

# Got Awe?<sup>SM</sup>

Revealing God's Glory Through the Design of Creation



Smiling yet?

What did God have in mind when He created this little guy?  
Thank you Lord for the Mexican axolotl salamander!

Hello all!

After putting together many newsletters for organizations, Tammy and I are now presented with doing our own. What we have learned is to be short and concise, getting to the nuts and bolts—**fast**. Time is of great value to all of us so our initial updates will be focused, bulleted items. Tammy will make sure that the ideas, words and thoughts used will be clear and intelligible.

- Our hope and need is to have a prayer support base for the Lord's work. Hopefully you will consider being a prayer support partner in this endeavor. Our updates will include outreach ideas, thoughts and approaches in the Blossom Ridge mission. Below are four bulleted items: **Blessings, Needs, Fruit and Push Back**.

### **The Blossom Ridge Mission:**

*To provide an inspirational introduction to the origin of creativity. To help discover the epic passion that our Creator has for each one of us. To build faith that encourages use of our God-given passions and gifts. To remind others to consider His works of creation as part of our worship. And to reveal the glory of our Creator!*

If you can build on this, please let us know.

If you choose, you would be part of the brainstorm process. Your input will count. Your vote will count. If you have any ideas or thoughts please feel free to drop an email and we will listen.

- **Blessings:**

- 15 churches were represented at our initial Willoughby Hills Library Book Launch. A huge thank you goes out to all who helped make this a successful launch: Aaron Weaver from Dutchman Hospitality, Todd Adkins from EZPOLE Flagpole, Frank Sinito from Lockkeepers, Taryn Martin from Bible Discipleship Ministries and the Divoky's of Maple Valley Sugarbush.

- ***Before the Beginning...God Designed*** is currently being reviewed by a vetting agent. This agent is responsible for vetting the books used at Alistair Begg's conferences across the globe. He suggested that an extended version of the book could include the upcoming discussion guide. Great suggestion!

- Friends Church Willoughby Hills put a book/mission launch notice in one of the weekly email broadcasts. Many thanks to church leadership!

- Jim had a live radio interview with Glenn Mertz 1220 am, and Dottie Kaufman at an Atlanta station earlier in the year.

- Jim's talk at Cornerstone Christian Academy in May went well. One of the student's stated, "It was the best talk we had all year!" The school's administration was very kind as they gave permission for the talk to run longer than their normal schedule.

- **New** on-line speaking request form is up on the website.

- Lynne Koles edited the book for an additional writing style. Currently the book is written in Chicago Manual style. She edited it in APA style. A major thank you goes out to Lynne for this work! We desire to make this version available in educational systems as soon as possible.

- **Needs:**

- **Creation Fest 2013:** We need a real miracle (\$), as this year's participation deadline is upon us now. This is a youth gathering sponsored by Liberty University. 40-50k people are expected to attend. God could use us to create some great connections at this event. This years Creation Fest theme; "A Tribute To Our Creator." <http://www.creationfest.com/> .

- 90 second book trailer video production (\$).

- Engage news release program that reaches 850 Christian media outlets (\$).
- **Discussion group leaders** for fall and winter Sunday schools or home based discussion groups. The book makes for great discussion with current cultural-forming news.
- Please, please, if you have read the book, your comments and reviews need to be posted where books are reviewed and read. If you could do this it would be so appreciated at this time. Some of these sites include:

<https://www.goodreads.com>

<http://www.christianbook.com>

<http://www.stl-distribution.com/>

iBook store

<http://www.amazon.com>

If you have a favorite book review site, please let us know. To those that participated in the discussion group and have yet not sent a review... if you would be so kind as to send us a review it would be very much appreciated. Reviews are very helpful for bookstore submission.

• **Fruit:**

- First Class/discussion group class of 25 conducted on *Before the Beginning...God Designed*, book launch held, many copies are out for review.
- A number of friends purchased multiple books each to pass out to their friends and relatives for gifts and to help raise awareness. Many thanks for your support!
- Barnes and Noble is starting to order books. It's slow going but you got to start somewhere!
- Cornerstone Academy high school students heard a message that brings glory to our Creator.



- **Push Back:**

A current media phrase is "Push Back," defined as a short way to communicate *a response given* from a party or individual put on defense when confronted with truth or conflicting information. We hope to create *push back* in the spiritual realm. This will tell us that we are on track with Kingdom building. We all can live life confidently with God's promise: "Greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world."

The church *needs* to Push Back in truth. Modern science has *pushed* evolutionary lies on us way too long. We've been played by the world's system. These lies are equivalent to the "flat earth" belief of history's past.

Here are a few **Push Back Evolutionary Challenge Questions** for those believing the lies of evolution. Keep **Push Back** questions in your truth arsenal—don't hide God's glory, but reveal it!

**1. What is the evolutionary purpose of singing?**

**2. If we all evolved from primordial ooze, how come there are gnats and elephants?** (The 1958 Failed Miller experiment on our "ooze origin" failed. This failure was kept in science as truth. Miller failed to create the critical enzyme.

**3. Evolutionary design is an oxymoron. How in the world can evolution design anything—is evolution intelligent?**

Thank you for your patience as you read through this first official newsletter/update **Got Awe?**sm. Please keep us in your thoughts and prayers. Also, Jim is seeking communication and design work of any sort. Please keep your antennas up should you here of any work opportunities—networking is good!

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