

Creation versus evolution

Study strengthens belief

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Special to the Battalion
Take one test tube, add one biologist, a B.S. in biology, a master's and doctorate in food microbiology, a Christian background and a love for God. Heat over low flame. What do you get? A true creationist!

Dr. Bert Thompson, 29, a biologist at Texas A&M University, lives and breathes the laws of science every day in his job and yet still believes more in creation than evolution. Thompson teaches in the Public Health Department of the College of Veterinary Medicine.

"I believe in God because of my science - not in spite of it," Thompson said in an interview.

"A scientist once said that evolution is atheism and I couldn't agree more," he said. "It is impossible to find God in evolution," he said.

Thompson was never taught evolution in high school.

"I never thought there was any other choice," he said.

Some sixth and seventh grade students at the A&M Church of Christ where Thompson is a member came to him with the problem of creation versus evolution. So he began researching for information on the subject.

Thompson came to Texas A&M in

1971 to work on his master's degree after receiving his B.S. from Abilene Christian College. He received his master's in 1972 and his Ph.D. in 1975 from Texas A&M.

Thompson has published numerous articles, pamphlets and books since he began helping the students at his church.

In 1976, Thompson edited two volumes of "Science and Nature: Two Votes for God." These volumes were published to help the students at church and anyone else who was having the same problem, he said.

"All I want people to do is to look at the alternatives," he said. Given clear explanation of both evolution and creation, most people would choose creation, he said. "In my opinion, I can harmonize creation and link it to biology," he said.

Theistic evolutionists say that God created matter and evolution took over from there. They believe that God will step in and take care of all the gaps in the fossil records, Thompson said.

But that's not what the Bible says, he said with a smile. "If you don't believe the first 11 chapters of Genesis that deal with creation, then what makes you think you can believe the rest of the Bible?" he

asked. "Evolutionists say that man evolved from non-living matter, but Jesus Christ says that God created the male and female. He ought to know - He was there," Thompson said.

"I will never believe a doctrine that makes a liar out of my Lord and Savior," he said. "Evolution makes a liar out of the man who died for sinners," he said.

"Yes, you've got the picture straight," he said. "I believe in God, and I teach science in school ... it's my living. I can see the fullness of God in everything I do. I believe in God because of my science - not in spite of it."

He reached into his desk drawer and pulled out some pamphlets. "I believe so strongly in creation that I teach Christian Apologetics and Christian Evidences in the School of Evangelism which is conducted by the A&M Church of Christ," he said.

"I love the Lord and I believe in the Christian doctrine," he said.

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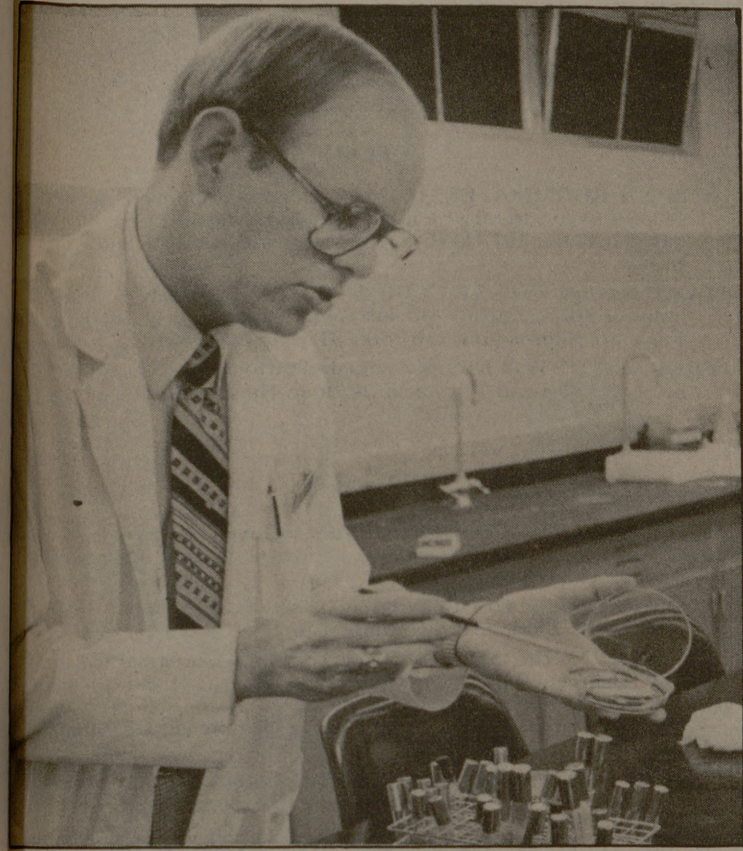
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Texas A&M University biologist Bert Thompson says he believes in God because of science — not in spite of it.

New U.S. embassy hindered by red tape

United Press International
MOSCOW — When the Americans and the Russians first sat down to talk about building a new U.S. embassy in Moscow, John Kennedy was in the White House, Nikita Khrushchev was in the Kremlin and coffee was selling for 10 cents a cup.

Kennedy, Khrushchev and cheap coffee are gone, and after 16 years of talk about a new embassy, the only thing both sides have to show for it is a huge hole in the ground about ready to fill up with snow.

Even if the final contract can be signed up this month, it will still be going before work can get under way.

By then, the chronically small pool of construction labor will be further drained as the Soviets work on complete buildings for the 1980 Olympics.

Since 1952, the American embassy has been housed in a ramped, 10-story yellow-stucco building built in the late 1940s as a Soviet apartment house.

The top floors were gutted last year by fire, aggravating already crowded conditions.

An embassy employment union recently complained that parts of the building remain a firetrap. And one of the two main elevators leaks when it rains.

But building a new embassy in Moscow is not simply a matter of asking bids from contractors, selecting one and breaking ground.

It's a full-blown diplomatic event. Actually, the two sides are negotiating the building of two embassies simultaneously — the U.S. embassy in Moscow and a new Soviet embassy in Washington.

In a typical diplomatic maneuver, both sides have agreed that each must start work at the same time and neither is to move in until both buildings are finished.

Since work on the Soviet embassy in Washington will be done by American workers and a U.S. construction company, that clause is particularly important.

Soviet construction projects are notoriously slow by American standards and there was the fear that the Soviet embassy would rise overnight on the Washington

skyline while the Moscow project might drag on for months.

The clause also eliminates the chance of a work slowdown by one side for purely political reasons.

The major hangup in getting under way in Moscow is completing the final language in a construction contract and negotiating the price.

"It has to be a marriage between both sides to get this thing built," said Gene Ballard, project director for the Moscow embassy.

The biggest obstacle is the fundamental differences in the two economic systems, with the American side running into the worst complications.

In Washington, the Soviet side had only to deal with a private contractor — "a snap," said Ballard.

But in Moscow, since everything is owned and run by the state, the Americans found themselves dealing not with a private company eager to start work but rather a government — with all the bureaucratic red tape that entails.

Americans devour news about autos

United Press International
NEW YORK — Americans have a love affair going with their cars. Not only do they like to drive them, they spend a lot of time reading about them.

The Automotive Information Council says there are about 140 publications designed to appeal to just about everyone who makes, services or drives a car.

The most widely read magazines are those for the average car driver, the council says.

Many non-automotive publications also feature extensive automotive coverage and thousands of newspapers carry auto columns.

Publishers say auto enthusiasts span the spectrum of auto consumers, seeking information on topics such as car maintenance, fuel economy, safety features, new accessories or just how to get more for their car dollar.

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