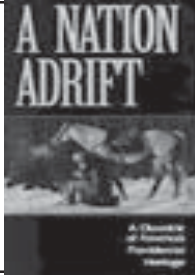




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John 12:46 "I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness."

Discrimination in UOSA Funding?

By James Wickett

The UOSA budgetary committee recently finalized their budget for the year and they allocated more money to more student groups than ever before, and while this is good, the process by which the money was divided among the organizations was improper. They allocated 4,750 dollars to a well-known campus newspaper—*The Undercurrent* and they tossed only 150 dollars to another well known, slightly smaller publication—*Beacon OU*. Why the unfair amounts? I say it is a classic example of religious discrimination.

All student organizations need money, and student organizations deserve fair treatment. And this is the crux of the issue: the *Beacon OU* was not held to the same criteria¹ that all other campus organizations were held to. Instead of being held to the standard criteria, the *Beacon OU* was told that the "[UOSA Ways and Means Committee] cannot fund organizations based on their stance or their lack of stance."

Stance? Can stance even be used when looking at the budget of an organization? UOSA law says no. There are specific criteria for student budgets, and stance isn't one of those. To judge based on

stance is unfair and is actually a disguise for discrimination based on religion. Also, if Roberts wants to say that UOSA doesn't fund organizations that take a "stance" then he should remember that they did just allocate 4,750 dollars to *The Undercurrent*.

Mr. Roberts also claimed the *Beacon OU* printed "religious propaganda" and was not an open forum like *The Undercurrent*. When in truth, the *Beacon OU* is an open forum and anyone is free to write in. The *Beacon OU* took several pages earlier this year to let Republicans and Democrats duke it out. Also, the *Beacon OU* has had several atheist letters to the editor and even Mormons voice their opinion. To say that the *Beacon OU* doesn't allow open articles pertaining to its focus would be a lie.

The Undercurrent prints articles like 'Polyamory' that is about alternatives to monogamy, where to buy sex toys, and other inappropriate topics, yet it received a huge 4,750 dollar budget from UOSA this year.² Yet the *Beacon OU* gets only 150 dollars because it has articles that might seem too extreme? Even the Muslim Student Association, which

by definition has a "stance", received 2,500 dollars! Out of the 43 student organizations receiving funds for the first time, the *Beacon OU* got the least! Who are we kidding here? I am not saying that *The Undercurrent* or MSA do not deserve funds; in fact I think that it is great that they received money so that they can use their freedom of speech and say whatever it is that they feel necessary. The problem that I have is that discrimination based on anything, especially religion is very wrong.

We should also remember the most important part about this issue; it is your money! All of this money that is being distributed to campus groups comes from a student fee. So, whether you like it or not, this does concern you! To help this situation call, email, or write your student representative in UOSA and let him/her know that students care how UOSA funding is distributed and that religious discrimination is wrong.

(Endnotes)

¹ Taken from www.ou.edu/uosabudget/criteria.htm

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Knowledgeable Faith?

By Guy Seaman

When did we have a dramatic move from a religious society trusting in God, to an industrial society trusting in man? During the era between 1850 and 1950, the world seemed at first to be one of war, expansion of empires, growing industries, and dynamic changes to civilization. However, by closely examining the time period known as the Age of Imperialism in America, one can see the true intent of the imperialists and its effect on religion. Imperialism is defined as a controlling government's influence upon a weaker nation to bring glory to the imperialist and power to their growing empire for national identity, while ultimately westernizing that nation. According to *The Challenge of the West*, "imperialism was more than just government policy: it infected everyday life" (835). These infections of imperialism influenced both the economic and political power and the scientific and religious thought, by emulating Darwin's theory of "survival of the fittest". One motive behind imperialism was greed, by expanding borders to gain control of natural resources and raw materials for economic

purposes, while invoking power and prestige upon the conquering nation for political stature. Another motive of imperialism was the use of science to westernize the conquered nation, while using religious thought to colonize the native people, who were according to *The Challenge of the West* "going down, down into hell" (842). The complexity of imperialism's controlling influence breeds a mind-set that questions the validity of an all-inclusive God, while leaning towards a growing, faithless, scientific human race. With this mentality, one could easily assume that religion and science are two separate factions. However, by examining Walt Whitman's *Leaves of Grass*, written in 1855, and Issac Asimov's "Armies of the Night," one century later (both of whom are not Christians) one can see the division that exists between science and religion is united by the Creator, emphasizing knowledgeable faith, not blind faith.

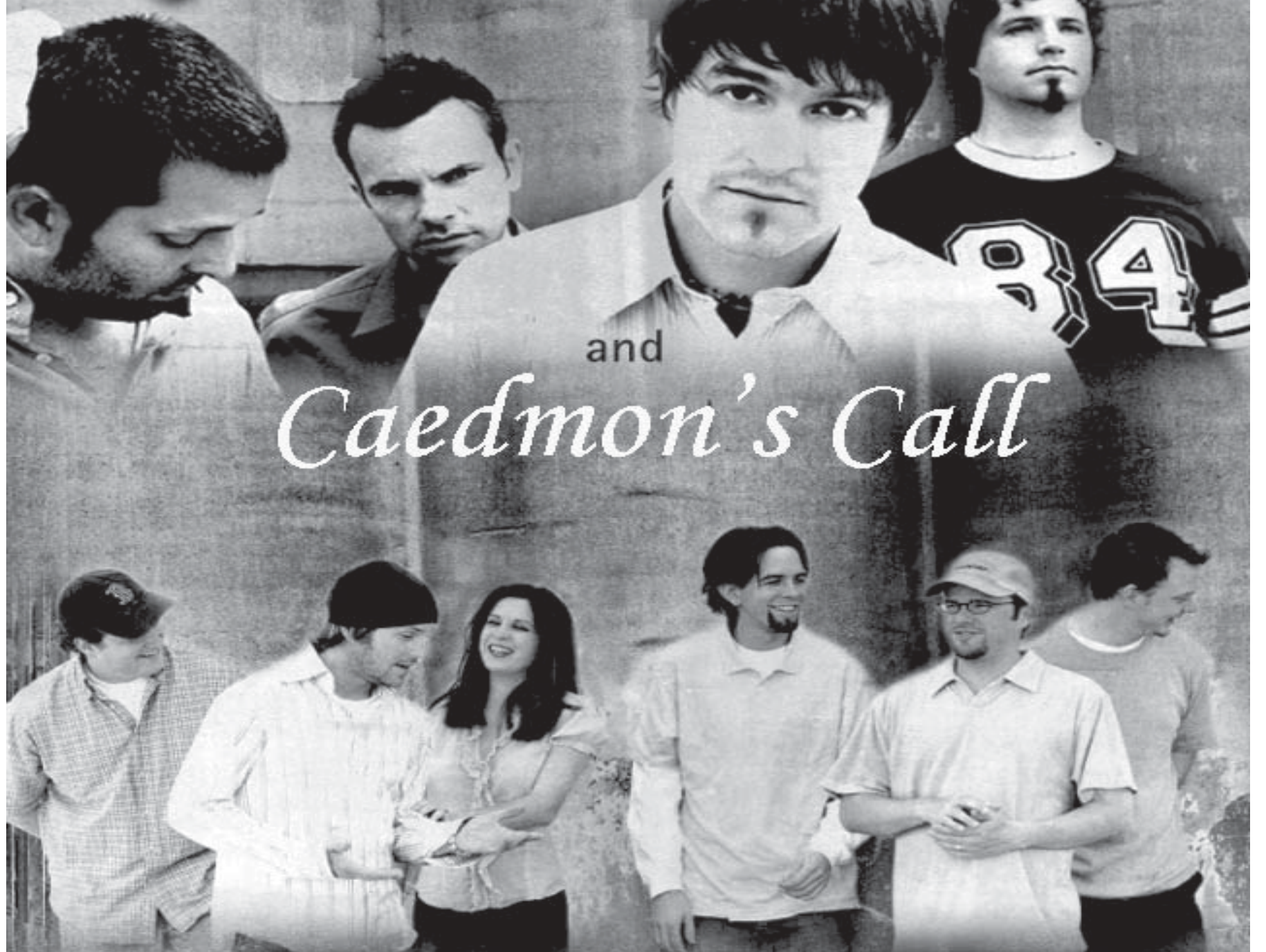
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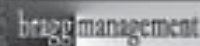
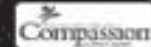
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Letters to the Editor



Growing Spiritually

Do you have a desire to know more about God, grow in your relationship with Christ, or learn more about what Christians believe? The Bible is the primary source to turn to. Here are some favorite internet links of mine that may help in your personal studies. I may not agree with the full content of the web-sites, but they had some awesome free resources that I believe would benefit everyone. I know that you will be amazed by the content of www.christiananswers.com which has more resources than I could ever list and they include a lot of videos on-line.

www.icr.org, www.ou.edu/css, and www.drino.com include a lot of evolution and creation research.

www.biblegateway.com is a searchable Bible on-line with a concordance and many translations available.

www.crossministry.org is a ministry that reaches out to those struggling with temptations of homosexuality.

www.cbn.com is a Christian news web-site.

www.ag.org is the Assemblies of God web-site which includes articles on current issues in society and the church.

www.livingwaters.com includes Kirk Cameron and Ray Comfort, ministry stuff, videos, and audio links.

www.wallbuilders.com and www.presidentialprayerteam.org has some great stuff about America's Godly heritage.

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www.ou.edu/beaconou has all of the past editions of the BeaconOU on-line, information about future events, and web links to other campus ministries. May Truth Increase!!!

Our web-site is looking great. You can find us at www.ou.edu/beaconou. All of the past issues of the BeaconOU are there plus some information about future events we plan to have on campus. Letters to the Editor is my favorite section of every newspaper that I read. We love to hear from our readers. Remember, all letters to the Editor may be reprinted in a latter editon of the BeaconOU unless specific request is made by the sender not to publish their letter. You may notice the "God's Infallible Word" section. If you believe there are contradictions in the Bible or have questions about it, send them to us. Let your opinion be heard. We are currently looking for people to help with funding, writing, distribution, and advertising. Send your letters to beaconou@ou.edu Rick Thomas, Editor. Have a Merry Christmas!

Dear Madam or Sir,

I answer to your article in the BeaconOU: "Do all roads lead to God?" It seems to me, that there is a contradiction to your conclusion in the bible.

Matthew 5:3-5:10

"blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven
blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted
blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth
blessed are the ones that hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled
blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy
blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God
blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God
blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven"

Romans 10:9

"That if you confess with your mouth, Jesus is the Lord, and believe in your heart, that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

What happens to people, who are poor in spirit (or merciful...) but who don't confess and believe in their heart?

I would be glad if you could send me an answer to my question.

I thank you for your effort.
Yours sincerely,
Thomas

Response:

We appreciate you writing in and asking a great question.

These verses you are referring to are the Beatitudes. This is when the Teacher of all teachers begins to school his 'students' the disciples. In these teachings He is basically saying to them 'Blessed are those who see their spiritual need, who mourn their self-centeredness,

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Page 4 This Christmas is *Plumb* delicious

By Josh Pratt

This Christmas, ask Santa to put some Coal in your stocking. And some CandyCoatedWaterDrops too.

Recently a group called Plumb has received much radio play on both secular and Christian stations across the nation. With bellweather albums like *CandyCoatedWaterDrops* to anchor their new release, *Beautiful Lumps of Coal*, Plumb has much to offer listeners new to this genre as well as veterans.

The songs on both albums are tight, melodiously and lyrically, and if the meanings of the messages get lost sometimes, it is because they can intertwine the spiritual



and the secular so seamlessly as to make you forget the distinction. Isn't that, after all, what we all try to do?

Being addicted to Sam's Choice flavored bottled water, I'm no stranger to the joys of candy-coated water drops. However, the candy that forms this album's name bears greater resemblance to the peppermint candy canes on your kitchen counter – beautifully decorated and packaged, but with lyrics that are both sweet and tart. You find yourself bobbing your head and grinning along with any number of these tracks. But just below the surface lies an edgy darkness, and somewhere in that darkness Plumb is concealing some of your own sadness. The album has enough depth and pop feel to bring you back again and again.

Beautiful Lumps of Coal opens with the release of some angst-filled joy in "Free" and spends the rest of its playing time regaling listeners with the beauty and pathos of living with or overcoming that angst. Needs – both met and unfulfilled – provide the backdrop for everything else on this disc. Those listeners who are perfect might feel out of place in Plumb's Coal-filled world, but the rest of us can relate on any number of levels. The songs are catchy and so universal in their meaning that even I couldn't help but sheepishly sing along to "Real," a song that superficially should make guys blush a bit instead.

So which album do I recommend most highly for this holiday season? Deciding was difficult. The group has released a greatest hits album, *The Best of Plumb*,



but it is horribly misnamed, forcing me away from the path of least resistance.

My own vision of Plumb's greatest hits would include exactly five incredible tracks from each album: Here With Me, Stranded, Lie Low, God-Shaped Hole, and Drugstore Jesus from *CandyCoatedWaterDrops* and Free, Without You, Boys Don't Cry, Hold Me, and Real from *Beautiful Lumps of Coal*. Although the Christmas holiday season commercially lasts only for a couple of months, these two Plumb albums will help you in your relationship with God year-round. I suggest that, while you're boxing gifts for friends and family this holiday season, pick up a copy of both albums and start making your own Plumb box set.

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and who surrender their hearts to God so as to be useful and helpful to others.' In a verse just previous to this one, note the very first thing Jesus says in public after his temptation, His very first teaching: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near." (Matthew 4:17)

You must repent of your sins and "confess with your mouth, Jesus is Lord". We are all poor in spirit, we all have a spiritual need. Christ fulfills that need and is our way to God. "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6).

There are no "contradictions" in the Bible. Only our lack of understanding the scriptures might make it seem so. No one can claim to know or understand every single verse in the Bible, but one can't

pluck out a verse here and a verse there out of context. The Bible must be read as a whole, it is our book of life, the Word of God. There will be parts of it that we may never understand completely. That being said, there is still one message that is present and perfectly clear throughout the Bible. The way to everlasting life is through Jesus Christ.

"For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on Him, for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." (Romans 10:12-13)

It is my hope and prayer that you will come to know Him not only for your salvation but also for the pleasure of living and growing with Him.

God Bless You.

SMW

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FUNDING CRITERIA: Budgetary Procedures Act, Section 5: Funding Criteria

A. In evaluating budgets, the Budgetary Committee shall use the following criteria in determining the amount of money each organization is allocated. Each criterion must be used. Organizations shall be evaluated upon the following criteria:

- Degree to which the Programs, Events, and Activities, P/E/As, of the organization provide a unique service to the university's student community
- Scope which an organization has (including its P/E/As and other non funded activities).

This should take into consideration the number of students affected, the effect on the community outside of campus, and the size of the organizations

- The percent of funds used in prior year(s) relative to amount allocated

- Quality of budget. This should include the neatness and the reasonability of the budget. Unreasonable request for large sums of money shall count against organizations

- Degree to which funding the organization's P/E/As request will accomplish the stated goals of the organization

- One criteria specific to the particular category of the organization

B. While all these criteria shall be taken into consideration by the committee, the relative weights of the criteria within a category shall be at the committee's discretion, provided that the relative weights are consistent within each category.

² The Undercurrent, September 17th, 2003 <http://www.ou.edu/student/ucurrent/issues/v7/2/columnists/polyamory.htm>

“There is no God!”

BY SMW

“There is no God!” “God is a fantasy for losers and fools.” our new society cried out.

As I listened, a small gray cloud slowly passed in front of the sun, its shadow moved across the ground as if it had a life of its own. There was a faint smell of honeysuckle in the air. The slight breeze made the top branches of trees sway back and forth as if they were waving at the sky.

“Our children need to learn the truth about evolution!” the experts said.

The family pictures that were hung with such care, reflected four generations of family. The portrait of a smiling child, a yellowed old photograph of a man, the resemblance uncanny.

“God has given up on man.” I heard proclaimed.

The doctor held my baby by her ankles covered with blood and fluid, as I was counting her fingers and toes. He flipped her over and she coughed. I watched in awe as she drew her first breath of air.

“The Bible is an outdated old book that has no relevance in today’s world.” They concluded.

After some reading, I carefully laid down my copy of the oldest living history book, the book of life, spelled out for me by the Maker of the universe. I wondered what God thought when hearing *man* put a timetable on His Word.

“Jesus was nothing more than a prophet that died and was buried a criminal” a teacher said.

It wasn’t until sometime after I opened my heart to the Savior of

the human race that I would begin to understand the warmth my body felt every time I looked upon a cross.

The fool says in his heart, “There is no God.” They are corrupt, their deeds are vile; there is no one who does good. The LORD looks down from heaven on the sons of men to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God. (Psalm 14:1-2)

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In light of an all-inclusive God, Walt Whitman’s *Leaves of Grass*, written in 1855, portrays the Creator, God, in all things, and agrees with scientists that everything in creation is made up of unseen building blocks called atoms, thereby laying a common foundation between science and religion and placing them under one roof, the Creator’s. Whitman gives insight into God’s relationship to all things in “Song of Myself” section 48: “I hear and behold God in every object, yet understand God not in the least, nor do I understand who there can be more wonderful than myself. Why should I wish to see God better than this day? I see something of God each hour of the twenty-four, and each moment then, in the faces of men and women, I see God, and in my own face in the glass. I find letters from God dropt in the street, and every one is sign’d by God’s name” (75).

Whitman explains that God is in everything and his statement that nothing can be more wonderful than himself reflects that God is in man. God’s fingerprints can be seen in everything as Whitman says that “letters from God dropt in the streets,” referring to His omnipresence in all things created, both visible and invisible. With this in mind, God is portrayed as being the author

of mankind, where credit to the designing of creation goes to the Creator, not science’s claim of spontaneous formation. Whitman further notes in “Song of Myself,” section 30, that “all truths wait in all things” (49) because God is truth and He waits in the midst of both the heavens and earth and the seen and unseen, surpassing all dimensions in space and the boundaries of time. In reference to science’s claims that all things are made up of unseen building blocks called atoms, Whitman acknowledges that in “Song of The Open Road” section 2 by saying, “You road I enter upon and look around, I believe you are not all that is here, I believe that much unseen is also here” (125) for God is the unseen truth, giving way to a knowledgeable faith. This knowledgeable faith reveals the nature of the Creator, not bounded by scientific claims of self-creation but housing the whole community of science, a mere piece to a great whole, under one roof.

In contrast to Walt Whitman, Issac Asimov wrote a hundred years later in “Armies Of The Night” that the idea of man having a creator imposes a unanimous truth; however, his underlying argument reveals a “unanimous belief in a lie” (25). Asimov argues that creationist, a reli-

gious person’s belief in a creator, places myth above reason by stating, “there has been no evolutionary process” (23). Despite this skepticism of the evolutionary process by creationists, Asimov mentions that there has been no other theory that scientists have so closely examined and dissected than the theory of evolution, proving evolution to be the result of intense research not mere notions. But this raises the question asked by creationists, why would people believe in a unanimous lie of a Creator that is so widely accepted by so many cultures today? In favor of science, this field is one of experiment that tests all things and proves that many have believed in a unanimous lie, such as presuming the earth to be flat, so just because there is “general consent [. . .] proves nothing” (Asimov 25). In opposition to religion, it is the creationist that misses the truth by relying on blind faith, while the scientist excludes the reality of a God when no evidence can be seen or proven. Asimov states that creationists “march in the army of the night” (29) blinded by their so-called belief in God that they cannot see the path of lies they are on, while holding firmly to a faith with no concrete evidence. So if God is truth, one must ask where are the results of His cre-

ation. Just because science cannot explain every aspect of the universe, “it is not in itself an argument for a Creator,” (25) exclaims Asimov, when science has furthered man’s technology not God, separating science from religion.

In conclusion, such heated debates about origin recur throughout history, while neither side can truly be satisfied with their opposing claims. Religion claims an all-inclusive God, while science separates concrete fact from unseen, intangible faith. But it is important to look at the heart of the argument itself to determine truth for oneself. For science is claiming man formed spontaneously, by chance per se.

According to *The Bible: Scientific Insights*, Ralph O. Muncaster (1996, p. 12) says: “From a practical standpoint, scientists have determined that anything beyond one chance in 10^{50} is beyond reason... essentially impossible or absurd (Like someone correctly picking the lottery 7 times in a row)...unless he had “special” knowledge. Odds FAR more staggering than this describe God’s “fingerprints” in the Bible.”

It can be seen seven times out of many that the planet earth itself has the fingerprints of God. For example, what are the odds that if the rotation of the earth were slower or faster that life would not

exist? Or the odds that if the earth was 2-5% further or closer to the sun that life would not exist? And what about the odds that if the size of the earth were bigger or smaller that life would not exist? Furthermore, what are the odds that if the size of the moon were larger or smaller that life could not exist? The odds of a 1% change in sun light, more than one moon, the earth’s crust being thicker or thinner, the oxygen/nitrogen ratio being greater or smaller or if the ozone was greater or lesser that life would not exist. Those odds would be astronomical, like predicting the lottery more than 7 times in a row; however it is this kind of so-called knowledge that misleads man into spontaneous life. For even the scientist will agree that where a building stands, there is a builder behind it. The same goes for creation, for where science stands there is an all-inclusive creator that places knowledge in the analytical minds of scientist. It is evident this dispute will be endless, but man will never be able to place a boundary upon what is omnipotent and omniscient, the Creator. For man may not know what the future holds, but through faith in the Creator they may know Him who holds the future.

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Upcoming Events For Campus Ministries

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SoonersForChrist Thursday at 7PM Worship Service 1001 Elm Ave. (405) 321-4474 www.soonersforchrist.org

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Thursdays 9p.m. at Journey Church the old Buy for Less building on 12th and Alameda St. Brad Baker- College Pastor Brad@journeyonline.tv 217-8700 www.oulifestream.com

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OU Christian Faculty and Staff

will co-host a speaker's series throughout the school year that is open to the public at 4:30 PM in the Conoco Room, basement of Bizzell. Thurs, Dec 4 Ken Stephenson, Knockin' on Heaven's Door: Icons of Eternity in Rock Music. **LUNCH- For Faculty and Staff only, every other Monday, 12:00 pm**, Alma Wilson Rm., OMU and prayer in the weeks between the discussion meetings. Info. kstephenson@ou.edu. www.ou.edu/faculty/organizations/ouchrfas/

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November 19, 2003 Dr. Jeff Harwell Wednesday 7:30PM Intelligent design Theory Explained. For more info. ideclub@ou.edu www.ou.edu/css

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God's Word?

If you feel that there are contradictions in the Bible and you would like to know answers, send them to us at beaconou@ou.edu, because we really want to help people. www.ou.edu/beaconou

In our last three editions, we made this offer to anyone truly interested. If you have something that you would like to ask us about the Bible, we will keep your name anonymous, if you choose. True Christians claim the Word of God to be infallible. There are many people who have been stumped by accusations of contradictions being in the Bible. **2 Peter 3:15** "And consider that the long-suffering of our Lord [His slowness in avenging wrongs and judging the world] is salvation (that which is conducive to the soul's safety), even as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the spiritual insight given him, **16** Speaking of this as he does in all of his letters. There are some things in those [epistles of Paul] that are difficult to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist and misconstrue to their

own utter destruction, just as [they distort and misinterpret] the rest of the Scriptures. **17** Let me warn you therefore, beloved, that knowing these things beforehand, you should be on your guard, lest you be carried away by the error of lawless and wicked [persons and] fall from your own [present] firm condition [your own steadfastness of mind]." How will you know if what is being spoken about the Scripture is true or not? It is so important to study the Word of God for yourself. If all Christians and especially teachers would do what Paul commended Timothy to do, the world would be a better place. **2 Timothy 2:15** "Study and be eager and do your utmost to present yourself to God approved (tested by trial), a workman who has no cause to be ashamed, correctly analyzing and accurately dividing [rightly handling and skillfully teaching] the Word of Truth".

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"Never pray a prayer that would surprise you if it were answered." Ricky Thomas

AFTER EDEN

by Dan Lietha



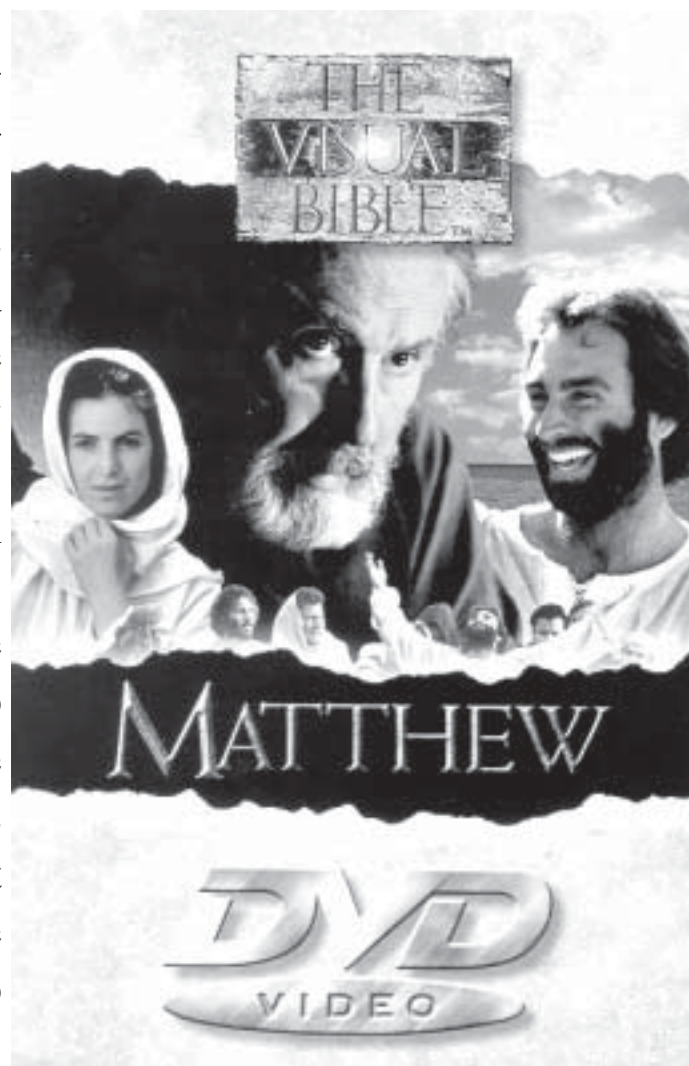
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All of the staff of the BeaconOU are volunteers. We are currently raising support in order to print our fifth edition for next semester, continue, and extend activities of our organization to include college showings of spiritually educating films, such as, **America's Godly Heritage, A Nation Adrift, Icons of Evolution, Unlocking the Mystery of Life, Countdown to Eternity, The Hope, The Messiah: Prophecy Fulfilled, and The Indestructible Book.** On our web-site, you can click on the film titles to read reviews or watch film trailers, www.ou.edu/beaconou. We are seeking 15 faithful financial contributors that will commit to give \$10 per edition. There are eight editions printed per school year. Thank you. www.ou.edu/beaconou Ricky Thomas

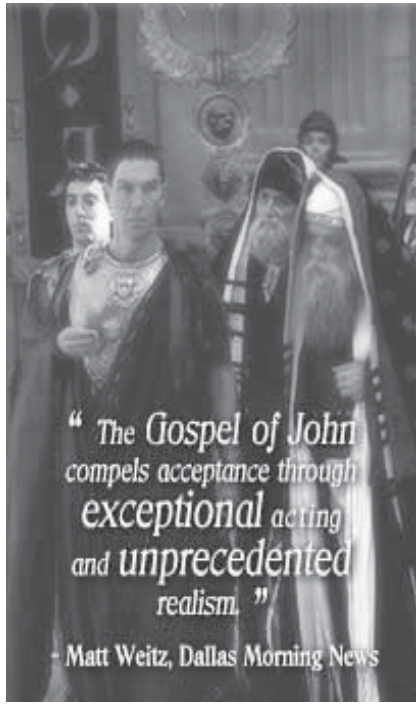
Finally, A Visual Bible Study on Campus.

The Visual Bible is a word for word production of the Book of Matthew from the New International Version of the Bible. It is awesome to see the Scriptures come to life. Servant Life meets on Mondays from 6PM-7PM at Rome XII above Papa John's next to the dorms.



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The Gospel of John is in movie format word-for-word with the Good News version of the Bible. I have seen the Visual Bible production of the Gospel of Matthew word-for-word with the NIV Bible and I thought it was awesome to see the Scriptures come to life before my very eyes. The Gospel of John production has surpassed its forerunner in every way. It is in a true movie format, which keeps your attention and touches your heart with the poetic words of John, the beloved disciple. At the end of the movie, viewers left the theater with a silent reverential admiration. One may view the movie trailer on-line at www.gospelofjohnthefilm.com . The Gospel of John is now showing in OKC movie theaters. **By Ricky Thomas**

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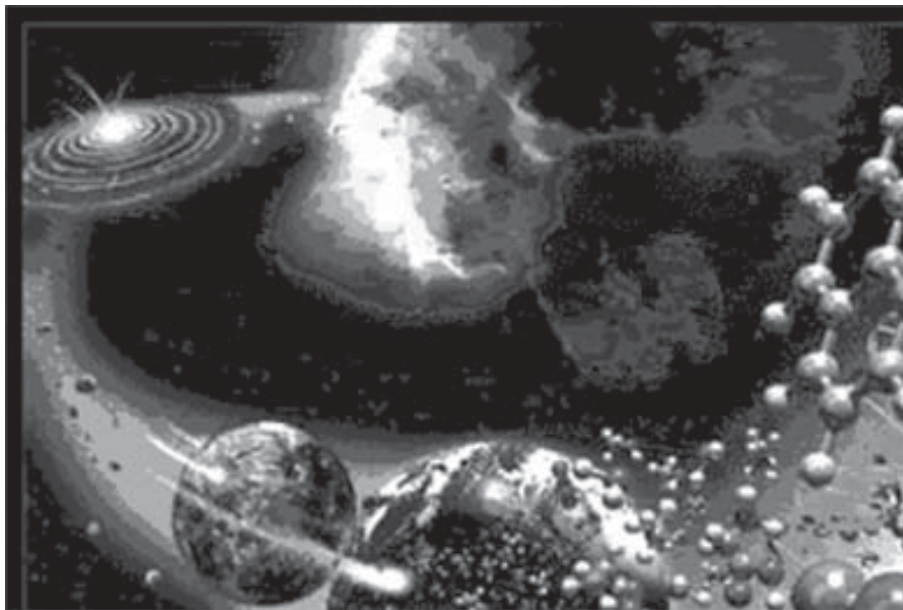


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