

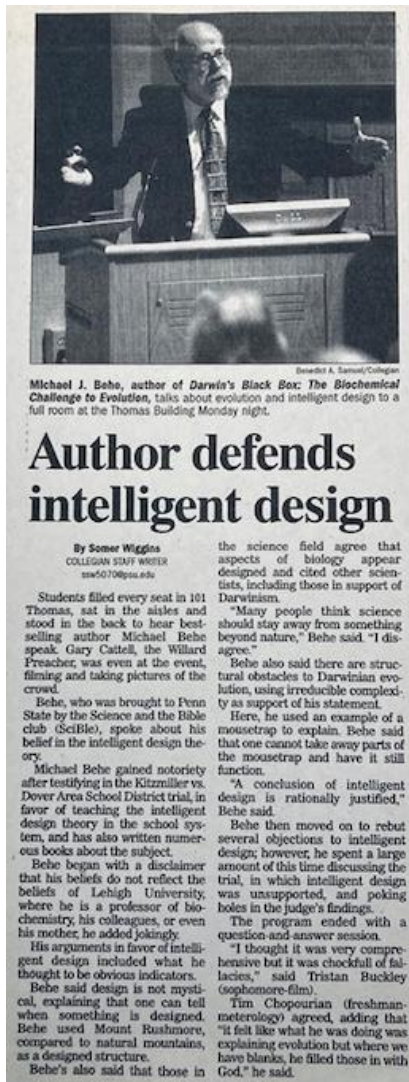
Some SciBle Highlights

SciBle was started in 2008 by a group of 20 people at Penn State University consisting of undergraduate students, graduate students, faculty, and staff. It was founded as an official undergraduate club. It is open to anyone, but the officers must be full-time undergraduate students at Penn State.

In principle, we are open to any activities related to the relationships between Science and the Bible. But, so far, we have focused primarily on three types of activities: book discussions, guest speakers, and science shows with a message.

A few club highlights are described below.

Hosting Dr. Michael Behe



In March of 2009 we hosted Dr. Michael Behe. Dr. Behe is a Lehigh University Biochemistry Professor and author of the New York Times best-selling book, "Darwin's Black Box". Club members had a private dinner with Dr. Behe on Sunday, March 29th. On Monday night, Dr. Behe gave a public lecture entitled, "Answering Questions to the Argument for Intelligent Design in Biology" to a standing room only audience in 101 Thomas Building. The Collegian wrote an article about this event (below).

Science and the Bible Show, St. Louise Catholic School, Upper Saint Claire, PA

Six of us traveled to Upper Saint Claire to present a SciBle show to the 5th-8th grade classes (~225 students) on May 13, 2009. In the morning we did a variety of entertaining science experiments and spoke about God's physical and spiritual laws. During lunch in the cafeteria some students brought up their napkins for us to autograph! In the afternoon we split up and visited eight homerooms for Q & A and small-group activities. The school PTA paid for a "play day" for us in Pittsburgh the following day. This included a visit to the Carnegie Science Museum.



1. SciBle members in front of the Cathedral of Learning at the University of Pittsburgh:

Co-hosting a talk with the Campus Jewish Club, Hillel

On March 19, 2013, SciBle and Hillel co-hosted a talk by Professor Mordechai Livneh of Bar-Ilan University, Israel, entitled, “Chemistry in the Bible”. This was a rare example of a joint activity between a campus Jewish club and a campus Christian club. The talk included discussions of: (a) Old dyeing with Biblical Blue, (b) Production of metals – especially copper, (b) “Brimstone (sulfur) and fire” from heaven, (d) The story of Gideon and the wool fleece. It also included live demonstrations on the dyeing of cloth, and the extraction of copper from ore. The president of the Hillel club wrote, “It was very meaningful and educational for me to learn about Jewish history in a scientific context – and I know the other participants felt the same way.”

“The Heavens Declare” Seminar

Several times we have had the privilege of hosting a seminar presented by Mr. Ray Myers, most recently on February 28, 2015. Mr. Myers is an Biblical researcher, author, amateur astronomer, and retired engineer. This is a carefully researched study involves history, science, and the Word of God regarding the birth of Jesus Christ. The 2-hour presentation was split into two parts with a buffet lunch in between. It was a wonderful time of Biblical study and fellowship.

Lunch with the Head of the NIH and the Human Genome Project, Dr. Francis Collins



2. SciBle members in front of the Cathedral of Learning at the University of Pittsburgh:

We had hoped that Dr. Collins would come to Penn State to give a public lecture on his book, “The Language of God”, which we had read. But he was not able to do this. Instead, he invited us to his home for lunch with him and his wife on April 2, 2016. This was a once in a lifetime experience. The fact that seven of us were able to have a private lunch with one of the most famous scientists in the country was amazing. One of the lunch topics that was discussed was gene editing via CRISPR technology which was just coming to light around that time. Dr. Collins is also a musician. After lunch he played his guitar and we sang, “Great is Thy Faithfulness”. The SciBle club president

closed out our visit with a prayer.