

News from various media sources

MARINE REPTILE FOSSILS IN THE DESERT

According to phys.org/news (22nd July 2022) "Fossils of small plesiosaurs, long-necked marine reptiles from the age of dinosaurs, have been found in a 100-million year old river system that



is now Morocco's Sahara Desert. This discovery suggests some species of plesiosaur, traditionally thought to be sea creatures, may have lived in freshwater." The article suggests that plesiosaurs

might have repeatedly invaded freshwater to different degrees. However, this is only a guess. Dr. Nick Longrich commented: "We don't really know, honestly. That's how paleontology works. People ask, how can paleontologists know anything for certain about the lives of animals that went extinct millions of years ago? The reality is, we can't always. All we can do is make educated quesses based on the information we have. We'll find more fossils. Maybe they'll confirm those guesses. Maybe not."

COMMENT: We suggest another possibility: these reptiles were fossilised in the Genesis flood, which covered the whole world, including the area which is now the Sahara Desert.

EVOLUTION THEORY 'CRUDE AND MISLEADING'

"Do we need a new theory of evolution?" was the headline of an article in The Guardian (28th June 2022). The subheading read: "A new wave of scientists argues that mainstream evolutionary theory needs an urgent overhaul. Their opponents have dismissed them as misguided careerists - and the conflict may determine the future of biology." The article continued: "Strange as it sounds, scientists still do not know the answers to some of the most basic questions about how life on Earth evolved. Take

eves, for instance. Where do they come from, exactly? The usual explanation of how we got these stupendously complex organs rests upon the theory of natural selection." The article explained the popular view of evolution, namely that lots of small changes accumulate over time, producing new types of creature. Then comes the punchline: "This is the basic story of evolution, as recounted in countless textbooks and pop-science bestsellers. The problem, according to a growing number of scientists, is that it is absurdly crude and misleading." The article rightly says that the story doesn't



start at the beginning and fails to explain how "the first eye, the first wing, the first placenta" emerged. Biologist Armin Moczek commented: "This classic idea of gradual change, one happy accident at a time, has so far fallen flat."

COMMENT: Although the article doesn't suggest ditching the theory of evolution, it's interesting to see them using arguments that creationists have long used against Darwin's theory. It's probably too much to hope they might consider having another look at the Genesis account, which does fit the facts!

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Can we test evolution?

Your word, Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens. Your faithfulness continues through all generations; you established the earth, and it endures. (Psalm 119: 89-90)

There are those that claim that Evolution is a scientific theory. Scientific theories can be subject to the scientific method. If the same test or experiment is carried out under the same conditions, on different days or locations, the results should still be the same.

The existence of scientific methodology suggests that ideas, referred to as science, actually divide under two headings. The first of these would be the testable, repeatable scientific ideas, which refer to situations here and now. These can be referred to as Observable or Operational Science. This is, in fact, the real science. Not only is there nothing unbiblical about Operational Science, we can insist that such science would not be possible without a rational, biblical worldview.

The other scientific heading would be Historical Science. This is the type of science that refers to one-time, single events that allegedly happened in the past. Because these events are one-time events. they are not repeatable, nor are they falsifiable, because we do not have a time machine to go back and test things. Evolution must fall into this second category. Therefore, the alleged event, when nonliving molecules got together to form a living cell, cannot be repeated. Evolution is not testable, and is therefore not Operational Science.

Some might point out that biblical creation is similarly untestable, and must be Historical Science. Although this is true, it merely serves to remind us that science is not the ultimate test of truth. The revelation of God's word in the Bible is that ultimate truth.

Praver: Father God, we thank You that You have created this universe in an understandable way. We thank You for the talents of scientific men and women, who push forward the boundaries of research—they are thinking Your thoughts after them. Amen.

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street and in the local park." —R. B., Bristol.

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QUOTABLE QUOTE:

"Cosmology is not even astrophysics: all the principal assumptions in this field are unverified (or unverifiable) in the laboratory, and researchers are quite comfortable with inventing unknowns to explain the unknown." — Professor Richard Lieu. ACDM cosmology, 17th May 2007, arxiv.org/abs/0705.2462v1

EDITORIAL

By Geoff Chapman

The **BEGINNING** and the **END**



We can be confident that the eternal God, who was there at the beginning of the universe and will be there at its end, is in complete control

C ECULAR scientists have a problem with the beginning. Although most of them believe in the "big bang" theory, they often struggle with the question: "What happened before?" Some have speculated that our present universe came from the collapse of a previous universe, but what happened before that? Do they propose an endless cycle? The idea that history is cyclic is not new. Traditional Hindu scriptures view history as cyclic in character, with vast repeating series of ages. This concept, sometimes known as "The Wheel of Time", is also found in Buddhism and Jainism.

UNIVERSE HAD A BEGINNING

The ancient Greek philosopher Aristotle argued that the world must have existed from eternity. By contrast, the Christian, Biblical view declares that the universe had a definite beginning when God created everything by His word (Psalm 33: 6-9). The universe is not eternal, but was created by an eternal God. He is not a physical Being which dispenses with the popular "whomade-God" argument — but One who stands outside of time.

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Many people think the idea of no beginning avoids facing up to the need of a "First cause" — a Creator. However, this theory flies in the face of scientific laws. The First Law of Thermodynamics states that energy cannot be created or destroyed, which means that something can't come from nothing. Energy can be transformed from one form to another but the amount of useable energy decreases with time, which is why it's impossible to make a perpetual motion machine.

WEARING OUT

The Second Law of Thermodynamics means that the universe couldn't exist eternally. Law is all about."1 Left to itself, the uni-This is how atheist Dr Isaac Asimov described it: "The universe is constantly getting more disorderly!... In fact, all we have to do is nothing, and everything deteriorates, collapses, breaks down, wears out, all by itself . . . and that is what the Second

Speculating about nothing!

Scientists who believe the universe evolved from nothing often make strange statements. Below are some gems:

"The big bang was the abrupt creation of the Universe from literally nothing: no space, no time, no matter. This is a quite extraordinary conclusion to arrive at — a picture of the entire physical Universe simply popping into existence from nothing." -Paul Davies & Jeremy Gribben, 'The Matter Myth', 1992, p. 122.

"To the average person it might seem obvious that nothing can happen in nothing. But to a quantum physicist, nothing is, in fact, something.... Quantum theory also holds that a vacuum, like atoms, is subject to quantum uncertainties. This means that things can materialize out of the vacuum, although they tend to vanish back into it quickly.... this phenomenon has never been observed directly."

-Discover, April 2002 (emphasis added)

verse would eventually die a "heat death" as it ran out of useable energy and all processes ceased. Christians believe that, before that happens, God will intervene when Jesus returns, and He will create "a new heavens and earth." (2 Peter 3: 13).



The Crab Nebula is the remnant of a supernova which exploded in 1054 AD. Evidence of a decaying universe.

The Psalmist wrote: In the beginning you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. They will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment.... But you remain the same, and your years will never end." (Psalm 102: 25-27). The universe is running down; stars are dying. When the universe has run its course, we look forward to that promised "new creation." We can be confident that the eternal God who was there at the beginning of the universe and will be there at its end, is in complete control of everything in time and space. He stands outside of time, and sees past, present and future laid out before Him.

Nothing takes God by surprise, and He will bring this present universe to an end at His appointed time. Let's trust Him, not the predictions of secular science.

1. Smithsonian Institution Journal (June 1970), p. 6



"The world around us" is a virtual creation museum which can by toured from the comfort of your home. This virtual museum shows that, although many of Darwin's observations and interpretations were wellfounded, the central tenet of common de-

scent must be questioned, and a body of recent, peer-reviewed scientific evidence is presented which suggests that all is not well with a number of aspects of evolutionary theory. Tour the museum and it various galleries at www.worldaroundus.org.uk

NEW RESOURCES

PAUL GARNER

FOSSILS AND THE FLOOD **by Paul Garner**

Fossils are the remains or traces of creatures that lived in the past, and they tell a fascinating story—the story of a world that was destroyed by the Genesis Flood and its remarkable recovery. In Fossils and the Flood you will find out what fossils are and how they are formed, learn what fossils reveal about the incredible array of life that

God created in the beginning and discover lost worlds populated by extraordinary creatures, most now extinct.

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Hardcover, 148 pages, £29.99 www.10ofthose.com (not available from CRT)

*To watch an eight-minute interview with the artist go to www.youtube.com/BiblicalCreationTrust



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Somerset, BA22 7QX.

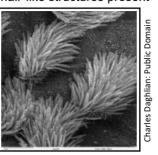
Guest speaker: Philip Bell (CMI)

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MIMICKING 'MINISCULE WONDERS"

Scientific American (11th July 2022) reported that scientists are trying to mimic cilia — small, slender, hair-like structures present

on the surface of all mammalian cells, described by the article as "Miniscule Wonders." "One tiny flick of a microscopic cellular hair, known as a cilium, can't do much on its own. But together, these structures routinely pull off biological marvels within the body. Cilia (right) remove inhaled pathogens from the respiratory tract, carry cerebrospinal fluid across brain cavities, transport eggs



from the ovary to the uterus, and drain mucus from the middle ear to the nasal cavity. These tiny, extracellular organelles exert precise microfluidic control over life-sustaining liquids in the body. To better understand how these crucial wonders of nature work, scientists have been trying for years to mimic them. Humans have achieved spectacular large-scale engineering feats. Cornell University physicist Itai Cohen said, "We are still kind of stuck when it comes to engineering miniaturized machines." Researchers had previously tried to make artificial cilia that worked by means of pressure, light, electricity and even magnets. "But a major hurdle remained: designing extremely tiny actuators—the motion-triggering parts of a machine—that can be controlled individually or in small clusters rather than all at once... Now researchers have come close to doing so, creating a chip covered with artificial cilia that can precisely control the minuscule flow patterns of fluids... which could enable field testing that would be easier, cheaper and more efficient than lab-based tests—as well as using much smaller samples of blood, urine or other testing material."

COMMENT: All credit to these scientists for their achievement. Will they now credit the Creator who designed what they have taken so long to mimic? Surely gradual evolution couldn't have

"FAST EVOLUTION" IS NO EVOLUTION!

Yahoo.news (30th May 2022) reported "Evolution could be taking place four times faster than previously thought" "The fuel of evolution is the amount of genetic differences there are in a species, the scientists - who studied 19 wild animal groups around the world - said. This allows evolution to happen faster as some traits die off and others are established." Dr Timothee



Bonnet of Exeter University said that the process of evolution that Darwin described was an incredibly slow one. "However, since Darwin, researchers have identified many examples of Darwinian evolution occurring in just a few years," he said, and offered the famous

Peppered Moths (above) as an example of this so-called "fast evolution." Other examples given were fairy-wrens in Australia, spotted hyenas in Tanzania and song sparrows in Canada.

COMMENT: These scientists seem confused. The article refers to adaptation, which is not evolution, and something that happens all the time through the God-given process of natural selection. No evolution has been observed.

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CREATION MINISTRY IN NORWAY

A series of creation meetings in Oslo, Norway, in early June attracted about 120 people over 3 days. They came from all over the country, including from the fjordlands and over the mountains, and a number of professionals were among them. Speakers were Prof. Andy McIntosh, Dr Danny Faulkner, and Prof. Nathaniel Jeanson who spoke via weblink.

Andy spoke on "The Bombardier Beetle", "The World of Feathers", and "The Wonder of the Human Voice". Danny Faulkner gave three talks on astronomy, and Nathaniel Jeanson two talks on "Traced – Human DNA's Big Surprise".1

Andy reports that those attending (right) were "in rapt attention.... as the truths on both the theology and science were opened up to many who had never heard these put over before." Most of the books and other resources available



Victor and Tor with Prof. Andy McIntosh (2nd left) and Dr Danny Faulkner (right)

Members of this young creation group, called SKAPER (which simply means 'Creation' in Norwegian) were really encouraged. Andy says they are "doing an amazing work

reaching a very secular country with the Creation message." Two young men, Victor and Tor, who had travelled for six hours, expressed interest in translating Andy's book Genesis for Today into Norwegian.

- Prof. Andy McIntosh is planning creation ministry in Japan and India this autumn. See our Prayer Diary or the "Events" page on our website for details.
- 1. Watch this presentation on www.youtube.com/watch?v=JFGBqVsKxqM

Summer Creation Outreach

Creation Ministries International had exhibits at several major events this summer, including the "Big Church Day Out" in West Sussex, the Keswick Convention in Cumbria, and "Creation Fest" in Cornwall. Creation Research (UK) also had an exhibit at "Creation Fest."

Several thousand copies of our children's paper Our World have been used at agricultural shows by Farming Christian Link, and a church in Cornwall has ordered 4,000 copies for local schools ministry in early

Also, over 500 copies of Original View — our 'real science paper' — were ordered by a friend in Scotland for local distrbution. Please pray that God will use these resources to reveal the truth of His Creation.

NEW UK CREATION CENTRE

Creation Research (UK) has opened a new Creation Centre and Fossil Store in Oswestry, Shropshire. iust off the High Street. There will be a special Open on 29th



October. Admission is free, but pre-booking is essential.

Joe Hubbard ("Indiana Joe") is hosting a 3-day Camping



Convention on the Dorset Jurassic Coast, 29th September-1st October. Includes Fossil Hunting, Field Trips, Bible Studies, Workshops and Seminars.

For information about the open day and Camping Convention, please contact:

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