

Answers Update

A welcome letter from Dr Monty White...

Dear Friends,

At *Answers in Genesis*, we are very excited about the plans that are in place for our ministry. I thought that I would share some of these plans with you with the hope that you, too, will be excited and will join us in prayer for the future.



In mid-January Dr Robin Greer joined us as a full-time speaker and writer. Robin has both scientific (in the field of biochemistry) and theological qualifications (including two earned doctorates!) and we believe he will be a great asset to our ministry. His wife, Alison, also joined us to work in the Ministry Section to help with the booking and organisation of Robin's speaking engagements and to accompany him when he speaks at various venues so that she can run the bookstall for him.

The Board has resolved that by the end of the decade, we should have four members of staff who will be able to share speaking ministry. The appointment of another speaker in the next three years will inevitably lead to the appointment of more support staff – as we have seen with the appointment of Robin and his wife, Alison.

We have plans for several tours this year – one with Carl Kerby [AiG-USA] in March 2007 (can I, once again, encourage you to try to attend one of Carl's meetings as he is an excellent communicator); one with Ken Ham [AiG-USA] in Scotland in September 2007; one with Robin Greer in Scotland in September 2007; one with Paul Taylor in Northern Ireland in September 2007; and one with me in Ireland (North and South of the border) in October 2007. To get details of these tours (locations, venues, times, title of talks, etc) log on to our website www.answersingenesis.org and click onto "events".

After the phenomenal success of our first international conference held at the Swanwick Conference Centre last April, we plan to hold another International Conference in 2010. We also have plans for several other conferences – one in Yorkshire in spring 2007; one in South Wales in spring 2008; and one in Belfast in May 2008. Again a look at our website will give details of the venues, costs and who is speaking at these conferences.

We have many opportunities to present our message in churches, schools and colleges during 2007. In addition, we plan to continue to teach at church-organised Bible Schools at Cardiff and Handsworth and we hope to get involved in teaching at a Bible College that is going to be established in Bulgaria in the not-too-distant future.

At the end of last year we were able to order a new van - a long wheel base, low roof Nissan Primastar 2.0 litre turbo diesel van with a payload of 1,200 kgs. I want to thank all of you who contributed to our van fund so that this vehicle could be purchased at the time when we employed our new speaker. We have kept our van fund open as we believe that soon we will need to purchase another one – either when our VW Transporter needs replacing because of normal "wear and tear" or when we employ another speaker.

As I reported to our Board at its AGM in November 2006, "It is therefore envisaged that with God's help and guidance, the ministry of *Answers in Genesis* will continue to influence our nation. The Board and staff look to the Lord, the Creator of the Universe for his continued blessing upon this ministry and trust that He will continue to supply all the needs for this vital ministry from his riches in glory."

Please pray with us that the Lord will indeed bless our ministry for his glory. Yours in Christ,

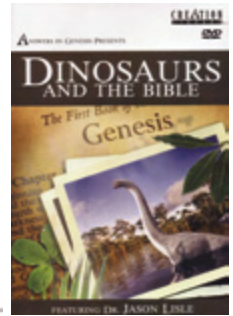
Dr Monty White, CEO, *Answers in Genesis* (UK/Europe)

We like Dinosaurs!

Children love dinosaurs. But so do some grown-ups, like me. I took five children varying in ages from six to nineteen to the Science Museum in London recently. As we had little time, we headed straight for the dinosaur section. We were fascinated by the large skeletons and by the vicious looking animatronic tyrannosaurus, which sounded as if it needed a large packet of Strepsils! Even the evolutionary propaganda on the display labels was just a wonderful opportunity to talk to the children about God's word.

Yet, twice recently, I have met Christians with a different view of these fascinating animals. At one meeting, a lady criticised me for having books on our bookstall featuring dinosaurs. Dinosaurs, she argued, were made by the devil, and put in the rocks to confuse people. Animals that God made are beautiful, she continued. So monstrous dinosaurs could not have been made by God, and therefore never really existed.

There are several things wrong with such a view. Firstly, it assigns to the devil the ability to create. Yet the Bible shows that only God can create *ex nihilo* (out of nothing). The idea that the fossil-bearing rocks contain deceptions designed to trick us is alien to the teaching of the Bible. Creationists and evolutionists agree on the reality and the scale of the dinosaur fossils found. We disagree on the dating of the fossils.



Dinosaurs can be a wonderful tool to reach young children. We sell many materials that can help!



The Creation Museum in America will feature many exciting displays, including large scale dinosaurs

God made lots of animals which are now extinct. That is because we live in a fallen world with death, disease and suffering. The world is not the same now as the perfect world that God made. He made land animals on day six. Dinosaurs were land animals. So it is logical to conclude that God made dinosaurs on day six. We often refer to dinosaurs as 'missionary lizards'. Their existence in the fossils helps us to point people to God. Dinosaurs are interesting and exciting. That is why our American colleagues have put so many animatronic dinosaurs in their Creation Museum, due to open in May 2007.

But what about the point that today's animals are beautiful whereas dinosaurs are monstrous and ugly. Nonsense! God made the triceratops as well as the tiger. And a triceratops or a brachiosaurus or even a *t. rex* is a thing of beauty.

News from Bulgaria

Pastor Darin Ivanov who is responsible for translating our AiG booklets into Bulgarian has told us some exciting news about a major witnessing opportunity when he recently attended a Conference where Catholics, Orthodox and Protestants were all represented. It was attended by the top leaders of these three branches of "Christianity" in Bulgaria including Cardinals, Bishops, Patriarchs, the heads of the major Protestant denominations in Bulgaria and ordinary Pastors. The Conference attracted many dignitaries including the person (an Italian) who runs the affairs of the Pope in Bulgaria, the Director of the Ministry of Religion (Mr. Zhelev) and one of the top Orthodox theologians and Rector of the biggest Bulgarian University (Mr. Bakalov). Darin was able to speak in person to many of these dignitaries, as well as with one of the top Orthodox leaders, who, it is thought by many, is likely to be the next Bulgarian Patriarch.

Everyone attending the Conference showed respect for and acceptance of each other, something which, Darin notes, was unusual. He went on to say that this was very rare as 90% of the Bulgarians are Orthodox, and Evangelicals are viewed with suspicion and have been suppressed by the Orthodox Church until recently. In fact, Evangelicals are usually not welcome at such events and are not usually treated in a friendly manner. On this occasion, the Evangelicals, including Darin, were allowed to address the whole Conference. Darin did not leave out the issue of evolution and creation (the ultimate authority of the Word of God). After he had done so, Darin said that "God struck him" with the thought that he should bless everyone with creation materials that AiG has paid to be printed in Bulgarian and the films that Darin has sub-titled in Bulgarian.



Darin speaks boldly to the audience in Bulgaria, whilst being able to distribute a large amount of creation based literature.

He went home and came back with 100 sets (each with five booklets) and good number of the four films. He was allowed to distribute them and those attending the Conference helped themselves to these materials. Darin says that it was something unbelievable – all the top religious figures walking around the hall and during the coffee breaks with their hands and pockets being full of AiG evangelistic creation materials!

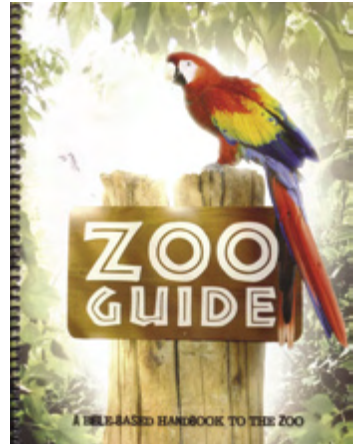
Feedback

It always encourages us when we hear news from our supporters regarding things they themselves do for the Lord – especially when they have been equipped to do these things via contact with *Answers in Genesis*. One of the aims of AiG is to equip Christians so that they can be effective witnesses for the Lord in their own areas and churches. Hearing news of such activities lets us know that we are achieving this.

Recently, we had a report from one of our supporters who “devours” our materials and who is very enthusiastic about reaching people with the true message of Creation. Last summer, she organised a few coach trips to several locations and took along youngsters from her church after-school club as well as their families. They visited the National Space Centre in Leicester, the British Museum in London as well as Woburn Safari Park in Bedfordshire.

Our supporter had prepared information for everyone so that explanations were given which declared God’s handiwork as the designer and creator of the entire universe. She was able to use the coach microphone “to explain special design features of God’s creation” as they went around the park. She told us that it was interesting to find how many animals are mentioned in the Bible.

You may feel enthused enough to do something with the people you know next summer. We now have in stock a book entitled “Zoo Guide” costing £10. This book gives a creationist explanation for the origin of many of the animals found in our zoos and safari parks and is written in a way which makes it easy, and suitable, to use regardless of your location. Why not use this book to help you with your own “Creation Tours”?



The “Zoo Guide” (Priced at £10, SKU: 10-2-253) is a fantastic quick reference title to help put the gospel message back into our Zoos

Coming to a town near you!



Dr Robin Greer (left) joined us in January and Carl Kerby (right) will be coming to the UK in March.

Please pray for the ‘old’ AiG speakers, Dr Monty White and Paul Taylor as they start up their speaking engagements again for the New Year. Monty and Paul have both been speaking on the subject of creation for many years, as both used to speak on the issue before joining AiG. Please pray that they will not become stale, but will have fresh things to say on the subject. Also, pray that the gospel message will come through in everything that AiG does. We are not a scientific convention. We are ‘a Christ-centred evangelistic ministry’ and, as such, it is our desire to see souls saved through our ministry.

By the time you read this Update, Dr Robin Greer will have given his first talks as an AiG speaker. Like Monty and Paul, he has spoken on this issue for many years, and has a wealth of experience behind him in his former pastoral ministry. Nevertheless, there is always a sense of trepidation about doing anything new, so please pray for Robin and his wife Alison as they start their new lives and ministries with *Answers in Genesis*. There will be a biography of Robin in the next issue of *Answers UK Update*.

Recognition

We travel thousands of miles on ministry every year and as we travel along we often wonder if any of our supporters spot us as we zoom along the highways in our white vans displaying our website and AiG number plates. Recently we have had this question answered by several people beeping us and sticking up their thumbs as they have overtaken us on the road.

One of these occurrences was during a visit to Northern Ireland in October 2006, as we queued at a roundabout a car drew next to us with a very excited driver pointing at our van and gesticulating his support.

Another occasion was at a Service Station on the M6. We were just about to drive off when one of our supporters came running up to the van to express his thanks for the ministry of *Answers in Genesis*. He also told us to keep up the good work and that we are greatly needed. We cannot adequately express just how encouraging these moments of recognition have been – thanks to all of you.

Please keep looking out for us on your travels.

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Ministry Calendar

(MW – Dr Monty White / PT – Paul Taylor / RG – Dr Robin Greer)

Friday 2 February, 7.30pm, Bethel Evangelical Church, 9/11 Delaware Street, Preston, Lancashire. RG 01772 735 167

Saturday 3 February, 7.00pm, Jireh Baptist Church, Chapel Street, Orrell, Wigan. MW 01942 205 843

Friday 9 February, 7.30pm, Brandon Baptist Church, High Street, Brandon, Suffolk. RG 01842 812665

Friday 9 February, 7.30pm, River Dee Community Church, Castle Street, Flint, Flintshire. MW 01352 710 091

Saturday 10 February, 2.00pm + 3.30pm, River Dee Community Church, Castle Street, Flint, Flintshire. MW 01352 710 091

Saturday 24 February, 3.00pm + 4.30pm + 6.30pm, Empire Street Pentecostal Church, Empire Street, Mansfield, Nottingham. PT 01623 403565

Sunday 25 February, 6.00pm, Wednesfield Christian Centre, Broad Lane South, Wednesfield, Wolverhampton. RG 01902 689957

Sunday 25 February, 6.00pm, TCM Baptist Church, High Street, Lincoln, Lincolnshire. PT 01522 878794

Saturday 17 March, 2.00pm + 3.30pm, Creation Afternoon, The Bridge Community Centre, Lincoln Road, Newark, Nottinghamshire. RG 01636 705515

Sunday 18 March, 11.00am + 6.00pm, Gabalfa Baptist Church, North Road, Cardiff, South Wales. MW 029 2069 3289

Monday 19 March, 10.00am – 5.00pm, Gateway Bible School, Gabalfa Baptist Church, Cardiff, South Wales. MW 029 2069 3289

Saturday 24th March, Belhus Park Chapel, South Ockendon, Essex, 2.00pm + 3.30pm, RG, 01268 732073

Friday 6 April, 7.30pm, **Saturday 7 April**, 7.30pm, **Sunday 8 April**, 11.00am, 6.30pm, Easter Creation Weekend, Maranatha Fellowship, 73 Holyhead Road, Handsworth, Birmingham. MW 0121 523 9717

Carl Kerby Tour

Carl's long-awaited tour of the UK is now almost upon us. Contact the venues below for more details. Please note that some of the venues require tickets to be obtained. These tickets must be obtained in advance from the venues directly. Tickets are not available from *Answers in Genesis*.

Friday 2 March, 7.00pm, Trinity Life Church, Upper Tichborne Street, Leicester, East Midlands. 0116 255 8672

Saturday 3 March, 2.30pm (CK), 4.15pm (MW), 6.30pm (CK) + 8.00pm (CK), Creation Day, The Kings Centre, Park Road, Halifax, Yorkshire. CK and MW 01422 250 233

Sunday 4 March, 3.00pm, Carl Kerby in Usk, The Usk Memorial Hall, Maryport Street, Usk, South Wales. 01495 785 455

Monday 5 March, 7.30pm, Carl Kerby in Oxford, Cornerstone Christian Centre, Quarry High Street, Oxford, Oxfordshire. 01993 840 878 TICKETS REQUIRED

Tuesday 6 March, 7.15pm, Broadlands School, Keynsham, St Francis Road, Keynsham, Bristol. 0117 986 8747 or 7876 TICKETS REQUIRED

Wednesday 7 March, 7.30pm, Brackla Tabernacle, Whitethorn Drive, Brackla, Bridgend, South Wales. 01656 650 500 TICKETS REQUIRED

Thursday 8 March, 7.00pm, Barry Creation Event, Bethel Baptist Church, Harbour Road, Barry, South Wales. 01446 720 701

Friday 9 March, 7.30pm, New Life Church, Danesford Community Centre, West Road, Congleton, Cheshire. 01260 297 961

Saturday 10 March, 3.00pm, Carl Kerby in Staines, Staines Congregational Church, Corner of Kingston Road & Stainash Crescent, Staines, Middlesex. 0870 286 3136 TICKETS REQUIRED

Sunday 11 March, 9.00am + 6.00pm, Calvary Chapel Westminster, Westminster City School, Palace Street, London, 020 7828 5520

Yorkshire Houseparty

This mini-conference is being held at Brockley Hall, Saltburn-by-the-Sea. All bookings for the houseparty must be made by the beginning of February 2007 to Brockley Hall, at the number shown, **NOT** to *Answers in Genesis*.

Friday 30 March-Sunday 1 April, Yorkshire House Party, Brockley Hall, Glenside, Saltburn-by-the-Sea, North Yorkshire, 01287 622 329. Speakers: Paul Taylor, Dr Robin Greer and Professor Andy McIntosh.