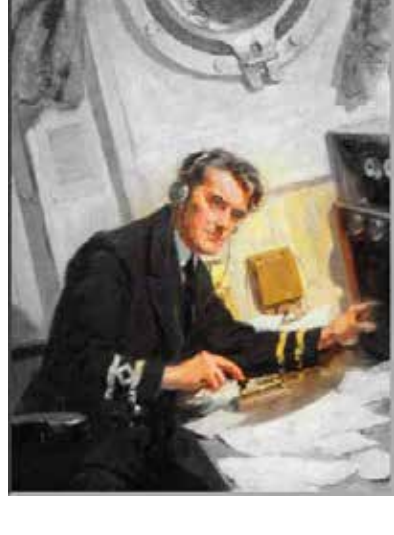


## Darwin Who?

Revealing God's Glory Through the Design of Creation



## Jack Phillip's Obsession

**"This I say for your own benefit; not to put a restraint upon you, but to promote what is appropriate and to secure undistracted devotion to the Lord."**

1 Corinthians 7:35

Jack Phillips was carrying a burden, the safety of 3,547 passengers on a transatlantic voyage. Jack was obsessed with getting the ship's well-to-do passenger's messages sent via Morse code. Morse code was the *hot new communication device* of its day. In fact, it was the first to directly connect one person with another in two different locations! It was a very exciting time. Jack was one of a few that knew the code. Jack must have been something of a celebrity. This was also the first time this service was offered to the travelers on a Passenger ship.

The *dots and dashes* were an enigma to most. Strangely enough, similar to the *X's and O's* in today's digital technology!

While sending out these personal messages, Jack received a telegraph from another ship in the same waters. Rather than addressing the letter that warned him of icebergs, Jack put it in the bottom of the pile and continued what he had been doing. This was a *pivotal and fatal moment* of misdirected priorities. The name of the ship? The Titanic.

What spiritual life warnings are we putting at the bottom of our pile?

A warning may involve where we place our burden(s)—are we carrying them ourselves or casting our burdens on Him and *truly resting* in the reality of His care. Take a moment to consider His works in creation. This is God's way for us to rest and obtain some perspective. When rested, do the very next thing that you are called to do. In the case of raising children, that would be raising them up in the way they should go.

Our choices boil down to just three: 1. To be literally consumed by today's media. Are you letting the captivating "rave" of the day distract you from what you should be doing for the Lord? 2. To heed the warnings that are quietly whispering within. 3. To simply recognize what our true distraction is, what spiritual life priority we lost site of, and then simply repent.

God wants to design *our story*, if we just let Him.

## Are we dead enough yet?

In the spirit of good driving practices my wife stayed centered in the lane while driving over a dead squirrel. I couldn't help but to ask, "It's not dead enough Huh"? Her squinched-up facial expression was the beginning of a mournful stage of squirrel bereavement. Like a good husband I reassured her that it was already dead...and it wasn't her fault!

I know this is slightly off track from the normal theme of this newsletter, but I can't help to be somewhat suspicious of the Fed's recent heavily armed raid and cattle killing on the Bundy cattle ranch. What are the Feds doing—poking us to see if we're dead enough yet?

Stalin made a remark regarding media control: "Whoever controls the media, controls the mind." The documentary "Captivated" brings together research that was done on how the media affects our brains, attitudes and culture. Two thoughts were used that describe it best—the onslaught of media is dumbing down America and anesthetizing us. Christians call it being spiritually dead.

I am proud to say that a group of Americans peacefully rode in on horseback carrying USA flags and took a stand defending the rancher. However, it is at a point where we can't always rely on the cavalry to redeem us. *Prayer* is a power that we must never forget along with a lifestyle that pleases our Creator.

Many other threats to our way of life are beginning to appear in our midst. The freedom that the great American experiment

has given us to freely worship, create, speak our minds and own property is beginning to be eroded away. Political correction has run amok. Here are just two of many examples of the decline in freedoms we are beginning to experience.

- Great Britain has lowered the age of atheistic based evolutionary teaching to **age five**. If US evolutionists could have this ruling here, they would. This is an obvious push back against the Creationist movement. America has been following the same spiritual decline as Europe.

- The Common Core curriculum rewrites American history and considers the Bible's account of creation to be a "myth." If you don't know about CC, please research it for yourself.

Common Core opt out form link: <http://truthinamericaneducation.com/uncategorized/ccss-parent-opt-out-form/>

- The Muslim Brotherhood is actively seeking to become a force in US politics and are already a force to be reckoned with.. They are a **direct threat** to our religious and political freedoms....a "line of holy horsemen" are certainly needed to rise up against this affront to American values. To find out their plan for America go to: <http://www.brotherhoodunmasked.net/organizations-connected-to-the-muslim-brotherhood/the-muslim-brotherhood>

- Is Christianity under attack and at the same time, dramatically accommodating and even expanding Muslim religious practices? Start reading at the 3rd paragraph of this article: [http://www.americanthinker.com/2013/10/christianity\\_under\\_attack\\_in\\_america.html](http://www.americanthinker.com/2013/10/christianity_under_attack_in_america.html)



## "Winsome in our witness," or "in your face humor?"

The intelligent design movement has some excellent merits. The movement is bringing out the "designed with a purpose" concept found in creation. God is magnificent in both His forethought of creation, as well as in His complete consideration for the purposeful functionality of how creation would serve us so eloquently.

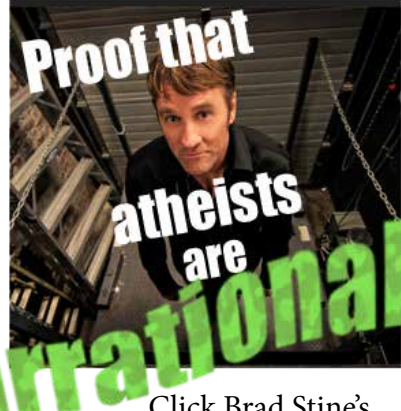
World evolutionary leaders are steeped in such darkness, and are so blinded by their own arrogance that their mantra directs fellow scientists to *ignore the evidence* that points to purpose and design. Well-known secularists, like Richard Dawkins, warn his fellow scientists to continually remind themselves that even if it all *seems to have purpose and design...it doesn't!* When I hear talk like this I can't help but to pull out my "spiritual warfare penalty flag" and toss it in the air! When something in life does not make an ounce of sense, tossing the flag seems to have a way of pulling it all together! Identifying the cosmic battle between good and evil with an understanding of the goals of each seems to help clarify the apparent nonsense. But when man *hardens his heart* to the evidence of God

around him, he becomes blind to the truth.

Now the challenge! Evidence that support a transcendent Creator are so overwhelming that it's hard at times not to roll my eyes in an acute despondency. Just like when a teen is utterly incorrect in his or her self perceived correctness. All one can do at times is offer a stupefied "huhhh!"

Acknowledging God's forgiving grace offered in my darkness helps me to foster the needed compassion and love that Christ shows us.

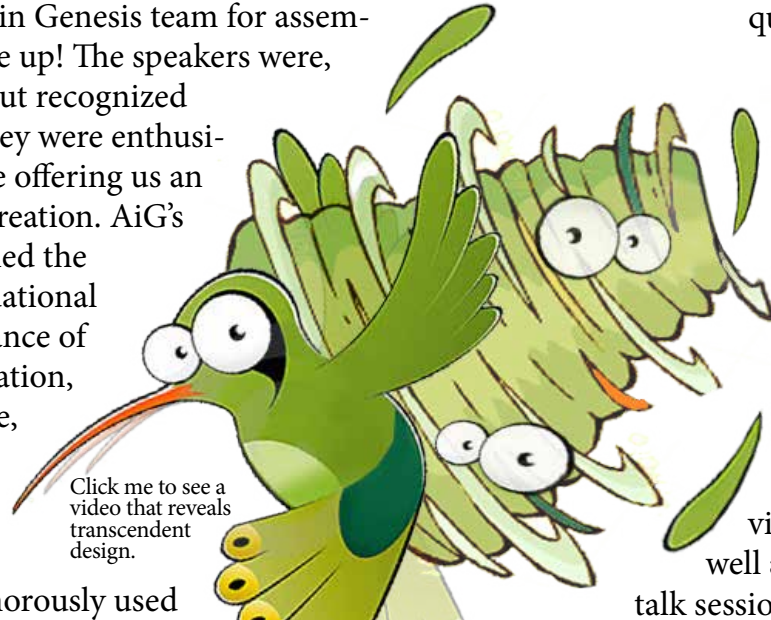
However, God uses all kinds of ways to reach people where they are. Sometimes He will even use "In your face humor"! Click on the picture to the right to see the video. It speaks for itself! You won't be disappointed!



Click Brad Stine's face to view his very humorous Video

## 2014 AiG's Design(er) Conference

Hats off to the Answers in Genesis team for assembling a great speaker line up! The speakers were, not only inspirational, but recognized experts in their field. They were enthusiastic and engaging while offering us an insider's view of God's creation. AiG's founder, Ken Ham opened the conference with a foundational talk regarding the relevance of history's seven "C's: Creation, Corruption, Catastrophe, Confusion, Christ, Cross and Consummation.



Click me to see a video that reveals transcendent design.

**Dr. David Menton** humorously used the phrase "**How's that for dumb luck?**" after revealing a marvelous fact about man or an animals' life-sustaining features that defy logic or physics—all heroically designed by the Lord Jesus Christ. The unbelievable genius found in creation's micro structure is profoundly amazing! Did you know that birds molt symmetrically? If not, I think the birds might be struggling with a corkscrew-like flying pattern!

**Dr. Andrew Mitchell** brought some of his southern hospitality and love for Christ with him from Texas. During a short chat between sessions, I showed him the book I wrote and told him that I was doing talks on the subject of creation. He stopped in his tracks and gave me a big southern style hug and we continued exchanging ideas and experiences for the next half hour.

Those from across the pond paid a visit as well...

**Dr. Stuart Burgess**, a professor at Cambridge, reflected ever so gently on God's careful design found in the basic elements around us like the miracle of air, water, and other life sustaining necessities that we easily take for granted. He even joined my son and his two friends at lunch and the teens were all able to ask him design related

questions...how cool is that and how good is God?

**Professor Andrew McIntosh** spoke on *Learning Design from a Created World*. In this talk Dr. McIntosh broke down the molecular in ways we could understand and playfully reflected on the awesome design expressed in the Scottish Broom, the Pinecone Knob, and the Bombardier Beetle. He spoke on the subject of biomimetics (copying nature with a view to using ideas in engineering), as well as irreducible complexities. In between talk sessions, I spoke with him about his desire to scan the Bombardier Beetle's portable chemical manufacturing and dispersing plant. There is a special scan and graphic treatment that can now be done to illustrate this.

AiG's **Dr. Georgia Purdom's** talk was very in-depth on the activities found in our molecular make-up. The minute factories and systems found in our cells are incomprehensible. Each with orders and engineering instruction sets written and honed to the finest engineering tolerances *unknown* to man!

Others that spoke at the seminar include **Dr. James Hamilton, Bodie Hodge, Dr. Andrew Snelling, Dr. Danny Faulkner, and Dr. Terry Mortensen.**

I have a peace that the material I have been presenting is timely, relevant and on track. Global contacts were initiated at the conference, so who knows where God could lead..?

If you ever have a chance to attend an AiG Design(er) conference, please do so, you'll be blessed in so many ways! Most of these talks are available on YouTube in high def. digital quality or at this link: <http://www.answersingenesis.org/outreach/event/design/>

## See Nothing All Perspective Passion

## Design in a S.N.A.P.P.

This six-session talk and graphic presentation titled: Design in a SNAPP! was given to a group of seniors at Cornerstone Christian Academy in PTL! and Hills mid April. The technician worked (WILL!) according to the students, they were able to look at God's handiwork in a new and different way.

The "S" covers seeing with the eyes of your heart as Job learned that there was more to life than simply hearing...a certain head vs. heart issue.

"Nothing" represents the "N" in SNAPP. Nothing is what God had to work with "in the beginning" and "nothing" is what secularist's believe to be the true creator. By the way, I was just told that "In the Beginning" in Aramaic means "Before the Beginning," something that certainly caught my attention.

## We can now go boldly where no one as gone before!

It seems as though when one peers into the infinity of the molecular, each structure found has another molecular structure to investigate. And so it repeats itself—like when we stand between two parallel mirrors, we see our reflection compounding into infinity. A powerful electron microscope reveals micro factories creating, moving and manipulating life into motion. MRI scanning equipment, with enhanced CGI technology can visually-communicate some of the hidden miracles of life like never before!

Learning design from a created world shouldn't come from just faith-based scientists. I think it should come from many walks of life that offer the wonderful analogies and parallels that illustrate

## Help Cure Spiritual Sleepiness and Learn to Value your Heart!

God teaches us "All" to consider "All" of His handiwork...where do we start?

The first "P" stands for "Perspective". Some of us may need renewed perspective in our media saturated lifestyles.

And the second "P" is the unveiling of the epic "Passion" our loving Creator exhibits in His design of creation.

In a world that is devaluing who we are in Christ, His true masterpieces, remembering and knowing this helps us to "value" each of our lives and the unbelievable and rare gift of creation He has made for us.

If we are so *blessed*, persecution will sometimes waken us from spiritual sleepiness. Considering His works and spending time in His Word can be a step to getting our lives back on track spiritually. If you are interested in "Design in a SNAPP" for your group, please contact me.



and reflect the transcendence of our Creator. As a designer myself, intentional small (d), it is an absolute privilege to reflect His inspirations that help instill in us a proper perspective on who we were uniquely created to be. The overwhelming presence of His handiwork should leave us in "Awe"! Other fields may include those in the arts such orchestration, composition, drama, design, etc. Those in architecture, engineering, botany, zoology, and most of the other "ologies" out there as well. Whatever the walk, if it reveals our Creator's handiwork, I believe that the Lord would be greatly pleased.

## God's Paint Brush will knock you sideways!

**What to watch:**  
Dylan Winter and the Starling Murmurations  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=88UVJpQG88](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=88UVJpQG88)

**Side Note:** Maple Valley Sugarbush of Hambden has "hot off the evaporator" maple syrup from the 2014 sugaring season. Treat yourself and family to a heavenly delight! Mention my name and ask Dave, Donna, or Nick for a tour!



Experience the epic passion exhibited by our Creator in the design of creation.

To order the book, *Before the Beginning...God Designed*, or for more information, click on the book. For other ideas contact Jim Kraft at Blossom Ridge 440-946-5005 or email: [jim@blossomridgebooks.com](mailto:jim@blossomridgebooks.com) Discussion/study guide coming soon!