Dedication: Bob Helfinstine

People often say: “You need a rocket scientist to find that answer.” Well, I had a rocket scientist as a friend. His name was Bob Helfinstine. He helped me tremendously and led me to many answers concerning the errors of evolutionism and its faulty logic.

The most important thing Bob taught me was about assumptions that underlie all discussions in science. When I would visit him with a question on some science topic, he would always say, “Russ, what are the underlying assumptions? That will determine the outcome of all data interpretation. They are what you have to look at to defeat the theory or idea.” When I would go to him later on some other subject, I would do my homework to see if I could find the assumptions and have Bob confirm them. He was a great help in sorting out the assumptions.

Bob was instrumental in TCCSA sponsoring me as their home missionary. I have been with them now almost 25 years and could not have done this work without the TCCSA board. I have had many of the board members over the years on my “Creation Hot Line.” If I had a question on some topic I would send it out on the e-mail Hot Line and many would respond with ideas, papers they had written or places I could find the answers. Bob often contributed to those Hot Line requests.

He had a wonderful library and I was always borrowing books and discussing them with him. From these discussions I often wrote up lessons for my Creation Science Classes. While teaching in the Twin Cities, I at one time had over 600 students in 14 homeschools. Those students received much of what I learned from Bob.

Bob introduced me to Dennis Peterson and was instrumental in me going to Wyoming, meeting Dennis along with Joe Taylor and learning to dig, prepare and make reproductions of dinosaur bones. This was a life changing event as I went on to run my own Adventure Safaris Dinosaur camps for 18 years in the Badlands. Hundreds came to the camp and Bob gets credit for encouraging me to start them.

Another life changing event came when Bob introduced me to Dave Bergman and the Spinning Ring Model of the Atom. From this divine encounter I wrote the book “Design v. Chaos” based on the work of Dave Bergman and his Common Sense Science Team. It was the first book on this new model of the atom and was designed for 6-12th grade students to read. Bob, Dave Bergman and Charlotte Wilcox were a big help in editing it and helping me get it finished for publication.

Bob was a teacher, mentor, and friend and helped me in many ways without number. I will miss him greatly but I look forward to a continuation of our discussions when we are united in Heaven. There he is already meeting people that were influenced by him directly and through what I have passed on from his mentoring. Many thanks Bob and the other members of Twin Cities Creation Science Association for their support and encouragement over the years.

In Him, the Creator of all thing that we love to explore, Russ McGlenn. 1/16/16

Above is my favorite picture of us when we were “younger” and a team making the book, “Design v. Chaos.” Bob, Dave Bergman, Charlotte Wilcox and myself. Another life changing event.