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Share and Care

It's so good to hear from you! After this weekly news vehicle races out of my computer, I can expect a few calls with good questions for which pastors need answers. Your calls help us know what we didn't make very clear and it drives the content that makes the next newsletter. You'll notice that more details have been added for the Creation-Evolution series and for NET 2011.

Dr. Standish's comments will be helpful in the planning process. The Creation-Evolution Debate article provides a pretty good idea of what one can expect during the five-night series. The article was written for Adventist World but it occurred to me that you'd be interested in the details now, not in April when the article will be printed.

Ron Clouzet, the director and creator of this year's evangelism initiative is urgently encouraging every church to use this fantastic creation seminar. It will cover topics that so many are interested in and would like to understand better. It is an opportunity for our churches to provide something of great value to the community. Let's begin inviting and preparing so that when church doors are opened on May 4, pews will be filled and God will be glorified.

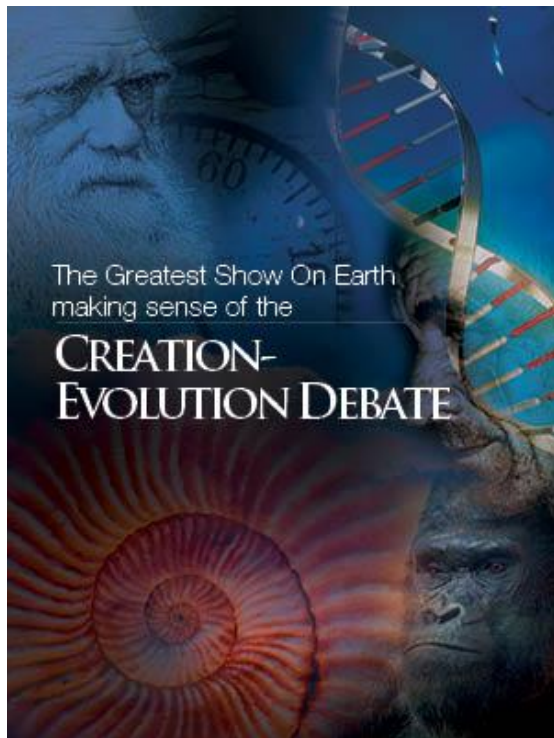
We hope that your church is becoming a praying church as it plans for a year of outreach, and that your life has been positively changed by special prayer experiences.

*Prayer enlarges the heart
until it is capable of containing God's gift of Himself.*

*Ask and seek, and your heart will grow big enough to receive Him
and to keep Him as your own.*

*Wherever God has put you, that is your vocation.
It is not what we do but how much love we put into it.*

---Mother Teresa



CO-HOSTS



Ron E. M. Clouzet



Timothy G. Standish

Is it important for Christians?

Dr. Timothy G. Standish, a respected research scientist in the field of Genetics, and Dr. Ron E. M. Clouzet, a practical theologian and seminary professor, will host a creation-evolution seminar to be broadcast on the Hope Channel May 4-8. The five evening sessions beginning at 7:30 pm ET will cover topics that many find troubling as they read news articles and hear brief reports of recent research that often raise questions in the creation versus evolution debate.

According to Standish, it is important for Christians to understand the debate since it ultimately centers around whom we worship and how we worship. Revelation 14:7 tells us to “Worship Him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water.” “The Bible is very clear,” says Standish, “Nature did not create itself.”

Dr. Clouzet added, “Creation stands at the core of Christian theology. If death existed before sin, as it must have if theistic evolution is true, then Jesus’ death on the cross and victory over sin are not logically tied to our salvation. People struggle to find complex solutions to this particular conundrum, but the Bible is not ambiguous.”

Opening night, May 4, live from the Campus Seventh-day Adventist Church in Nashville, Tennessee, Standish and Clouzet will explore the topic, *The Way We Were: A Look at Deep Time*. During the next four nights, they will discuss the life of creatures, genetics, radiometric dating, the age of the earth and the flood and fossils. The final presentation on May 8 will pull together the conclusions from the various areas of the debate to strengthen personal faith in an omnipotent God and His creative powers.

When asked what he hopes the seminar will accomplish, Dr. Standish responded, “My hope is that we can clearly show the beauty of the biblical perspective and the reasonableness of the

hope the Scriptures give. My prayer is that the clear choice between truth, when it comes to the Creator God and alternative ideas, can be made clear in the minds of those who participate. The Bible offers something so beautiful, so dazzlingly attractive, yet ultimately it is up to the Holy Spirit to convict and change hearts. My prayer is that we have the privilege of serving as God's instruments in achieving this goal."

The Greatest Show on Earth: Making Sense of the Creation-Evolution Debate has been designed as an opportunity to serve the community in a relevant way, and an opportunity to get acquainted with residents in the community with whom we live and work. The co-hosts, experts in their respective fields, will present evidence not to be missed. The seminar will be science-based, biblically sound, and professionally informative.

Dr. Standish, Ph.D, George Mason University, has pursued research in molecular biology. He is currently a research scientist at the Geoscience Research Institute operated by the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Loma Linda, California. The Institute seeks to understand more about the origins of life and the earth from a biblical perspective.

Ron Clouzet, D.Min, Professor of Christian Ministry and Pastoral Theology at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary in Berrien Springs, Michigan, and director of the North American Division Evangelism Institute, is also the speaker for the upcoming full message series, *Prophecies Decoded: Can the Past Reveal Your Future?*, The series begins September 30 and continues through October 29. He invites every congregation in North America to host the May Creation seminar in their communities via satellite

Dr. Standish noted, "People are interested in creation for a reason. Not only is it at the core of our beliefs and a major factor in deciding how we will live our lives, but it is also intrinsically amazing and fun. We will have some spectacular fossils, reveal incredible things about how our bodies work and examine profound questions that people have struggled with since the time of Moses, and before.

Clouzet encourages pastors to view this seminar, and an archaeology seminar to be broadcast in early September, as timely and relevant preparatory events for the evangelistic series, *Prophecies Decoded*. A visit to <http://Host.PropheciesDecoded.com> will answer most questions about the Division outreach initiative for 2011. Churches may register to host the NET event and become prayer warriors by signing up at the same web site.

(Read this informative article again in the April issue of Adventist World.)

The Greatest Show on Earth: Making Sense of the Creation-Evolution Debate May 4-8, 2011

7:30-9:00 pm ET, Hope Channel

7:30-9:00 pm PT, rebroadcast

Topics:

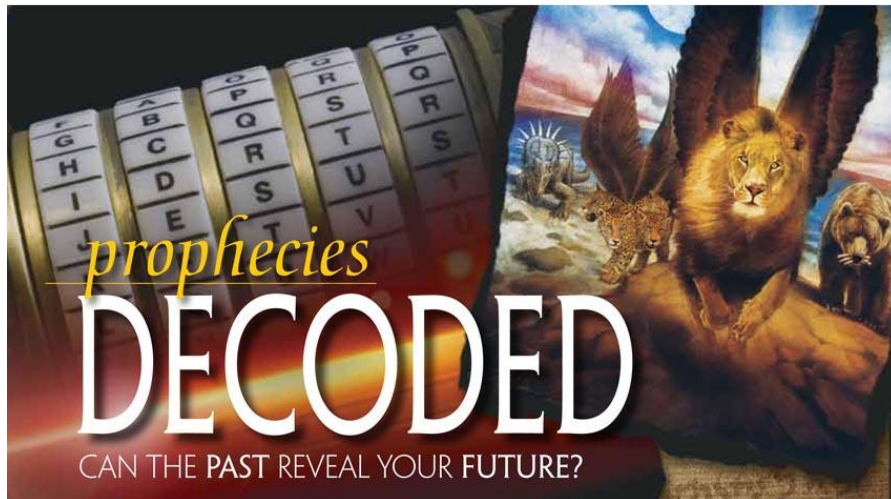
Wednesday, May 4: *The Way We Were: A Look at Deep Time.*

Thursday, May 5: *The Life of Creatures: Wonder and Trouble in Paradise.*

Friday, May 6: *Genes and Genies: What We Know and What We Don't*

Saturday, May 7: *The Flood and the Fossil: Radiometric Dating and Hard Questions*

Sunday, May 8: *Father God or Mother Earth: History, Presuppositions, the Problem of Evil and a Loving God*



September 30—October 29, 2011

Speaker—Ron Clouzet, Director, North American Division Evangelism Institute

Broadcast live from Nashville on Hope TV. Videostreaming will be available at www.hopetv.org.

7:30-9:00 pm ET

6:30-8:00 pm CT

7:30-9:00 pm PT rebroadcast

Record and use as convenient in the MTZ

Meetings will be held every night except Sunday and Thursday. A 60 minute worship service will be uplinked on the last three weekends of the series—October 15, 22, and 29.

Sabbath worship services:

10:30 am ET

9:30 am CT

11:00 am PT

REGISTER online at <http://Host.PropheciesDecoded.com> or call 855-NET-2011.

Early bird deadline—April 1, 2011

Register to be a Prayer Partner

at <http://Host.PropheciesDecoded.com>. In response, you will receive an email with suggestions of how you can pray for the pre-NET events, the full message series beginning September 30 and for those who will be receiving a handbill. Discover how you can pray for your family, neighbors and friends and how you can invite them to your church. Accept this invitation and enjoy the beautiful experience of communing with God.

Pre-NET Events

- ❖ *The Greatest Show on Earth: Making sense of the Creation—Evolution Debate.*
May 4-8, 2011, 7:30-9:00 pm ET. (New dates)
- ❖ *Astonishing Discoveries in the Land of the Bible*
September 14-18, 2011

Resources

❖ Jesus in Your Church

DVDs may be ordered by calling the NADEI Resource Center at 269-471-8303. Ask for Andrea Pusey.

The morning and afternoon programs are now archived at

<http://Host.PropheciesDecoded.com> for use at your convenience. To link directly to each video, visit:

<http://host.propheciesdecoded.com/morning-program>

<http://host.propheciesdecoded.com/saturday-afternoon>

- ❖ **Websites and 800#** for registration, equipment sales and service, customer service, and print orders. See 5 X 5 card in your pastor's packet.
- ❖ **Meeting manual** to be sent after registration
- ❖ **Promotional videos** available on host website.
- ❖ **Pastor's packet** mailed to every church.

Please take time to look through the packet. It has posters, order forms, event information and resources that will help you plan for the fall event and its pre-NET events scheduled for May and September.

- ❖ <http://Host.PropheciesDecoded.com> is your friend. It will have almost everything you'll be needing this year for Prophecies Decoded, the NET event, and pre-net seminars.
- ❖ **Early Bird registration deadline is April 1.** If you register by that date you'll receive some special resources. See the website for details. Don't miss out! **Register today!**



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