Catalyzing Compatibility of Evolution & Christian Faith (on Secular Campuses)

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Project Summary

• I am developing group curricula for college students to consider the compatibility of evolution and Christian faith.

• These include multi-week discussion/study guides and a book, *Science + Faith Investigation Groups*.

• I will host a one-day *Evolution and the Bible* conference in Claremont in October 2014.
Rationale

• Students on secular campuses lack the resources for science-faith integration that Christian campuses offer.

• Faculty at secular schools are rarely rewarded for promoting science-faith integration.

• Campus ministers (like my wife) and local pastors are often intimidated by or uninformed in science-faith issues.

• A group/community setting is essential.
Project Documents

• 6-, 7-, and 10-week curricula for groups centered on *From the Dust* and *Test of Faith* films

• BioLogos blog posts

• ASA talks

• Book: *Science + Faith Investigation Groups*
10-Week Group Curriculum

• Group dynamics, film trailers, Psalms/Job/NT
• Genesis 1-2
• *From the Dust* film (4 weeks)
• *Test of Faith* film (3 weeks)
• Delight in creation

• Emphasize discussion in small and large groups
• Read articles from BioLogos, Faraday, ASA
Tentative Book Outline

Science + Faith Investigation Groups

• Why the science-faith controversy?
• What does the Bible say about creation?
• *Psalms, Job, NT* (semi-inductive Bible study)
• *Genesis 1-2* (semi-inductive Bible study)
• Is science vs. faith historically accurate?
• What are we afraid of?
• Delight in creation
Inspiration from GIGs

GIGs: God Investigation Groups

SIG FIGs: (Science + Faith) Investigation Groups

SIG+FIG = (S+F)IG
Project Events

• 15 screenings of *From the Dust* film
• 3 x 10-week studies with college students
• 7-week church adult education series
• 3 ASA presentations
• *Evolution & the Bible* conference October 2014
• Urbana 2015 missions conference workshop
From the Dust Screenings

• World premiere
• Undergraduate students
• Graduate student & faculty groups
• Church small group & adult education
• Conferences (InterVarsity faculty, ASA 2012)
Evolution & the Bible Conference

- Saturday, October 25, 2014 in Claremont, CA
- John Walton and Jack Collins on the Bible
- *From the Dust* screening
- Jeff Schloss on biological evolution
- Panel discussion
Project Advisors

Campus ministers

Scientists

Bible scholars

Science-faith enthusiasts

You?
Reference Books

- Walton, *The Lost World of Genesis One*
- Rau, *Mapping the Origins Debate*
- Carlson & Longman, *Creation, Evolution, and the Bible*
- Giberson & Collins, *The Language of Science and Faith*
- Falk, *Coming to Peace with Science*
- Haarsma & Haarsma, *Origins*
- InterVarsity GIG Guide
Reference Articles

• Lam, “The Biblical Creation in its Ancient Near Eastern Context” (BioLogos)
• Keller, “Creation, Evolution, and Christian Laypeople” (BioLogos)
• Berry, “Creation and Evolution Not Creation or Evolution” (Faraday)
• Hutchinson, “Warfare and Wedlock: Redeeming the Faith-Science Relationship” (ASA)
• Venema, “Genesis and the Genome: Genomics Evidence for Human-Ape Common Ancestry and Ancestral Hominid Population Sizes” (ASA)
• Alexander, “Models for Relating Science and Religion” (Faraday)
• Louis, “How Does the BioLogos Model Need to Address Concerns Christians Have about the Implications of its Science?” (BioLogos)
• Coles, “God and the Brain” (Faraday)
• Wiseman, “Science as an Instrument of Worship” (BioLogos)
Reference Films

- *Origins Today: Genesis Through Ancient Eyes* (John Walton)

- *From the Dust: Conversations in Creation* (BioLogos/Highway)

- *Test of Faith: Does Science Threaten Belief in God?* (Faraday)
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