

Protecting our Children From Atheistic Science. Part 2

Interview: Dr. Kazuhito Imanaka
M.D., Cardiovascular Surgeon



FFJ: "Doctor. I hear that you are publishing a book about evidences of God that we find in Nature."

Dr.: "Yes. My book, which is titled 'Anata ga Dokokara Kitanoka Wakaru Hon (Book for Understanding Where You Came From)' will be out very soon."

FFJ: "Please tell us about it."

Dr.: "Well, there is a chapter on the function of the human heart. As I am always observing the heart during the surgery, I cannot deny the existence of God because only a highly intelligent being could have crafted such an amazing organ in perfect detail. Such a complex organ whose muscles are uniquely designed to pump blood, its valve systems, and precision electric pulses could have never come about by chance. It cannot function if only half made while supposedly evolving. And if any one of the parts were in process of evolution the heart would not work and we could not live. All the parts had to be put together by a creator fully operating from the start..."

"...I believe we as parents must teach our children that evolution is wrong... Giving a solid foundation for their faith starts with teaching them the right knowledge of how God created the world and everything in it."

The Parent's Role in Leading their Children to Faith Part 2

Interview: Mr. Shinzo Omura

"The middle school years are some of the most difficult times for parents.

As the kids reach adolescence their hormone balance changes and the problems they face are very different from those of childhood. While



their bodies are changing, teens can be emotionally fragile yet on the other hand mentally sharp. Now that they can think for themselves, they will want logical explanations. You can't say 'You'll understand when you get older' to pass off difficult questions.

It's also that time of life when they must think about their future more seriously and choosing what high school to go to is an important decision for their occupation."

"I try to help my teenagers by telling them my own story about my junior high days, and try to give guidance so they can choose their paths wisely."

"I also believe we must show our faith through our living. They can see if we are truly practicing what we preach. Don't ever hide or try to cover up your faults. They are now old enough to tell what is true and what isn't and your honesty is a key to maintaining a close relationship with them during this challenging time."

Parenting for Beginners No.7

By Jon Benedict

Q. My son is now in high school and I have realized that I have never given him sex education. I feel anxious and am wondering how you would approach the subject. How do you talk about sex with your children?

A. "Sex education starts at a young age. Whether your child is conscious of it or not, from the time they are very young, sex education in the broad sense is taking place through you and influences around him/her. Everything from how you talk about bodies to dress codes, appropriate books, and proper ways to treat the opposite sex, your child is being sex educated in the general

sense. Many of these values are picked up from the time when they are small. So when we talk about 'sex education' specifically, it usually refers to educating children about the biological functions of our bodies to reproduce. Usually the sexual act is a mystery and not fully understood until puberty but the parent can use opportunities that arise when the subject comes up while taking a bath or when observing how insects and animals mate and reproduce..."

This article covers subjects including keeping communication lines open with your teens, merits of abstinence, skills for overcoming temptations, forgiveness, and accountability.

Christmas Recipes: Copper Penny Salad, Broccoli Tree and Lemon Squares

By Debbie May



"It is the season for Christmas and New Year's parties and these three recipes are easy to make for your upcoming parties or for your family at home. Copper penny salad gets its name from the American copper penny. The sliced carrots resemble the shiny copper coin and this salad is a nice side dish for almost any meal.

It can last in your refrigerator for up to a week. In fact the longer it sits, the better the flavor.



you like vinegar and sugar, this will be a good way to eat your vegetables. For Christmas potlucks and parties I like to use red and green peppers to give it a festive and colorful look."

Home Schooling for our Family

By Yoshiya Hari, Pastor of Saikyo Nozomi Chapel



"Homeschooling sounded to me like something from another planet. Besides, doesn't homeschooling lessen your involvement with the people in the church and community? Yet

in the back of my mind, I also kept wondering why Christian parents seemed to struggle so to pass their faith on to their children. I began to wonder if I would be able to successfully pass my faith to my own two kids."

"When our daughter turned 5 we looked at a kindergarten in the neighborhood but decided to home school. The primary reason was the high tuition. So we decided that we would home school just for kindergarten. However, after getting involved with CHEA (Church and Home Education Association) Japan, we started interacting with other home school parents and read books about it which made us realize that each child is different and each deserves a tailored education."

"Now, we can say that we are continuing home education because of what the Bible teaches, specifically in Matthew 28:19-20 where it commands us to 'make disciples' and in Deuteronomy 6:4-9 where it instructs us to 'diligently teach our sons'. Of course it doesn't mean we shouldn't send our children to school, but we felt God's will for us was homeschooling."

Pastor Hari continues to share in this article about how he and his wife actually conduct the home school. He says that before they started homeschooling, he was very skeptical but now is very pleased with all the benefits and blessings and he encourages other parents to consider it as well.