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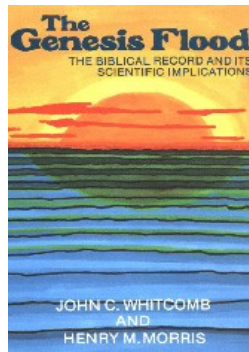
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The Genesis Flood, by Dr. Whitcomb and Dr. Morris, the beginning of the modern Biblical Creationist movement.

2011 marks the fiftieth anniversary of the publication of a book used by the Lord to spark what has become a world-wide movement to call Christians back to the authority of the Bible in the area of the debate over origins. That book – *The Genesis Flood*, coauthored by the late Dr. Henry M. Morris, and Dr. John Whitcomb – was a ground breaking work, which has become a classic over the past half century. It is in honor of the hard work, bravery, and love for the Word of God on the part of Dr. Morris and Dr. Whitcomb that this series of articles is dedicated.

In the coming issues of *The Toolbox*, we will be focusing on examining the global, catastrophic flood as described in Genesis chapters 6 – 9. In the first article of this multi-part series of articles on the subject (which will be published in the July-August 2011 issue), we will examine, among other things, the Biblical description of the Ark built by Noah, modern claims of discoveries pertaining to the Ark, and how the Ark

is a type of the salvation given through Christ to sinners.

One of the main reasons we have chosen to dedicate the feature article in *The Toolbox* over the next few issues to the subject of the Flood is because this subject covers one of the most questioned portions of the Bible. Critics have leveled some very serious attacks against the account in Genesis 6 – 9 of the Flood, and it is important for Christians to understand the role of the Flood in the modern debate over the validity of the Bible, and the evolution vs. creation controversy.

The second article in this series will discuss topics such as the Grand Canyon, rock layers, erosion, sediments, and glacial lakes. We'll look at Mt. Saint Helens, and other recent catastrophes in the process.

Article number three will cover such issues as fossils, Carbon 14 dating, soft tissue & red blood cells in fossils and polystrate fossil.

In the fourth article we will discuss topics including the Ice Age, drastic climate change, out of place plants, and 'modern' items found in lumps of coal, supposed to be millions of years old.

And, last of all, the fifth article will examine the many different flood legends from various cultures.

We pray that you will be blessed and equipped through this series of articles. Finally, as always, please let us know what you think by sending us an email. We love hearing from you our reader!

Joel Kautt is the Director of CET Ministries.

By Joel Kautt

“How Could A Loving God Send Someone to Hell?”

It should be noted that the question, “How could a loving God send anyone to hell?” is basically a moral judgment of God. Essentially, it is the same as saying, “It is wrong for God to send someone to hell.” This is highly presumptuous, because such a statement places us, as humans, in the role of an ultimate authority by questioning the morality of God in sending someone to hell. In essence, we are judging God based upon our own standard of what is good or evil. It would be worth asking then, “what is the origin of the concept of good and evil, right and wrong?” If it is just a human “convention” developed by society over the millions of years of evolutionary history, then maybe it is not as trustworthy as we make it out to be. A flexible, stretchy, evolving standard is no standard at all. However, if we base our understanding of morality on something outside of ourselves, in this case the Law of the Divine Lawgiver (who is also our Creator), we will have a basis for morality that is unchanging. So then, the concept of love, and justice or fairness (which is what this question is all about) is one, which in reality, is based, not in some mushy humanistic ideology, but rather in principles that come directly from the Bible and are rooted in the nature of God.

To understand how a God who claims to be loving can send someone to hell, we must first examine His nature or character. One of the Ten Commandments warns us to not make or worship an image of a false god.¹ In modern times, we probably wouldn't make a physical idol and worship such, but to have an incorrect understanding (whether intentional or unintentional) of who God is, and what He is like is essentially the same as making a physical idol. In order to avoid making a “god in our own image,” we need to understand what the One True God, the God of the Bible is like. While it is true that He is loving, His character is so much more than that one single attribute. God is completely holy, or

pure.² His nature as such, does not allow for sin to be in His presence.³ Further, the fact that He is also perfectly just and demands punishment of wrong doing requires a place of punishment. The Bible tells us that any sin, no matter how small will send a person to hell.⁴ Because of His complete holiness that is coupled with perfect justice, God does not discriminate when it comes to punishing sin.⁵ A sinner is graciously forgiven only when that sin is paid for by the fully effectual payment of the penalty of that sin by the death of the perfectly Sinless One, the Son of God, Jesus Christ.⁶ Christianity is unique among the world religions regarding how the sinfulness of man is addressed. In some religions, man must work hard to maintain a life of good deeds in order to outweigh the bad deeds done in his life. And, in spite of having tried to do more good deeds than bad deeds, it is impossible to know for sure that eternal paradise or rewards will be gained. The Bible tells us clearly that nothing we can ever do is good enough to pay for our sinfulness and restore our relationship with God.⁷ Only by the sacrifice of the One who has become the Mediator between us and God that we are able to stand exonerated before the Judge of mankind.⁸ The Bible asserts in many places that God loved us enough to send His Son to be the complete and appropriate payment for the debt of our sin which we could never pay on our own. Further, many passages in the Bible explain that God does not want anyone to go to eternal judgment. Instead, His desire is that everyone repents and turns to Him for salvation from that judgment.⁹ Ezekiel 33:11 states that God does not delight in the death of the wicked, but instead He wants the wicked to repent, and turn to Him.

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² See Isaiah 6:3; 1 Peter 1:15, 16; Rev. 4:8

³ See Isaiah 1:16; Habakkuk 1:13

⁴ See Romans 3:23; 6:23

⁵ See Romans 3:10, 19 - 23

⁶ See Romans 5:6 - 11; 1 Corinthians 5:21; 1

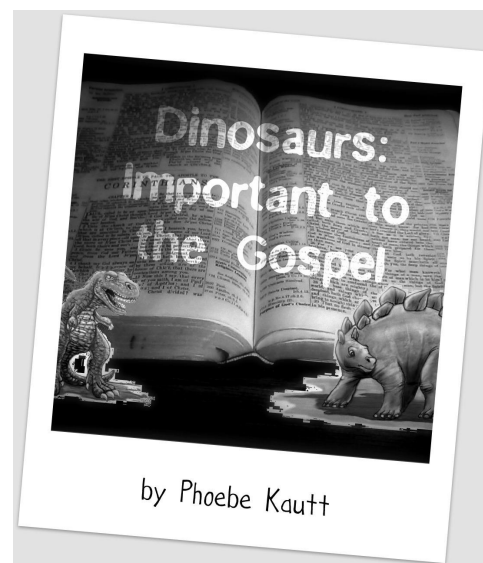
Peter 2:21, 22; 1 John 3:1 - 5

⁷ See Isaiah 64:6; Ezekiel 33:12, 13; Ephesians

2:8 - 20; Titus 3:4 - 7

⁸ See 1 Timothy 2:1 - 6

⁹ See John 3:16 - 18; 1 Tim. 2:1 - 4; 2 Pet. 3:9



Today dinosaurs are widely thought to have evolved from other reptiles over 230 million years ago, during the ‘Triassic’ period, and lived on earth long before men ever put a foot on this world.¹ They are believed to have gone extinct sometime around 65 million years ago, by an asteroid strike to the earth, or by some such event that wiped them off the face of the earth.² This is the common belief about dinosaurs within the science community, but is it compatible with God’s Word?

Genesis chapter one is the record of the creation of the world. It tells us that God created the whole world in six, 24-hour days. Day 1: He created the light, and separated it from the darkness, calling the light “Day” and the darkness “night”. Day 2: He created the sky. Day 3: He created the dry land, gathering together the water into one place, and calling the dry land “earth”, and the water “seas”. Then He created all of the plants and vegetation. Day 4: He created the heavenly bodies, the sun, moon and stars, “for signs and seasons, and for days and years, and for light in the firmament of the heavens.” Day 5: He created all sea and flying creatures. And, lastly, day 6: He created land animals and humans.

Now, taking the information from verses 20 - 22, we can rightly conclude that dinosaurs would be among the “great sea creatures” (sea dinosaurs) and “every winged bird” (flying dinosaurs), even though they are not mentioned by name. The same goes for verses 24 & 25; dinosaurs would be included in the “everything that creeps on the earth”.

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¹ <http://palaeo.gly.bris.ac.uk/communication/boulton/evolution.html#anchor3>

² <http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2010/03/100304142242.htm>

¹ See Exodus 20:1 - 6

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The fact is that God's love is there to offer the solution to man's problem of guilt from sin. His holiness requires that those who have not had their sinfulness covered by the blood of Christ to be banished eternally from His presence. Our responsibility is to turn from our sin, and seek forgiveness and salvation from the One who loves us more than we can ever know.¹⁰ So, instead of asking the question addressed by this column, perhaps we should ask rather, "Seeing how sinful we are, and how desperately we need someone to pay for our debt of sinfulness, how could anyone refuse the loving gift of payment for our sins that God has given to us through the death of His Son in our place?"



The Origins Debate in the News

Normally, this column is aimed at commenting on news reports regarding the "scientific" side of the origins debate. Although it is important to understand the nature of the debate in the realm of science, it is also crucial to realize the theological and spiritual implications of the debate. In this month's column I will focus on a recent controversy surrounding a well-known proponent of the 6-day, "young-earth" creation stance, Mr. Ken Ham.

Mr. Ham is renowned for his uncompromising stand for a literal, plain reading of the Genesis account of the creation of the universe. He is also known for going so far as to publicly taking to task other leaders in Christianity who hold to certain positions which blend, in various ways, the secular view of origins (evolutionary theories) with the Biblical record of creation. Mr. Ham justifies his actions by arguing that these prominent leaders are publicly teaching doctrine which is not true to the Bible, and therefore are worthy of being called out publicly. This stance by Mr. Ham has brought about much criticism over the years from many people in Christian circles who find his "naming names" to be offensive.

For many years, Ken Ham, and other speakers from Answers in Genesis, has given presentations at home school conventions all over America. There has been fairly widespread support for Answers in Genesis and its mission in this community. Recently, however, there has been an uproar regarding some comments Mr. Ham made about a fellow home school convention speaker. It seems that Mr. Ham spoke out publicly against the stance on the origins debate taken by a fellow Christian, Dr. Peter Enns, and the BioLogos organization,¹ of which Dr. Enns is a member. Mr. Ham was in effect warning Christian home schoolers to beware of the unbiblical position on the issue of creation / evolution held by Dr. Enns, the BioLogos organization, and some other convention speakers. Mr. Ham wants Christian parents to realize that the unbiblical teaching of these other speakers is creeping into the curriculum being developed for use by home schoolers.

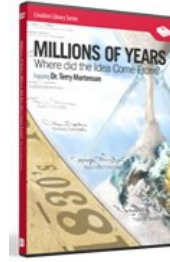
My challenge to all of my readers is that each of you would be very careful to "See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces^(a) of this world rather than on Christ." But don't just take my word for it! Be like the Bereans and examine the Scriptures to see if what these Christians leaders are teaching is true.²

¹⁰ (from Questions Answered article) See Acts 2:37, 38

¹ The BioLogos organization, founded by Dr. Francis Collins of the Human Genome Project, is a group of scientists who are trying to blend the theories of evolution with the Bible. Friends, this is another case where men are trying to force the secular "wisdom" of this world into the text of the sacred, and unchanging Word of the One who knows everything. The problem is that Christians should not be using the "lens" of the world to understand the Scriptures, but rather use the "lens" of the Scriptures to understand the world.

² See Acts 17:11

Resource spotlight



Millions of Years: Where Did the Idea Come From?, by Dr. Terry Mortenson.

Genesis is NOT a side issue! It is pivotal to the rest of Scripture. "If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?" Psalm 11:3

During this 65 minute presentation, Dr. Mortenson eloquently refutes the reasons behind accepting millions of years as a worldview. He looks at the history of and theories behind the writings of men who accepted and promoted millions of years as being compatible with Holy Scripture, and the eventual havoc it reeked.

In juxtaposition to those "compromisers," Mortenson presents the lives and writings of courageous men, who though in the minority, presented the scriptural basis for a young earth, created by our sovereign God. The "scriptural geologists" as they were called, came at a time when big named theologians and natural philosophers were busy promoting the compromised position; these men stood for truth. Men such as George Bugg, Andrew Ure, George Young and George Fairholm, who were mainly ministers with an understanding of natural philosophy (science) and a passion for upholding the authority of Scripture from its first verse.

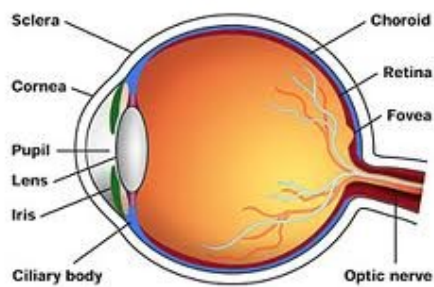
This DVD will help you to understand the history behind Uniformitarianism, and why the age of the earth and the Genesis Flood matter. A superb resource for all Christians.

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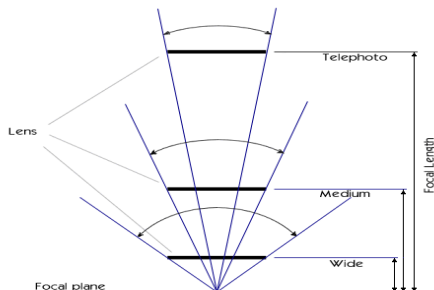
The Human Eye and the Camera Lens

In many ways, the human eye is the most complex mechanism in the universe. There are multiple aspects of the human eye that are intriguing. However, I would like to bring to your attention the way in which the lens in the eye focuses light.



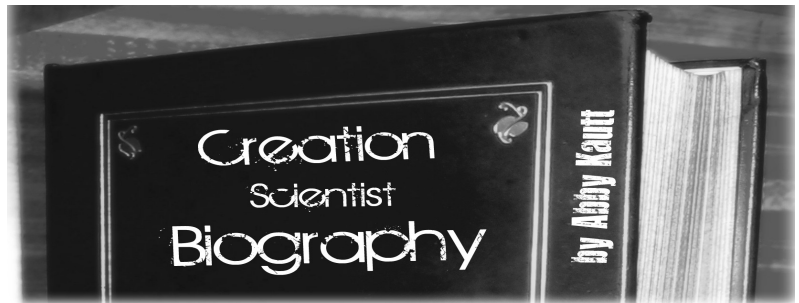
The similarities between the human eye and the modern auto-focusing camera lens are striking. As light travels through the pupil and iris, the lens must adjust to determine where the light rays are converged onto the retina. Whether the distance of the object being viewed is two inches away, or two miles away, the quality of the image will depend upon how quickly the lens can adjust.

In cameras, the focus is obtained by laterally moving the lens inside a tube, which moves the point at which the light is focused onto the film, or digital recorder. If the object in view moves, the image will form at some other place on the film or digital recorder, unless the lens is adjusted.

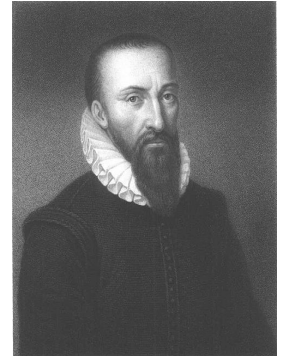


Strangely enough, the human eye actually changes the shape of the lens in order to keep the proper focus on the object, regardless of the object's distance from the eye. The instruments by which the lens is warped are the ciliary muscles (also known as the ciliary body).

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Ambroise Paré was born in the year 1510, in Laval, France¹. At the age of nineteen, he began apprenticing as a barber-surgeon at the Hôtel-Dieu. This meant he had first hand experience of battle wounds, for at this time there were many wars occurring.



Ambroise Paré

During this period, the method generally used to treat gunshot wounds was cauterization with boiling oil. Paré even used this form of treatment, until one day, during the battle of Turin, he ran out of oil, and instead used a mixture of turpentine, oil of roses and egg yolks² to dress the wounds of those embattled soldiers. Interestingly enough, those who had been cauterized, were the next day in more agony than before, while those who had been treated with the gentler mixture Paré concocted, were healing nicely and a great deal more comfortable in their recovery. His book *Method of Treating Wounds* in 1545, described these methods.

He served as the official and royal surgeon for kings Henry II, Francis II, Charles IX, and Henry III of France³.

“Je le pansai, Dieu le guérit” (“I bandaged him and God healed him”⁶) is a quote that summarizes his work philosophy:

“Paré wrote this sentence in his personal notes about the care he delivered to Captain Rat, in the Piémont campaign (1537-1538). He used this formula all along his career. In 1522 near Metz a citizen was pierced by twelve sword shots. He was about to be left dead. Ambroise Paré obtained the right to treat him. “I was his doctor, pharmacist, surgeon and cook: I bandaged him until the end of the treatment, and God healed him.””

Perhaps the most amazing aspect of Paré's life, was his humility, as displayed in the quote above. He simply performed his task as surgeon, realizing that ultimately, the healing was up to God. If only more men in the world of science and medicine were of the same frame of mind.

Ambroise Paré personifies the verse:

“The fear of the LORD is the instruction for wisdom, And before honor comes humility.” Proverbs 15:33

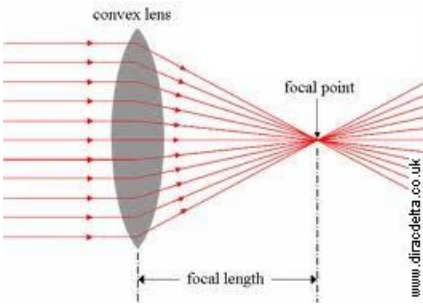
¹ <http://www.ndb.com/people/561/000096273/> - Laval is in the province of Maine, France.

² <http://www.uh.edu/engines/epi327.htm>

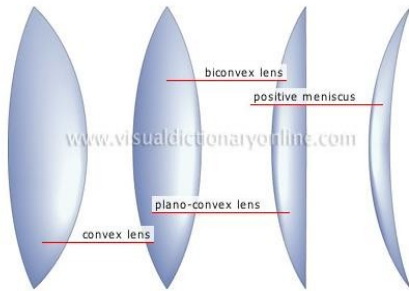
³ <http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/11478a.htm> – His religion is in some dispute. While some have claimed that he was a Huguenot, or at least affiliated with them, his own children were baptized into the Catholic church.

⁶ Jean-Pierre Poirier, *Ambroise Paré*, Paris, 2006, p. 42.

⁷ Jean-Michel Delacomptée, *Ambroise Paré, La main savante*, Gallimard, 2007, pp. 166-167.



When an object moves relative to the eye, these muscles actually squeeze the lens, making it either more or less convex, so as to focus the light rays in the correct location on the retina.



This concept probably startles you, as we normally think of lenses as being solid objects, usually made of glass or something similar. However, the eye's lenses are actually skin cells that develop by way of programmed cell death in the early stages of an infant's development in the womb.¹ These cells become independent from the surrounding cells, and are able to be warped to the correct convex shape by the ciliary muscles.²

This amazing process takes only nano-seconds, and is hundreds of times faster than the quickest auto-focusing camera lens on the most expensive cameras. Once again, humans have copied our Creator, and again we have failed to surpass His amazing ability to create! This should remind us of Proverbs 20:12, which reads, “The hearing ear, and the seeing eye, the Lord has made them both.”

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¹ Dr. Nathaniel Abraham, *Answers* vol. 6, No. 2, April – June 2011, pgs. 68-69;
² www.luc.edu/faculty/wwasser/dev/eye.htm;
 also, and interesting video here:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gvozc8pS3c&NR=1>

Thus, we come to the understanding that dinosaurs (along with every other living creature) were created on days 5 and 6.

If that is true, then that would immediately answer the question of whether or not dinosaurs lived at the same time as humans. Genesis 1:24-31 very clearly states that all land creatures were made on the same day as humans: day 6. Also, reading from Genesis chapter 2, verses 19 & 20, we learn that God brought all the animals (which would include dinosaurs!) to Adam for him to name them.

We can also examine passages like Job 40:15-24, which mentions a creature called Behemoth. Many believe that what Job is talking about here was an elephant or a hippopotamus. But, let's consider the description in verses 15-18: “Look now at the behemoth, which I made along with you; He eats grass like an ox. See now, his strength is in his hips, and his power is in his stomach muscles.” Now, if we were to stop here, we could rightly assume that this is talking about some kind of a creature like a hippo or an elephant. But, in fact, the passage continues, “He moves his tail like a cedar; the sinews of his thighs are tightly knit. His bones are like beams of bronze, his ribs like bars of iron.” Have you ever looked at the tail of an elephant or a hippo? Would you call it a ‘cedar’? Maybe a better description would be ‘twig’. Job is not describing an elephant or a hippo here! He is describing a sauropod (4-legged) dinosaur, possibly an Apatosaurus or Brachiosaurus, which have long necks and huge tails, resembling a massive cedar tree.

Now, you may say that Job did not live with these dinosaurs, he just wrote about them. However, when you look back at verse 15 again, you'll see that Behemoth was “made along with [Job].” A very clear indication that man and dinosaurs lived together.

But now, the controversial question of how dinosaurs became extinct must be answered. Did they die because of an asteroid strike, or because of starvation, or indigestion? Or, were they wiped out because of the world-wide flood of Noah's day? Let's take a look at God's Infallible and Holy Word to find the answer.

First off, we read in Genesis, chapter 6 that God commanded Noah to build an ark, in which he and his family, and all the animals aboard would survive the flood. Many criticize the ark, saying that it was not big enough for all of the animals to fit, and especially not dinosaurs and other large animals. However, the text is very clear as to the size of the ark: 300 cubits long, 50 cubits wide, and 30 cubits high. The common length of a cubit is approximately 18 inches, which would make the ark 450 feet long, 75 feet wide, and 45 feet high. Doing some simple math we see that the capacity of the ark would have been approximately 1,518,000 cubic feet, equivalent to the capacity of 569 modern railroad stock cars. Each stock car can accommodate 250 sheep-sized animals. Using the liberal approach to counting animals, there would have been approximately 16,000 animals on the ark, which would have only used 64 of the 569 railroad stock cars.³ And, even the large animals, such as dinosaurs and elephants, would have been taken onto the ark as “teenagers”, not “newborns” or “senior citizens”, but “teenagers”, because they would have had the longest life-span, and the best capability of reproducing once off the ark. The younger ones would also have been the smaller ones, since even the largest dinosaurs started out small, (the largest dinosaur egg that has been found is the about size of a football) and the average size of a dinosaur is about the size of a sheep. So, we see that there would have been no problem fitting dinosaurs on the ark.

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³ For a good DVD on this topic, watch Dr. Terry Mortenson's, *Noah's Flood: Washing Away Millions of Years*.

EVOLUTIONISTS IN THEIR OWN WORDS

Compiled by Phoebe Kautt



Dr. Bruce Waltke, an Old Testament scholar and believer in the Theory of Evolution.

“If the data is overwhelmingly in favor of evolution, to deny that reality will make us a cult... some odd group that is not really interacting with the world. And rightly so, because we are not using our gifts and trusting God’s Providence that brought us to this point of our awareness.”

- **Bruce Waltke**, a renowned professor of Old Testament and Hebrew, writer of several commentaries, and as it turns out, a believer in Evolution as well.¹

Compiler's note:

Wait a minute. Is the data really overwhelmingly in favor of evolution? It all depends upon the way you view the data - your worldview. Dr. Waltke's worldview glasses, which are quite unbiblical, *interpret* the evidence he sees, but they don't tell him whether it is a reality or not. Why don't we just trust God's Word, which never changes, and not so readily accept man's ever changing and infallible doctrines. Watch out Christians, Dr. Waltke has compromised, and is teaching false doctrines!

¹ <http://brucewaltkeonline.com/>

Ministry Update

This issue of our newsletter marks the two year anniversary of the publication of our first issue. Our prayer is that you have been blessed and equipped by each issue, and that we have truly added 'tools to your toolbox!' We would love to hear how our ministry has impacted your life, and any suggestions you may have for our newsletter.

With summer vacations and activities filling up your coming weeks, don't forget that summer is also a perfect time to minister to kids in your community, and VBS is just the right way to go about it! Our church is using Answers VBS again this year, after last year's huge success. The theme and focus for VBS 2011 is, “*Gold rush: Discovering the Rock of Ages*”. Hey, if you live in the Dallas, Texas area we invite you to bring your children or grandchildren and friends to attend VBS at our congregation, or at another local church. You can find other churches doing Gold Rush VBS by visiting www.answersvbs.com. If you'd like to attend our VBS, just contact us and we will let you know the details.

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