I went to Fullerton Airport, and the examiner got in the airplane next to me. He asked me to fly the plane up to about 5,000 feet and to do a variety of maneuvers to see if I knew how to fly. One of the maneuvers he asked me to do is called a graveyard spiral. A graveyard spiral is flying along at 5,000 feet and then you begin to pull back on the wheel of the airplane. As you pull back on the wheel, the nose goes straight up in the air. When the nose of the plane goes straight up in the air, something happens to the plane: it stops! When a plane is stopped 5,000 feet up in the air, there's only one way that it goes, and it's not up! You do pull it over into a turn, and it stops. Then you pull the plane over on its back, upside-down, and you begin to dive backwards down toward earth, spinning around in circles. Now as I was spinning towards earth, not able to see outside the plane, something began to happen to me inside, besides my stomach. All of a sudden your equilibrium, your sense of balance, your emotions go haywire. It's called vertigo. The plane will be spinning right, but because your mind and emotions are so upset, you will actually think that you are turning left. If a person was to rely on their own mind and emotions to get out of a graveyard spiral, you would think you were turning left so you would compensate by turning right, but the plane is already going right and you would go into a worse spin and you would crash. Every pilot quickly discovers that there is only one way to survive a graveyard spiral. Only one way. That is to look at those instruments and to look at those gauges in front of you and to obey what they are saying, even though it may be different and contrary to how you think and feel. Because those gauges tell the truth and they do not lie, so you must obey them. Our world, and many students find their lives in a graveyard spiral. There are a lot of people today heading for a collision. They are relying on their own mind and emotions trying to get out of the graveyard spiral they find their lives in. And I'll tell you, as never before we desperately need some instrument, some gauge that will tell us the truth and will not lie. You know, you can study all the religions, all the philosophies, all the economic and political theories you want. But you're soon going to discover there is only one gauge that tells you the truth. That is God's Word, the Bible. Not only does the Bible tell us how to get into this graveyard spiral, but it's the only thing that tells us how we can get out of it. We must obey it even though it may be different and contrary to how we think and feel sometimes because it's God's truth, and God does not lie. If you have your Bible, I'd like you to turn with me to begin Romans 1. Are you, as Time magazine recently said, an accident evolved out of slimy algae? Or are you, as Genesis 1 says, a new creation of God? You know, how you answer that question ultimately determines everything else in life. But it's very interesting what Romans 1 tells us concerning the nature of modern-day man in regards to the question of origin. Beginning with verse 18, 'For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth of God in unrighteousness, because that which is known about God is evident within them, for God made it evident to them. For since the creation of the world, His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature have been clearly seen, being understood through what He has made so that they are without excuse. For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their
This summer, "Contact," a technically magnificent film, was released. It is a film based on a novel, co-authored by the late Carl Sagan. This monumental picture, with massive resources to locate other intelligent life forms in the universe, is predicated on the evolutionary hypothesis that since life began and developed on earth, it might very well have also developed elsewhere. Much of the film's structure is incompatible with the real religion founded upon the word of the word of God and the studies of Jesus Christ. Nevertheless, it does give, in my estimation, an accurate picture of how science is often politicised, how egos and agendas have an impact on science, and how laymen view both science and religion.

Throughout this protracted film, the thread of conflict between science and religion, as seen through the eyes of unbelievers, is woven into the fabric of the narrative. The authors of the screen play and the maker of the film would have the viewer believe that it is impossible to harmonise science and religion. In their minds, science, if treated without hypocrisy, and taken to its logical conclusion, necessarily diverges from religion. Science and religion, a revealed in the Bible, are like the compass points of the proverb, "East is east and west is west, and never the twain shall meet.

The underlying comment in this film is that science is more reliable than religion because science can be tested. Religion is based on faith and, therefore, cannot be investigated, let alone verified. Science is seen as objective; religion is seen as subjective. Science is real; religion is feel. Virtually all unbelievers feel, and I fear many Christians, hold this view.

Is this a Biblical view? Do science and the Bible comprise some hopelessly irreconcilable oxymoron or paradox? I think not. To understand why such a perspective exists and how the issue should be treated, we must begin by seeing what constitutes a truly Christian education.

In "God's Pattern for Truth," a pioneering cornerstone to Christian education, Frank Gaebelein stated the goal of Christian education: the integration of faith and learning. This is and what has always been the distinctive mark of a Christian education --- the seamless harmony of learning and faith. The faith of which he wrote is found in the totality of the inerrant, infallible Word of God, the Bible. Learning is the acquisition of all knowledge that can be derived from a study of the universe. Theologians describe the former as special revelation — how God revealed Himself to man through His written Word. The latter is called general revelation — what we can learn about nature. Gaebelein went on to state that there is no conflict between the truth of the Bible and the truth derived from the study of nature. This is the source of the often heard expression, "All truth is God's truth.

Science, being a part of learning, is part of this issue of integration. If we are to integrate faith with all learning, science cannot be excluded. Darnell, he there seems to be more tension between science and the Bible than other disciplines. The origin of the unusual position science occupies is due to the nature of science, itself, rather than just scientists. Science is a continually developing body of knowledge. At any juncture in time a new discovery may be made which can completely change perspectives previously thought to be inviolable. For example, until recently the synthesis of protein was dogmatically taught to occur in the sequence:

DNA → mRNA → RNA → protein

Deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA), the basic genetic material, is the starting point for protein synthesis. A unique ribonucleic acid (mRNA) is then made that corresponded to its predecessor, DNA. The transfer RNA (tRNA) transports the individual amino acids, the building blocks of protein, to be strung together in the particular sequence like so many beads in a desired pattern on a strand. The amino acids are "strung," and the protein results. It was only after the discovery of the human immunovirus (HIV) that it became clear that DNA could be made from RNA. Previously, this was deemed "impossible." Attempts then to harmonise even current science with the Bible may then be attempts to harmonise error with truth. Thus, at any time, attempting to resolve apparent contradictions between the Bible and science will be problematic. It is entirely possible that today's irrefutable scientific fact may end up in tomorrow's scientific trash can. Science can supersede itself. The Word of God can never be superseded.

How does one deal with situations in which science appears to call the veracity of the Scriptures into question? Several guidelines must be observed if the integrity of Biblical Christianity as described in the Word of God and the integrity of science, which is a collection of disciplines given to man to study by His Creator, is to be maintained.

The first guideline that must be followed is the application of the principle of noncontradiction. This principle says that a statement cannot be simultaneously true and false. It cannot be both day and night at any one time. A person cannot be physically living and deceased. A patient has cancer, or he does not. A correct interpretation of science cannot be mutually contradictory. It cannot be true that God created the universe and the universe came into existence by blind chance. It must be one or the other. Either the Bible is right when it speaks of science or it isn't.

The second guideline is that the Word of God is inherently more reliable than any interpretation of science. As a scientist, I am not ashamed of that statement, because it is the truth. To affirm the contrary is to trust God more than men. The Bible was spoken to men without error (2 Tim. 3:16-17, 2 Pet. 1:20) by an infallible being who is true (Titus 1:2). Science is the compilation of observations, interpretations, and analysis of nature by fallen, sinful men. Is it rational to think that that which is flawed would be a better interpreter of anything than One who is perfect? One of the tenets of science is the use of any sophisticated probe for gaining a system, which is preferable to a less sophisticated one. Yet, when it comes to Scripture, most scientists reject this source without having been so scientific as to read it, to determine its validity. Clearly, if the claim of the Bible is true, the Bible is more reliable than science.

The third guideline is that it is easier to interpret the meaning of Scripture by using the Bible rather than interpreting the universe in order to determine the meaning of the Bible. Understanding what is said is easier when the comparison is with the interpretive framework of Scripture and the interpretation of Scripture. This follows from the fact that God allowed His Word to be written down for the purpose of revealing Himself. Part of that revelation is how the universe came into existence and how the universe operates. The purpose of the universe is not to explain itself, but to declare the interpretation of its design. Additionally, God has promised believers that the Holy Spirit would be their guide to understanding His word (John 16:13). On the other hand God has given scientists, believers or unbelievers, any guarantees about the pursuits of the truth of general revelation.

The fourth guideline pertains to much of what laymen hear of science: a media summary of the first results of an investigation. Normally, it is something unusual and therefore, noteworthy as an event. In practice, much of what is first reported, in both the media and the technical literature, turns out to be misinterpreted results, erroneous results, or poorly designed experiments. The data

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speculations, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man. 2

Humanity. Verse 25 says that "they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and they worshiped and served the creation rather than the Creator whom is blessed forever." This is what we see happening all around the world. People who exchange the truth of God for a lie. My son, who is a junior at Bethel College in St. Paul, Minnesota, is majoring in philosophy and theology there. A couple of years ago, he and I were in New Zealand, and I had been invited to speak at all the major universities in New Zealand, Auckland, and Wellington on the scientific evidence for creation. On our return flight, I asked the lady seated next to me, "Why are you going to the United States?" She said "I'm a professor of Biology at the University of Australia, and I've been invited to give a series of lectures at university campuses on the east coast of the United States." I said "That's interesting. What are you going to be speaking on?" She said "I'm going to speak on Evolution, Ecology, and the Spiritual." Interlacedness of all things. She had no idea who I was, so I asked her "Tell me, do you know what I mean when you use the term evolution?" She said "We believe that about 3 billion years ago there was a cosmic age called a nucleus of hydrogen. There was a hydrogen explosion and energy moved at the speed of light, formed galaxies, stars, and planets, and it was called the Big Bang. About 4 1/2 billion years ago our earth came into existence and about 3 1/2 billion years ago there was a pool of blue-green algae floating around. One day that algae turned into fish and those fish turned up on land and became amphibians and reptiles. Over a few million years they turned into mammals, and it was probably about one million years ago that we were all swimming in the seas from our tails. About a million years ago our tails came off and we came down on all fours. At this point the human spirit, upright, bipedal. ..." She began to tell me this whole evolutionary scenario that you've probably been taught in public schools growing up. I said "That's really interesting. Tell me what you mean when you say the spiritual interrelatedness of all things." She said, "Oh, you know, we're all one with nature. We're all one with the universe; our universe is our mother, and we're all evolved out of Mother Earth." She began to tell me all about it, and after about thirty minutes, she turned and asked me "Tell me, what exactly is it that you do?" I said, "That's interesting. I happen to do the same thing you do." She said "So?" I said "Yes, in fact I've been in New Zealand the last several weeks speaking in all his major universities. She said "How do you do?" I said, "Well, my topic was: Evolution is scientifically un驳able, and why we are not spiritually interrelated to all things." I told her, we had a wonderful 11 hour conversation. Her reaction was as soon as she found out that I was a Christian who believed in Creation was, "You know what the problem with you Christians is? You Christians, just have faith. All of you here have faith. You either have faith in a totem pole, or faith in animals, or faith in Mother Earth, or faith in Applewhite and Heaven's Gate. Everybody's got faith in something. It's no different than whether you have faith. The question is whether you are surrendering your faith in and is putting your faith in a valid basis of faith! I said to her, 'You're a scientist. You know that science by its very nature is based on observation and how you can experiment with it in real-world settings, things that you cannot do in the experiment. Therefore, we're not talking scientifically, we're talking philosophy. You know, there are a few philosophical faith propositions. You believe in evolution, I believe in God. We are both faith propositions. The question is what the scientific evidence that we both have about a common one of all of us have the same scientific data. Is it more logical and is it more rational and is it more scientific, based upon the evidence to put your faith in evolution or is it a more logical, is it more rational, is it more scientific to put your faith in God and creation? What is the scientific evidence? In dealing with the question of origin, we are involved in a spiritual battle for the hearts and minds of people today, and the origin of our country and around the world today are taught, as Time magazine recently said, that you are nothing but an accident evolved from a random soup. The Genesis says that you are a unique creation of God. How you answer the question of origins is probably the most important question that anybody can ask. Whether you are an accident evolved out of slimy algae, or whether you are a unique creation of God will ultimately determine your value of human individuals, will determine your basis of morality, will determine your meaning and purpose of life in your days, and is the most important question you can ask. But is the theory of evolution? We don't have time, but as this lady said, they believe that things have evolved from chaotic simplicity upwards to greater and greater complexity all by chance. But if God is no God, there is no supernatural. What does the scientific evidence show us? Dr. George Walls, Professor of Biology at Harvard University, won the Nobel prize in biology in 1971, writing in Scientific America on the origin of life, makes this statement, "When it comes to the origin of life, you have only two possibilities how life arose. One is spontaneous generation. The other is supernatural, creative, active God. There is no third possibility. Spontaneous generation is the idea that life arose from non-living matter. That idea is scientifically disproved 130 years ago by Louis Pasteur, Frenzie, Retti, and others. That leads to only one possible conclusion, the life arose as a supernatural, creative act of God." But then he adds in his article these words, "I don't think I can put this any other way." He was saying that you as students today have only two choices as to the origin of life. Understand that there are not three, four, five, or a hundred different ideas. You, in fact, can only think of two possibilities. Either life arose spontaneously by chance, or it was from the creative act of God; he says there is no third possibility. You can't even think of a third possibility. How was spontaneous generation? That was the idea held for two thousand years. What is the Greek philosophers. Many people believe life generated from non-living matter. They got this idea, and Dr. Walls uses this illustration: People would observe, for example, when you put a piece of meat out in the sun that meat rots and putrefies and decays. People observed that over a period of time that the same meat would spontaneously, "Poof", generate maggots which would then turn into flies. People also observed that if they put rags and cheese in the corner of the house that over a period of time that maggots would spontaneously generate weptreates that turn into mosquitoes, tadpoles that turn into frogs. So the idea was held that life was generated from non-living matter. We laugh about it now, but it was widely held up until 1300 years ago. When a man named Louis Pasteur— who we get the term of denaturation of milk—the father of modern biological science in his laboratory in Paris, France, demonstrated through a variety of experiments that when you put meat in the sun and you let it rot and decay, the meat does not generate maggots, but rather flies are attracted to the decaying meat, they lay their eggs that produce the maggots that, in turn, produce the flies. Pasteur demonstrated that when you put rags and cheese in the corner of a house that they do not produce mice, but mice sniff out the cheese, build their nests, and have their young, and the same with the rest of the process. Water. It became a basic axiom of all biology 150 years ago and is known, today, in every biology textbook today as the law of bio-genesis; that life only arises from life; it is scientifically impossible to get life from non-living things. As a student you need to ask, if one can observe anything and if one can do anything, how do you get life from non-living matter when it is scientifically impossible? And the standard answer I heard in this country, at least at the University of California was to say, "Well, Carson, you have to assume that by faith that contrary to the laws of science, life has been created, and you would teach the theory of evolution. And I would say, "Well, Professor, I'm really not interested in the things that are not the scientific evidence. What are the scientific facts?" For example, the basic laws of probability, we could spend all morning on this one. You may have read, for example, "Weber", by Fred Hoyle, speaking recently before the British Academy of Science. It shook up a lot of people. So Fred Hoyle, who is considered one of the leading astronomers and mathematicians in our country, in a talk at the National Theory of National Physics, speaking for his evolutionary colleagues, said, "Let's be scientifically honest. As scientists, all we need to do is show that life arising by chance is the same probability as throwing a six on a dice five million times." Try that some time. But then he went on to add these words, he said, "Let's be intellectually honest. As scientists, we all know that the probability of life evolving to greater and greater complexity in organization by chance is a complete farce, like throwing a tornado aere through a junkyard and form out the other end a Boeing 747777. Randomness itself, personal chance does not produce complex organization, only greater chaos." Just before the fall of communism, I was speaking at the Universities of Warsaw, Krakow, and Poznain on the scientific evidence for creation. After one of my lectures at the University of Poznań, I was approached by a German border, a graduate student in engineering and physics came up to me and said, "Father, I don't care what you say. I am still going to believe in evolution." I pulled out my three sleeveless and said, "Let's show you this, kid. Do you see this watch, kid? I went down to a junkyard, found an old rusty, bent up, ruined pieces of metal. I threw them in this shoe box, and started shaking. I shook them for two weeks, two months, six months, eight months, kept shaking. All of a sudden, WHAT? All the pieces flew together! It started flying off sixty seconds a minute, sixty minutes an hour, twenty-four hours a day, telling the day and the date. That's evolution. I don't care what you say." That graduate student, you could hear him laugh. He said, "That's interesting." I said, "Do you mean to tell me that this watch by chance is impossible, and yet you would tell me that this eye, when you cut a 3-D object study, that is greater than any computer on earth, a three pound brain with a 120 billion cells, 130 million electronic circuits, that is greater than the chance? I submit to you, friend, that it takes much more faith to believe in evolution than it does to believe in a Divine Designer, the Creator."
appear suddenly, fully formed in the fossil record. We also find in the fossil record the sudden appearance, fully formed, of every major kind of fish, which were supposedly the first vertebrates, without a trace of ancestor for any of them. Understand, folks, that if evolution is true, we should be finding millions of transitional fossils. The problem is we have yet to find one.

I was speaking a year ago up in Calgary, Alberta, and one afternoon, I drove 100 kilometers east of Calgary to Drumheller, Alberta. Drumheller is the largest dinosaur hills in North America. About 120 sq. miles of dinosaur fossils. The Canadian government has recently built the largest museum on evolution in the fossil record called The Royal Cord Museum of Paleontology. They spent twenty million dollars showing the evidence for evolution. They had fossils of fish, fossils of reptiles, fossils of mammals, fossils of dinosaurs, thousands of fossils in this museum. And do you know that I had not seen a single transitional fossil anywhere in this museum? Darwin said that if evolution was true, we’re gonna find millions of transitional fossils. It’s the largest museum on evolution in North America, and I did not see one. So I went to see the museum director and said, “I did not see any evidence for evolution, where are the transitional fossils?”

He said, “Well, as soon as we find one, we will certainly have it in our museum.”

The tragedy is that there are a lot of students that assume that our museums are filled with transitional fossils. We have never observed in the fossil record, we have never seen in the natural world. I’d like to close our time by reading the secular evolutionary view of self esteem and then what the Christian world view of self esteem is. And ask yourself, is there a difference? Does it matter how you answer the question of origin?

Here is the secular evolutionary view of self esteem that is being taught in public schools and universities in this country:

You are the descendant of a tiny cell of premonatal spermatozoon that washed up on an ocean beach three and a half billion years ago. You are the blind and arbitrary product of time, chance, and natural forces. Your closest living relatives swing from trees and eat crickets at the zoo. You are a mere gloop of amorphous particles, a conglomeration of genetic substances. You exist on a tiny planet in a minute solar system in an obscure galaxy in a remote and empty corner of a vast coat of a meaningless universe. You are flying through life less space with no purpose, no direction, no control, no destiny, but final destruction. You are a purely biological entity, different only in degree but not in kind from micro viruses and amebas. You have no essence beyond your body, and, at death, you will cease to exist entirely. What little life you do have is confined to a fragile body, aimlessly moving through a world plagued by wars, famine, and disease. The only question is whether the world will manage to blow itself up before your brief and pointless life ends.

On its own. In short, you come from nothing, you’re going nowhere, and you will end your brief cosmic journey beneath six feet of dirt, where all that is you will become food for bacteria and rot for worms.

Now how does that make you feel? And you wonder why our society has such a poor view of itself? I want to read to you what the Christian world view of self esteem is. Do you ask yourself if it makes a difference? You are a special creation of a good and all powerful God. You are the climax of His creation, the Magna Opus of the greatest Artist in the universe. You are created in His image, with capable potential for family and worship that set you above all other life forms. You differ from the animals, not simply in degree but in kind. Not only is your kind unique, you are unique among your kind. God has personalized the exact combination of DNA and chromosomes that constitute your genetic code, making you as different from all others as every snowflake differs from the rest.

Your Creator loves you so much and so intensively desires your companionship and affection that, despite your rebellion, He gave you the right to have a child that you might spend an eternity with Him. If you are willing to accept the gift of salvation, you will become a child of God, the King of the Universe. As a Christian, you are clothed with the righteousness of Christ. He has given you special gifts and abilities to serve Him in a particular unique way. You are Heaven’s Father is sovereign, and will allow nothing to cross your path that is not Father-filtered. He cares for you so much that He is totally available to you at all times and listens to every word you say. He cares deeply about your hurts and has the perfect plan for your life.

He is giving you the inspired Word of God as a road map for living. He gives you the true that sets you free, a life that is abundant, eternal, a spiritual family that loves you and needs you. Your destiny is to live forever in a magnificent kingdom, to reign with Christ over the universe. You will forever enjoy the wonders of His presence and the revels of His creation. You will spend eternity in intimate and joyful fellowship with your beloved Lord Jesus Christ and your precious spiritual family.

Now, how does that make you feel? Folks, there is a difference in how you answer the question of origin.
Honors for TMC English Faculty
TMC Faculty Member Garners
Poet Prize

Congratulations to Dr. John Pilkey, Professor of English at The Master's College who was recognized as a poetry contest finalist during the International Society of Poets Gala Convention in Washington, D.C., August 8-10, 1997. Dr. Pilkey was announced as one of 11 finalists from a field of 1,400 contestants during the awards ceremony in the Sheraton Ballroom on August 10th. The award winning piece prepared by Dr. Pilkey was his time royal poem "Air." The award was announced by co-hostesses of the ceremony, Society President Elizabeth Barnes, and entertainer Florence Henderson (of "The Brady Bunch" fame). The award included a contract for 100 copies of an 80-page anthology of poems. The collection of poems should become available in a few weeks (late October) under the title of "Think Again." The cover design for the collection is one created by Dr. Pilkey in 1980, a colored pencil painting entitled "Millenial Perceptions."

Departmental Update

The Lord has been especially gracious to the Department of Biological and Physical Science during the 1996-97 academic year. Last fall, one of the largest freshman classes of science ever matriculated. A generous donor provided the resources to purchase new binocular, high resolution microscopes for the biology laboratories. Additionally, an upper division cell biology laboratory was provided with new equipment, much of it interfaced for data acquisition. Another donor allowed us to purchase Pentium computers for faculty offices as well as the computers for the labs.

We welcome the Seminary's new faculty — Dr. Michael A. Grisanti, Dr. E. David Farnell, and Dr. William D. Barrick.

Dr. Michael A. Grisanti
Associate Professor of Old Testament

B.A., Pillsbury Baptist Bible College M.Div., Th.M., Central Baptist Theological Seminary Ph.D., Dallas Theological Seminary
Joined TMS 1997

For the past six years, in addition to teaching biblical Hebrew the Lord has provided Dr. Grisanti with several writing opportunities. He has written a number of entries for the recently published New International Dictionary of Old Testament Theology and Exegesis as well as a few entries in the forthcoming Eerdmans Dictionary of the Bible. He has also served as the editor for Central Seminary's quarterly paper and has edited a recent volume dealing with the King James Controversy written by the faculty of Central Seminary. Dr. Grisanti has been invited to write the Deuteronomy commentary for an anticipated revision of the Expositor's Bible Commentary. He has taught module courses in Romania during three different summers, ministering in Italy for a brief time in conjunction with those trips. He enjoys reading, refinishing furniture, various sports, and romping inside and outside with his children.

Dr. E. David Farnell
Associate Professor of New Testament

B.A., Christian Heritage College M.Div., Th.M., Talbot School of Theology Ph.D., Dallas Theological Seminary
Joined TMS 1997

Before joining the TMS staff, Dr. Farnell had much teaching and pastoral experience. In 1981, he had his first pulpit ministry position at South Bay Bible Community Church in Birmingham, Alabama. While still there, he became a professor of New Testament and Bible Exposition at Talbot School of Theology. In 1985, he returned to Christian Heritage College, this time as the Registrar and then as a professor of Biblical Studies, where he stayed until he went to Dallas Theological Seminary in 1986 to obtain his doctorate in New Testament. In 1991, he began at Southeastern Bible College where he worked as an Associate Professor, the Chair of the Pastoral Theology Department, and the Academic Dean until 1997 when he came to TMS.

Dr. William D. Barrick
Associate Professor

B.A., Denver Baptist Bible College M.Div., San Francisco Baptist Theological Seminary Th.M., San Francisco Theological Seminary Th.D., Grace Theological Seminary
Joined TMS 1997

After graduating from San Francisco Bible College in 1972 with a Masters Degree in Old Testament, Dr. Barrick joined the faculty of Denver Baptist Theological Seminary as Chairman of the Department of Old Testament, Christian Service Director and Librarian. He has served as a missionary to Asia with the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism, where he acted as linguistic consultant for Bible translation projects in Bangladesh. Field Council Chairman, theological consultant for Literature Division, Chairman of National Leadership Training and Bible Translation Field Council Committees. He has worked as a faculty member at the Bible Institute of Bangladesh, and Bangladesh Theological Seminary. He has served as a board member for Bangladesh Bible Society, and Asia Baptist Theological Seminary. He is currently a devotional writer for Living Life.
October
1-5  Missions Conference
17-18  Disney Weekend
22  I-M Volleyball Starts 8:00 pm.
31  Summer Missions Expo
For more information call x453

November
1  Faculty Community Day 8:00-12:00
1  Student Recital: Heidi Best 7:30
For more information call x329
3  Spring Semester Class Pre-registration
7  Opera Scenes 7:30
For more information call x329
8  Knights of Charity (formerly Sadie Hawkins) 7:30-10:00
For more information call x329
9  Opera Scenes 7:30
For more information call x329
21  Last Day to Drop a Class
For more information call x329
21  Student Recitals: Matt & Kelli Eilt 7:30
For more information call x329
27-30  Thanksgiving Break

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6  Christmas Concerts 2:00 & 7:30
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9  Dorm Christmas Parties 9:30
For more information call x329
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30  Student Recital: Mary Jacobson 7:30
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31  Student Recitals: Betsy vonDekke & Katie Meade 7:30
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31  Schick 3-on-3 Tournament 9:00
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October 1, PM First Baptist Church of Auburn
October 2, PM Lake Hazel Baptist Church, Boise, ID
October 5, PM Cole Community Church, Boise, ID
October 5, AM Grace Bible Church, Boise, ID
October 10, AM Heritage Christian School, Andreas
October 12, AM United Community Church, Glendale
October 12, PM Sierra Madre Congregation, Sierra Madre
October 15, AM Heritage Christian School, Arroyo Grande
October 19, AM Comm. Bible Church of the Foothills, La Crescenta
October 19, PM East Hills Baptist Beaverton
November 2, AM First Baptist of West (Chorale)

Los Angeles
November 2, FM Corona E. V. Free (Chorale) Church, Corona
November 9, AM First Baptist Church, (Chorale) Merced
November 9, PM First Baptist Church
November 16, New Hope Christian AM, PM Fellowship, Bellflower
December 7, Grace Community AM Church, Sun Valley

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If your church or school would like to host one of these groups, please call the Music Department to schedule them for the following times:
The Master's Chorale May tour in Washington state
Majesty tour in Florida
The 1998-1999 school year
(There are also a few openings in the Spring, 1998 schedule)

Winter College View Weekend: Experience College Life Firsthand January 22-25

The Enrollment Office at The Master's College is hosting its tri-annual College View Weekend on January 22-25, 1998. College View Weekend provides a special time of fellowship with current students as prospective students live in the dorms and spend a day at Six Flags Magic Mountain.
Youth pastors, high school counselors, and parents are also invited to either participate in all the activities.
To find out more about College View Weekend or to get registration information, call the Enrollment Office at (800) 568-6248, ext. 347.
from these investigations turns out ultimately to be valueless. The point is to arrive at the kinds of conclusions in science that are truly reliable takes years and years of study to confirm the reproducibility of the data and to assure the accuracy of the preliminary investigation. It is never necessary to jump to a new interpretation of the Bible on the basis of the latest investigation. Neither is it necessary to affirm some new hypothesis just because it subordinates the Bible. Correct results only emerge with much time and much effort.

"Then", he is the scientific realm is a continually evolving body of knowledge, portions of which at any time will almost assuredly turn out to be false. The healthy skepticism of the scientist who takes startling new results in science with a grain of salt should be the perspective of the one who holds to the accuracy of the Bible as well. The fifth guideline is to, as believers, need to unashamedly affirm our confidence in a God who is trustworthy and sovereign, to understand the universe that He made rather than sinful men. Ultimately, our confidence must be in God in all areas of life (Prov. 3:5-6).

The sixth guideline refers to the clear assertions of Scripture that the universe is the result of the miraculous, creative powers of the omnipotent Sovereign. Since the universe is the result of a miracle, it is by definition supernatural. The reason natural man cannot correctly understand the universe can be traced to the fact that natural man cannot grasp the supernatural, the things that are of God, not God. Miracles, he correctly understood, must be spiritually appraised (1 Cor. 2:14). It would seem then that the best scientists should be Christians, since they possess the ability to discern spiritual things.

Based on these guidelines there should be an ongoing attempt to resolve apparent contradictions between the Bible and science. Or are we left to the perspective of the film "Contact", having no choice but to agree to disagree? No, it is entirely possible to harmonize the Bible and science. One must recognize the intrinsic limitations of both sources of information, the Bible and science. One must recognize the nature of both authors, the Bible, existing as a written and external science, continually changing and temporal. It is through these lenses that science and the Word of God merge into one harmonious, noncontradictory truth.

Dr. Taylor B. Jones is the Chairman of the Department of Biological and Physical Sciences and Professor of Chemistry at the Master's College, Dr. Jones taught at the United States Naval Academy, The University of Texas at Austin and The University of Texas at San Antonio. He is a member of The American Chemical Society. His published works include a laboratory manual which he authored for general chemistry. His research interests include chemical pedagogy, particularly the freshman chemistry sequence.

Missions Conference 1997

This year the college had a great opportunity for enhancing our students' perception of ministry within the inner city. We partnered with fifty local churches in reaching their neighborhoods with the gospel of Christ through a new, effective project called Cross Trainers. Cross Trainers, was developed by Awana Clubs International, and has been used over the past three years in cities like Chicago, Atlanta, Boston and Los Angeles. Urban leaders have declared the program a success due to its sensitivity to urban needs and use of high impact teaching techniques.

Our partnership with Awana is unique and significant in that we will be the first college campus to work with local churches in such a manner. There are thousands of churches around the country that are praying for the Lord to do a mighty work in and through our students and the local church bodies. The CrossTrainers program will benefit boys, girls and families of churches and communities in the following ways:

- It attracts unchurched boys, girls and their families to the church. They will hear the gospel and have opportunity to accept Christ as Savior.
- Cross Trainers centers live out the Word of God.
- It provides Bible teaching for young people and adults. The heart of CrossTrainers is the gospel of grace taught in the Word of God.
- It strengthens the church and its ministry by adding to the church numerically and it helps individuals grow spiritually.
- It trains youth and adults in preparing them to serve in the ministries of the local church.

Our hope is that the TMC students, when teamed up with local churches will influence neighborhoods surrounding those churches and have a functioning program that continues to lead others to Christ and train them to serve Him. What an opportunity! We are thrilled to be a part of this tremendous project.

Mission Conferences are tried and true events on most college campuses and churches. They are as familiar and traditional as the first day of school, Days of Prayer, holidays, and Commencement. So often the call to outreach is given from the pulpits of college chapels and churches. Just about the time those in the congregation are convinced they should play a more active role in evangelism (usually about day three), the conference is over. Most colleges hold these annual missions conferences. To my knowledge, the great majority focus on the preaching but not the practice.

At The Master's College we have decided to put the faith of our students in action. In order to facilitate this we did two things. First, we brought in missionary speakers in advance of our conference. Each speaker presented the biblical call to evangelism and disciple-making. Secondly, we included in our school calendar three consecutive days in October, coupled with the weekend, when classes were not scheduled. This enabled us to send student volunteers out on tours to work with churches for the purpose of outreach.

This was our twelfth year: "experimenting" with a non-traditional approach to a missions conference. We praise God that we have witnessed over 360 teams (6,000 students) sharing their faith in coordination with local churches. This year we sent out about 50 teams to work with inner-city churches throughout the Los Angeles areas. Please pray for our students as they not only hear, but see the reality of missions. A student is only truly educated when they can put into practice that which is taught. We are excited about our mission to truly educate students.

The Master's College is one of only a very few Christian Liberal Arts Colleges that continues to teach a literal seven-day creation. The decision to maintain this policy arise from both our unwavering belief in the authority and accuracy of the Scriptures, and our desire for quality science instruction.

We believe that one position does not of necessity negate the other. The achievements of our graduates provides convincing evidence of our success in maintaining this important balance.

Good science does not require us to abandon the record of Scripture. Nor does commitment to a literal interpretation of the historical accounts of Scripture require abandonment of scientific exploration. We are and will remain firmly and faithfully committed to both.
Respected for his knowledge of science and love for the Lord, Dr. Howe had an enormous impact on our students and programs. Dr. Dennis Englin recently interviewed with Dr. Howe. After 29 years, Dr. George Howe has retired from full-time teaching position at The Master's College.

Tell us about your formative years. I was born in Buffalo, New York, in 1931 and grew up in several different places including Hollywood, CA; Akron, OH; Ridgewood, NJ; and Wyoming, WY, which is a little town north of Cheyenne.

How did you come to know Christ? It was in Ridgewood, NJ, in 1939, that some neighborhood ladies, on our street, invited our whole family to attend a summer Bible Conference meeting at the Hawthorne Baptist Church, where Pastor Herman Bruder and other great Bible teachers, like Hobart Lockyer, Donald Barnhouse, William Ward Ayer, and R.A. Ironside, presented the gospel each evening in an open-air pavilion, which had seats on the floor.

Gradually, my parents, my brother, Frederick, and I each received faith in Christ. Four years older than I, brother Fred Howe went on to become a professor of theology at Dallas Theological Seminary. The Lord empowered my dad and mother to become Christian leaders in northwestern Ohio from 1941 until 1982.

Tell us about your family. My wife, Luella, grew up on a farm in northern Illinois. We met in InterVarsity Christian Fellowship at Ohio State University, where she was earning her B.S. in Nursing. In 1955, you might say I married the family's daughter. We have two daughters and two sons. Barbara and her husband, Gary Dobson, both graduates of LABC, live and work in Seminary, MS where they worship at the Evergreen Baptist Church. Our youngest, Philip, lives in Turner Creek, CA with his wife Lisa. They are both TMC graduates. Philip runs his own business called Push Electronics, and he also works for Pione Grove Electronics Group. Philip’s oldest son, lives locally and has worked extensively in oil exploration as a “wrenchhead” on offshore rigs. Both who were married in April 1996 to Peter Giaron, is a concert clarinetist. They live in Saugus, CA and recently had a baby girl. We have eight grandchildren in all.

How did you choose Botany as a career? After completing high school, I tried to join the Navy but was ruled out because of nearsightedness. My mother encouraged me to go to college, so I decided to go for one year to the school my brother had attended, Wheaton College. I liked going to a Christian college and stayed a second year to earn my degree. For two years, I was majoring in the Spanish language, taking advanced Spanish grammar and literature courses. But in the second semester of my junior year, I decided to major in Botany instead, because I knew I would have a distinct advantage trying to teach Spanish when it had not been my mother tongue. Later, I went on to Ohio State University for the Masters and Ph.D. degrees, both in Plant Physiology, and I received excellent instruction there as well as important experience in living for Christ on a University campus.

Tell us how your career developed and where you have taught. After six years of study, teaching, lab assisting, and researching at O.S.U., I did not know whether I should go into research or into teaching. Meanwhile, Dr. Roger Voskuyl of Westminster College offered me a job teaching. I decided that whatever I was going to do ultimately, I should first teach at a Christian college for one year to help convey to others a few of the many blessings I had received at a Christian college. Through the Lord’s direction, we worked at Westminster for nine years and have been teaching at LABC/TMC for the last 29 years. At Westminster, I was given a one-year through the program so far. Our three full-time professors in Israel have a combined total of over 30 years teaching experience at the college and seminary level.

IBEX is an ORTHODOX option. All courses are taught by professors who believe the Bible is the inerrant Word of God and have a strong evangelical commitment and doctrinal positions. We keep the same standards held by The Master’s College.

IBEX is a SPIRITUAL option. The spiritual atmosphere on our campus is enhanced by Bible studies, chapel services, regular church attendance with a congregation of Messianic Jewish believers, and a firm commitment to a lifestyle which honors Christ.

IBEX is an ACADEMIC option. The Western Association of Schools and Colleges is very pleased with IBEX and considers it “one of the best academic programs” at The Master’s College. Our students frequently come back saying things like: “That was one of the hardest semesters I’ve ever had academically, but it was great.” For me, I knew there was so much to learn!”

IBEX is a GOOD option. The campus is located in the Judean hills, far from the recent troubles with little need for students to be constantly on the alert for troublemakers. Yet, it is only a short ride into Jerusalem. The community where it is located is owned and operated by Jewish and Finnish brothers, where students are very safe and able to pursue their studies in a tranquil atmosphere.

IBEX is a PROVEN option. We are census counting our second year in Israel with over 100 long-term and nearly 200 short-term students going

By Will Varner

Why IBEX? 
The Master’s Chorale and Majesty Israel and Italy Tour Overview

As we left for Israel and on Sunday, May 11, we were filled with many different ideas and expectations as to what lay ahead of us. The Israel Ministry of Tourism had graciously invited us for the second time to tour and sing in their country. After much prayer and preparation we were about to see the land where our Lord Himself, as well as His followers walked and lived. What an opportunity! From beginning to end, the Lord showed us His moving hand and the fact that we really aren’t in control, in spite of our plans. We left impressions not only on those who attended our concerts but also on those who helped set up our tour. The Music Department received a letter from the Public Relations Department and Adina Hano, director of the Events Department at the Ministry of Tourism, containing a few of their own comments: “Your concerts throughout Israel were excellent. The repertoire presented was varied, humorous, professional, and we received many telephone calls both from those in attendance as well as from the hosts. In Elat, the local people arrived after the concert began and, of course, the hall was completely full so there was no place to sit. They enjoyed themselves so much, however, that they did not leave and stood the entire hour. It was a pleasure to see you once again in Jerusalem, and I hope you have already started planning your return trip. You are always welcome!”

One student put their thoughts down like this:

“The Lord has blessed us with a wonderful trip full of opportunities to serve Him, and see the land about which we have read so much. We had opportunities to see such sights as the Jericho Valley, the Sea of Galilee, Jerusalem and surrounding areas, the Dead Sea, Bethel, Jericho, the holocaust museum, and many other places. One of the great opportunities we had was to sing at the Charles’ Arab School with mainly Muslim children. We were told that the gospel message had not been clearly presented for a long time. Please pray that the seeds planted would continue to grow and that God would reach the hearts of those children. The House of Hope, the second school to which we ministered, was an institution in Bethlehem for the blind and mentally handicapped. We took a tour of their little school and of their workshop. We sang a few songs for them, they sang for us, and then we all sang together. It was very touching to see their joy and fervent singing in spite of all their physical troubles. Please pray for the staff as they struggle to keep the place running and as they have the opportunity to minister to the lives of the people there.

The Lord opened a door, during our stay in Jerusalem, that wasn’t in our itinerary, and it turned out to be one of the events that left the biggest impression on us throughout the trip. Please continue to pray for the people we came in contact with while in Israel. Pray that God would work in their lives and that His message would not fall on deaf ears. We thank God for all that He allowed us to do in service for Him, and for the things we were able to learn and experience. We give all glory and honor to Him for all that was and is continuing to be accomplished in the country of Israel.”

As the Chorale was leaving from Amsterdam on May 28 to fly home, Majesty and Dr. and Mrs. Plew were bidding farewell and looking ahead to what lay before us during our next three weeks in Italy. We worked directly with Fred and Rachel Whitman and their family, missionaries to Italy for the last 25 years. We had many opportunities to share the gospel with the Italian people through song and testimony. Traveling through Rome and the surrounding areas, up to Venice, through Florence, we finally landed at our “home-base,” Perugia. Once again, many doors were opened and the Lord’s hand was swiftly moving. We were able to encourage the missionaries and pastors as well as the believers there. Francesco Vincenzo, longtime friend of the Whitmans, and member of the Assisi Singers from

all. We processed through Old City Jerusalem in a long line of groups of two. We walked through the Christian and Muslim quarters, holding candles and singing, drawing crowds as we went. We stopped at one place and sang to the crowd that had gathered.

Three of the students shared their testimonies about how Christ had changed them, and the gospel was clearly given to all who were present. The places through which we walked that evening are known for their drug dealing and opposition to Christianity, but God is changing the lives of people there, and we were able to continue to shine the light of Christ in that dark place. Pray that God would change the lives of the people there and draw them to Himself. Pray also for the Christians, both old and new believers, for strength and endurance as they live in the midst of opposition.

God truly blessed us with a wonderful and exciting trip in the land of Israel. It was a once-in-a-lifetime World of Experience. We know that all of the concerts and opportunities we had came from God, and anything good that comes out of our trip is because of Him. We could not have done anything worthwhile without the work that Christ did in us. Thank you for your prayers for us

Assisi, Italy, asked Dr. Plew, “Why does California Sound Majesty’ sing songs about the death of Christ with such hope and assurance while our choirs sing them with such gloom and despair?” This question opened up a wonderful opportunity for Dr. Plew and Fred to share with Francesco the claims of salvation and the assurance of heaven.

We gave many concerts, both scheduled and impromptu, and, through the musical we sang in Italian, “The Day He Wore My Crown,” we shared the pure gospel with many who heard it for the very first time. A very unusual opportunity for us was being invited by the musical society of the region to sing in a town called Bibbiena. We arrived at the place where we were to sing, and Mass was just getting out. In Italy the Catholic Church in a town also serves as the concert hall because of the architecture. We sang in many of these places, but seeing mass get out right before we were to present a completely different message was somewhat unnerving. As always, the Lord worked beyond our expectations in the hearts of the people who were there that night. The Catholic priest of the church who had just come from Mass was so enthralled by our program that he arranged for our next concert to be televised on a Catholic television station! Please pray that as people watch this they will think about obvious differences between the truth that we are proclaiming, and the lies that they have grown up believing.

The Whitmans had to say in a recent letter Paul Plew received after we returned to the States:

“The last two weeks have brought him great joy and Master’s. They had just finished a tour in Israel with their entire choir as guests of the Ministry of Tourism. We had a horrendous schedule set up for them, but I never heard one complaint. They came with a servant’s heart, and servants they were! Their first days, they had concerts in Rome, Acquapendita, and Gran Sasso. As they traveled to Perugia, they stopped in the medieval town of Orvieto to perform in the prison where Fred has a weekly outreach. They had many concerts in Perugia and surrounding area, but the one I enjoyed most was our own Centro Evangelico Latino, the cantatas, “The Day He Wore My Crown” all in Italian (Fred, with the help of his Italian friends and all my friends) and all by memory! It’s such a powerful rendition of the passion of Christ. They sang as far as the crucifixion and Fred stopped it to have the Communion service. Then they sang on telling of His resurrection. It was so very meaningful to remember His death with the songs ringing in your ears which reminded us. I’m the one to blame, I caused all His pain...the Day He Wore My crown! The students not only blessed us with their voices in concert but they also right in and got numerous projects done around here including sanding and painting, assembling books for distribution, cleaning projects, and advertising distributions.

Then they were our aging machines in the radio running again to the delight of Maria Luisa, who is running the radio now.”

As we left Italy to return to the States, we took with us many wonderful memories as well as an incredible burden for the lost of Italy as well as the Israeli people. We thank each and every one of you for praying for us and supporting us as we were allowed to continue the Lord’s work in the countries of Israel and Italy! As these experiences and memories fade into the past, may the Lord and change that has taken place within each person who went never be forgotten, and may we never forget the tremendous need of the gospel all around the world.
God's Word through five days of biblical exposition. Joining Dr. MacArthur in preaching God's Word will be Dr. Tony Evans, Dr. David Jeremias, Dr. Stephen Olford, Dr. Adrian Rogers, and Dr. Joseph Stowell. Musicians from The Master's College and Grace Community Church will be leading in worship. Afternoon seminars will be taught by members of the faculty of The Master's College and Seminary and members of Grace to You.

Conference registration is $50 per person or $80 per couple. Please call 1-800-568-6308 for registration. Once you have registered, you will receive a special confirmation packet containing hotel, car rental and restaurant information.

Dr. John MacArthur
President
October
9
Pastor's Conference
Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship
Dallas, TX
Tony Evans
214-226-1281

November
7-8
Ev-Catholic for Christ Conference
Grace Community Church
13248 Roscoe Boulevard
Sun Valley, CA 91352
Tom McMahon
541-362-6210

February
2
Annual Bible Conference and Pastor's School
Florida
Jerry Vines
804-366-1244

19-21
Ligonier's Orlando Conference
Ligonier Ministries
Orlando, FL
Timothy Stone
407-533-4244

May
20
Moody Pastor's Conference
Moody Bible Institute
820 N. LaSalle Boulevard
Chicago, IL 60610-3284
Joe Stowell
312-429-4000

August
9-14
Hymn Lake Christian Conference
256 N. Maple
Prairie, CA 95922
Ken Ploore
209-335-2891

September
30-Oct.2
Shepherds Conference
Sandy Cove Ministries
60 Sandy Cove Road
North East, Maryland 21901
Bill韦
410-267-3400

October
2
25th Anniversary Banquet Sarnia
7418 boulevard South outlet
Montreal, Quebec H4K 1R6
Canada
Jacques Ahern
514-847-2555

Dr. Wayne Mack
Professor of Biblical Counseling
October
5
Evening Service
Faith Baptist Church
LaFayette, IN
Pastor Steve Viers
765-559-1550

6-8
MCCC Conference
Faith Baptist Church
LaFayette, IN
Pastor Steve Viers
765-559-1550

24-26
Marriage and Family Conference
Westminster Pres. Church
Burlington, VT
Art Mangino
717-560-8339

December
13-14
Couples Retreat
Master's Bible Church
Denver, CO
Pastor Mark Kranich
303-312-3291

January
16-18
Counseling Seminar
Grace Bible Church
Brush Prarie, WA
Pastor Jim Akins
206-883-9359

March
8-11
Shepherds Conference
Grace Community Church
Sun Valley, CA
Dale Lewis
818-209-5530

12-15
International Bible Conference
Grace Community Church
Sun Valley, CA
Dale Lewis
818-209-5530

20-22
Introduction to Biblical Counseling
South Valley Christian Church
Morgan Hill, CA
Pastor Craig Beck
408-779-0597