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"It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man" Psalm 118:8

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Conversations with Atheists

by Tom Willis

Many unbelievers have been led into the light (and many believers blessed and matured) by CSA teaching. But, anyone in ministry also remembers "unfruitful" encounters which tend to go unreported. The Lord, however, does not think these are unfruitful, and neither should we. Potential benefits include: 1. Latent seed being planted, 2. Acquisition of new facts or ideas, 3. Further affirmation of God's Word because He told us this would happen, 4. A surprise to me, the blessing to (especially young) believers who witness these encounters, apparently because they witness the arrogance, and total inability of opponents to defend their position with anything resembling a cogent marshaling of facts.

I have observed this "blessing phenomenon" on a number of occasions. Perhaps reading about such encounters will not be as helpful as observing them, but my goal here is to attempt to bless by reporting what seems (thus far) a truly unfruitful encounter...

I (accidentally) visited your website www.csama.org. Great Stories! You made my day! Keep on inventing them! Go on keeping people busy with these harmless trifles! You have a function in this society! Never give up! I love you! Jan xxxx

My provocative reply is abbreviated below.

Dear Jan, Nice to hear from you. Your thoughts were a bit incoherent, but not surprising. You were typical of virtually all our opponents - sophomoric sarcasm with a consistent inability to discuss issues... Incidentally, there are no "stories" on our website... You may impress yourself with your sarcasm, but you only succeeded in suggesting to me that you could not defend your point of view if your life depended on it, which, of course, it does. When you stand before the Creator and Judge of the universe, I doubt that He will be much more impressed than I am. But, I am confident, he will remind you that Tom Willis made the truth available to you, therefore you will be without excuse... To illustrate that I do give evidence and reason for my convictions, here is one of my standard offers:

I outlined three of the propositions I made in "Is Creation Science" articles (CSANews, Jan - July, 2002), showing that: 1. Nothing as complex as a pocket comb ever happens by random processes. 2. The Creator of complex systems is always outside of and transcendent to the created system, and 3. That Life and Matter, the most complex systems known, cannot be created in nature by any process. But they are here, therefore, the best scientific theory is that, like combs and space stations, they were created. I also quoted some Scripture and closed as follows:

Remember, if you cannot answer these challenges, what chance do you think you will have explaining your life to the God who obviously created you, and loved you enough to allow people like you and me to beat him to death... My hope is: that simple fact will open your eyes to the absurdity of your "position," and thus save your life.

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July 16 (Saturday) - 9:00AM-4:00PM - KU Natural History Museum, picnic, and a truly rare experience... God-honoring tour of a Natural History Museum.

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September 23 (Friday) - 7:15 - 9:15PM - Astronomy Safari
See March 19 Astronomy Safari for more details.

October 22 (Saturday) - 9:00AM - 6:00PM - KATY Bike Trail
Bicycle Trip along the beautiful Missouri River bluffs near Boonville, MO. Fall colors, explore the cause and age of the Missouri River valley.

October 28 (Friday) - 7:15 - 9:15PM - Astronomy Safari
Note: See March 19 Astronomy Safari for more details.

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Read the detail booklet carefully for dates, times, where to meet, what to bring and estimated costs. CSA does not charge for Safaris, but depending on the outing, there can be costs.

Conversations with Atheists (*cont'd from right column*)

(See: <http://www.datanation.com/fallacies/attack.htm>), begging the question and "lots of people agree" (appeal to popularity). Popular ideas were also advanced by Alexander, Hitler, Lenin, Stalin, Mao Tse-tung and Pilate. Incidentally, most, or all, were evolutionists.

I'm not recommending that every Christian seek debates with trained evolutionists, but I am suggesting, as publicly admitted by a Ph.D. speaker at the local "Atheist Club," **If an evolutionist debates a trained creationist, the evolutionist will lose!**

"Fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell." (Matthew 10:28). And pray for Jan, foolishness due to lostness is not a permanent condition, even for a Ph.D.

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Given limited space, I'll try to fairly represent his responses, with a few of my remarks in braces and/or italics:

I did not send you "thoughts". I laughed at you. If you cannot make the difference, no wonder you find these "thoughts" incoherent. {TW: *Gee, I hadn't noticed. Actually I was merely giving you more credit than you deserve when I called them "thoughts."*}

I do not suffer from "consistent inability to discuss issues", thank you very much... {*I'll let the reader evaluate that claim.*} I can very well imagine the situation: when a lunatic accumulates one stupidity on another... There ARE "stories" on your website. In fact there are NOTHING BUT "stories" on the site. {*He didn't name one, much less explain its "lunacy."*} If Tom Willis, by this, wants to make sure St.Peter... has recorded his merit... It is acknowledged. It would mean you yourself are a believer, hence rather a religious victim than exploiter. For as far as it is genuine, it excuses the harm you do to people's minds. {*Which "harms folks minds:" teaching there is purpose in their life or they are an accident of nature? Neither reason nor empirical evidence supports your claim.*} If you want to threaten ME: still OK with ME...: I'm a trained adult... {*I quoted Scripture, God "threatened him," not I.*} When you start to threaten MINORS in this way, you will find me on {*in?*} your way. Minors are not yet immunised [sic] against religious fundamentalism, and should - through education- be protected against people like you. And DON'T you start threatening people again in their daily life (as many religious zealots did before you...) {*Who is threatening whom, and who's the zealot?*} Unfortunately for the USA, I read that Christian fundamentalism is gaining grip on education, in the same way muslim fundamentalism poisons the arab world. {*Typical antichrist. Cannot distinguish between loving your neighbor by trying to convince him to change, and killing him.*} I hope the American people will be able in time, to overcome this mental illness. I do not discuss with criminals-against-the-human-race, or their fanatic representants [sic], or their texts. {*Classic atheist evidence and logic.*} {*I then asked him to give me one fact about evolution he was willing to explain and defend. His reply:*} Also typical. There is 120 years of careful analysis of evolutionary processes, by scientists of all countries, all convictions, all religions. {*Ditto my last*} {*Next I discussed the "Laws of Complex Systems" as mentioned above. Here were the only "errors" he identified. I had said I would list two, but listed three, but forgot to change the "two" to "three", and sloppily numbered the conclusion as "4." He saw this as a devastating display of my incompetence:*} "Can you count? "Two" means 1...2." {*Regarding "Complex Systems" requiring creation, he said it was "madness." And added...*}

A comb and a pocket calculator are man-made. They are indeed created by intelligent beings. A living cell, a tree, animals (among which the human), a rock formation, a planet and a star, the galaxies and the universe are complex systems, but **-as it more and more appears- are NOT created** by an intelligent being. {TW emphasis}{Th...th...that's all folks!}

{*Wow, real science! Let's summarize it.*} "Everyone knows that combs and calculators **require** creation but the most complex systems in the cosmos (matter, life, stars, galaxies) **appear to be not created!** {*Appear? To whom, based on what?*} Therefore, you (Willis) better not threaten **me**, and you'd better not be telling any minors that evolution isn't science or I'll be on your way!"

Conclusion: The encounter was typical, precisely as Jesus said it would be. This European(?) Ph.D. had less than nothing: laughter, sarcasm, anger, threats, argumentum ad hominem...

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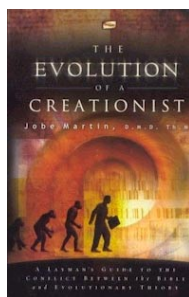
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CSA Meeting - Tuesday, Mar 1, 2005

**The Age of the Earth
Using Radiometric Dating, Part II**

By: Tom Willis

By the 1850's, long before the invention of "radiometric dating," those hating God and those pretending to like God, but who invented their own version of God, had largely accepted the "proofs" of Hutton and Lyell that the earth was of virtually limitless age. The "science" of radiometric dating served them by "confirming" what they already believed. But, has "radiometric dating" really told us anything about the Age of the Earth, and what has it told us? It may come as a shock to many to learn that the most believable proofs from "radiometric" dating are that the earth must be very young. (Continued from Part I at February meeting, which was postponed due to January ice storm.)

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CSA Meeting - Tuesday, April 5, 2005

**The Age of the Earth
Using Geologic Formations & Processes**

By: Tom Willis

James Hutton, a Scottish farmer who failed at law and medicine, began in 1785, to expound his theory that rocks and formations were the result of continuous recycling over virtually infinite time. Charles Lyell, a British lawyer, who also seemed to never work for a living, began his campaign to unseat Moses as a competent historian, by "proving" that all geologic formations could be "explained" in terms of presently operating processes. These men, both with no formal training in geology, are virtually worshipped as the "fathers of Geology." Are any of their principal claims now, or were they ever, credible? [Rescheduled from February after January meeting cancellation due to ice-storm.]

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