

Schedule of Meeting Times:

WKAC 1080 AM Sunday 7:30 AM

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Worship Sunday 5:00 PM

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Dwight (18), Stanley (25), Larry (1)

Reading: Stanley

Announcements: Marty

Communion: Robert, Larry, Chandler,
Shay

Wednesday Lesson: Stanley (7), Kris (14),
Mike (21), Larry (28)

Lawn Mowing (week beginning):
(4), (11), (18), (25)

Singing: the Vilander's (25)

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"Examine everything carefully..." – 1 Thessalonians 5:21 NASB

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A Case for Design

BY WERNHER VON BRAUN

Dr. Wernher von Braun, the father of the U.S. space program with NASA, wrote the following letter to the California State board of Education on September 14, 1972.

Dear Mr. Grose:

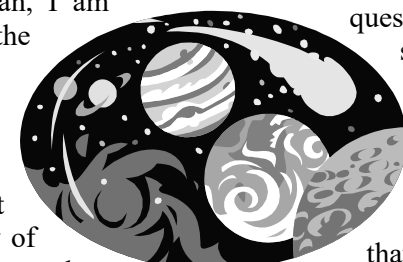
In response to your inquiry about my personal views concerning the "Case for DESIGN" as a viable scientific theory for the origin of the universe, life and man, I am pleased to make the following observations.

For me, the idea of a creation is not conceivable without evoking the necessity of design. One cannot be exposed to the law and order of the universe without concluding that there must be design and purpose behind it all. In the world around us, we can behold the obvious manifestations of an ordered, structured plan or design. We can see the will of the species to live and propagate. And we are humbled by the powerful forces at work on a galactic scale, and the

purposeful orderliness of nature that endows a tiny and ungainly seed with the ability to develop into a beautiful flower. The better we understand the intricacies of the universe and all harbors, the more reason we have found to marvel at the inherent design upon which it is based.

While the admission of a design for the universe ultimately raises the question of a Designer (a subject outside of science), the scientific method does not allow us to exclude data which lead to the conclusion that the universe, life and man are based on design. To be forced to believe only one conclusion—that everything in the universe happened by chance—would violate the very objectivity of science itself.

Certainly there are those who argue that the universe evolved out of a random process, but what random process could produce the brain of a man or the system of the human eye?



Some people say that science has been unable to prove the existence of a Designer. They admit that many of the miracles in the world around us are hard to understand, and they do not deny that the universe, as modern science sees it, is indeed a far more wondrous thing than the creation medieval man could perceive. But they still maintain that since science has provided us with so many answers the day will soon arrive when we will be able to understand even the creation of the fundamental laws of nature without a Divine intent. They challenge science to prove the existence of God. But must we really light a candle to see the sun?

Many men who are intelligent and of good faith say they cannot visualize a Designer. Well, can a physicist visualize an electron? The electron is materially inconceivable and yet it is so perfectly known through its effects that we use it to illuminate our cities, guide our airlines through the night skies and take the most accurate measurements. What strange rationale makes some physicists accept the inconceivable electrons as real while refusing to accept the reality of a Designer on the ground that they cannot conceive Him? I am afraid that, although they really do not understand the electron either, they are ready to accept it because they managed to produce a rather clumsy mechanical model of it borrowed from rather limited experience in other fields, but they would not know how to begin building a model of God.

I have discussed the aspect of a Designer at some length because it might be that the primary resistance to

acknowledging the "Case for Design" as a viable scientific alternative to the current "Case for Chance" lies in the inconceivability, in some scientists' minds, of a Designer. The inconceivability of some ultimate issue (which will always lie outside scientific resolution) should not be allowed to rule out any theory that explains the interrelationship of observed data and is useful for prediction.

We in NASA were often asked what the real reason was for the amazing string of successes we had with our Apollo flights to the Moon. I think the only honest answer we could give was that we tried to never overlook anything. It is in that same sense of scientific honesty that I endorse the presentation of alternative theories for the origin of the universe, life and man in the science classroom. It would be an error to overlook the possibility that the universe was planned rather than happened by chance.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Wernher von Braun 


Wernher von Braun (1912-1977) was one of the world's first and foremost rocket engineers and a leading authority on space travel. Letters such as this have been prompted because of a concerted effort in the public schools to remove all references to God or creation, and teach organic evolution as fact. As von Braun points out, scientific data does not exclude the possibility of a creator; but rather supports it. His biography can be found at the Marshal Space Flight Center (NASA) website:

<http://history.msfc.nasa.gov/vonbraun/>

THE LIE

"It is absolutely safe to say that if you meet somebody who claims not to believe in evolution, that person is ignorant, stupid, or insane (or wicked, but I'd rather not consider that)" —Richard Dawkins, Charles Simonyi Professor of the Public Understanding of Science, Oxford University, 1995-2008

"In the beginning, God created the heaven and the earth." Young people today are under more pressure than ever to forget this basic truth. Even if they are able to make it through their High School years with their faith intact, if they should attend a public college or university, they will likely be assailed unmercifully by professors who take great delight in teaching Bible-toting students "the truth" of Darwinism. More than one student has found his faith made shipwreck at an institution of higher learning. Even "Bible-colleges" associated with brethren have had scandals with regard to their professors teaching evolution rather than the literal six-day creation as found in scripture.

Brethren, we must be prepared to show our children and grand-children why the creation account is reasonable, rather than simply saying, "because God said so." If we don't teach them the truth, it's certain that intelligent, dynamic, likable, reasonable-sounding unbelievers will teach them—the lie. 

*Hear the gospel of Christ...
Invite your friends and neighbors to*

 *our meeting May 13-16*
with Kasey Harbin

Family Notes

Remember in your prayers those who are unable to meet with us, including: Lois Adams, Ruth Black, Dot Hice, Polly McNatt, and Hazel Tee-ples.

More than 360 radio broadcasts, Sunday sermons, and gospel meeting sermons are archived and can be accessed from our website: www.haysmillchurchofchrist.org.

Suggestions for bulletin articles or sermons are welcome! Or, if you have any questions or concerns about what

has been taught, see Kris Vilander at any time—he would love to talk to you about it... give him a call!

Sick or Hurting

Polly McNatt's son, Tim, passed away week before last. Carolyn Dennis has been diagnosed with Crone's disease in her upper GI area, but her doctor expects a good outcome. Tim Hice remains in bed due to recurring pressure wounds. Buddy hasn't been feeling very well, either. All would greatly appreciate our prayers!