



Jesus said: "Ye are the salt of the earth ... Ye are the light of the world ..." (Matthew 5:13-14)

WELCOME TO MARCH AD 2009 EDITION....

WELCOME & EDITORIAL

Rev Peter Rahme – Salt & Light Editor

2009 is shaping up to be another productive year for CDP. We have a number of exciting initiatives for which we seek your prayerful and financial support. By the grace of God and to His glory we will continue to stand up for and speak out on values that made our nation great such as family and marriage, freedom of speech, free enterprise and financial integrity.

1. February - 'Fireproof Your Marriage' Campaign We hosted the premiere of Fireproof in the NSW Parliament House Theatre on Wed 4 February. We have also organised screenings at churches and venues including Homebush West, Camden, Tahmor, Campbelltown, Londonderry, Port Macquarie, Taree and Coffs Harbour (more to come).

2. March - 'Holy City' Sydney March Please join Rev Nile & myself in the Korean Churches' Outreach to Sydney 14-15 March with a great Jesus March on Sunday 15 March at 3.00pm through Sydney streets and an Outreach Service in Martin Place. These activities are the Christian response to the unholy Mardi Gras Parade.

3. March & April - 'Darwin's Debate' 2009 marks the 150th anniversary of the publication of Charles Darwin's *Origin of Species* and the 200th anniversary of his birth. The world's media has gone crazy in its celebration. It is a pivotal year in the creation/evolution debate. We plan to lead this debate by hosting two very important events.

- **On the 4th March from 12 Noon - 2pm - at our new CDP Christian Worldview Monthly Forum in the NSW Parliament**, Dr Mark Harwood, well known internationally in the commercial communications satellite field, was the guest speaker. Mark has over 30 years experience as a scientist in the Australian telecommunications industry, specialising in satellite communications. He will cover the philosophical implications/ramifications of Darwinism, the interpretation of science that influenced him and why so many scientists today aggressively promote this theory.
- **On the 1st April - Premiere of "THE VOYAGE THAT SHOOK THE WORLD"**. This major new film about Darwin, produced by Creation Ministries International (CMI) and distributed by Con Dios Entertainment, will challenge evolution in a fresh way. The project, with an estimated budget of close to a million dollars, is among the biggest documentary film ventures ever undertaken by any faith-funded Christian organisation in the world.

Call me on 1300 667 975 to book a screening of *FIREPROOF* and/or *THE VOYAGE THAT SHOOK THE WORLD* for your CDP branch or for your Church.

BIBLE DEVOTION

Rev Peter Rahme – CDP Deputy President

Zoology or Theology

A man who had been looking for work for a long time decided to inquire at the local zoo. He told the zookeeper, "I would like a job. I will clean cages. I will do whatever you need."

The zookeeper said, "I'm sorry. We would love to hire you, but there just aren't any openings right now." Noticing how big and burly the man was, the zookeeper had an idea. He said, "This is crazy, and you don't have to agree to it, but would you be willing to put on a costume and pretend to be a gorilla? Our gorilla died last week. He was our most popular exhibit. If you will be the gorilla, we will have a suit custom-made for you. We'll pay you really well." Desperate for work, the man took the job. Feeling a little apprehensive on his first day, he put on the gorilla suit and climbed into the cage. He made a few gorilla moves and beat his chest a little. The people loved it. The next day, he tried shaking the bars, screaming, and running around. The crowds started growing. By the third day, he was really enjoying his job and began swinging on the vines. But he swung too far, went over the wall, and landed in the middle of the lion's cage. The lion turned and walked toward him rather quickly. The man knew that if he called for help, people would discover he wasn't really a gorilla. But if he kept quiet, he would be the lion's lunch. So he screamed, "Help!" "Shut up, Stupid!" the lion whispered back. "You'll get us both fired!" (Source - Greg Laurie's Harvest Daily Devotional)

The above illustration is humorous because the two human beings after pretending for a while to be animals and being silly and having a little fun caught each other out. But what if they were serious in being them-animal-selves *"....to demonstrate the basic nature of man as an animal...."* or to teach *"....that the human is just another primate."* or worst still *"...to highlight the spread of man as a plague species"*

Well that's exactly what happened few years ago in 2005 on the August Bank holiday weekend in a London Zoo. However this time it was not **2** silly out of work with funny animal suits but **8** serious willing volunteers (3 Males & 5 females) with fig leaves coverings.

As the Associated Press reported, *"The captives in the human zoo exhibit sunned themselves on a rock ledge, clad in bathing suits and pinned-on fig leaves. Some played with hula hoops, some waved. A signboard informed visitors about the species' diet, habitat, worldwide distribution and threats."*

The organizers were crystal clear in their goals and objectives .It was another futile attempt in the ongoing battle of worldviews by the pushers of the zoology of human reasoning to dethrone the theology of divine revelation.

I. The Zoology of Human Reasoning

The zoology of human reasoning, like its master and mentor - the theory of evolution, from which it derives its warped vision and weird value, is a dehumanizing experience. The eight participants appeared in a playful mood and put on a funny side for the TV cameras. But in reality the sick joke was on us - the humans.

Here's why...

1. According to London Zoo's own website "... *the four day event aims to demonstrate the basic nature of man as **an animal**...*" (Emphasis added)
2. Polly Wills, the spokeswoman for the London Zoo, believed that this exhibit " . . . *teaches members of the public that the human is just **another primate**.*" (Emphasis added)
3. Tom Mahoney, one of the eight participants explained it this way "A lot of people think humans are above other animals. When they see humans as animals, here, it kind of reminds us that **we're not that special**." (Emphasis added)
4. Agence France-Presse reported the zoo ' own purpose statement "to highlight the spread of man as **a plague species**" (Emphasis added)

Being hell-bent on dishonouring humanity 'as a plague species" and demoting humans to 'just another primate" the London zoo' human exhibit committee (and volunteers) discredited themselves badly. They seem to have forgotten that humans were the ones who:

- ◆ Built the Zoo in the first place & brought in all the real animals!
- ◆ Played around with this silly idea & placed three guys and five girls inside an electric fence!
- ◆ Decided on the theme & designed the website for it!
- ◆ Organized the event & orchestrated the media!
- ◆ Sold and bought the tickets!
- ◆ Etc..Etc..

As R. Albert Mohler, Jr. rightly points out in his Brilliant article - Humans in the Zoo--A Perfect Parable of Confusion: "*In reality, "The Human Zoo" exhibit at the London Zoo is a perfect illustration of our contemporary confusion. The organizers may claim to be making a serious point, but their point can hardly be taken seriously once the slightest thought is devoted to what the exhibit truly means..... The signs identifying the various creatures were not produced by the inhabitants of the reptile house. The apes and other primates resident at the zoo may look upon the humans with curiosity, but they have no control over their own destinies -- and unlike their hairless counterparts, they stay in the zoo overnight.*

The zoology of human reasoning is deceptive in how it markets man as a product of time and chance and makes merchandise out of IT. It is also dangerous because it gives excuses for people to reject God and rebel against Him.

II. The Theology of Divine Revelation

And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and

over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. (Gen 1: 26)

The Bible gives a thorough knowledge and true understanding of the origin of the universe, the account of creation and the beginning of life.

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth and all that is in them, out of nothing and in six days. Formed from the dust of the ground and fashioned after God's likeness, MAN – the pivotal figure of God's handiwork is a person created with power and wisdom not a product evolved over time by chance.

The triune God made Adam and Eve, like the young earth that they were to live in and walk on, fully-grown with a mature appearance years beyond their age.

From their state of origin in the Garden of Eden, this first pair of male and female was given the charge to head up and lead the entire human race.

With the intelligent designer of the universe behind their name and the innate desire for relational intimacy in their nature, they were built to function as social beings and were blessed to go forth and multiply.

But life for history's first married couple, whose union was made by God, was marred by sin. The opening scene to the drama of dramas of the days of their lives began with the deception of Eve followed by the disobedience of Adam by whom sin entered this world. Sin naturally brought forth death. Unstoppable and unbeatable, and without exemption from its consequence or an escape from its condemnation, death automatically spread to all. As a result of our first parent's deadly choice, we, all of mankind, inherited their loss of an intimate relationship and a true knowledge of Almighty God.

With death to face in this life and judgement to follow in the one to come, we, the imperfect creatures and impotent sinners that we are now, all fail to measure up to God's standards and fall short of His glory.

With His beloved creation, separated by sin and alienated from Him, Jesus Christ - *the Son of God* in a heart beat, set aside His heavenly mansion and royal throne for an earthly manger and a crown of thorns, and set out on a down-to- earth and an once- for- all rescue mission - to get us out of trouble with Adam's sin and death, and put us back in touch with His grace and mercy.

With you and I weighing heavy on His heart, Jesus Christ - *the Christ of God* crossed over eternity and came down to humanity, calling all *to repent for the kingdom of God is at hand*. He challenges the hearts of those who will listen and hear His word and changes the lives of those willing to learn and heed His will. The souls that believe His lips and receive His love will enter into an everlasting relationship with Him and the servants who reach out to the world and preach the gospel will enjoy His eternal rewards. Those who call upon His name to be saved, will be counted righteous and considered justified having their adamic debt and its sinful deed totally cancelled, and completely taken care of.

Ready to shed his blood and willing to sacrifice His life, Jesus Christ - *the Lamb of God* reached out to you and His fallen creation, to redeem our spirit from the penalty of sin, reconcile our relationship with the living God, restore our fellowship with the heavenly Father and reunite us back into His loving arms and longing heart.

The Bible says: "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive....And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.(1 Corinthians 15:22, 45).

In Closing –

Jesus Christ, King of kings; He made all things in heaven and earth.
Almighty God, Prince of Peace, and one day all knees will bow before Him.
He came from heaven to save us all; from the sin and death of Adam's fall.
He lived His life sinlessly, and laid it down for you and me so willingly, on Calvary.
Then He arose from the grave, now He's alive and He will save, Forevermore!
Come to him, do it today! Do it now without delay!
He is heaven's only one way Jesus Christ is t heaven's only one way

(You can listen to song by clicking on the following You Tube Link
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iJ88gVTP-I&feature=channel>)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Rev Fred Nile MLC - CDP Founder & President

VICTORIA'S TRAGIC BUSHFIRES

All Australians have been shocked at the unusual and exceptional high death toll as a result of the horrific Victorian bushfires. The loss of life now reaches 210 with 30 missing persons!

The National Day of Mourning was very moving, especially the National Service in Melbourne which will help to encourage all the survivors, however the Christian content was almost non existent.

Now a Royal Commission has been established to investigate the fire, particularly the causes of the high death toll. Factors being canvassed include the policy of stay and defend your home, but how do you combat a huge fireball that consumes all in its pathway?

Another factor is the insidious Green Party influence in Victoria in both State and Local Government, that has restricted the historic, regular back burning which clears the build up of bushfire fuel.

The Greens are blaming so-called "Global Warming" and "Climate Change", yet they ignore facts such as the huge Black Thursday on 6th February 1851, where Melbourne's temperature reached 47 degrees and the same temperature as Saturday 7th February 2009. In 1851 the bushfires destroyed 10 times the area destroyed this year. Also, at the same time the city of London was covered with unprecedented heavy snow – so much for global warming!

Our prayers and compassion reach out to all those families that have lost loved ones in the Victorian bushfires.

INTELLIGENT DESIGN AND DARWIN

As 2009 is the 200th Anniversary of Charles Darwin's birth and the 150th anniversary of this controversial book "The Origin of the Species" Darwin has been receiving publicity and adulation from evolutionists, particularly the ABC broadcasts and universities.

The alternative theory known as "Intelligent Design" confirms the Creation of the Universe, the galaxies and particularly "man" was not an accident, but by an "intelligence" which Christians know to be the Lord God Almighty, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

A special film premiere "The voyage that shook the world" has been organised by the Christian Democratic Party at the NSW Parliament House on 1st April 2009. Contact Pastor Peter Rahme on 1300 667 975 for bookings.

AUSTRALIAN VISIT OF REV DR PATRICK SOOKHDEO

Dr Sookhdeo addressed important meetings in Australian capital cities during February concerning the threat of "Global Jihad" which is the title of his authoritative publication on the worldwide threat of Jihad. "Jihad is the signature tune of Islam" (M J Akbar).

At his Sydney meeting in St Anne's Ryde, which I attended, Dr Sookhdeo a former Muslim, but now a Christian convert, explained the "Global Jihad" – the future in the face of militant Islam. His book "Global Jihad" is available from the Barnabas Fund. Telephone: 07 3806 1076 or 1300 365 799 Email: bfaustralia@barnabasfund.org. Dr Sookhdeo is one of the world's most important Christian heroes and strategists concerning Islam and needs our daily prayers for his safety and ministry.

AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN NATION ASSOCIATION INC (ACNA)

ACNA, a sister organisation of the CDP which was founded by Rev Fred Nile, held its first 2009 Forum on 9th February at the NSW Parliament House with the guest speaker Reverend Keith Piper and five young Iranian Muslim converts from his Church, who now profess Jesus Christ as Saviour.

I also gave an update on our Christian Heritage and the recent Gaza/Israel conflict which demonstrated the unethical actions of the Islamic terrorist moment HAMAS. A copy of the CD is available from Sher Vanstone for \$10. Contact 0410 877 143.

The next two ACNA Forums will be held at 2pm on Saturday 21st and Saturday 28th March 2009 at the CDP Conference Hall, 9 Exeter Road Homebush West.

The ACNA Annual National Conference will be on 21st November 2009 at the Assyrian Sports Club, 52-54 Stanbroke Street Fairfield Heights. Please reserve this important date in your personal and Church diaries.

CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING REV GORDON MOYES' DIVISIVE STATEMENTS AND ACTIONS:

On Saturday 14th February, the NSW State CDP Council endorsed (32 to 2 votes) the unanimous resolution of the NSW State Management Committee, the West Australian

CDP Council and Victorian CDP Council, as contained in the letter to Mr Moyes, which is reprinted for the prayerful information of our CDP Members and Supporters.

Dear Gordon,

Re: Motion passed by NSWCDP Management Committee and NSW CDP State Council

I am writing this letter on behalf of the NSW CDP Management Committee and the NSW CDP State Council, to inform you that the WA CDP State Council passed the following Resolution on 10th December 2008:

"In view of the incessant attacks carried out by Rev Gordon Moyes on the Rev Fred Nile and the CDP and the doubts cast by Rev Moyes on the integrity of the Party's management and leadership team, the State Council of CDP WA recommends that, in a spirit of discipline, a final warning be given to Rev Moyes and, if this remains unheeded, that Rev Gordon Moyes be immediately called to resign from the CDP and from Parliament."

The Victorian CDP State Council has endorsed this Motion. – 'The NSW CDP Management Committee and the NSW CDP State Council, at their meetings on Saturday 14th February 2009, passed the following Resolution:

"That the WA CDP State Council Motion dated 10th December 2008, which has been endorsed by the Victorian CDP State Council, be endorsed and that a letter be sent to Gordon Moyes."

This letter is that final warning given to you to cease your "incessant attacks on the Rev Fred Nile and the CDP and the doubts cast on the integrity of the Party's management and leadership team."

Please formally respond to this letter in writing to me, the NSW CDP State Secretary, 9 Exeter Road, Homebush West, 2140, by Friday 27th February 2009. If a formal written response is not provided, then steps will be taken to finalise the above Resolutions.

Believe me.

Yours sincerely,

(Elwyn Sheppard) NSW CDP State Secretary on behalf of NSW CDP Management Committee and NSW CDP State Council

COMBAT BILL

Mr Moyes, in accordance with his threat in December 2008 that he would attack me ten times over my role in the NSW Parliament, has now issued his second criticism concerning the Combat Bill, which he did not vote against. I strongly criticised the legalisation of female boxing and "cage fighting"! Refer the full Hansard www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/hansard

DR FRED SCHWARZ' – AN UNSUNG HERO

I attended the inspiring Thanksgiving Service for the life of Dr Fred Schwartz at St John's Church, Camden, with his family, friends and supporters.

Dr Schwarz was one of my heroes with his relentless and successful campaign against Communism as the founder and leader of the international "Christian Anti Communist Crusade". During the Service the former Archbishop, The Most Reverend Don Robinson, gave the Tribute and Dr David Noebel of the USA Summit Ministries gave the Address. Members of Dr Schwarz' family also took part in the service, including his sons John and David and daughter Rosemary and his grandsons John, Ben and Michael. Dr Schwarz as one of Australia's greatest prophets of the past century.

FRED NILE SCHOOL OF POLITICS AND FOCUS ON THE FAMILY

The Christian Democratic Party has endorsed the Fred Nile School of Politics, which will be led by Pastor Peter Rahme. Its opening session will commence on 23rd February 2009 at the CDP Conference Hall and will be based on Dr James Dobson's excellent Focus on the Family "Truth Project".

This "Truth Project" is designed to equip Christians with a comprehensive Biblical World View that discusses in detail God's design for living out the Christian worldview in daily life. More importantly, it helps Christians to marry their actions to our core Christian beliefs. For example, basic information is vital for all Christians especially those who sense God's Call to be involved in Government and Politics.

Peter and I were pleased to attend the Focus on the Family Leaders Dinner in Sydney on Monday 2nd February, when we met the Australian and International leaders of the Focus on the Family who were holding a series of public events in all capital cities during March 2009. Contact Focus on the Family Director Gus Villablanca for further details re this itinerary. Daytime telephone 02 43893144 Mobile 0403 055 024 Email: villablancag@families.org.au

UNDERBELLY TV SERIES

In spite of its unnecessary nudity and swearing, the opening episode of this series gave an accurate presentation of the callous murder of Don Mackay, the anti drugs campaigner. Corrupt politicians, such as Al Grassby, and corrupt police tried to cover up Don Mackay's murder, planting evil rumours that Don had run off with another woman or had been murdered by his wife Barbara, so as to confuse and delay the original police investigation. It is an insult to Don Mackay's memory to build a statute as a tribute to Al Grassby in Canberra. Thankfully, at long last, a memorial to the memory of brave Don Mackay has been built in Griffith.

Elaine and I also thank God for the faithful witness of his dedicated wife and our good friend, the late Barbara Mackay

ECONOMIC CONFUSION

The Rudd ALP Government and the Turnbull Opposition now have totally the opposite policies to solve Australia's economic conditions.

Will it solve Australia's economic conditions to bankrupt the nation by Mr Rudd freely distributing \$42 billion, including \$900 to the majority of families?

It is now claimed the \$10 billion Mr Rudd gave away in December 2008 had no real impact on the Australian economy.

We need to pray that Mr Rudd's plan does succeed for the benefit of all Australian families, both now and in the future.

ELAINE'S PROGRESS

Elaine's specialist at St Vincent's Hospital, has given positive reports on her progress, which we pray will be confirmed by further extensive tests on Tuesday 10th March, 2009. Elaine and I thank you for many messages and prayers for Elaine's complete recovery.

BRANCH NEWS

HORNSBY BRANCH

The Hornsby Branch meets 7.30pm on the first Tuesday of every Even month except December 2009, at the Mount Colah Community Centre Pierre Close Mount Colah.

HUNTER BRANCH

Newcastle, Wallsend & Charlestown Branch meets on the 3rd Sunday of the month. All are welcomed. For more information contact Milton Caine on 0410 027 593

KIAMA BRANCH – Lesley Kadwell (President)

The Kiama Branch meets bi-monthly on the last Monday of February, April, June, August, October starting 7:30pm at John & Lesley Kadwell's, 8 Moona Ave, Kiama Downs. Dates for the rest of 2009 are 27 Apr; 29 Jun; 31 Aug & 26 Oct. For more details contact Max Cracknell 4237 7186

GOSFORD/TERRIGAL BRANCH AGM - Stephen Brinton (President)

The AGM of the CDP Gosford/Terrigal Branch is on 8th MARCH 2009_at Erina Community Baptist Church on the corner of Carlton and The Entrance Roads (now Central Coast Highway) Erina, commencing at 2.00 p.m. sharp. Pastor Peter Rahme, will be our guest speaker.

At the meeting, election of Office bearers will be held to fill vacancies for the positions of: Branch President, Vice-President (2 positions), Treasurer, Secretary and Delegate to State Council. The above positions will be declared vacant at the AGM, at which time nominations for these positions will be called for from the floor. All nominations must have a proposer and seconder and nominees must indicate their acceptance of the nominated position. Should the nominee not be present at the AGM, they should declare, in writing, their acceptance of said nomination. Any position may be nominated, in writing, prior to the AGM and any such nomination should reach the Secretary no later than 2nd March 2009, address to: Secretary, CDP Robertson Region, PO Box 3410, Erina NSW 2250.

INTER STATE

CDP (WA) - By State Director Gerard Goiran

The next Federal election for the House of Representatives and half the Senate can be lawfully called as early as August next year.

However, should the Labor government find it difficult to pass its legislation through the existing Senate (with the balance of power currently in the hands of the Greens, Family First and an independent), it could call an election as early as in the second half of this year for the House of Representatives and the whole (not half) of the Senate.

CDP wants to be ready to contest the next election whenever it is called. Our first priority

is to select a team of candidates for the 15 WA seats in the House of Representatives as well as a strong Senate team.

We will be looking initially for a team of 6 candidates for the Senate with a mix of country and city candidates. So all up, we need 21 candidates. The plan is to start preparing candidates as soon as they nominate.

At the last Federal election, CDP stood its ground until the very last round of eliminations for the Senate. We came close because in spite of a low primary vote, we attracted strong preferences from most parties. Our all up vote was double that of the previous Federal election.

If you were a candidate at either the last Federal or State election, you should definitely nominate. However, if you have no previous experience in this area, you should not feel deterred from applying if you feel God is calling you to take a stand. The sooner you nominate, the sooner you can be trained and the more confident you will be when the election is called.

If you wish to nominate, please contact Gerard at the office or by email. All you need do is state whether you would prefer to stand for the House of Representatives in your area or for the Senate. A decision on each application will be given within a month of receipt. For the Senate, you need not state whether you wish to be at the top of the list or not as the Candidate Recruitment Committee and our State Council will make this decision.

N.B. The call to stand for Parliament is a different call from the call to serve in Parliament. Sometimes God simply wants us to stand and be salt and light in a political campaign but does not call us to serve in Parliament. Do not feel that if you are not called to serve in Parliament, you are automatically not called to stand as a candidate for the CDP.

Also our newsletter is now on our website see
http://www.cdpwa.org.au/08news.php?content_id=6

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CDP (VIC) – Sent by State Chairman Spero Katos

we invite you to attend our prayer meeting each month e.g. we had one last night (Friday 27 February); we propose having a 'northern suburbs rally' in March/April with Dr Dallas Clarnette speaking on the 'Freedom of Religion & Belief' and the 'Bill of Rights'.

*For more details about CDP (VIC), email skatos@genesis.net.au or write to Reply Paid 99, Sandown Village, Vic 3171 -No postage required, Tel. (03) 9887 9350;
www.cdp.org.au/vic/*

INTELLIGENT DESIGN

by James Whitehall-

You've found a watch! There it was, wedged near a small smooth rock, on an otherwise barren landscape. Clearly, the rock's smooth form resulted from natural processes, but did the watch also arise by natural processes, by randomness, by chance? Or was it designed, fashioned by the intelligence of a watchmaker? Obviously the latter, we have no hesitation in concluding. In 1804, William Paley used this watchmaker argument to convince the scientific community of the day that it is possible to recognise intelligence and design in the creation of the world. The majority of scientists no longer accept this today.

Fifty-five years later, Charles Darwin contended that the mechanistic laws of nature are completely adequate to account for the origin and existence of all forms of life. No intelligence or design was necessary. Darwin's perspective, known as the doctrine of naturalism, has since pervaded every branch of science so that boldly most scientists now proclaim, "there is no designer". But is it possible that science can be used to prove that something was designed? Can we use our five senses to prove that the watch was designed, that is to say that we were designed? A resounding NO, the evolutionists say.

Cleverly, the evolutionists *define* science in a way to *exclude* the possibility of design. They seek to build the doctrine of naturalism into science by redefining science such that it prohibits non-naturalistic explanations, such that it prohibits a designer. Niles Eldredge, a prominent evolutionist argues, "*If there is one rule, one criteria that makes an idea scientific, it is that it must invoke naturalistic explanations for phenomena.*" For evolutionists, any discussion about the possibility of intelligent design or there being an intelligent designer is not scientific. As such, it doesn't belong in a classroom where science is studied.

It is here the debate centres. Must science be restricted to looking only at naturalistic explanations to the exclusion of the possibility of a designer? Absolutely not. Naturalism is not a criterion of science, as Eldredge argues. Science does not begin by assuming all phenomena are naturalistic. Rather, the basis of science is the search for truth, and truth can include both naturalist and design explanations. Should an archaeologist investigating the Sphinx restrict himself to only a naturalistic explanation that the Sphinx was caused solely by the unguided forces of wind, rain, ice, floods etc? Absolutely not. The archaeologist is searching for the truth, and uses science to conclude that the Sphinx was intelligently designed.

Many prominent evolutionists agree that the SETI project (Search for Extraterrestrial Life) is a perfectly proper and valid scientific investigation. Every day large antennae meticulously sweep the heavens in search of evidence from which it may be inferred that there is intelligence out there. If in both Archaeology and SETI evolutionary scientists are supportive of efforts to find evidence of intelligence, then why not in biology? Surely if our scientific toolset can conclude the Sphinx was designed then how much more so the human cell with its vast array of complexity.

It is widely agreed that for any scientific theory to have credibility it must be explanatory from the perspective of our five senses and that it must not contradict itself. A scientific theory must also be falsifiable (testable). We must be able to envision a set of observations that would render the theory false. That is, it must predict things that we should *not* observe.

Let's examine the scientific theory of intelligent design, as proposed by William Paley. His theory states: "*An intelligent designer is necessary for the origin of life from non life*".

Firstly, his theory is explanatory – it explains the origin of life. Secondly, it does not contradict itself or any other known scientific laws, and thirdly is falsifiable. His theory plainly predicts things we should not observe; we should not observe the spontaneous arising of life without an intelligent designer. If someone does, then Paley's theory is wrong, and an intelligent designer is not necessary for life. Paley's theory has been subject to extensive scrutiny, but has never proven false.

Paley's theory is true science; the argument from design *is* valid scientific reasoning. It is legitimate to use our five senses to examine the machinery of life, to construct a set of theories as to its origin and to prove that we were designed. Furthermore, it is legitimate science to draw conclusions about the attributes of the designer himself. It's no wonder that apostle Paul concluded "For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead" Romans 1:20

James Whitehall is a student of evolutionary biology. He holds degrees in applied science, theology and business. James is a former director of the young people's division of the Christian Democratic Party.

FUZZY MEMORIES

By Robin Lillicrapp – Pastor, Better Way Baptist Church, Berwick Vic

Many Australians have revisited historic sites in Pawa New Guinea to clarify memories of past events related to military campaigns of WW11.

High on the list is the trek over the Kokoda campaign territory. Stories of courage and tragedy come to life as visitors retrace the steps of old-soldiers. Hearing afresh their guide's explanations of the events of the campaign supplies vital perspective on what otherwise was dim and distant: a fuzzy memory.

Nearly 40 years ago, I was privileged to routinely visit and enjoy the hospitality of the Kienzle family estate; Mamba, at Kokoda in the highlands above Port Moresby. Recently, I re-established contact with members of the family. Soc (Wallace) Kienzle is the son of the late Capt' H.T. Kienzle. He grew up at Kokoda in an environment that was reminiscent of a "Boys Own Magazine" adventure. Gold, Cattle, Rubber, Trade Stores, and more were his playground of youth. At the early age of 14, he had trekked the entire Kokoda Track. There were few places he did not know. This stands him in good stead as he now regularly guides visitors to the region.

One thing though eluded his complete comprehension of his famous father Berts' role in the wartime campaign. Although aware of Capt' Kienzles' participation in the Kokoda campaign, he was amazed to discover critical information that helped him to form clearer perspectives on the history of his Father during that period.

This information only came to light after his Dad's death when a camphorwood chest came into his possession. Soc had grown up at Mamba. The chest had been in the hallway of his family home all the while. Soc, now nearly 40 years old himself, saw its contents for the first time.

What he found was a treasure trove of information that among other things pointed to his Father as being the director of a campaign that has historically gripped the imagination of Australians for the past half century. Principally, the logistics of supply lines and repatriation of the wounded had been organised and administered by Capt' Kienzle and trusted Lieutenants backed up by the now legendary "Fuzzy Wuzzy Angels." This revelation broke open the barriers to Soc's complete understanding.

When he read and understood the records of his fathers campaign journals, a new chapter in his life began.

We may see parallels here with the Heavenly Fathers record of creation and purpose too often locked away from view in back rooms or upon crowded bookshelves.

A mere passing glance or flick of the duster does nothing to reveal the riches between the covers. A complete understanding comes from perusing and meditating upon the contents. Only then does the message of the Father to those He loves become a life changing event. John 3:16 resounds the essential meaning and purpose of God towards mankind:- **For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.**

What a tragedy to live a life without knowing the price paid for the preservation of ones soul. What a wonder to comprehend and know that the sacrifice made has been both bought and supplied free of charge to us by the Father. What liberty we may now have to repeat the message with clear memory to those who need to know.

KAREN'S KORNER

by Karen Goderie (Pender)

Please pray Against the sinful nature of the The "Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras" which Fred Nile has stood against for so many years. Pray for Fred's spiritual protection at this time. Particularly that the blood of Christ cleanse our city of the affects of this sinful event." . Also pray for the Holy City Sydney March on the 15 March ,(for more see 'Welcome & Editorial') to be an outreach and blessing to overcome the effects of the Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras.

NORTH KOREA

From A Glimmer Of Hope, To Deepening Darkness

By Elizabeth Kendal - Principal Researcher and Writer for the World Evangelical Alliance Religious Liberty Commission (WEA RLC)

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In North Korea all religion other than the veneration of the ruling Kims is criminal. Christians are executed or, along with three generations of their family, incarcerated in prison

labour camps where they are cruelly worked, tortured and starved to death. After several years of tentative but positive steps towards openness and Korean rapprochement, the Kim regime has made a dramatic U-turn and is returning the northern state to Stalinism, escalating militarism and intensifying the isolation essential for regime survival. This is a crushing blow for the severely persecuted North Korean Church. Our Sovereign Lord is our only hope. We pray that he will sustain his Church and intervene in North Korea, restoring Pyongyang to its former glory as 'The Jerusalem of the East' -- for the glory of his name.

For more details on persecution of the Church in North Korea see: United States Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF) 'A Prison Without Bars' March 2008

http://www.uscirf.gov/images/A_Prison_Without_Bars/aprisonwithoutbars-final.pdf

FWN EDITION

MARCH ISSUE

The '**Family World News**' is a monthly Christian newspaper edited by Rev Fred Nile. Now in its 15th year of publishing, FWN's mission is to keep you informed of how Government and politics affect you and your family. In the March 09 issue just out, you'll read some excellent articles e.g. the earlier article - '**Intelligent Design by James Whitehall**. Annual Subscription @ \$36.00 incl. GST.....Special Concession @ \$30.00 Incl. GST (Pastors, Ministers). To subscribe, please send your name, address & credit card details FWN GPO Box 1566 Sydney 1005.

JOHN MAXWELL

Thinking For A Change

In his book, **Thinking for A Change**, John Maxwell says: "The right thought, plus the right people, in the right environment, at the right time, for the right reason, always produces the right result." Let's examine those words:

- (1) **The right thought**. Thinking produces ideas and ideas have power. But every idea begins as a "seed thought" - you have to nurture it!
- (2) **The right people**. Every time you expose the right idea to the right people, incredible things happen. In their company it blossoms and becomes infused with possibility.
- (3) **The right environment**. In the right environment thinking is valued, ideas flow freely, fresh eyes are welcome, change is expected, questions are encouraged, egos are checked, ideas stimulate better ideas, and thinking generates teamwork.
- (4) **The right time**. The Emperor Hadrian said: "To be right too soon, is to be wrong." While still in the stretching stage of an idea, present it without expectations, time frames or rigidly defined goals. Why? Because if you try to implement your ideas too early they may not survive.

(5) **The right reason.** JP Morgan said: "A man always has two reasons for doing anything: a good reason and the real reason" Motives matter.

Sometimes an idea becomes great when it partners with another one; other times it excels just as it is. One thing's for sure: as you stretch your thinking, you'll discover that your thinking is stretching you.

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YOUR SAY

Dear Peter,

That is such great news congratulations to you and Fred. May the lord richly bless you both and open more doors to preach the good news. You can always count on my support

Amanda B.

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Moyes Morals

Congratulations on the open stand you have taken in frankly exposing so much of the skulduggery taking place.

We worked for many years in mission with an all too similar character our God can still work in spite of human frailty.

We have been great admirers of Fred's for many years, continue to pray, and pass on "Salt & Light" at any opportunity.

Every blessing and victory to you,

Kev & Wendy E.

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Hi Peter

What a joy it is to receive the salt & light Feb edition thank you so much for keeping us up to date

We will keep you in our prayer

Chris & Gerda H.

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G'day Peter,

Good job on "Salt & Light". As you may or may not be aware Lea-Anne & I have relocated to Perth in response to the Lord's leading & preparation through the years. Am really pleased to see that the "Fred Nile School of Politics" is about to commence & sorry that I am not able to be there to participate.

Onward & Upward with-in Jesus.

Brendan

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Dear Peter

I very much enjoy and appreciate the depth in your writings, and wish to encourage you in the LORD.

Under the heading "Job trusted God in adversity" you quoted Rom 8:28 adjacent to GOD HAS A PURPOSE, but I wonder what version you were quoting from, as the NIV states along the lines that we know that "God works out everything for the good of those who love Him".

I too used to state it as something along the lines that everything works out etc, as if... 'it'll be OK mate. It'll work out...somehow'. I know you most definitely don't think like that, but I just wonder how it can be misunderstood when it is stated the way it was??

In Christian love

Gavin

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Dear Editor

Fred keep up the work that has been set before you and of course all the management of the CDP.

We love all of you.

Yours truly -

John E.

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