



## From the US Director



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As a young boy growing up in Bulgaria, I was taught evolution as it was the prominent theory in schools as to how the world began. I often felt like a trapped mouse without enough facts to support my belief in God as Creator.

In 1990, I received a copy of a science book full of evidence supporting the Bible's creation story, and my faith skyrocketed! I couldn't wait to share all the amazing truths with my non-Christian friends.

In recent months teachers in various Bulgarian churches have been occupied with questions related to creation, the Bible and science, dinosaurs, and the gap theory. Eighteen years after my first introduction to scientifically-supported creation, a close friend of mine and a fervent student of the subject, Christopher Ullman (a professor from Christian Life College, Mount Prospect, Illinois), agreed to teach at our annual National Teachers' Conference in Bulgaria. After the conference Mr. Ullman and I sat down and had a talk...

# Creation Seminar in Bulgaria



### **Chris, give us a short synopsis of the Creation Seminar...**

"The Seminar took place January 4th through the 6th near Sofia, the capital of Bulgaria, in eight sessions involving 52 participants. Heavy snowfall prevented some from attending, but last-minute registrations came in and the number of participants remained the same."

### **How important is it that we understand "... [in] the beginning?"**

"Since early childhood when we encounter new things we ask ourselves, 'What is this? What's it for? Who made it?' We are, by nature, creationists. God knows this. So the first thing He said to us was, 'In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.' The doctrines of Creation, the Fall, and the Flood influence our understanding not only of who we are, but who God is."

### **What were your impressions from meeting with our teacher colleagues in Bulgaria...**

"I stand in awe of the profound hunger for truth that I witnessed in the Bulgarian Christians who attended the seminar, from the Christian education leaders to the youth ministers to the scientists."

### **How do you think the conference fit into the overall ministry of Mission Possible?**

"I see the Creation Seminar as one of the many tools used by Mission Possible to assist and support local churches in 'preparing God's people for works of service so that the body of Christ may be built up'. Several ministers who attended the seminar stressed the ongoing need of Christians in Bulgaria to teach and offer instructional materials and experienced guidance, and MP actively works to identify and meet these needs."

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### What is your overall impression of your first trip to Bulgaria?

"I marvel at the deep commitment to excellence demonstrated by the MP Bulgaria staff. My memories of the compassion and devoted willingness of my hosts (and of all those who attended the seminar) that I experienced every step of the way will stay with me the rest of my life. It was easy for me to decide to come to Bulgaria, but it was hard for me to leave."

### Future expectations...

"I have been in contact with MP Bulgaria, and I believe that another more extensive seminar would be beneficial. Much of what I taught requires a deeper treatment than what was possible in three short days. Perhaps seminars for MP centers in Russia and Ukraine will be in my future. I have also begun correspondence with a group of Christian creationist scientists from the Bulgarian Academy of Science who attended the Creation Seminar."



*A snapshot from one of the sessions*

### Give us an example of an amazing fact that speaks volumes about our universe's intelligent design...

"The ability of migrating birds to navigate across vast bodies of land and sea is fascinating. A European species of warbler spends summers in Germany, bears and raises its young, and then the parents depart for the headwaters of the Nile in Africa, leaving the young birds behind. A few weeks later, the young birds take off and fly to the same location in Africa, traveling thousands of miles without a guide over a path they have never seen to join their parents. German scientists have discovered that these creatures navigate by the stars, hatched from the egg with this ability and preprogrammed navigation and flight instructions already in their little bird brains. This is one of the many examples of evidence that demands a verdict that an Intelligent Designer is our Creator."



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