I knew the God of the Bible to be true, but I didn't have the tools or guidance to understand and interpret the creation verses. If I had never stumbled upon your organization, I would still be struggling deeply with them today.

–JK

JK’s message hits close to home. Stunned surprise would be the appropriate portrayal of my own response years ago when a young researcher told me the biblical creation story helped him believe in the truth of Scripture. Having seen the opposite reaction from people with less scientific training—including myself—I could hardly believe my ears. “Please tell me more,” I said.

The reconciliation of Genesis with well-established data set me free in two ways. First, my heart could now rejoice in what my mind could newly grasp as the Scriptures’ supernatural accuracy. My worship deepened and widened. Second, the hesitancy that had crippled my witness quickly evaporated. I could hardly wait for an opportunity to share my faith!

Advancing scientific research provides an ever-closer fit between the sacred text and the latest findings. That’s the remarkable feat your support of Reasons to Believe makes possible, and you can see in JK’s words the impact it produces!

RESOURCE

To learn about the latest corroborations, enjoy the new DVD release from RTB, Reconciling Genesis and Science, as our thank-you for your gift of support in May/June. If you’ve already given this month, thank you! If you haven’t yet, please visit give.reasons.org or use the enclosed form to make your gift today.
This year marked the fifth annual AMP Conference. Since its launch in 2015, this event has inspired hundreds of participants to live out the heart of AMP—Apologetics, Mission, and Partnership. Apologetics, because people need reasons. Mission, because we’re called to share them, and Partnership, because we’re more effective together.

AMP 2019 drew more young people than any previous conference—people like Leah and Sean. They came to get equipped to share their faith. Leah beamed as she shared how AMP will help her explain to non-Christian friends not just what she believes but why. Sean was quick to chime in with his biggest takeaway:

I’ll be able to talk about what I believe in and answer questions using facts and knowledge.

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Looking ahead to our next fiscal year, which starts July 1, we’re eager to further expand RTB’s reach and impact. Our strategic plan has been honed, but much depends on God’s provision of $597,500 by the end of June. With these funds in place, we can

- Expand our Scholar Community, the cadre of scholar-evangelists on university campuses and in research firms equipped to engage their students and peers, especially those in STEM (science, technology, engineering, math, and medicine) fields with evidence pointing to faith in Jesus Christ.
- Develop a new show for skeptics, a video series featuring RTB scholars tackling tough questions and challenges posed on social media, with the goal of creating a place for seekers and skeptics alike to hear thoughtful responses to everyday science-faith misconceptions.
- Produce more faith-affirming resources, such as Humans 2.0 (releasing later this year), a new book by Fazale Rana with Kenneth Samples that offers a scientific and theological exploration of pressing questions about “transhumanism.”

Through your support and shared vision, Reasons to Believe will continue to prepare future generations to go out in the world and share the gospel among key culture shapers. Thank you for coming alongside us to see more people come to know Christ as Creator and Savior!

People like Leah and Sean give us hope for what God will do through AMP as well as through other RTB programs and activities. While AMP is one of our biggest events of the year, it’s just one part of what RTB continues to accomplish thanks to the faithful support from friends like Wayne Lindholm. Wayne comments,

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What summer activities do you do with your kids to pique their interest in science?

During summer and throughout the rest of the year when I see something that fascinates me, I often ask my kids what they think of it or how it works. One saying I often use is “everything is physics.” Everything that happens boils down to physics, and the fun part is figuring out where physics happens and what we can learn about it.

Our family vacations include a lot of time outside (camping, hiking, canoeing, etc.), which often prompts discussion about this wonderful creation. We also watch NOVA, Nature, and PBS specials that are science related. These shows can be engaging and educational, and they bring additional opportunities to talk with my kids.

Ultimately, my family engages science because I am passionate about it, and I hope they catch some of that passion!

–Jeff

What’s a common science-faith question you receive, and how do you respond?

Christians ask how to think about evolution because they often see it as a threat, and non-Christians usually say, “Evolution is true so Christianity must be false, or should at least stay separate from religion.”

I typically respond by discussing how the word “evolution” is used, what evidences we have (or don’t) for particular kinds of evolution, and how commitments to naturalism drive many to accept evolution even in the absence of compelling evidence.

I also share that even if evidence for evolution becomes compelling, it would not negate the need for a Creator.

I discuss the limitations of science, influence of worldviews, evolution’s major challenges—novelty and teleology, and how God’s action and design are not hidden. And I invite consideration on how Christianity can open avenues of research that evolutionary perspectives might stifle.

–Anjeanette