



Program
by
Shirley Mears

Dr. Strauss and *The Creator Revealed*

This year's final Academy of Senior Professionals luncheon on Monday, May 13th, 2019, may provoke some discussion regarding the "Big Bang" origin of the universe.



Dr. Michael Strauss is an experimental particle physicist currently doing research on the ATLAS detector, one of the two multi-purpose particle detectors located on the Large Hadron Collider at CERN near Geneva, Switzerland. Since 1995, he has also been a professor at the University of Oklahoma. He is also a Christian and his web-site (www.michaelgstrauss.com) and blog are a result of discussions he has had and questions he has received about the relationship between science, rational thinking, objective evidence, and Christian faith.

His desire was to write a book on God, creation and science that would be easy to read so that young people entering higher education could defend their faith in discussions with

non-Christian professors and students who might pose challenges to their faith.

When Dr. Strauss spoke at ASP a few years ago, he had begun writing his book but had not yet finished it. That book, *The Creator Revealed: A Physicist Examines the Big Bang and the Bible*, is now available.

As a scientist who is a Christian, Dr. Strauss is sometimes attacked by both scientists and Christians for things he says and believes. So, in his blog, in his speaking, and in his writing, he tries to show that beliefs in the biblical God, the Bible itself, and the science of the big bang are not only based on abundant evidence but are completely compatible with each other.

LUNCHEON MAY 13 2019, begins at 11 a.m. in the Webster Commons Heritage Room on the campus of Southern Nazarene University.

Members will receive a call to RSVP. If you have not received a call by Thursday, May 9, you can RSVP by phone (405-728-0515) or by emailing donlincarley@prodigy.net.

Note: SNU Dining has requested that ASP members remain outside of the Heritage Room until 10:30.



President's Column
by
John Martin

Late this winter, we lost a great friend and advocate for this organization, Dr. Jack David Arnold. He served for several years as president of our organization and tirelessly promoted the Academy of Senior Professionals. He believed in the Academy, and he believed in Southern Nazarene University!

Many years ago, Dr. Jack David arranged for the creation and funding of the Arnold Scholarship at SNU, to encourage students preparing for life and career in the SNU Department of Cultural and Communication studies. The ASP Administrative Council recently voted to provide a memorial contribution of \$500 to the Arnold Scholarship at SNU. It is our hope that ASP members will also match that amount. Once our individual gifts are added to the ASP lead gift, we will celebrate an impactful scholarship provided for a student.

So, it is not too late to participate! If you want to be included, you can bring your memorial gift to the May meeting, mail it to ASP, or send it to SNU. On your check to SNU, simply mark "Arnold Scholarship" in the memo section. Or you may give online by visiting bridge.snu.edu/give. Select the giving category "Other" and enter "Arnold Scholarship".

Thank you for supporting SNU students, for remembering Dr. Arnold, and for encouraging ASP.

One more thing, and this is something fun. Look closely at this issue of the *TAP* and identify the Easter egg. Be ready to explain where you saw it, and you may win a fun prize at our May meeting!

John Martin



Director's Column
by
Carolyn Jagers

"The day the Lord created hope was probably the same day He created Spring." - Bernard Williams

May is here and the SNU campus is alive with beauty, anticipation, and hope. The final months of the academic year bring lots of activity to campus with our regional NYI extravaganza event, finals week, Board of Trustees meetings, and most importantly, graduation.

On May 11th, Southern Nazarene University will celebrate its 116th commencement. Over 450 undergraduate and graduate students will walk across the stage and receive their degree acknowledging years of hard work and transformative experiences at SNU.

Baccalaureate is scheduled for Friday night, May 10th and one of SNU's oldest traditions, the Ivy Ring ceremony, will follow immediately afterwards. Reverend Daniel Gomis is the speaker for the graduation ceremony and Dr. Blair Spindle, Campus Chaplain, is the speaker for baccalaureate.

Soon after graduation, SNU will be sending 85 students, faculty and staff to 11 different countries for the SIMS (SNU in Missions) program. They will be going to countries such as Kenya, South Africa, Eswatini, Ukraine, Cambodia, New Zealand, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Brazil and the USA. Please be praying for safe travels and for transformed lives during each of these SIMS experiences.

Thank you so much for welcoming me as your new Director. I am really enjoying this role and thankful for the many new connections and relationships it's provided.

I am looking forward to a beautiful summer and excited to see you again in the fall.

Call for Volunteers



SNU Admissions office has invited members of ASP to write notes to prospective students. We meet Friday mornings for about an hour beginning at 10 a.m. in an upstairs conference room at the Marchant Center.

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- March 11, 2019: Legend at Rivendell
- April 8, 2019: Spanish Cove Life Care Community
- May 13, 2019: Higher Grounds Coffee Shoppe and Bakery



SNU Connections by Howard Culbertson

The SNU Connections interviewee at the May ASP luncheon will be SNU history professor Lauren Brand. On Twitter, she describes herself as a “coffee drinker and student of the Native American West.” The interview will focus on her doctoral dissertation for Rice University in which she examined Indian Territory during the time of the Gold Rush.



Dr. Brand is a 2010 SNU graduate who was a McNair Scholars participant. That federally-funded program seeks to open doors for graduate study by students from under-represented segments of society.

A glance at the opening lines of Dr. Brand’s doctoral dissertation reveals that she’s a good writer. While many doctoral dissertations make for very “dry” reading, hers does not. It begins: “*Colonel Henry Dodge of the U.S. dragoons waited nervously at the bottom of a high bluff on the plains of what is now southwestern Oklahoma. A Comanche man on a white horse was barreling down the bluff toward Dodge . . .*”

Dr. Brand tries to pass on that love for good writing by working specifically with freshmen in a fall team-teaching arrangement with an English professor to help those first-year students improve their writing skills.

She has served as managing editor of the *Presidential Studies Quarterly* and as visiting assistant editor of the *Journal of Southern History* where her main contribution was fact-checking book reviews and full-length articles.

In a volunteer capacity at the Oklahoma Historical Society, Dr. Brand organized primary source document collections (including more than 25 boxes of papers from Oklahoma pioneer William Harn) and entered collection data into the historical society catalog.



Wally Brown tickled the ivories again for us with more beautiful music.



Brint Montgomery was interviewed again by Howard Culbertson. This time he shared about SNU's military support.

ASP President John Martin converses with Director Carolyn Jagers



Madalyn Long was looking radiant as she enjoyed April's ASP meeting



Eunice Khoury was accompanied by handsome young Patrick Munnery.

Thanks to Shirley Mears for acquiring such great speakers for our luncheons.

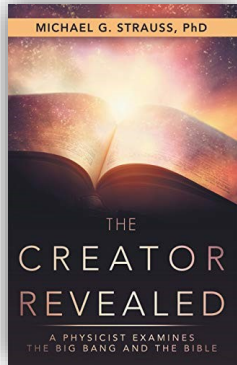


Thanks to Don Blöse and Spanish Cove for sponsoring our Luncheon in April.





**Book Discussion
by
Barbara Culbertson**



I hope you are looking forward to hearing Michael Strauss this May.

Several years ago, I was mesmerized by a program on PBS about a tunnel in Switzerland where some scientists were making protons zoom very fast and collide into each other. I had no idea what they were talking about, but it was totally fascinating.

Then, lo and behold, Michael Strauss showed up as an ASP speaker. Wow. Someone who actually works at that tunnel place. Maybe it's more interesting to me because we've loved travelling through some l-o-o-o-n-g tunnels in Switzerland! (Side note: I don't think they allow cars to go through the one where tiny particles collide.)

Well, here we are at our May ASP meeting, and the scientist is back! This time we now have a book by this brainy guy which will enrich our understanding of his lecture.

As a young boy, Strauss says he thought science and faith were in perfect harmony. Then, he began encountering Christians who believed modern science contradicted the Bible. Strauss notes -- reminiscent of the Apostle Paul listing his credentials -- that as a preacher's kid, he is well-qualified to ponder the correspondence between science and scripture.

Strauss masterfully discloses in *The Creator Revealed* how science can reinforce our belief in God and in the veracity of the Bible. Dr. Strauss has made this volume readable for laymen. I'm about half-way through the book and am totally fascinated! Get a copy of *The Creator Revealed* and join our May 9 Book Discussion group.



**Obituaries
by
Vicki Sacket**

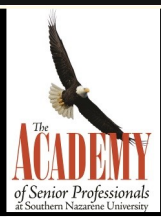


Gertrude (Trudy) Cargill passed from this life on March 24 at the age of 92. She was born on July 9, 1926, in Kansas City, MO, to Roy and Grace Murphy. She attended school in

Overland Park, KS and graduated from Shawnee Mission Rural High School in 1944. Baptized in the Overland Park Presbyterian Church, she later joined the Church of the Nazarene. She attended Southern Nazarene University where she met and married George "Bud" Cargill in 1946.

When George became a pastor in the Church of the Nazarene, Trudy served with him in over 40 years of ministry from Florida to California. She was an active member in the Daughters of the American Revolution, serving as secretary for the Oklahoma City Chapter. Trudy also served at the Oklahoma Governor's Mansion as a docent for several years. She was a long-time member of the Academy of Senior Professionals. Trudy was a wonderful mother and grandmother who loved Jesus and taught her children and grandchildren to do the same.

She was preceded in death by her husband and her parents. She is survived by her children, George "Buddy" (Jo Ann) Cargill, Sue Anne (Robert) Lively, Mark (Caleb) Cargill, and Jon (Karla) Cargill; grandchildren, Jason "Scott" (Gail) Cargill, Eric (Charlotte) Cargill, Patrick (Alena) Lively, Emily (Chris) Thomas, Sarah (John) Cross, and Ethan Cargill; and nine great-grandchildren. Trudy's funeral service was held March 28 at the Mercer-Adams Chapel with burial in Bethany Cemetery.



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ASP Calendar

Monday May 13, 2019

9:00-11:00 a.m. Shuttle Service from the Sawyer Center lot (41st and Donald) to the Webster Commons
9:30 Book Discussion, President’s Dining Room
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Luncheon Meeting in the Heritage Room
1:00—1:30 p.m. Shuttle Service to the parking lot
1:15-2:15 p.m. Administrative Council Meeting

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