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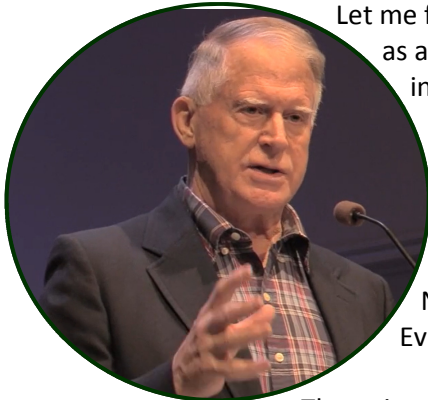
# WONDERS OF SCIENCE

"... bringing life to science"

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## "You Never Really Know Who Might Be Watching or Listening!"



Let me first admit, I'm no preacher. But, when asked to bring a message locally or on tour, I take it as a teaching moment and let God deal with the results. Recently our family has been watching "The Chosen" produced, written and directed by Dallas Jenkins, the son of my former Moody colleague of nearly thirty years, Jerry Jenkins (author of "The Left Behind Series").

Occasionally an email request comes in from somewhere in the world after a person surfs the Internet and happens across one of the sites carrying a past message, in this case [www.calvarywhittier.org](http://www.calvarywhittier.org) requesting the notes or PPT. An email arrived from The Angel Network programming team for "The Chosen" and asked for my notes on "The Origin of Evil," a talk I was constrained to bring due to the strange times we are in.

The writers for "The Chosen" have brought tremendous emotional content to each episode delving into the disciples' possible character and situations surrounding Jesus during their selection. Many wet eyes are reported by viewers. The email requested I expand on my talk's emphasis at one point on the different Greek words used for "wept" as when Jesus saw Mary weep (sob/wail) over her brother's death then He wept "to Himself" (this word used here only once in the NT) and then groaned (a different word), then He wept (sob/wail) again at Lazarus' grave site and lastly as He wept (convulsive sobbing) over Jerusalem. If you're interested in a copy, email me at [DeanOrtner@aol.com](mailto:DeanOrtner@aol.com) and in the subject box enter "Bulletin notes on Evil."

It's encouraging how the Lord can use a few words in a Sunday message to prompt a movie writer's chance notice and perhaps use them for unknown effect to move the thoughts of millions of future viewers of "The Chosen" series.

Season one and two are now complete as they continue work on the next several seasons. I encourage everyone to see this unique series setting historical record numbers around the world in hundreds of countries and languages. The first and second seasons have been free on YouTube!

### COMMENT CORNER...

*"I guess there are a lot of "Bad Bob's" in here. It has only been two days since I passed your Chick Tract along and already I had a couple of guys come asking about it."*

**--Inmate, a follower of Jesus--**

*"Thank you for speaking for me in my higher level science Zoom sessions. This school year has been a difficult one for teachers and students. I so appreciated the "tag team" source when I felt over my head at times."*

**--Public school teacher--**

*"I watched your streamed message "The Origin of Evil" last Sunday and wanted to tell you how blessed I was. I'm in a tough situation medically, but I don't blame God in this fallen world. I was so encouraged that evil will not win and God is still in control to deal with it in His time. Thank you for helping me focus on Truth!"*

**--Email note--**

*"My children gained so much insight during their hands-on lab sessions with you this year. You even included materials for their younger siblings who now can hardly wait to start school next year!"*

**--Home school parent--**

# “Get Used To Different”



Camera Lectures

That is a clever line from Jesus in a worldwide phenomenon titled, “The Chosen,” a multi-year series planned around the life of Jesus as He chooses His disciples and trains them for the ministry. By all means, check it out!



“Ballistics and Gravity” (above)

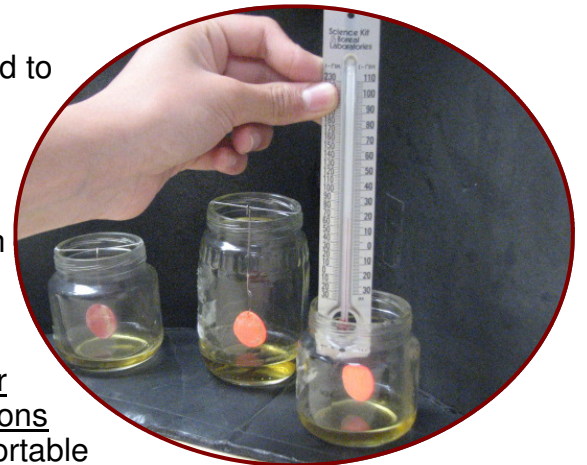
So, now we are “getting used to different” through additional ways of outreach and support to others.

“Who’s In Charge, Anyway?” An engineer friend in New York used to always say that when things seemed to go wrong.

When scheduled opportunities were “COVIDIZED” for 2020 and 2021, God opened new ways I’d not even thought of before; weekend opportunities to work with The Academy of Music for the Blind, Zoom sessions for teachers not comfortable with higher level science before a camera, hands-on science labs, presenting Sunday messages and answering many emails from domestic and international questioners while time to rebuild equipment along the way.

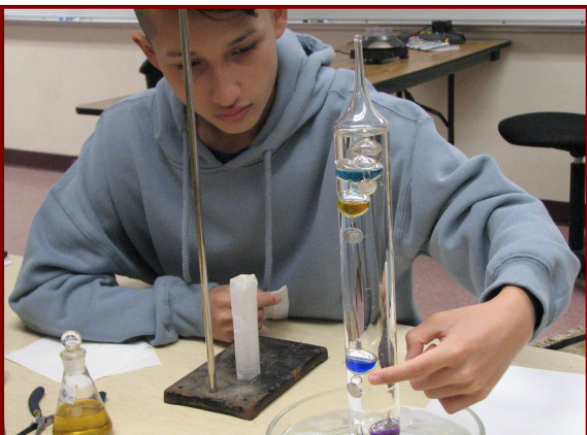


“Launching tissue/ash rockets”

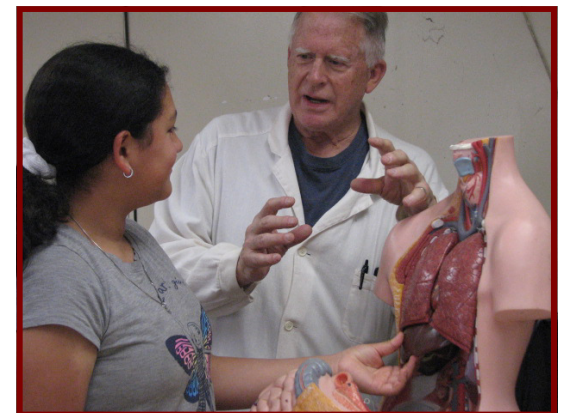


“Catalytic conversion to hear of acetone vapors contacting once heated copper penny”

In 2 Tim 4:2 Paul exhorted Timothy to “Preach the word; be instant in season and out of season...” The Greek word, *eukairia*, is made up of two others combined to mean “well timed, opportune, convenient, in time of need.” So, we took advantage of the unexpected “opportunities” and watched the Lord work.



“Temperature vs. water density”



“Understanding organ systems”



## “A LETTER FROM AN INMATE TO WHOM WE MINISTER”

“So, there is this man, [---- -----], he is 85 yrs. I first met [him] back in 2012. He was in a very bad walk. Sometimes we would talk about his dreams the night before and he would tell me how he could feel the flames of fire but could also smell the sulfur and rotting flesh. This creature would say to him that they are waiting for him. I would mention some Scriptures but he would stop me and say that he knew hell was waiting for him. This went on for a number of years, and then he was taken to the hospital for fainting a lot and never came back to the prison.



“Help God, I’m so messed up”



“If only someone would care...”

About four months

ago I started receiving letters from him. I would quote passages here and there and his letters started to sound different. In his last letter he says: ‘It’s a beautiful day to be alive’ and a couple of lines down he says: ‘I love life and the Lord is keeping me alive and well. Read the Bible, it will change your life as it has changed mine.’ It is amazing to witness how the LORD works in the lives of those we often think nothing will get them thinking about the free gift of Salvation found only through Christ our LORD and Savior.”

- We received a request to present WOS at the Answers In Genesis “Ark” and “Creation Museum” in Kentucky this summer and in 2022 pending completion of new auditoriums. Due to Covid challenges, the building materials supply lines have slowed greatly. Pray for the Lord’s direction, confirmation of compatible content and timely financial resources.
- Unexpected opportunities came during the lockdowns and travel restrictions over these past two years. Thank you to all our donors who remembered to pray and provide us with the means to continue ministering in unexpected ways.
- Pray for insight in counseling many email contacts from those attending past WOS presentations, at times from years ago. These “out of the blue” contacts encourage us that God’s planted seed will sprout in His time.
- As I’m writing this newsletter, a call came from the director of the “National School Projects.” He saw the WOS programs at public schools in the past few years and is very interested to set up a series of school assemblies for Christian Bible clubs on campuses in Southern California next March. The NSP hosts presentations to which Bible club members can bring their friends into a more neutral witnessing environment.
- We have an ongoing request for programs in northern Montana. Please pray for additional opportunities.

**PRAYER  
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## “Once I Was Blind, But Now I See...But I’m Still Blind”



The Lord can put things in our lives for use in future days.

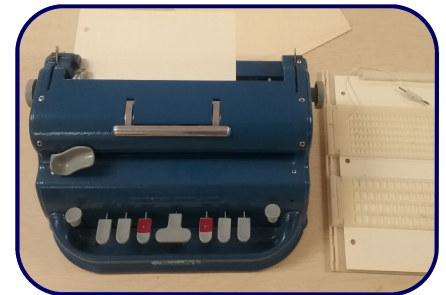
“Dean joins lunch with Academy (David, Director standing)”

As a young Boy Scout, I earned a merit badge for learning semaphore (flag waving communication), then Morse Code for Ham radio, met a blind classmate in college for whom I read his text books (I learned lots out of my fields of interest) and learned to stylus Braille (much like visual Morse) to help him take notes and communicate with him through those raised dots on cards.

After moving to California fifty years ago for the science ministry, WOS toured the nation and occasionally spoke at Moody Bible Institute’s Founder’s Week. During one of those presentations at the beautiful Medina Temple in Chicago, a group of blind students in the audience stayed after to ask questions. I picked up where I’d left off in college and began writing to them using the punch stylus and backstop dot former (slow as liquid helium). As some came to trust in Jesus, not one of them ever complained God had shortchanged them their sight. Now they were actually “seeing” things for which most sighted are blind!

Here in California Terry and I were friends with a member in our church, an attorney who was blind. She graciously loaned me her Perkins Braille allowing me to type on its eight keys (finally a quantum leap in speed). She and her husband moved to Washington DC so it was back to the punch stylus when needed.

Recently, our church began hosting weekend meetings for “The Academy of Music for the Blind.” I had an instant bond and interest in assisting them each weekend. This year, the director, David and his wife Gayle, presented me with a like new, refurbished Perkins Braille!



“Perkins Braille”

This was so overwhelming I choked up and could barely get out a feeble “Thank you.” David, an accomplished classical pianist, from a conservative Jewish background, peppers me with questions on the Bible and Christianity. It’s interesting where a little Boy Scout merit badge took me 65 years later! Please pray that the Lord continues to move in their hearts and provides me with continued student communication.