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## Take Care When Sailing in Uncharted Waters

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**W**illiam Borucki is the head of NASA's Kepler program. William Borucki also seems to be a man in a bit of distress.

Kepler is a spacecraft with a telescope. Its mission, according to the Kepler website, is "to find terrestrial planets (i.e., those one half to twice the size of the Earth), especially those in the habitable zone of their stars where liquid water and possibly life might exist."

Kepler has apparently already found dozens of planets approximately the size of Earth along with other planets far larger. So, is Borucki happy? It certainly doesn't sound like he is, at least not entirely.

He is quoted in the May issue of *Discover* magazine as lamenting, "All planetary systems were supposed to look like ours. The planets we're finding are in the wrong places! And their orbits are unlike anything anyone predicted. Now, that's a warning. That tells you we don't know how to predict what's out there."

His warning should be an admonition to all scientists to be careful of getting too arrogant about their theories and hypotheses. God has a way of making mere humans sometimes look silly when they set sail in uncharted waters.

It isn't just in cosmology, of course. In other fields too scientists have often looked foolish. Think of paleontology and all the arguments secular scientists have had over the meanings of various newly-discovered fossils.

Scientists who operate within a biblical framework are in a better position. They have the inerrant Word of God to guide them. They know, for instance, that no halfway fossil will ever be found such as a half dog-half something else. This is because God has said He designed all creatures to reproduce according to their own kinds, which allows for only limited variation, and that is exactly what we see.

However, there is much about the world and universe God has not told us. Therefore, creation scientists too, when they go beyond Scripture in formulating their theories and hypotheses, must always use words like "perhaps" or "maybe."

On the other hand, it is clear sailing in known waters when we consider the Gospel, that we are saved through faith in Jesus Christ as our Redeemer, a fact set forth in the Bible and proven by the resurrection of Jesus on the first Easter. Hallelujah! *LSI*

—Warren Krug, editor



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