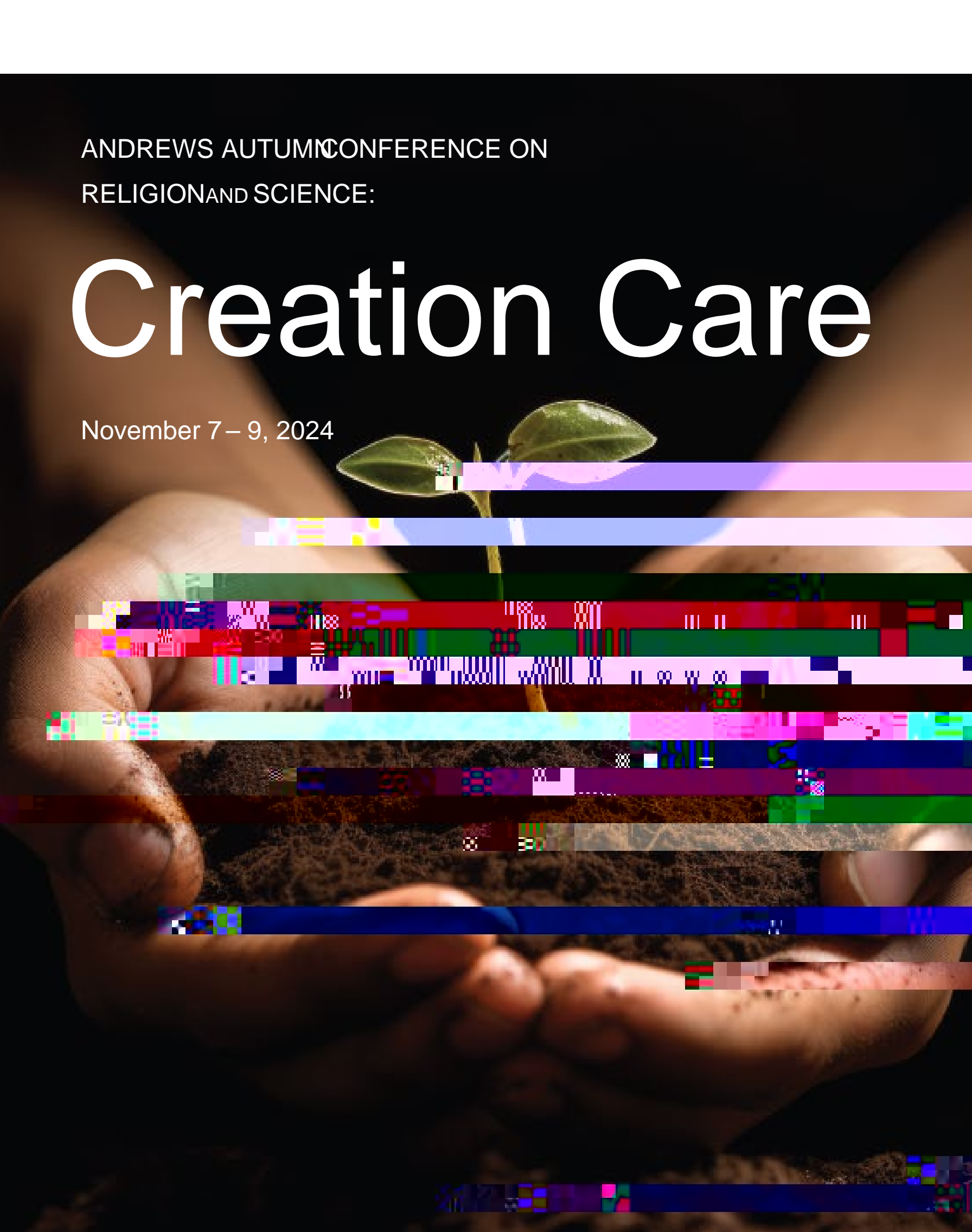


ANDREWS AUTUMN CONFERENCE ON
RELIGION AND SCIENCE:

Creation Care

November 7 – 9, 2024



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, November 7, Newbold Auditorium, Buller Hall

7:30 pm Opening Plenary: *“And Also Many Animals” (Jonah 4:11)*
Sigve Tonstad, Research Professor of Religion; Asst. Professor of Medicine,
Loma Linda University

Friday, November 8, Behavioral Sciences Research Center, Buller Hall

8:00 am Breakfast on your own (overnight guests will have meal tickets)

9:00 am Opening devotional
Michael Campbell, Director of Archives, Statistics & Research,
North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists

9:25 am Welcome
Wagner Kuhn, Chief Academic Officer,
Andrews University

9:30 am Session 1

9:30 am F-1: *The Real “Green Deal”: A Biblical Perspective on Creation Care*
Jo Ann Davidson, Systematic Theology,
Andrews University

9:55 am F-2: *Grokking the Depth of Creation*
John R. Scarbrough, Biology,
AdventHealth University

10:20 – 10:45 am Break

10:45 am Session 2

10:45 am F-3: *Caring for the Snake in Eden: The Importance of Habitat Care and a Threatened Snake in Berrien County*
Roshelle Hall and **Daniel Gonzalez Socoloske**, Biology,
Andrews University

11:10 am F-4: *Dionysus Meets the Crucified: Nietzsche and Rene Girard in Dialogue*
Mckeruzaa Paugari, MA Religion Student,
Andrews University

11:35 am F-5: *How C. S. Lewis and J. R. R. Tolkien Incorporate Their Christian Theology into Their Fantasy Narratives [virtual presentation]*
Jonathan Campbell (New Testament) and **Eduardo Sola** (Music),
Burman University

12:00 – 1:30 pm – Lunch in Café (meal tickets for speakers)

1:45 pm Session 3

1:45 pm F-6: *Geospatial Analysis of the Distribution and Incidence Trends of Malaria Strains to Inform Control Strategies*

Christopher Campbell, Biomedical,
AdventHealth University

2:10 pm F-7: *Back to Eden: A Case for the Theology of Ecology and Psychological Implications*

Saturday November 9, Biology Amphitheater, Price Hall

8:00 – 9:00 am – Breakfast in Biology commons (all are welcome)

9:00 am Opening devotional

John Wesley Taylor V, President, Andrews University

Willie E. Hucks II, Assistant to the President for Mission & Culture, Andrews University

9:25 am Welcome and introduction of speakers

Gary Burdick, Dean of Research,
Andrews University

9:30 am PL-1: *Climate Science 101: What God's Creation is Telling Us*

Jessica Moerman, President,
Evangelical Environmental Network

10:15 am PL-2: *Saving the Planet: Science, Culture, and Theology in the Anthropocene*

Oystein LaBianca, Senior Research Professor of Anthropology,
Andrews University

11:00 am PL-3:

PLENARY PRESENTATIONS

Opening Plenary: Thursday, November 7

PL-0 *“And Also Many Animals” (Jonah 4:11)*

Sigve Tonstad, Research Professor of Religion; Asst. Professor of Medicine, Loma Linda University

The last verse in Jonah provides a timely and timeless biblical anchor for creation care. ~~And~~ not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more ~~than~~ ~~two~~ hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know

PL-3 *One Health Perspectives on Creation Care and Environmental Stewardship*
William Miller, Asst. Professor of Biology, Calvin University

Creation care efforts often focus on the concept of stewardship. While a useful ~~study~~ stewardship often

PRESENTATION SESSIONS

Session1: Friday, November 8

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of the intrinsic value of all creation and deep appreciation of “what God hath wrought”. This appreciation can be informed by science – one way of knowing about our natural world – and, in the end, brings glory to God and a more mature Christian faith. It is through science that we can appreciate the concepts of species biodiversity, ecosystems, and the full meaning of the word ecology. Gardin, in his book *Living within Limits* talks about “the one thing the ecologist knows that everything is connected to everything else. Ecological thinking is very Christian and what could be more interconnected and complete than a perfect creation directly from the hand of God.

Session 2: Friday, November 8

F-3 ***Caring for the Snake in Eden: The Importance of Habitat Care and a Threatened Snake in Berrien County.***

Roshelle Hall and Daniel Gonzalez Socoloske Biology, Andrews University

According to the creation account in Genesis 1. God created and saw that it was good He blessed each species and asked them to be fruitful and multiply. He asked mankind to care for each of these species because he wants all of His creation to thrive and not be destroyed. One of God’s creations, the snake has often been persecuted and even killed, yet they are necessary in each of their habitats. One of these snakes is the Eastern Massasauga rattlesnake (*Sistrurus catenatus*; EMR) is a small round pit viper currently found in nine states and the province of Ontario, Canada. The EMR are a wetland habitat specialist. Wetland habitats have experienced significant destruction and fragmentation by humans; as a result, the current distribution of the EMR is a fraction of its historic distribution. For this reason, the EMR has been federally listed as threatened. The purpose of this paper is to explore field research on the EMR and how it pertains to creation care. Particular focus will be given to habitat assessments through evaluations of potential threats at each site visited. Current threats at these sites include human encroachment, road traffic, and general health of the particular habitat. Recommendations will be given on how to protect these habitats and thus give an important example of how we care for God’s creation and how this ties into the mandate of Creation Care.

F-4 ***Dionysus Meets the Crucified: Nietzsche and Rene Girard in Dialogue***

Mckeruzaa Paugan MA Religion Student, Andrews University

Creation narratives and ethics are intimately intertwined. Ethical frameworks often emerge from metaphysical assumptions traced to a foundational narrative as the basis for forming communities and civilizations. In the 19th century, Friedrich Nietzsche recognized that the entrance of the evolutionary theory as an alternative creation narrative posed the need to rethink ethics separate from the Christian metaphysics that had come to shape Europe. Part of his work involved a call to resurrect what Rene Girard describes as sacrificial culture/religion, consistent with an evolutionary worldview. In his mimetic theory, Rene Girard utilizes Nietzsche as one of the critical philosophers who recognized Christianity’s impact through centralizing the Passion in Western thinking in opposition to sacrificial cultures and religions that have held sway over human social organization. Girard points out that Nietzsche was the Nazi’s philosopher of choice, and their championing of sacrificial culture saw the worst of fascist world during World War II. Girard invariably makes the case that the world without Christian ethics would be darker, brutal, and bloody, for in resurrecting Dionysus, humanity would find that “Dionysus is Hades”

creation is tied to belief in God's revelation through the Bible (Whitney, 2020), we might also expect beliefs about Biblical revelation to be associated with beliefs about creation.

The data in this report comes from three waves of the Global Church Member Survey (2016-2018 GCMS) commissioned by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists to study the beliefs, behaviors, and experiences of Adventist church members. Over 24,000 cases were included in Wave I, over 65,000 in Wave II, and over 149,000 in Wave III. The three waves of the GCMS and a recent study of North American Millennial Adventists (Jacobs et al., 2019; N = 1153), at least four-fifths of each sample strongly agreed with a broad

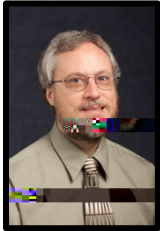
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