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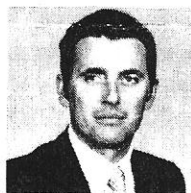
*"The Voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God."*  
Isaiah 40:3

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## REVEALED TRUTH VERSUS THEORY

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Our children are faced with a confusing conflict between the doctrine they are learning in school and that which they are taught from the Bible. Nowhere is this more painful fact than in the studies of elementary science. This conflict is all so unnecessary, for there has never been a scientific fact that does not agree with the Creator's revelation to man. All of the conflict arises from unprovable theories which are accepted as fact by the scientific community without proper evidence. Many students of science are as dogmatic and closed-minded about their presumptions as any religious fanatic.

Earth science now includes many notions about the Earth's formation which are based on the theory of uniformity. The uniformitarian's doctrine presumes that all geological changes of the past may be explained by existing chemical and physical processes. This theory rules out the possibility that the Creator ever intervened to, in fact, alter the very course and laws that govern nature. Included in this doctrine is the notion of the evolution of the animal kingdom, man included, over an incomprehensible time period unto that which we now have. There is not one particle of evidence in the universe known to man that any environmental stress can produce a genetic change either in a short or a long period of time. So, without one particle of scientific evidence the academic world has accepted evolution as a fact and is

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## OLD UNION BAPTIST MINISTERS SCHOOL



March 23-25

Old Union Baptist Church extends a welcome to all men of God called through the Holy Spirit to preach the glorious gospel of Christ to attend this year's school.

Twelve various Bible themes will be taught by Elders Billy Moran, Calvin Perrigo, Jerry Reynolds, J. H. Smith, Howard Taylor and H. C. Vanderpool.

If you have never attended or need additional information you should write to: Elder Paul Bryson, Route 9, Box 84, Bowling Green, Ky. 42101.

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of Truth."  
2 Timothy 2:15

## AN OREGON REPORT

by Steve Perrigo  
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On December 31, 1982, Brother Del Compton and myself departed by plane from the Indianapolis Airport beginning our trip to Oregon. The purpose of this trip was to visit two of the churches there, Bethel Missionary Baptist Church and Hauser Missionary Baptist Church. Both of these churches are in need of pastors. We also wanted to report to the churches in the east informing them of the need on the west coast.

Upon our arrival at Portland International Airport, Brother Compton rented a car and we proceeded south to Albany. Brother and Sister W. T. Swanson, members of Bethel Church in Corvallis, live in Albany and were our hosts the first day in Oregon. When we first arrived in Albany, I directed Brother Compton, who was driving, to the old building where Bethel Church first met when organized and where my father, Elder Calvin Perrigo, first pastored. I am thankful God enabled me to remember as much as I did because it had been almost twenty years since I lived in Albany. After taking a brief tour of Albany, we went to Brother Swanson's home. Along with the Swanson's were Brother and Sister Roark who had come to welcome us. Brother Roark and Brother Swanson had many questions to ask and we enjoyed a few hours of conversation before being served our evening meal. Most of our talk was on who, what, and how the work in Oregon could progress and be profitable to God.

After eating a wonderful meal, we all prepared to leave for Bethel where services had been planned for that evening giving both Brother Compton and myself

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## SERMONS DAY

March 5, 1983

### FAIRVIEW MEMORIAL

#### MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Fairview Memorial Missionary Baptist Church of Bowling Green, Kentucky will host a Sermons Day on Saturday, March 5, 1983.

Elders Harold D. Carver, W. T. Russell, Charles Patterson, and Kenneth Davis will deliver sermons.

This service is a follow-up to the service held by Independent Missionary Baptist Church in November of 1982.

We sincerely hope that you can come and worship with us and enjoy a day of fellowship. The service will start at 10:00 A.M. and lunch will be served at the church.

Fairview Memorial is located at 1150 Fairview Avenue.

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an opportunity to preach. At the present time, Bethel Church is located in Corvallis, Oregon, which is approximately 10 miles west of Albany. Not only is the building in Corvallis ideally situated for accessibility, but is highly visible located between a bank and a fast food restaurant at a heavily traveled intersection. Some may disagree that their location is good; but if newcomers to the area were looking for a church they would have no problem finding this one.

Our services that evening were memorable. Although we were few in number, we had good singing with good spiritual feeling. Most of the members of Bethel are scattered between three cities,

Corvallis, Albany and Salem. Salem is approximately thirty miles north of Albany. As I mentioned earlier, both of us preached that evening. I went first, preaching from Galatians 6 chapter and taking a text from Psalms 126:5, "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy." Brother Compton followed reading from Hebrews 12:1-2 and taking his text from Isaiah 40:31, "They shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint." A handshake of Christian fellowship followed and the service was dismissed after testimonies and words of encouragement.

Brother Compton and I stayed overnight at Brother Swanson's home. Our stay with them was most enjoyable. We awoke early on Saturday morning and prepared for another day of travel, preaching, and fellowship. Brother Compton and I, along with Brother and Sister Swanson, drove that morning to the community of Hauser, just outside of North Bend, Oregon. The drive was approximately three hours. However, it was a most pleasant drive through some very scenic areas of Oregon. North Bend and Coos Bay are adjoining cities of the Coos Bay area. The bay is a deep sea port where you will find many ocean going vessels. The main export is lumber and wood products. Because of the housing industry, this lumber community suffers very high unemployment. The highest being 35%.

Arriving about noon at Hauser Missionary Baptist Church, we found Brother Roark waiting for us. Brother Roark has been pastor at Hauser about three years. He recently turned in his resignation as pastor. As pastor of Hauser he pulled together a small number of dedicated believers who love the Lord and the Lord's work. This congregation now is rather youthful with many young children in attendance. The church is at the right time to begin a growth of new converts and has seen the need for expansion already. They have added Sunday School rooms on to the building, doing most all of the work themselves and having no debt. There is still some work left to be done, but they have completed enough of the work for the rooms to be in use now. The accomplishment and leadership of Brother Roark have been manifested through the dedication and spirituality of the membership. The man of God who succeeds Brother Roark will find an easy transition and sufficient foundation material to build upon in the Lord.

After having lunch in Brother Roark's home, we returned to the church for services at 2:00 P.M. Brother

Compton was chosen to preach. After good spiritual singing and prayer, he read from Numbers 20 and took his subject from John 4:10, "Asking the Lord." We could certainly feel the presence of the Lord with us which enabled him to deliver a wonderful message. A Christian handshake followed along with many comments and testimonies. We were then dismissed for a brief period of fellowship and refreshments. Most everyone remained for services that evening at 7:00 P.M. During that service I was permitted to preach and had great liberty of the spirit. Reading from Romans 8:1-17 and taking a text from Job 32:8, "There is a spirit in man." I felt led to preach to the lost. There were many children attending that evening, some close to the age of accountability, who were very attentive to the word of God. Let's remember them in our prayers. Services closed that evening after many testimonies of Thanksgiving.

Brother Del Compton returned to Albany with Brother and Sister Swanson that evening in order to fill the pulpit at Bethel Church seeing they have no pastor. I remained at North Bend spending the night with Brother Roark's family in their home.

On Sunday morning, I preached again at 11:00 A.M. using II Timothy 1:8, "Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of the Lord." Again, the Lord's presence was felt giving me the ability to freely preach even though my physical body was tiring. We all remained after morning services eating a bountiful meal prepared by the ladies of the church. That afternoon we had a singing which was greatly enjoyed. We then dismissed and said our farewells to each other. I then departed on my return trip to Albany, spending the remainder of the night in Brother Swanson's home.

Brother Compton and I enjoyed a good nights sleep waking the next morning to begin our journey to Portland where our flight was to depart that afternoon. Before leaving Brother Swanson's home, we all bowed before the Lord praying and thanking Him for his devine providence and His goodness and mercy. But most of all we thanked Him for a most wonderful experience being with our Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus. We arrived safely at Portland airport and flew back to Indianapolis arriving that evening at 11:45 P.M.

In closing, I want to express a deep concern for the Lord's work going on in remote places. I hope the power of the Lord will begin to deal with the hearts of God's preachers affecting them to step out on faith, trusting in the Lord to direct

them into these areas. The work is not easy, but how great will be in the presence of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ when we can say as Paul said, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me a that day, and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing." II Timothy 4:7-8. My final closing remark will be the scripture found in Isaiah 6:8, "Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Who shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I: send me. Vs. 9 And he said, Go....."

We want to thank everyone who supported us with their prayers and contributions. Furthermore, we want to emphasize the importance of the work that is being attempted in Oregon and Idaho. Let us not forget to pray for that work and pray God will send more of his preachers to that land to help advance the work. This means more financial help will be needed for those who go. In everyway I believe God's people, who love his work, have shown their generosity thus far. All that is needed now is more people who are willing to sacrifice a little of that which God has given us and send to those who are willing to sacrifice all for the Lord's work. In closing, I pray that no one misunderstands my intent. I ask that everyone pray for me that I may be willing to humbly submit myself to God's work in the ministry.

"It has ever been a Baptist heritage to have unrestrained liberty in thought and speech. The only restriction that can be considered is that every statement must be true. If the speaker or writer, is sure that what he speaks is the truth he has no need to fear any padlock on his lips. He is at liberty to exercise his Baptist freedom in speaking freely all the truth he knows. In fact, it is the duty of every Baptist to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. No one has a moral rite to suppress the truth. If the telling of it hurts any man or any measure, it will be because such a man or measure is wrong. Tell all the truth."

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teaching it as such. That is being as hypocritical as any believer of any religion has ever been. It is also very unscientific. Scientists, like all dishonest human beings, sometimes hide that evidence they accidentally discover which tends to disprove their theories. Often a discovery is made which completely disintegrates the whole superstructure of geological and evolutionary geological and evolutionary theory which has been built up over decades of study. Undaunted, the uniformitarians and the evolutionists either hide it, shrug it off as spurious, or pound the square peg into the round hold in a very unscientific manner and go on. A recent classic example of this "square peg" type of discovery was "Lucy", a supposed ancestor of mankind who was determined to be so old that she completely disrupted existing theories of man's ancestry. This discovery caused a disagreement in the circles of paleontologists not unlike those common between advocates of differing religious views. (Read in September, 1981 issue of Reader's Digest) When one realizes the flimsy so-called evidence upon which the ideas which prevail do rest, it is a laughing matter, or would be, if it were not for the fact that such theories are helping to obscure the truth.

In the past, many worldly-minded people who have fancied themselves Christians have tried to accomodate the above theorists by reinterpreting the Bible. The mere fact that they tried

**WEST END BIBLE STUDY**

Elder W. T. Russell will teach from the Book of Isaiah beginning Tuesday evening February 15th at 7:00 p.m.

West End Missionary Baptist Church of Main Street, Gallatin, Tennessee will have this annual winter study. All the members and Pastor W. E. Massey invite all churches and ministers to share with them in these lessons.

Lessons will be taught each Tuesday and Thursday evenings continuing through March 18th.

proved that they knew nothing of the deep truths of the pre-historic past either from God's revelation in the Bible or from the sources of scientific evidence.

One of the favorite arguments of the opponents of creationism is that the Bible was written so many generations after the beginning that much of the truth about the beginning was modified. These adversaries think God incapable, if they even think there is such a being, of inspiring a man, as he did Moses, to write down the facts. Even so, to the astonishment of many, the chain of oral tradition from Adam to Moses is very short in spite of the many centuries of lapsed time. Consider the following chart in proof of this point.

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Name	Birth	Death	Scripture Ref.
Adam	Creation-0	930	Genesis 5
Seth	130	1042	Genesis 5
Enos	235	1140	Genesis 5
Cainan	325	1235	Genesis 5
Mahalaleel	395	1290	Genesis 5
Jared	460	1422	Genesis 5
Enoch	622	Translated-987	Genesis 5
Methuselah	687	1656-year of flood	Genesis 5
Lamech	874	1651	Genesis 5
Noah	1056	2006	Gen. 5:28 & 9:29
Shem	1558	2158	Genesis 11
Arphaxad	1658	2096	Genesis 11
Salah	1693	2126	Genesis 11
Eber	1723	2187	Genesis 11
Peleg	1757	1996	Genesis 11
Reu	1787	2026	Genesis 11
Serug	1819	2049	Genesis 11
Nahor	1849	1997	Genesis 11
Terah	1878	2083	Genesis 11
Abraham	1948	2123	Gen. 11:26 & 25:7
Isaac	2048	2228	Gen. 21:5 & 35:28
Jacob or Israel	2088+?	2235+?	Gen. 25:20 & 47:28



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It can easily be seen that Adam lived to within 126 years of the birth of Noah and could easily have conversed with Noah's father who was 56 years old at the time of Adam's death. Methuselah, who was already 243 years old at the time Adam died had 98 years to relate what Adam told him of the creation to Shem, the son of Noah. Abraham was already 58 years old when Noah died and Shem could have conveyed what Methuselah told him from Adam to the children of Israel, although we doubt that he ever saw them. From Jacob to Moses we have no definite Chronology of dates, but 430 years between God's promise to Abraham (Approximately 2023) to the writing of the Law (Genesis through Deuteronomy). The account of the creation was written down by Moses approximately two hundred years after the death of Jacob.

Of course we understand that revelation, and not oral tradition, accounts for the accuracy of Moses' account, but the longevity of the men of old is a factor indicating God's continuous intervention in the affairs of men which many people are unwilling to make allowance for.

We also have some hints in the Bible of very ancient sayings (or perhaps writings) preceding the inspired text, such as the prophecy of Enoch quoted in the book of Jude, Verses 14 & 15. We also have evidence of knowledge regarding the earth and the physical universe existing among wise men of old which was left undiscovered by scientific means until recent times.

It would seem from the above observations that what truth there is about the ancestral cave man is actually about tribes who regressed after God's excellent creation instead of tribes of men who had progressed in evolution from ape-like ancestors.

One important fact that makes the merging of the Bible with popular theories about the beginnings of the earth and of man impossible is the Bible fact that death did not exist prior to Adam's fall. Earth was a paradise, in the beginning such as we cannot imagine as we meditate in these corrupted bodies of death. Not only did man bring a curse upon himself, but upon the earth also for his sake. (Gen. 3:17-19). If man had not sinned the earth would have been such that the care of himself and his family would have not been a burden to him and the bearing of children would have not been a burden to the woman. (Gen. 3:16-19) There would

have been no pain, sorrow, or death in the world. The whole course of nature was altered catastrophically because of sin. The modern academic world paints a picture of the prehistoric world as one of death, violence, and upheaval. They will not imagine a world without predators, living only to kill in order that they might go on living. They cannot imagine the carnivorous creatures of the earth living calmly upon the plant life that God supplied for their meat, but so God originally decreed as recorded in Genesis 1:30. Furthermore, the prophet predicted a time again when the Lion would eat straw as an ox (Isaiah 11:7 & 65:25) and the wolf and the lamb shall feed together. Many Christians believe that prophecy is symbolic and spiritual in meaning, and others expect it to be fulfilled naturally in a coming restoration of the paradise earth, but in either case we can agree that a world full of predators could never be paradise nor could it have been so before the fall of man. We must conclude that not so long ago the whole course of nature was altered because of sin from what it was in the beginning. God changed it so that the ugliness of sin and the awfulness of its rewards could be clearly seen in nature. The blood of one must be shed and the agony of death must be suffered in order that another might have life. The woman must travail in childbirth in order to give life to another and a man must toil and sweat and suffer in order to sustain life in others. The whole world is so, "All things are full of labor; man cannot utter it..." (Eccles. 1:8) All of this God directed by his intervention, to continually preach the gospel in nature—that the life of One through the suffering of death would provide eternal life for others dead in sin.

According to the Bible the earth has suffered another catastrophic alteration as a result of God's intervention and again because of sin, this time because of the magnitude of the sins of the whole human race. In the creation when God began to order that which was without form, he took the waters of the "deep" (Gen. 1:2) and divided the "waters from the waters". (Gen. 1:6) and said "Let there be a firmament (sky) in the midst of the waters." Above the sky there was a band of waters encircling the earth which is no longer there. That water came down as torrents of rain in the days of Noah and being combined with the waters within the earth which came out from the "fountains of the great deep" (Gen. 7:11) covered the face of the whole earth to destroy it. Perhaps no one knows what the effect of a band of water completely en-

circling the earth would be, but we can speculate a little with some educated guesses. The temperature of the earth should have been much more uniform, without frozen polar regions and scorching tropical areas. We know that there was no rain. The earth was watered by the moisture which gathered each night (Gen. 2:5&6 and Hebrews 11:7) and from this we conclude that there were no deserts. The land mass of the earth must have been much larger owing to the fact that much of what is now in the seas was at that time stored above the firmament.

The earth was cursed after the fall and it became a dreadful place because of the alterations that God made in nature. Again it became much less fruitful after the flood because of another change in nature which God made and again because of sin. Some have speculated, with good evidence to rely on, that the earth before the flood resembled a giant greenhouse filled with moisture and warm temperatures, a perfect environment for the profusion of tropical plant life and giant amphibian creatures which scientists with good evidence say once existed upon the face of the earth. These same creatures could not survive the barrenness of the world following the flood and rapidly became extinct. That, of course, is speculative, but it does agree with the theories scientists hold as to why the dinosaurs became extinct, a dwindling food supply. There is much evidence in the earth which conclusively proves to any reasonable mind when considered that there was in fact a universal flood upon the earth at one time. That fact does not have to be understood "by faith" through God's revealing Spirit, for many unbelievers of the past have been persuaded of the flood based on scientific evidence alone. Modern science books purposely omit all such abundant evidence.

Although our children may have to sit and listen in silence to theories presented as truth which contradict actual truth, there is no need for them to be confused by them. They must be taught that the theories of uniformity and evolution, which can never be scientifically proven, cannot in any way be fitted together with Biblical creationism. They should be advised that there is much that their teachers may not know, and that there is equally as much dishonesty and hypocrisy in the academic and scientific realms as in the religious realm.