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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK:

Dear friends,

A few days ago we had the largest event of the past year. The premiere of *God's Living Treasures, Amazing Animals of Alaska Volume 3*. In conjunction with Biblical Discipleship Ministries, we've been working on the production of this for 2 years, and hundreds of people joined us for the documentary premiere here at the Wonders Center in Lewisburg, TN.

I was joined by Dr. Jobe Martin, Buddy Davis, Dr. Jim Johnson, and others involved. This is the final film in the Alaska series, and we are excited to announce that it is available now as a digital download, and also available for pre-order on DVD, expected to ship in just a few weeks.





# WHY DOESN'T THE FIN WHALE DROWN?

There are two main types of whales – baleen and toothed. Baleen whales feed by filtering enormous amounts of water through their baleen, or plates of bristle-like keratin rather than teeth.

Evolutionary scientists have been curious for years as to how the whales can eat without choking or drowning due to the large amounts of water that enter their mouths.

These whales lunge-feed, so the force of water entering into their mouths via baleen is very powerful.

While dissecting fin whales (attained from an Icelandic whaling station), researchers found a fascinating feature that allows these whales to eat without choking – an oral plug, like a trapdoor, far back in their mouths that blocks the route into the respiratory and digestive systems.

This plug is controlled by muscles that work together to allow for breathing and swallowing at the correct times. These whales also have the ability to move and close off the larynx.


These two features are complex in the design of these whales using both passive and active muscles for sealing off certain parts and allowing other parts to open for the right timing of pushing food or air along.

Why are secularists so surprised that these whales would have these special features? They see these features as adaptations that allowed evolution of marine animals from past land animals.

But adaptation does *not* equal Darwinian evolution (or Universal Common Descent). Adaptation is a God-given ability that allows animals to thrive in their environments.

We aren't surprised that our Creator would create these amazing whales with special features for breathing and swallowing, while eating and swimming, from the beginning.

On day five of creation, God created ocean life, including whales. In their DNA, He gave them any codes needed to best function as whales, never changing from or into another animal.

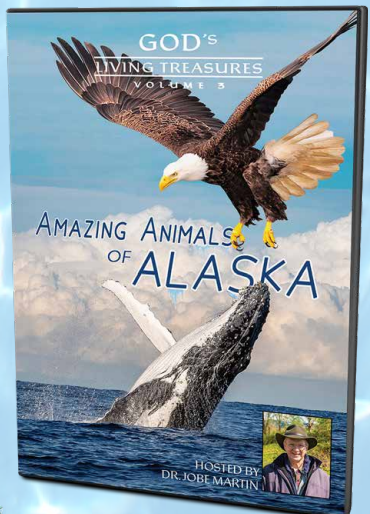
I'm David Rives.  
Truly, the heavens declare  
the glory of God. 

Check out the new  
"Amazing Animals  
of Alaska" Volume  
3 DVD to learn  
about the incredible  
Humpback Whale.  
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## THE WRIGHT BROTHERS: INSPIRED BY THE CREATOR



### A Thoughtful Father

Eleven-year-old Wilbur and seven-year-old Orville waited eagerly for their father to come home from his business trip.

The year was 1878 and the reason for the brothers' excitement was that their father always brought home presents.

This time was no exception. When he dismounted his horse and reached in his saddlebag, he brought out a strange-looking toy.

It was about a foot tall and had a shaft through it with a propeller on the top. Toward the bottom was a rubber band to power the propeller. Father instructed the attentive boys to watch closely as he wound

up the propeller with his finger tightening up the rubber band. As he released the propeller, it rose eight feet in the air.

The brothers were shocked; they had never seen anything like it before. Wilbur and Orville thanked their father, but after three days of constant use, the toy broke.

*"Let's build one ourselves,"* exclaimed Wilbur.

*"Sounds great,"* agreed Orville, "How do we do it?"

*"Well,"* Wilbur said thoughtfully, "We will have to make it twice as big."

After several days of work, they were able to build a duplicate toy twice as big.