronic library database online for your browsing pleasure. (Currently, I have to update our online Library info manually, which takes a while.) If you email info@midwestcreationfellowship.org and ask for the announcement, I'll notify you when this happens.

Key: The number in front of each entry is the "Catalog Number." Please include that number AND the title when ordering materials (by mail, phone, or email). "K" means "Kindergarten," "GR" is "Grade level," "HS" stands for "High School," and "COL" means "College level." Example: "GR 8-COL" is "Grades 8 through College." — Sharon the Librarian

Books: **1090** *Refuting Compromise*. Jonathan Sarfati. 411 pg. COL. Survey of evidences for the accuracy and reliability of the Bible, from science and history. Chapters deal with Authority of Scripture, Days of Creation, History of Interpretation of Genesis 1–11, Order of Creation, Big Bang and Astronomy, Origin of Death and Suffering, The Created Kinds, Global Flood and Noah's Ark, History of Mankind, 'Biblical' Old-Age Arguments, Science and the Young Earth, and Refuting Old-Earth Arguments.

1091 *After the Flood: The early post-flood history of Europe traced back to Noah*. Bill Cooper. 256 pg. GR 10–COL. Modern secular history books dismiss ancient historical documents as "pious frauds" by Christian monks because the documents agree with Genesis! Cooper correlates genealogies and histories from different parts of Europe and China that display a knowledge of creation, the Flood, Noah and his descendants.

DVD Videos: **5004** *Aliens, UFO's and the Bible: Are We Alone in the Universe?* Gary Bates. 65 min. GR 8–COL. Are we being visited by aliens from other worlds? Demons? Angels? Are people who report seeing UFO's crazy? Seeking attention? Being kidnapped by little gray men? Does the Bible say anything about this phenomenon?

VHS Videos: **6299** *Aliens, UFO's and the Bible: Are We Alone in the Universe?* Gary Bates. 65 min. GR 8–COL. Are we being visited by aliens from other worlds? Demons? Angels? Are people who report seeing UFO's crazy? Seeking attention? Being kidnapped by little gray men? Does the Bible say anything about this phenomenon?

6300 *Biblical Geology: Properly Understanding the Rocks*. Tas Walker. 38 min. HS–COL. Walker gives logical criteria to use the history in Genesis to begin determining when rocks were formed: Creation, early Flood, late Flood, or post-Flood. This empowers you to reinterpret evolution-oriented books on geology.

6301 *The Creation of the World*. John Whitcomb. 55 min. GR 10–COL. Which is the final authority: science or Scripture? Whitcomb points out that many modern "creationists" reject both evolution AND the Bible's account of creation. Biblical creationism can not be reconciled with evolution, and just being a creationist can still leave one headed for Hell. Numerous examples of what Scripture says about origins. Graphics on screen are hard to see.

6302 *Cosmology and a Young World*. Russell Humphreys. 90 min. GR 10–COL. A very simplified intro to Humphreys' book *Starlight and Time*. During the talk, the video of that book was shown; not reproduced in this video. Compares the Big Bang model to Humphreys' "Time Dilation" model of the origin of the universe. Excellent presentation, but graphics are not great.

6303 *Only One Rapid Post-Flood Ice Age in Earth History*. Michael Oard. 53 min. GR 10–COL. Oard argues that one Ice Age did happen, caused by the world-wide flood. An ice age is other-

wise difficult to explain. It would require warmer oceans, causing above-normal evaporation, putting more moisture into the air, and cooler air temperatures, causing year-round snow cover. Audio is poor. The presentation is a bit dry, but very informative.

6304 *Whatever Happened to the Woolly Mammoth?* Michael Oard. 75 min. GR 10–COL. Why are there perhaps millions of woolly mammoths buried in the earth, some with skin and hair preserved? How could they have lived in places as inhospitable as Siberia? What suddenly caused the massive die-off?

6305 *Digging Up the Sin Cities of Sodom & Gomorrah*. Bryant Wood. 1 hr. GR 9–COL. Contrary to expectations of secular archaeologists, Sodom and Gomorrah have apparently been found! Dr. Wood gives a brief history of archaeological work in the area and explains how artifacts and data from ancient documents correlate with Genesis.

6306 *Moon Design and Age*. Danny Faulkner. 1 hr. GR 10–COL. The Bible says the moon was created for light, time measurement, signs, and to show God's glory. It also causes total solar eclipses (visible on no other planet) which enable us to study the sun. Earth's moon is so different from others as to suggest it had a different origin from other moons. All naturalistic theories of its origin have been disproved. Much info, easy to follow, but audio is poor.

6307 *Radioisotopes and a Young World*. Russell Humphreys. 75 min. GR 10–COL. Radiometric dating has been claimed to be the scientific, irrefutable source of absolute dates of events in geologic history: formation of the earth, rock and fossil layers, and ancient artifacts. Humphreys explains the inherent problems with radiometric dating methods.

6308 *The Practical Benefits of a Biblical Worldview*. David Barton. 43 min. GR 6–COL. Examples of how the founding fathers created America based on the teachings of the Bible. Many Christian ministers signed the Declaration of Independence, signed the Constitution, led congregations in the War of Independence, sat on court benches, and became presidents and congressmen. Audio is poor, image is grainy.

6309 *Lies in the Textbooks*. Kent Hovind. 137 min. GR 9–12. "...shows how public school textbooks are permeated with fraudulent information ... to convince students that evolution is true." (In 2 parts.)

6310 *The Garden of Eden*. Kent Hovind. 109 min. GR 6–COL. Dr. Hovind explains what the world was like before the global flood, and his theories of why people lived over 900 years, why plants and animals could grow much larger than today, and how we know dinosaurs lived with man. (In 2 parts.)

6311 *The Dangers of Evolution*. Kent Hovind. 118 min. GR 7–COL. Throughout history, evolutionary philosophies have taught a "might makes right" attitude, making it possible for dictators to brutalize the masses. Evolution-based teaching is now creating a "New World Order" that will probably serve the Antichrist. (In 2 parts.)

Talk back to us! (Please use the address on reverse of this form.)

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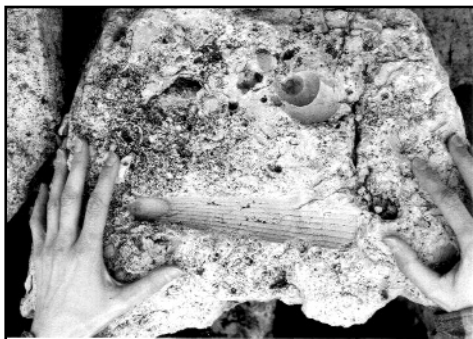
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- I wish to become a (circle choice): Contributing (\$120/yr.), Voting (\$30/yr.), or Associate Member (\$15/yr.) Contributing and Voting members must be in agreement with MCF's Statement of Faith (available on our website, www.midwestcreationfellowship.org).

Geological Field Trip Illinois Beach State Park Saturday, September 18, 2004

Geologist Carl Mueller will lead this trip featuring fossils and rapid erosion along the Lake Michigan shore line. We will start at the erosion "hot spot" in the state of Illinois: the North Unit of the Illinois Beach State Park. We will see the results of that mass wasting and consider the historical shoreline changes. In addition, we will consider the management efforts to control the shoreline erosion.



Here's the good news/bad news on fossil hunting: we guarantee that you will see fossils. Breakwater boulders at North Point Marina, the Beach Park Lodge, and Waukegan Harbor contain many fossils. (Fossils in photo are at Waukegan Harbor.)

Now for the bad news: the fossils cannot be legally removed from these public areas. However, if you have a camera that can take close-up pictures using a diopter or other close-up lens, there are myriads of photo opportunities.

We will travel by car caravan from one stop to the next, so you must arrange your own transportation. Registration/check-in will be 9:00–9:30 a.m. (Chicago time). PRE-registration is requested at (847) 244-4373.

There is no fee, but there will be an opportunity at check-in to help with the costs of the trip.

Obtain a map on the Internet (try maps.yahoo.com or mapquest.com) by searching for 7th St. and Rt. 137 in Winthrop Harbor, IL 60096. Then move east until you see the Lake Michigan shore.

Directions:

1. Take your best route to Rt. 173 in Illinois.
2. Go east on Rt. 173 to Sheridan Rd. (Rt. 137). Sheridan Rd. is about 8 miles from I-94 and 7 miles from Rt. 41.
3. Turn left (north). Go approximately 1 ¼ miles to 7th Street (Main St.)
4. Turn right (east). Go about 1 ¼ miles to the south parking lot (follow the signs). Look for the orange cone on Carl's car.

What to bring:

- At least ¼ tank of gas
- Thirst quenchers
- Picnic lunch (optional with restaurants nearby)
- Hat to protect you from sun
- Good hiking shoes (optional 1 mile walk to Dead River)
- Light jacket (wind off the lake is quite cool)
- Insect repellent
- Sunscreen
- Camera with close-up lens (for fossil pictures)
- Field guides for birds, flowers, etc.



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Graduate School. He speaks to thousands of people annually on creation and evolution, and has been involved in creation ministry for more than 20 years.

Who needs this training?

- High school and college students: so they can better defend what they believe and become better witnesses
- Parents: so they will have the knowledge to teach their children the truth about creation and better prepare them to witness to their peers
- Teachers, Sunday School teachers, youth leaders and pastors: so they will be prepared with scientific and Biblical answers about creation.

“The students and leaders are still talking about your wonderful workshop! Thank you for giving all of us a taste of how it feels to have the right information! You have undoubtedly changed numerous lives with your presentations”—Parent and Course Coordinator

This seminar will be held at Timber-lee Christian Center (www.Timber-lee.com), Friday evening and all day Saturday, November 5 and 6, 2004. Overnight accommodations and meals are available! For information on costs and registration, call (262) 642-7345 and ask for the registration office. You can also explore the Science Education Center Programs at www.timber-lee.com

Refuting Compromise

with Jay Seegert

Tuesday, September 28, 2004

Pewaukee, Wisconsin

The Creation Science Society of Milwaukee (CSSM) invites you to their first meeting of the fall! Books will be available for browsing at 7:00 p.m. At 7:30 p.m., Jay Seegert, the new president of CSSM, will speak on “Refuting Compromise.” Location: Spring Creek Church, N35 W22000 Capitol Drive, just east of Highway 164. Contact Jay Seegert at (262) 549-5316 or Ken Bahr at (262) 255-4643.

Worldview Weekend

Friday and Saturday, November 12–13, 2004

Rockford, Illinois

Brannon Howse will host this Worldview Weekend. Speakers will include Ray Comfort, Kerby Anderson, Mark Cahill, and Ron Carlson. Topics will include “Evidence for the Biblical Account of a Worldwide Flood” and “What Happened to the Dinosaurs?” Costs are \$45.00 for adults and \$35.00 for students (up to college). Further information is available on their website, www.worldviewweekend.com

