April 11 Newsletter

Making Sense of the Creation-Evolution Debate
Is it important for Christians?

Dr. Timothy G. Standish, a respected research scientist in the field of Genetics, and Dr. Ron E. M. Clouzet, a practical theologian and seminary professor, will host a creation-evolution seminar to be broadcast on the Hope Channel May 4-8. The five evening sessions beginning at 7:30 pm ET will cover topics that many find troubling as they read news articles and hear brief reports of recent research that often raise questions in the creation versus evolution debate.

According to Standish, it is important for Christians to understand the debate since it ultimately centers around whom we worship and how we worship. Revelation 14:7 tells us to “Worship Him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water.” “The Bible is very clear,” says Standish, “Nature did not create itself.”

Dr. Clouzet added, “Creation stands at the core of Christian theology. If death existed before sin, as it must have if theistic evolution is true, then Jesus’ death on the cross and victory over sin are not logically tied to our salvation. People struggle to find complex solutions to this particular conundrum, but the Bible is not ambiguous.”

Opening night, May 4, live from the Campus Seventh-day Adventist Church in Nashville, Tennessee, Standish and Clouzet will explore the topic, The Way We Were: A Look at Deep Time. During the next four nights, they will discuss the life of creatures, genetics, radiometric dating, the age of the earth and the flood and fossils. The final presentation on May 8 will pull together the conclusions from the various areas of the debate to strengthen personal faith in an omnipotent God and His creative powers.

When asked what he hopes the seminar will accomplish, Dr. Standish responded, “My hope is that we can clearly show the beauty of the biblical perspective and the reasonableness of the hope the Scriptures give. My prayer is that the clear choice between truth, when it comes to the Creator God and alternative ideas, can be made clear in the minds of those who participate. The Bible offers something so beautiful, so dazzlingly attractive, yet ultimately it is up to the Holy Spirit to convict and change hearts. My prayer is that we have the privilege of serving as God’s instruments in achieving this goal.”

In the Beginning: Making Sense of the Creation-Evolution Debate has been designed as an opportunity to serve the community in a relevant way, and an opportunity to get acquainted with residents in the community with whom we live and work. The co-hosts, experts in their respective fields, will present evidence not to be missed. The seminar will be science-based, biblically sound, and professionally informative.

Dr. Standish, Ph.D, George Mason University, has pursued research in molecular biology. He is currently a research scientist at the Geoscience Research Institute operated by the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Loma Linda, California. The Institute seeks to understand more about the origins of life and the earth from a biblical perspective.

Ron Clouzet, D.Min, Professor of Christian Ministry and Pastoral Theology at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary in Berrien Springs, Michigan, and director of the North American Division Evangelism
Institute, is also the speaker for the upcoming full message series, *Prophecies Decoded: Can the Past Reveal Your Future?*, The series begins September 30 and continues through October 29. He invites every congregation in North America to host the May Creation seminar in their communities via satellite.

Dr. Standish noted, "People are interested in creation for a reason. Not only is it at the core of our beliefs and a major factor in deciding how we will live our lives, but it is also intrinsically amazing and fun. We will have some spectacular fossils, reveal incredible things about how our bodies work and examine profound questions that people have struggled with since the time of Moses, and before.

Clouzet encourages pastors to view this seminar, and an archaeology seminar to be broadcast in early September, as timely and relevant preparatory events for the evangelistic series, Prophecies Decoded. A visit to [http://Host.PropheciesDecoded.com](http://Host.PropheciesDecoded.com) will answer most questions about the Division outreach initiative for 2011. Churches may register to host the NET event and become prayer warriors by signing up at the same web site.

*Bernadine Delafield, NET Coordinator for the North American Division*

**NET 2011: Prophecies Decoded**

NADEI has been asked to organize and conduct the NET 2011 for the North American Division. Seeking to emphasize evangelism more as a process than an event, there are plans for several uplink mini-series prior to the main prophecy series with Dr Ron Clouzet—Prophecies Decoded—slated from September 30 to October 29.

The first of the mini-series is *In the Beginning: Making Sense of the Creation-Evolution Debate*, scheduled for May 4 to 8, with Dr Clouzet, Director of the Institute, and Dr Tim Standish, a molecular biologist and associate director of the Geoscience Institute in Loma Linda, California. The second mini-series is Astonishing Discoveries in the Land of the Bible, scheduled for September 14 to 18, with Dr Clouzet and Dr Michael Hasel, a professor of archaeology at Southern Adventist University in Tennessee, and curator of the Lynn Wood Museum of Archaeology.

Both mini-series as well as the month-long prophecy series will be uplinked live from the Madison Campus Church in Nashville, via Hope Channel and its viewing Direct-TV audience.

The NET team is producing implementation DVDs, books, a manual, and other resources for the sake of churches wishing to maximize their evangelistic potential for the entire year. Churches are encouraged to sign up by going to the official NET website, [http://host.propheciesdecoded.com](http://host.propheciesdecoded.com). If churches sign by the end of March, a number of free resources will be theirs to do help in their evangelistic endeavors.

For those interested in updates to pray for the NET process, you may go to Dr Clouzet’s blog, updated weekly, [www.Pray4NET.blogspot.com](http://www.Pray4NET.blogspot.com). Please keep this major initiative in your prayers.

*Ron Clouzet, Director*

**SEEDS 2011: Multiplication Movement**

**June 14-18, Blue Mountain Academy, PA**

Acts 29! No, it isn’t a misprint. Although Acts 29 is not officially part of the scriptural record, it is being lived out by New Testament believers today. Undoubtedly, the continuation of church planting that was such a driving force in the early church must be an integral
part of the final movements of God’s work. If there will be “jets of lights...in every city and village” (Testimonies v.7, 105) we need to initiate a multiplication movement of church plants in North America and around world. This year, Seed’s will be held concurrently with the Pennsylvania camp meeting from June 14-18, 2011.

Please visit our homepage for further information and to register. Plan now to attend!

Tom Evans, Associate Director

Clouzet Reaffirms Adventism's Greatest Need

In Adventism’s Greatest Need, Dr. Clouzet clearly outlines how the history of the Seventh-day Adventist Church is replete with examples of missed opportunities that would allow the special outpouring of the Holy Spirit to prepare the way for the latter rain. "The church has allowed lesser things to become more important than 'the greatest of all our needs,'" says Dr. Clouzet. "When the disciples prayed for the endowment of the Spirit in the Upper Room, they reached a point of full surrender, like never before. Likewise, when we receive the Spirit, it will be seen by the lives we live and the burden we have for the lost."

In Adventism’s Greatest Need, Dr. Clouzet shares sound biblical concepts through powerful stories that will illustrate with compelling conviction the overarching theme: the Holy Spirit is poised and ready to reignite an end-time people in their quest for true godliness.

Elder Dwight K. Nelson affirms, "Isn't it high time we storm the gates of Heaven on behalf of this Gift? What else are we waiting for? Read this book!"

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