Dr. Robert Carter: outline of talk titles

The Alternative: Creation's Competitive Edge (Sunday Morning Church Service)

1 Peter 3:15 commands us to have answers and always be ready to defend the Christian faith. This presentation will supply people with vital information about fossils and the Flood. <u>The Alternative: Creation's Competitive Edge</u> is a great first time presentation designed to train people in how to share the Christian faith using the creation account found in the book of Genesis.

** Dinosaurs & Fossils: Amazing Evidence for Creation! (Sun School hour or Secondary topic)

People of all ages are captivated by dinosaurs. Unfortunately, evolutionists use dinosaurs to indoctrinate the young and the old with an earth history that includes millions of years but has no room for the Bible. This presentation will show the power of a person's starting assumptions (or "worldview") when interpreting past events, and will define the different types of sciences used in investigating the world around us, with a thorough exploration of these enigmatic lizards. Let's take dinosaurs to the Bible and see what God's word has to say about them!

** Biblical worldview as it relates to science (specialty talk or alternate Church Service talk):

Today, bible-believers are a great minority among practicing scientists and are subject to much persecution. Yet, modern science was developed on principles directly derived from Christian theology. Despite that history, science today operates without even token admission of its roots. How does this affect current scientific practices? Can we trust the conclusions of all those men and women in white lab coats? Can science operate in a moral and ontological vacuum? We will examine three examples of how the turn from belief in God has affected modern thought: geomorphology (the shape of the earth's surface), fossilization (the process of preserving the remains of living organisms), and genetics (specifically as it relates to the genetic history of mankind). In each of these subject areas, we will examine the evolutionary scenarios put forth to date and weight them against solid biblical exposition. In the end, we will see that the evolutionary conclusions for each of these subjects is derived more from starting assumptions than it is from reality. Science belongs under the umbrella of Christianity.

Genetics According to Jesus (Specialty talk)

The book of Genesis is a history book, not a science book. However, the book makes some grand claims about the past that should become evident as we explore the world through science. As a sound source for the history of man, we should be able to detect the major events of Genesis through modern genetics. There are three main events that, if they occurred at all, must have left an indelible mark on our genetic makeup: Creation, the Flood, and the Tower of Babel. Each one of these can be clearly seen if one knows where to look!

The Non-Mythical Adam and Eve (Specialty talk)

Many people believe science has proven that Adam and Eve never existed. In this presentation, Dr. Carter digs into the science of genetics, using the most up-to-date information, to show how Adam and Eve are completely consistent with the data. Instead of discrediting Genesis, modern science affirms that we came from just two ancestors who lived only a few thousand years ago.

What Darwin Didn't Know (Specialty talk)

Dr. Carter shares historical insight into Darwin's past and the ideas that helped formulate the most widely embraced theory in science. Do Darwin's theories on origins still stand up in today's scientific world? If he were alive today, what would he think of the currently accepted evidence for his theory? In light of modern science, would he dare to invent an evolutionary theory of origins if he were still around now? Come find out *What Darwin Didn't Know*.

The Multidimensional Genome (Specialty talk)

The human genome is an incredibly complex computer program that operates in at least four dimensions. This includes the 1-D linear string of DNA, the 2-D interactions between different parts of the 1-D string, the 3-D conformation of the DNA in the nucleus, and the changes to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd dimensions over time (making the genome 4-D). The complexity of the genome was not predicted by evolutionary theorists and their resistance to an increased understanding of this complexity has hindered scientific advancement. Not only that, but the level of complexity, even as currently understood, is extremely difficult for evolution to explain, and our knowledge of this complexity is increasing daily. In the *Origin of Species*, Darwin famously said, "If it could be demonstrated that any complex organ existed, which could not possibly have been formed by numerous, successive, slight modifications, my theory would absolutely break down." My challenge to the evolutionist is to explain the origin of the genome using a workable scenario that includes the source of informational changes, an account of the amount of mutation necessary, and a description of the selective forces necessary, all within the proper time frame. I claim the genome could not have arisen through naturalistic processes and, therefore, Darwin's theory absolutely breaks down.

Ancient DNA and the Bible – new talk

The new field of ancient DNA is changing everything we once thought about human history. No longer are we sitting in the dark, imagining all sorts of things about where people came from. Instead, we can now peek into their graves and know who was related to whom and where they lived in the past. Our understanding of the settling of Europe, Africa, and Asia have been turned upside down, but Neanderthals and the enigmatic Denisovans have also been brought into the family fold. Ancient DNA challenges the timescale of evolution (since DNA cannot last many thousands of years) but also our interpretation of the Table of Nations in Genesis 10. The picture is entirely biblical, but it is not what many expect when they come to the Bible for the first time.

The science of 'race' vs the biblical view of humanity – new talk

The subject of 'race' is a hot-button topic in the world today. The biblical answer is clear. The scientific answer is also clear. And they both say the same thing -- there is but one human race and humanity has not been on this planet for more than a few thousand years. Modern DNA analysis has destroyed 150 years of evolutionary, racist, and/or eugenic storytelling. In the end, this is a Gospel issue, as all people descend from Adam and are related to our "Kinsman Redeemer", Jesus Christ.

Y-Chromosome Noah: - new talk

There is no specific reason in evolutionary theory to predict a single male ancestor for the human race, but he certainly existed. This single ancestor is also a direct prediction of the biblical text. By analyzing the 1000 Genomes Y chromosome database, it is possible to conclude that 'Y chromosome Noah' lived in the biblical time frame, in the Middle East.

Coral Reefs and the Flood (Specialty talk)

The size and structure of coral reefs has been a strong argument for evolutionists ever since Darwin's famous book on the subject. Since coral reefs are limited to shallow depths, evolutionists claim the presence of extinct coral reefs deep in the ocean and deep in the rock record are an inexplicable puzzle for young-earth beliefs, yet this is not nearly the challenge evolutionists make it out to be. We will analyze several important reef claims, including the buried "reefs" associated with oil in Alberta, the Capitan "reef" of Texas and New Mexico, the incredible "reef" thickness of Eniwetok Atoll, and the relative youth of The Great Barrier Reef of Australia, showing that the evidence fits the timescale given in the Bible.

** Meet your ancestors: Adam and Eve! (Secondary topic or alternate Church Service talk):

Adam and Eve are the ancestors of all people who have ever lived. You may never hear this on television, and, sadly, this fact is not taught in many churches today. Yet, there is a lot of evidence not only for Adam and Eve, but also for Noah's Flood and the Tower of Babel. Where is this evidence? In our genes! Come and hear about the history of the world as we know it from genetics. The book of Genesis comes alive if one knows where to look, and Dr. Carter has spent years searching for the clues that lead to the answer to the question of the origin of all the peoples on earth. Now, when confronted with a person who does not believe the Bible, you will be equipped to answer with a simple question, "But what did you expect to see?" The things we are learning from modern genetics points straight at Genesis. Come and meet your ancestors: Adam and Eve!

** Evolution's Achilles' Heels (Secondary topic or alternate Church Service talk):

This is the title of CMI's groundbreaking new book and documentary. Unlike anything CMI has ever done before, we interviewed 15 PhD scientists and asked them to list the fatal flaws of evolution, according to their own areas of expertise. Instead of our traditional approach of defending the Bible, this time we put the evolutionists on the defensive and make them answer the most difficult questions we could think of. In this introductory talk, Dr. Carter will summarize the major issues for the evolutionist three critical areas: natural selection, genetics, and the origin of life. This is powerful information that you do not want to miss!

High-Tech Cell:

The human genome is anything but simple. In fact, it is a super-complex computer operating system that far exceeds anything created by humans to date. New revelations about how it works have surprised us, and the complexity of the code is nothing short of astounding. The genome, perhaps more than anything else, defies naturalistic evolutionary theory.

Dr. Carter's Latest New Talks in 2022:

Genetic Engineering (Specialty talk):

The ability to change the DNA essentially any species raises challenges to the biblical worldview. Are humans allowed to monkey with God's creation in this way? What if the changes are designed to improve or save human life? What if the changes would occur, or already have occurred, in nature? These are honest questions that need to be discussed openly. Yet, there are definite limits to what we are morally allowed to do. Specifically, the modification of human embryos is a very dangerous practice in that these techniques often induce abnormalities that the future adult human would have to suffer through. Also, a baby has no ability to give informed consent. Worse, the modern practice of genetic engineering often uses aborted fetuses or cell lines derived from aborted fetuses or leftover embryos from the fertility industry. This is a grave moral hazard. Despite the known problems, all aspects of genetic engineering should be not necessarily be outlawed, for there is a great potential benefit to humanity.

Natural Selection in Paradise (Specialty talk):

Natural selection is assumed by many to be the lynch pin of neo-Darwinism. Nothing could be further from the truth. Not only does natural selection fail to explain the *arrival* of the fittest, it fits snugly into biblical ideas of how and why species change over time. In recent years, some creationists have been advocated strongly against natural selection, failing to realize that how this simple concept applies to the world after it fell into corruption. Yet, natural selection would also have been in operation prior to the Fall, when there was not yet any suffering and death in the world. It would even operate in static environments, but there are good reasons to believe there would be environmental variation in that pre-Fall world. Combined with differential reproduction based on God-designed genetic variability, natural selection is almost a *fait accompli*. This only gives more reason to include natural selection among the tools of biblical creation science.

The Braided Baramin: Species Were Designed to Change:

The fixity of species is a moribund concept that comes to us from Greek philosophy, not scripture. Yet, not only do species change over time, they were *designed* to do so using brilliant engineering and genetic problem-solving algorithms. God did not limit himself to static species but instead allowed for potential change in a multitude of ways. This includes the creation of hidden alleles, closely-linked gene variants that can only be unlinked during recombination, natural selection, epigenetic inheritance, and by proscribing future mutations via nucleotide choice in the original genetic blueprints of His created kinds. In fact, 'change over time' is a central tent of modern creationist thinking.

Amazing Engineering in Ancient Egypt (Specialty talk):

The ancient Egyptians may not have had the wheel, and they never mastered some as simple as the arch, but they build amazing things in their near-treeless world by becoming the masters of stone and sand. From exquisite stone vases carved from the hardest basalt to the Great Pyramid of Cheops, they were both artisans and engineers. This insular society had forgotten almost everything about the God of the Bible, yet they joined together to make long-lasting monuments to their greatness that still awe us today. How did they do these amazing things? The answers are ingenious.