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Guest speaker: Philip Bell
(Creation Ministries International)

Philip studied biology and geology at the University of Wales (Swansea) and obtained a BSc (Hons) degree in zoology. Then he spent nine years in cancer research and became an active member of the Postgraduate School of Medicine at Bath University, England. He obtained a postgraduate teaching qualification (PGCE) from Exeter University and taught school science (and some religious studies) to 11–18 year olds. He continued to publish occasional cancer research papers (in secular medical journals) until 2004. He has written several books, and is currently the CEO of CMI.

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6.30pm. Main session*

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MEDIA WATCH (from page two)

FOSSIL BIRD IS BEAK SURPRISE

An article in *phys.org* (30th November 2022) reported the discovery of a fossil which “overturns more than a century of knowledge about the origin of modern birds.” Fossilized fragments of a skeleton, hidden within a rock the size of a grapefruit, have helped upend the long-standing assumption that a mobile beak, which characterises 99% of modern birds, evolved before the mass extinction event that killed all large dinosaurs. “This finding also suggests that the skulls of ostriches, emus and their relatives evolved ‘backwards,’ reverting to a more primitive condition after modern birds arose.”

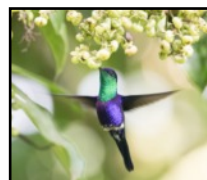


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HUMMINGBIRDS BY ACCIDENT?

Hummingbirds, are the only bird species that can fly forwards, backwards and sideways. During hovering they flap their wings up to 80 times per second, which consumes an incredible amount of energy. An article in *Phys.org* (23rd January 2023) reported that researchers from Frankfurt and Dresden sequenced the genome of the *Long-tailed hermit* and compared this and other hummingbird genomes with the genomes of 45 other birds. “They discovered that the gene encoding the muscle enzyme FBP2 (fructose biphosphatase 2) was lost in all studied hummingbirds. Study leader Prof. Michael Hiller said, “Our results suggest that the loss of this gene in the hummingbird ancestor was likely a key step in the evolution of metabolic muscle adaptations required for hovering flight.”



COMMENT: So these scientists believe that a random mutation, without foresight or plan, resulted in these beautiful, acrobatic hummingbirds — birds whose mechanism was copied by the inventor of the helicopter! Helicopters aren’t made by accident!

‘OLDEST CRAB’ WAS A CRAB!

“The oldest crab ever found is perfectly preserved after being encased in amber — for 100 million years,” according to a news item in *Metro* (21st October 2022). Dr Javier Luque of Harvard University said, “It is spectacular, a one of a kind.... not missing a single hair on the body, which is remarkable.” Researchers say it is the ancestor of Christmas Island Red Crabs which march into the Indian Ocean in their millions each year for breeding (left). The report claims that this fossil is a “missing link” in the evolution of crustaceans, which



“is helping scientists to better understand the evolution of crabs.”

COMMENT: As well as disagreeing with the dating of this fossil, we question how a creature which was clearly a crab could be a “missing link”, or help scientists “better understand the evolution of crabs.” This supports the view that crabs have always been crabs!

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PASSING OF LEADING CREATION SCIENTIST

GEOLOGIST Dr John Morris, former President of the *Institute for Creation Research* passed away peacefully on January 29th aged 76. He was deeply respected and dearly loved by family, friends, and colleagues. Fondly known by many as Dr. John, he was the “Indiana Jones” explorer of the biblical creation community for decades.

He was the second son of ICR founder Dr. Henry M. Morris, and followed in his footsteps. He earned his Ph.D. in geological engineering from the University of Oklahoma, taught at the university for four years, and joined ICR in 1984. Originally a member of the geology faculty of ICR’s graduate school, Dr. Morris (right) was appointed President of ICR in 1996. Current ICR President Dr. Randy Guliuzza recalls: “Anyone who ever met Dr. John Morris remembers their first encounter. Never was there a sweeter or more optimistic and loving man! In a word, John Morris was Christlike. You couldn’t help but respect that about John, and he’d be highly embarrassed if he heard anyone saying these things about him.”

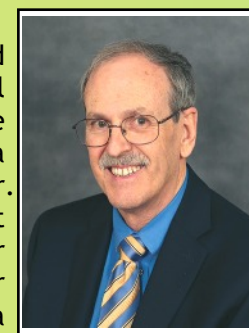


Photo: ICR

Through the years, Dr Morris spoke at lots of creation conferences and events, wrote a number of books about geology, the flood and young earth, sharing his expertise and his understanding of the evidence for creation and a young earth. He also contributed regularly to ICR’s *Acts and Facts* magazine, and the *Days of Praise* devotional. His interest in Noah’s Ark led to a number of expeditions to Mount Ararat in Turkey.

‘ARK MAN’ TO VISIT

Creation Ministries International is looking forward to hosting ‘Ark Man’ Rod Walsh and his wife Nancy, who are scheduled to do a week of events from 26th June – 2nd July. Visiting the UK from his home country of Australia, Rod (below) is an Ark modeller and evangelist, with a big heart to reach the lost with the message of the Gospel.



His illustrated talks, including a scale model of Noah’s Ark, are greatly appreciated by all the family. If your church might be interested in having Rod, please contact CMI (details below).

CMI is also encouraged by the number of invitations to minister across Europe this year. This is a real answer to prayer. To date, these include Switzerland, Rep. of Ireland, Hungary, Italy, France, and Poland.

CMI would certainly appreciate your prayers for these ministry trips, for the safety and health of the speakers, and for lasting spiritual fruit in the lives of those who hear the messages. Get more details of any of the above at www.creation.com/events or at ukministry@creation.com.

An Egyptian Odyssey with CMI by Gavin Cox

In September 2022 I had the privilege of travelling to Egypt to tour the ancient sites with *Creation Ministries International*. I went as a speaker and tour-guide assistant for ten days, including four nights on a Nile Cruise ship. I went with a group of 99 people who came from all over the world to find out how ancient Egypt connects to the Bible. Our itinerary was aided by *Memphis Tours*, who provided our wonderful Egyptian tour guides who took us through each site and explained the history and meaning of each monument. In the evenings, we had presentations by CMI staff or fun events for our guests. My tour titled “Seti”, was the last of three offered by CMI. I got to meet my colleagues from the US office, Gary Bates, Dr. Robert Carter, and Keaton Hayley, who stayed on for all three tours.

Our tour got off to a grand start on day-2, with a visit to Giza and Sakkara to see the very first pyramids built. The Great Pyramid of Giza is a wonder to behold, and vast in scope. It demonstrates stunning engineering with massive stones, so accurately placed one could hardly place a sheet of paper between the joins. I also saw the 5–6th Dynasty Pyramid Texts, beautifully etched into alabaster walls, as if by a laser. (continued on page three)

MEDIA WATCH

News from various media sources

AN ETERNAL UNIVERSE?

An article in *Livescience.com*. (24th February 2023), asked the question: “Will the universe end in a bang or a whimper? A pair of theoretical physicists have pro-

posed a third path: perhaps the universe will never end. Our universe is currently experiencing a phase of runaway expansion: the cosmos is getting bigger faster with every passing moment. Cosmologists do not understand the cause of this acceleration, which they name dark energy. If this acceleration persists, then our universe will eventually expand into oblivion, with all matter and radiation torn apart. However, this new research does point in a promising direction, providing a viable platform for further exploring models like this. Humans are not necessarily destined to live in a cold, empty cosmos, because dark energy might behave differently in the far future. Only continued research will uncover our ultimate fate.”

COMMENT: The “ultimate fate” of our universe is in God’s hands and already decided. Christians look forward to a new creation — a new heaven and earth, not a continuation of this present fallen one. (2 Peter 3: 13 & Revelation 21: 1).

NOTHING LIKE IT!

Sciencealert.com (29th December 2022) reported: “Since the landmark discovery in 1992 of two planets orbiting a star outside of our Solar System, thousands of new worlds have been added to a rapidly growing list of ‘exoplanets’ in the Milky Way galaxy. We’ve learnt many things from this vast catalogue of alien worlds orbiting alien stars. But one small detail stands out like a sore thumb. We’ve found nothing else out there like our own Solar System. This has led some to conclude that our home star and its brood could be outliers in some way — perhaps the only planetary system of its kind.”

COMMENT: We couldn’t agree more!

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CREATION MINISTRY IN GERMANY AND THE U.S.

Professor Andy McIntosh has had a busy winter schedule of creation ministry. In November he spent 10 days in Germany, speaking at a number of Christian churches in association with the *Kreatikon* conferences that have been running in Germany for the last few years. Children at one of the churches in Berlin (left) were fascinated to learn about fossils and the flood. Andy reports: “The hunger of these believers for good Bible teaching was palpable and their desire to reach out and share the Gospel was so refreshing.” There are plans to translate Andy’s booklet “Are you really an Atheist?” into German, and he hopes to be able to return to Germany later this year.

In February Andy spent nearly two weeks in the U.S speaking at meetings in Florida, including the University of Central Florida, Orlando, and Mount Dora Christian Academy. He also gave an address to leaders of an Apologetics Group in Leesburg. Later he moved to California, where he spoke at Riverside Baptist Church, and Masters University, Santa Clarita, Los Angeles. He described the meetings in both states as “very valuable.”

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No Final Conflict

Your word is a lamp for my feet, and a light on my path. (Psalm 119: 105)

There has been a tendency among some evangelicals to worry about scientific opinion. For example, there has been a drive to reinterpret Genesis in the light of evolutionary theory, and, although that drive is decades old, it has accelerated among conservative evangelicals in the last ten years or so. The tendency seems to be to panic whenever a new scientific idea appears that seems to be opposed to the Bible.

Francis Schaeffer, although not a young earth creationist, nevertheless had some wise words on the issue. In his book, *No Final Conflict*, he wrote “When we face apparent problems between present scientific theories and the teaching of the Bible, the first rule is not to panic, as though scientific theory is always right. The history of science, including science in our own day, has often seen great dogmatism about theories which later have been discarded. Thus there is no inherent reason why a current scientific theory should immediately be accepted. And there is no inherent reason why a Christian should be put in a panic because the current scientific theory is opposite to what is taught in the Bible.

Schaeffer reminds us that science has never been an overpowering magisterium, and there is no reason for us to consider it so today. He is basically asking whether or not we have the confidence to assert that, in the event of conflict between science and the word of God, it is the word of God that we consider to be of primary importance and against which we will judge other opinions.

Prayer: You spoke the truth in Your word, Lord. We are sorry that some circumstances ever made us doubt Your word. Help us to have the boldness always to declare the truth of Your word. Amen.

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Photo taken by Andy McIntosh as he flew over the Grand Canyon area

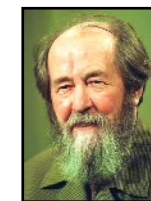
EDITORIAL REAPING THE WHIRLWIND!

By Geoff Chapman

I have just been reading the Old Testament book of Hosea, where the prophet declares God’s judgment on the people of Israel for their idolatry and disobedience to His laws. One verse stood out: “They sow the wind and reap the whirlwind.” (Hosea 8: 7).

KNOWING BETTER THAN GOD?

Although we need to be cautious about comparing ancient Israel to a modern nation, there are similarities and lessons to be learned for those prepared to listen. Basically, the people of Israel thought they knew better than God what was good for them, but in the end it brought disaster



on them in the form of defeat and exile. Doesn’t that describe very well the attitude of most people in our land today — yes, even for some within the Church? Some words by the late Russian dissident Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn (left) are relevant here. “Men

have forgotten God; that’s why all this has happened.”¹ In this short article we will consider some current issues which can be traced to a rejection of God’s word in Genesis, and an attitude which effectively says that we know better than the God who created us!



Most young people are taught that they evolved from brutish, ape-like ancestors who lived by violence. In other words, that they themselves are just evolved animals. So, should we really be surprised if this encourages some to engage in animal-like behaviour?

“So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them..... a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.” (Genesis 1: 27 & 2: 24)

There has been a big increase in the number of young people carrying knives, and subsequently, an increase in the number of young people dying from stabbing. Recently, children as young as 15 have been accused of murder using knives. This kind of crime is often linked to gang membership. Why do young people think it is OK to resort to violence? Would they do so if they really believed that they, and others are created in the image of God? Yet most young people are taught that they evolved from brutish, ape-like ancestors who lived by violence. In other words, that they themselves are just evolved animals.

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GOD’S CLEAR INTENTION

God’s word in Genesis clearly states that He created humans as male and female. This contradicts the popular view that people can decide to change their gender, which is confusing and harming so many young people. The rejection of God’s clear intention that marriage should only be between a man and a woman — confirmed by Jesus Himself (*Matthew 19: 4-6*) — has led to the widespread approval of so called “gay marriage” — even within the Church. Yet both Old and New Testaments forbid any kind of sexual activity outside of a male-female marriage relationship.

The Church should be calling people to repentance, repenting itself for allowing the values of our godless society to influence it, and taking note of Paul’s words: “Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.” (*Romans 12: 2*).

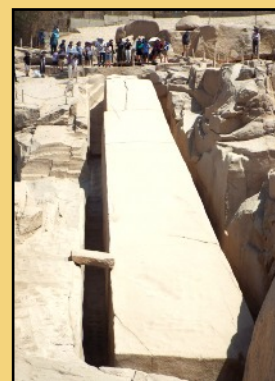
Maybe, instead of reaping the whirlwind, we might then feel the wind of God’s Holy Spirit bringing revival to our land.

1 . Templeton Lecture, 1983

An Egyptian Odyssey (from page one)

After this, we flew to Luxor from Cairo to see the magnificent temple of Ramesses II. Here, his incised hieroglyphs are so deep; anyone trying to erase his memory would have to tear down the entire structure. On Day-4, we travelled to the Valley of the Kings where we visited burial tombs belonging to many famous Pharaohs, including Tutankhamun. From there we travelled to our boat, where we would cruise the Nile for the next 5 days. Here, I along with Gary, Rob, and Keaton gave presentations on what we had and would see, putting everything in biblical perspective. I presented on the five pharaohs mentioned in the Bible and their chronological significance, especially focusing on Shishak who I gave persuasive new evidence was the Libyan pharaoh Shoshenq 1st.

We also saw the Efu, Kom Ombo, and Abu Simbel temples (right), and had a balloon ride to see the sites from the air. At Aswan, we saw the biggest unfinished granite obelisk in Egypt



(left), commissioned by Queen Hatshepsut, with an estimated weight of 1,200 tons! From Aswan, we flew back to Cairo to visit several museums, including the Cairo museum. Here, Egyptian history was laid out before us in terms of its surviving artefacts and texts.

Altogether, it was a trip of a lifetime! I got to see many sites I had only seen in the books and online when I studied for my Masters Degree in Egyptology. Most importantly, it was so encouraging to see the Bible ‘come alive’ in terms of its history and how it connects to Ancient Egypt. For more information about Egypt tours, and evidence for creation, see creation.com.

