## <u>Defending the Christian Faith</u> Creation v. Evolution, Christian Apologetics, Biblical Worldview

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**Dr. Heinz Lycklama** earned a Bachelor's degree in Engineering Physics (1965) and a Ph. D. degree in experimental Nuclear Physics (1969) from McMaster University in Canada. Since then he has worked in the telecommunications and computer software industries at Bell Telephone Laboratories in NJ and at Interactive Systems Corporation in CA – as an individual contributor and in management positions. In 1992 Dr. Lycklama formed Open Systems Technology Associates (OSTA) to offer his technology management consulting services to various start-ups in the high technology industry. In 2013 Heinz founded the <u>Apologetics Forum</u> to help equip believers in the defense of The Faith. [1 Pet. 3:15; Jude 3]

Challenged in his Christian faith by what he was taught in university in the 1960's, Dr. Lycklama has always maintained an active interest in the <u>Creation v. Evolution</u> controversy. As his children reached school age and began to ask questions about what they were taught in school, he became more involved in researching the topic of <u>Creation v. Evolution</u>. He has developed a series of lectures on this topic over the years and presented the material in Sunday school classes, to college students, during church services, at Bible Schools, and other venues in Greece, Croatia, Bulgaria, Serbia, Cameroon and Thailand, as well as in Canada and the USA.

Dr. Lycklama has taught through a number of the books of the Bible over the years, including Proverbs, Esther, Job, Jeremiah, Daniel, Romans, Philemon, Hebrews, Revelation, and various Psalms and Minor Prophets – in Sunday School and home Bible studies. His teaching includes topics such as prophecy, angels, heaven, **Christian Worldview**, cults, culture, Y2K, and various Old Testament prophets. Over the years, he has served as a member and Chairman of various Missions Committees as well as Elder/Deacon Boards.

With his knowledge of the Bible, and of science and engineering, Dr. Lycklama continues to develop and present new material on the <u>Creation v. Evolution</u> controversy [<u>heinzlycklama.com/creation</u>]. In addition he has developed material for presentations on <u>Christian Apologetics</u> under the title "<u>Does What You Believe Match Reality?</u>" [<u>heinzlycklama.com/apologetics</u>]. For the latest message titles and presentations see <u>heinzlycklama.com/messages</u>.

Dr. Lycklama's lectures, along with Powerpoint Presentations, help the believer defend the Bible's teaching on Creation and challenge the skeptic to take an honest look at what the Bible AND science have to say about Creation. The lectures on Christian Apologetics teach the believer what he believes and why, and challenge the skeptic to investigate if what he believes matches reality.

Heinz and his wife Gerda live in Arlington, WA. They were both born in the Netherlands, emigrated to Canada after WWII with their families, married in 1964, and then emigrated to the US in 1969. They have 5 children and 16 grandchildren. Heinz gives talks on <u>Creation v. Evolution</u>, <u>Christian Apologetics</u>, and the <u>Biblical Worldview</u> in various venues. Gerda teaches women's Bible studies in her home, and is an avid quilter – brightening the lives of many an orphan around the world. Heinz and Gerda have traveled internationally on business as well as on missions and teaching trips.

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## **Lessons Learned in Life**

"If there is no God, nothing matters. If there is a God, nothing <u>else</u> matters."

H.G. Wells.

We have been blessed in our lives and give credit for this to God and our godly parents. God bless you as you seek God's will and live your life for Him. Lessons learned in our lives include the following:

- 1. **Love the Lord Your God (Matt. 22:37)** Accepting Christ as your Lord and Savior is the most important decision of your life in the end only where you spend eternity matters.
- 2. **Love your neighbor (Matt. 22:39)** God has given each of us different gifts treasures, talents and time. Use your God-given gifts to reach outside yourself to help others God puts in your path and who are less fortunate than you are.
- 3. **Spend time in God's Word (Ps. 119:148)** You will gain much wisdom from studying His Word and reflecting on it.
- 4. **Know what you believe** (1 Pet. 3:15; Jude 3) Know what you believe, why you believe, and be ready to defend what you believe.
- 5. **Join a local body of believers (Heb. 10:25**) You will grow in your faith by regular fellowship with fellow believers.
- 6. **Be salt and light (Matt. 5:13-16)** Live and share your life, values and faith with others.
- 7. **Be an Ambassador** (2 Cor. 5:20) As Christ's Ambassador be sure your walk matches your talk.
- 8. **Spend time with family** God has placed you in your family for a reason.
- 9. **Develop a circle of godly friends (Prov. 12:26**; **18:24**; **27:17**) Your friends will provide you support during difficult times in your life.
- 10. **If you plan to marry, marry a believer (2 Cor. 6:14-15)** Do not be unequally yoked. Choose wisely. It's for the rest of your life.
- 11. **Seek God's wisdom (Prov. 3:5-6)** Before making an important decision, pray for wisdom, strength and discernment, and seek the advice of mature believers and friends. Iron sharpens iron.
- 12. **Set goals for your life (Jer. 29:11-12; Luke 14:28)** Decide on a career for your life and pursue it. You need to be flexible and willing to change careers if circumstances require that.
- 13. **Plan your education** Execute your plans while still young. Your life will always be a time of learning new things so that you can take advantage of new opportunities.
- 14. **Develop a habit of reading** You will learn much from reading books, articles and essays. They will stretch you and give you new ideas and different things to explore.
- 15. **Redeem the time (Eph. 5:16)** Use your time wisely. Have a purpose in what you do.
- 16. **Be thankful** (1 **Th. 5:18**) You have much to be thankful for (food, health, shelter, family, friends.) Sometimes the glass may look "half empty"; be thankful for the "half full" part.
- 17. Live within your means Stay out of debt. Don't buy what you can't afford.
- 18. **Have some fun** Take time to enjoy God's Creation and people God brings into your life.
- 19. Try something "outside the box" You may be surprised where God leads you.
- 20. **Expect failures** Some things will not work out the way you planned. Pick yourself up, learn from your experience and/or mistakes, and go on to something else.
- 21. **Expect the unexpected (Rom. 8:28)** Things will happen to you when (and that) you least expect. God has a purpose for everything even though you may not understand at the time.
- 22. **Keep a positive attitude (Phil. 4:4-8)** Don't be discouraged by your circumstances. This too shall pass. What will set you apart is how you deal with your circumstances.
- 23. Pay no attention to hypocrites (Matt. 23:27) Don't let them rob you of your joy in the Lord.
- 24. **Don't waste your life (2 Tim. 2:2)** Pass on what you have learned to the next generation.

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