The first study, The Shape of Our Lives, explores a number of basic issues regarding the dynamics of formation, such as what is being formed and how. Study groups within congregations who take up this study will gain both a deeper awareness of the pervasiveness of the formation going on around and within them and a shared vocabulary with which to discuss these dynamics of formation within their own congregations. The second study, The Shape of Godâ€™s Reign, builds on the first by exploring the identity and mission of the church. Why did God bring the church into existence? To preview the table of contents of each study and to read the introduction to the series, click here: Getting Your Feet Wet Preview. For Congregations (CFI). bLogos CFI Reflections. I got there in the nick of time. Language is literal and metaphorical. Sometimes when we use language we use it in a very literal way: I've been out fishing, but caught absolutely nothing! The same language can be used in a non-literal way - a metaphorical way: Yesterday I caught the bus. My car wouldn't start. Here are more examples of this metaphorical use of catch: He caught my attention. A recent study says the Earth's climate could change the shape of our nose. The study found that people with wider noses live in warm, humid areas. People with narrower noses live in colder, drier places. The nose makes sure that the air we breathe is warm and moist when it gets to our lungs. The nose is a little like a temperature controller. Researchers used images to measure the nose width and height, and the distance between the two nostrils of over 2,600 Africans, Asians and Europeans. The study could help people with the heat or cold, and the humidity if they go to other countries.