



# The Caller

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## Confidence Corner

John F. Board

As we continue on our life long journey of building our faith, let us consider some thoughts regarding credibility in argumentation.

Recently, Ben Stein released his movie *Expelled*. In this movie, the credibility of those who hold to Evolutionism is challenged. They are presented as being fearful of

the view of Creation. Those who believe in God though need to be careful that in our effort to promote Creation we remain credible in our argumentation.

Both the theologian and the scientist, if not careful, can add fuel to the debate over the argument from design. Although the Bible is absolute truth, human interpretation is not without error. First consider some of the ways that man's interpretation of the Bible has led to conclusions that are not supported by the scientific evidence of the day. Jack Wood Sears in his work *Conflict and Harmony in Science and the Bible* notes that for a long time scientists were regarded as heretic by theologians simply because the scientists believed the earth to be round. In the theologians mind, a round earth was both contrary to how they visualized the earth with their own eyes and how Isaiah 11:12 through inspiration, described the earth (this passage mentions the "four corners of the Earth), The problem as Sears conveys was the theologian's incorrect interpretation of the scriptures. (Sears, 1969, p.20)

Sears also notes that science is subject to errors in its search for truth. Science and truth are not at odds; rather science depends upon many natural laws set in place by God. Though science depends upon truth and natural laws to function, because it is dynamic, what the scientist views as true, changes as new discoveries are made. When in 1945-46 scientists believed as fact that the lifespan of a human red blood cell in circulation was 10-30 days, that "truth/fact" changed when new evidence suggested the life span of the human red blood cells in circulation to be 125 days. When Dr. T. S. Painter had established "beyond doubt" that the human somatic cell contained 48 chromosomes, the "truth" of his finding lasted only a few years when science declared the number of chromosomes to be only 46. (Sears, 1969, pp. 25-26)

The Bible is truth but the theologian must be certain that his exegesis of the Bible is sound before pressing the truths in the design argument forum. The scientist must recognize the dynamic nature of his field—science does not contain absolute truth. These cautions should prove helpful to both the theologian and the scientist in finding truth in the design debate for as Sears notes,

I believe that when ultimate truth is found we will know that the "real truths" of science do not conflict with Biblical truths, for I believe the same God is the source of them all.

(Sears, 1969, p. 27)

## Ray's Ramblings

Ray Pack

### Tract of the Week

**"Heaven is Just 4 Steps From Any Place on Earth - Step 2"**

Tract two in our series deals with submission. It is important to remember that submission is to surrender our will to that of the Lord. Unless we totally submit to His ways we will never be fully converted. The writer uses James 4:7 and 1 Peter 5:6 as his theme verses. James says to submit to God, resist the devil and he will flee. Peter says to humble ourselves and He will exalt you. Our young people sing a song taken from this verse. Will we humble ourselves and let God exalt us?



Thanks to Rick and Kim Whobrey for hosting the young people last Sunday night. Rick had a great message about what is right with the church. It was a timely message that is critical to our young folks due to all the confusion in the religious world about the identity of the church.



I am looking forward to the Men's Retreat at White Mills this weekend. This is a great opportunity for fellowship and spiritual growth. Thanks to Dennis Hogan for coordinating this effort. If you are not attending you will be missing out. Make plans to attend next year's retreat now.



In this age of information technology I know many of you surf the web. I am currently in the process of updating the church web site. If anyone has a useful web site that you think can be a valuable resource, please give me the web address and it may be included on our links page. By the end of next week the majority of 2007 audio sermons and PowerPoint files should be available.

### Sunday's Sermons:

A.M. - *Who Hinders You From Obeying the Truth? Romans 5:6-8*

P.M. - *Re-Visiting the Argument From Design Romans 1:20-23*

# Re– Visiting the Argument from Design

Since approximately 1990, a new form of intelligent design thinking has emerged. Some of the leading proponents are Phillip E. Johnston, Michael Behe, and Jonathan Wells. Rather than think in terms of creation vs. evolution, the Intelligent Design (ID) movement likes to use the wording of Intelligent Design vs. Naturalism. Rather than enter into the realm of biblical interpretation, the ID movement is concerned with scientifically investigating nature and leaving their views of God for other forums. One of the goals of the ID movement is to remove some of the emotion out of the debate that seems to come from language such as creation vs. evolution.

Despite the effort of those in the ID movement to remove themselves from religion in an effort to be taken more seriously as scientists, the scientific community still does not like to accept any idea of intelligent design. Those opposing the ID movement believe that there is complexity in the universe; they simply believe that complexity can be explained someday through naturalistic science. They believe it is an assumption to say that where naturalistic explanations are lacking for “gaps” in science that necessarily means that a designer must fill that gap. Again they believe given enough time, science will find an adequate answer.

At first hearing, this argument may throw some theists. They may think “Is it fair to make the assumption that the “gaps” in naturalistic explanations should be filled with the designer concept?” The only problem with such thinking is that it is not an assumption at all to affirm that in the areas where science has no explanation, the theist can claim God as the one who fills the “gap.”

The reason the theist can fill the “gaps” with God is because to do so is not assuming anything. The theist has a body of writings, the Bible, to which they can go to explain certain things that science, no matter how much time they are given, will never be able to answer. The reason such is the case is that the “gaps” the atheists are trying to fill cannot be answered by naturalistic explanations. The answers lie in the realm of the supernatural—the answer lies with God.

In the realm of the supernatural, God has provided the theist with answers to some of the “gaps” left by science. It is not assumption to go to the body of doctrine and read what is given as an explanation for something science cannot answer, especially when the answers given by God in His Word are substantiated by science.

The problem in all the objections leveled against the argument from design lies simply in an unwillingness to accept the evidence. In some cases man has determined for God what is proper design. In other cases man has come up with alternate explanations that contradict scientific laws. Even when man tries to separate God from the picture and argue design from strictly a scientific point of view, many still will not give “sacred ground.” If they admit design, they know the admission of the Designer is not far off. If they concede a Designer, then Evolutionism, a long held **theory**, dies along with all the belief’s of its “fathers.”

John F. Board  
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# News and Notes

**DYRENA WHITE** was released from Hardin Memorial last Thursday and continues to recuperate at home. **DAVID KEISTER** had an appointment Wednesday at the James Graham Brown Cancer Center in Louisville.

## MEMBERS TO INCLUDE ON PRAYER LISTS

Betty Addington	Diane Lewis
Neil Burden	J Martin
Larry Clack	Tom Morgan
Elonda Crafton	Herb Pence
W. C. Davis	Marie Rose
Dana Fox	Terry Showers
Howard Gardner	Grace Speer
Bernard Gillim	Wilma Stull
Faye Guess	Barbara Underwood
Nellie Hart	Lonnie Underwood
Kent Lane	Lawrence Wells

**Let us continue to remember the following military personnel in our prayers:** Dave Fulbright, Robert E. Wooten, Justin Gardner, Kelly Leverett, George Edwards, Joe Betterton, Myles Brothers, Dale Martin, Terry Turner, Cameron Ponder, Brett Fleming, Mike Chandler, Nathan Blair, Nathan McClain, Willie Mitchell

**Additional Prayer List:** Jan Allen, Weita Anderson, K.C. Avery, Christa Bradley, Grace Brown, Martha Brown, Sue Cantrell, Betty Davis, Evelyn Davis, Marie Dennison, Sydney Dover, Ellen Duvall, Berna Jean Goff, Betty Goheen, Priscilla Gratton, Renee Green, Terry Griffin, Jane Hack, Louie Hodge, Rose Johnson, Michelle Lawson, Lina Lee, Bruce LeFevre, Gayle Massey, Erman McClaskey, Lucinda McCune, Terri McDonald, Julie Murphy, Riley Nelson, Lynn & Carla Parsons, Joe & John Pawley, Ann Peters, Patsy & Joe Richter, Paul Jacob Sells, Sara Sharp, Ginny & Ron Stanley, Florence Stull, Reiko Tarasavage, Patsy Taylor, Juanita Tillery, Laura Walker, Kevin Weaver, Nora Wilkins, Butch Yates, Bobby White

## Restored

Betty Bray came forward last Sunday morning and asked for prayers for strength and renewed her commitment to the church. She has been struggling with turmoil in her life and felt she was slipping away. She thanks the church for prayers on her behalf as well as for her son, Terry Turner, who currently serves overseas in the military.

## Pantry Item of the Week

Week of 4/27/08

Canned Vegetables

## Address

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **MEN'S RETREAT**, this weekend, **April 25-26**, at White Mills Camp.
- **SINGING AT ATRIA**, Sunday afternoon, **April 27**, 3:00 p.m.
- **APRIL BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY GET-TOGETHER** Sunday night, **April 27**, in the South Wing. Anyone who has a birthday or anniversary during April is invited along with their family. CSG #1 & CSG #2 are hosting. CSG #1 members are asked to bring finger foods and CSG #2 members are asked to bring desserts and/or drinks.
- **LADIES NIGHT OUT**, Saturday, **May 3**, 4:00 p.m. at the home of Monica Bybee. Bring finger foods and your favorite game. All ladies of the congregation are invited.
- **CHURCH WORKERS WORKSHOP**, Monday, **May 12**, at 10:30 a.m.
- **FAJITA COOKOUT** Saturday, **May 17**, at 5:00 p.m. at the Muncy home. A sign up sheet for food items is posted on the bulletin board. Each family attending is asked to donate \$7 toward the cost of the meat.

## Attention High School Seniors

Please bring a senior picture to the office to be featured in an upcoming bulletin. The Senior/Youth Banquet is planned for Sunday, June 1. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend with your family.

### OUR RECORD FOR

April 20, 2008

Sunday Bible Study	152
Sunday Morning Assembly	227
Sunday Evening Assembly	139
Tuesday Ladies Bible Class	18
Wednesday Bible Study	123
Contribution (Budget -- \$5,905)	\$6,606

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## Bible Question

*This Week's Bible Question: I was put to death on the very death trap that I built to take someone else's life. Who am I?*

*Last Week's Bible Question Jesus spoke of this type of word, ones that we must give account for in the judgment. The correct answer is idle words, Matthew 12:36. Edna Ashlock, Joyce Pack, Kay Pack, Bloria Taylor, Mary Walker, Betty Bray, Nadine Fulkerson, and Kay Thomason correctly answered last week's Bible question.*

*Please write down your answer and give it to Ray, put it in the box outside the church office before next Wednesday or email your answer to [ray.pack@kvnet.org](mailto:ray.pack@kvnet.org) by Tuesday afternoon. Please include the Scripture reference and your name.*

## Schedule of Services

**Sunday:**

Bible Classes 9:30 A.M.  
Morning Worship 10:30 A.M.  
Evening Worship 6:00 P.M.

**Tuesday**

Ladies Bible Class 10:30 A.M.

**Wednesday**

Evening Bible Class 7:00 P.M.

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**PARTICIPATION**

Apr. 25-26 — Men's Retreat  
Apr. 27 — Singing at Atria  
Apr. 27 — Birthday/Anniversary Get-together  
May 3 — Ladies Night Out  
May 12 — Church Workers Workshop  
May 17 — Fajita Cookout, Muncys

**Daily Bible Reading Schedule**  
1. 1 Chronicles 6:31-8:28  
2. 1 Chronicles 8:29-11:21  
3. 1 Chronicles 11:22-15:29  
4. 1 Chronicles 16:1-19:9  
5. 1 Chronicles 19:10-23:11  
6. 1 Chronicles 23:12-26:19  
7. 1 Chronicles 26:20-29:19