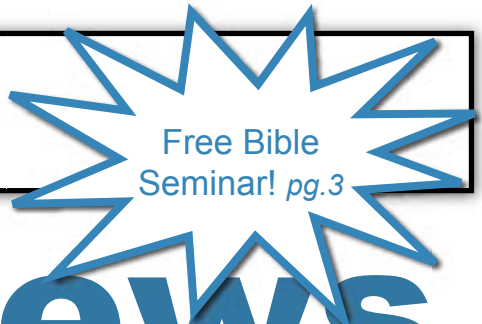




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The Good News

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The Dead Sea Scrolls are Alive

“The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever.” (Isaiah 40:8)

In 1947, a powerful testimony to these words revealed itself in the mountainous wastelands east of Jerusalem. A shepherd, exploring the area to the northwest of the Dead Sea stumbled across a cave containing several scrolls wrapped in skins and cloth. The cache of scrolls discovered here and in the surrounding caves turned out to contain the earliest known copies of the Old Testament, older than any other by about a thousand years.

Written on skins and pressed papyrus, the 850 scrolls found in about 15 000 fragments contained parts of every single Old Testament book with the exception of the book of Esther. What is even more amazing is that when compared with current copies of the Old Testament books they are virtually identical! The two copies of the Isaiah scroll are 95% identical with our traditional Hebrew texts. The only differences discovered were scribal errors such as differences in spelling, syntax and grammar. The record of God’s word was held in such high value that the message has remained the same even though it was copied time after time after time.

Amongst these copies of biblical books were other religious writing, biblical commentaries, hymns and other historical records. The entire find was incredible to archaeologists, as parchment and papyrus normally decay fairly quickly in the Middle Eastern climate.

In this library were discovered remnants of 19 copies of the book of Isaiah, 25 copies of Deuteronomy and 30 copies of the book

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A Dead Sea Scroll containing the Old Testament book of the prophet Isaiah.

Someone’s Making a Monkey Out of You

“Hydrogen is a colorless, odorless gas which, if given enough time, turns into people.”

Though perhaps a humorous quote at first, this simplified explanation of evolution ought to cause us to consider for a moment the leap of faith evolutionists would have us make.

Monkey Business With the Fossil Record

While Darwin predicted that the fossil record would show numerous transitional fossils, all we have 140 years later are a handful of disputable examples. Yet we and our children are bombarded with the lie that our tree-swinging-banana-peeling

ancestry is proven fact – when in truth it is still no more than a fanciful theory that relieves a conscience to a higher power and divinely prescribed moral values.

Textbooks and museums alike are full of skeletons and charts, arranged to suggest an evolutionary progress from lower primates to true humans today. Although presented as fact, one by one, the “transitional skulls” are being revealed as either extinct apes, true humans, or even deliberate hoaxes!

Many scientists, such as Dr. Sigrig Hartwig Scherer (Paleoanthropologist, Univ. Munich), having studied the various skulls closely, have concluded that they

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of Psalms. These fragments have been stored in museums around the world.

Probably the most valuable and well known scroll was a complete copy of the prophecy of Isaiah, over 23 feet long! This is now carefully preserved in the Shrine of the Book in Jerusalem, an amazing witness that although the grass withers and the flower fade; the word of our God will indeed stand forever!

“The word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.”
(1 Peter 1:15)



Tyndale Bible. Although it's often taken for granted now, the Bible has been a frequently suppressed book in ages past. In 1525, William Tyndale tried to share this treasure with others by publishing a New Testament written in English. In 1536, after being hunted down and imprisoned, he was strangled and burned at the stake for his efforts.

World History Foretold



Over 2,600 years ago, the most powerful king in the then known world awoke, startled by a disconcerting dream. He had dreamt about the future of the world, the future of empires.

But he didn't know it at the time.

He needed Daniel, a prophet of God, who revealed the message and meaning to the king. We have that message preserved for us in the book of Daniel, chapter 2.

What this king Nebuchadnezzar had seen was an image. An image of a mighty man with a carefully crafted head of gold, chest and arms of silver, belly and thighs of brass, legs of iron and, finally, oddly, feet of clay mixed with iron. But while the proud image still stood, a rough rock suddenly smashed the image on its feet – and the whole image collapsed and crumbled until nothing was left except dust blowing in the wind. The rock, however, grew into a mountain that filled the whole earth.

As if out of our modern history book, Daniel explains that the head of gold is Nebuchadnezzar himself, and his empire, Babylon, which would be succeeded by the silver arms and chest, which represented the Medes and Persians, who would be

defeated by the brass belly and thighs of the Greeks, who in turn would be defeated by the iron legs, the Romans, who would eventually divide into the clay and iron feet of fragmented Europe.

This is humdrum history to us, but back then it was an amazing telescopic view into the future, even to our present day.

In our day, the days of a Europe united yet fragmented by a mixture of strong and weak nations, the rock will strike. That rock is Jesus Christ, returning to the earth. He is coming to set up his kingdom to fill the earth as the mountain of the dream did; all of world history from 600 BC to the present and beyond is included in this dream, but all that will be soon replaced: *“And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed ... it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.”* (Daniel 2:44)

“Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.” - Jesus Christ
(Revelation 1:3)

Learn to Read the Bible Effectively Seminar

Sunday Nights, October 16th to September 20th, 2005

If you find reading the Bible difficult or frustrating at times, then this seminar is for you. Six concise and informative sessions are delivered in a friendly, comfortable environment. They are aimed at equipping you with the skills and determination to understand scriptural doctrines for yourself and benefit from a new appreciation of the Bible. Whether you are familiar with the Bible or are new to reading it, you will walk away with loads of information and new energy to begin reading more effectively.

Reasons to Attend:

- **FREE.** You will never be asked for money, to purchase materials or to make donations of any kind.
- Make your Bible study more productive and meaningful. Learn and fine-tune skills which will allow you to read the Bible with better understanding than before.
- Everyone attending receives free materials including a book of class outlines to keep your own notes. The hand-outs will also allow you to review material at your own pace between classes.
- **Plus**, if you believe in God, you are obligated to understand for yourself His purposes for man. Jesus himself said "Have ye not read...?"

Here's some things that you will learn:

- Who wrote the Bible - where did it come from?
- How to remove any "mystery" which many religions cast about the Bible.
- How to learn more in less time with effective study tools.
- 3 tips in letting the Bible interpret the Bible.
- Prove for yourself that the Bible is not a work of fiction.
- Why are the Jews so important in the Bible?
- How did so many interpretations of the Bible develop?
- Why are there 4 gospel accounts?
- How critics of the Bible "prove" their criticism.
- Why is there an Old Testament and a New Testament?
- What does the title Christ mean (and many other definitions to make Bible reading easier)?
- A simple Bible reading plan to get you through the whole Bible in a year.

Registration is Easy!



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Location and Time:

The sessions will begin at 7:30 p.m. and end at 9:00 p.m. with coffee, tea and refreshments, each Sunday evening from **October 16th to November 20th, 2005.** Drop-ins welcome.

Sessions will be held at the **Vernon Holiday Inn Express** breakfast room. The Holiday Inn Express is located at the corner of Hwy 97 and 48th Ave.

Questions Others Have Asked:

- **Q. What if everyone there knows more than I do?**
A. The classes are paced in such a way as to make everyone feel comfortable. No one is ever put "on the spot". Teaching segments are alternated between assumed knowledge and those who have no knowledge of the scriptures.
- **Q. Why are you doing this?**
A. Scarcely is the Bible read in today's paced lifestyles. Our faith and belief in God propels us to expound His message and Truth. We believe the Bible and what it teaches is right and good in directing our lives and families. In Christ's day, the apostles spread the Gospel message and the commandments of God. We also feel compelled to make known to all who would listen the wonderful plan God has for the earth.
- **Q. Who is paying for the seminars?**
A. An extremely important question, as few things today are free. All expenses are being absorbed by the Christadelphians in the area. No financial expectations will ever be expressed to you, now or in the future.



About the presenters:

Skip Bartholemew and Tim Osborn are experienced instructors in group and one-on-one environments. They have taught Bible classes for young and old throughout the country and maintain a commitment to local weekly Bible studies and efforts to increase Bible literacy. Their love of the Bible and their enthusiasm to share this with others is blended with a lively and enjoyable presentation style.



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can all be classified as either extinct apes or true humans. Even the famous "Lucy" has since been dismissed as an extinct ape. And what about the missing link of missing links, Homo Habilis, who promised to settle the dispute once and for all? More recently, evolution and creation scientists alike acknowledge that it is actually a composite skull, made up of parts from multiple species. It has been described as a "waste bin of various species and not a valid category". No, you don't have to believe everything just because you heard it in school or saw it on TV.

Natural Selection: Old News

According to Funk and Wagnal's Encyclopedia, *"Natural selection, in biology, the process by which environmental effects lead to varying degrees of reproductive success among individuals of a population of organisms with different hereditary characters, or traits. The characters that inhibit reproductive success decrease in frequency from generation to generation. The resulting increase in the proportion of reproductively successful individuals usually enhances the adaptation of the population to its environment."*

This is the basic premise upon which the evolutionary theory is built. For example, frogs with long legs easily outrun the frogs with short legs when fleeing their natural predators, so only the long-legged frogs

live long enough to pass on their long-legged genes.

But Darwin misunderstood this natural "fine-tuning" of the environment as a "creative" process with no limits! He thought that if "new" varieties could arise in a short time to suit their environment, then given enough time, any number of new characteristics, to the extent of totally new creatures, could appear. But what he didn't realize is that natural selection actually gets rid of information!

By definition, natural "selection" can only work with information available, and is not capable of creating anything. Even those mutations that give a survival benefit are seen to be losses of information, not creating the sorely needed new material upon which natural selection can then go to work.

Consider the intervention of horse breeders, who selectively bred some horses to refine enormous Clydesdale horses, and others to refine the smallest miniature pony. Now take one of each and try to reverse the processes. The loss of information via natural selection and selective breeding can create obstacles that prohibit breeding within a species, which in effect creates two new species. But both are still horses, and no information was added; it was simply taken away.



Did you know that the famous Peppered Moth "proof", the classical story of natural selection in action, is "flawed or downright wrong", according to the University of Chicago evolutionary biologist Jerry Coyne? In 1998, he published his realizations in the Nature magazine, noting that because these little insects

don't typically rest on tree trunks and are nocturnal animals whose primary predators are bats, the changes in tree bark color due to pollution actually has no effect on the populations of white vs. black adult Peppered Moths, contrary to popular teaching! See "Second Thoughts about Peppered Moths" by Jonathan Wells (*The Scientist*, 1999)

Try as they might, the evolutionist will never get a man out of a monkey-like hominid, but they have made a monkey out of mankind. The fact is, "in the beginning, God" created us in His "image and likeness" – unique from the rest of the animal kingdom, with the moral capacity to develop a conscience before him. It behooves us to acknowledge our accountability to Him and to open His book and find out more.

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