

RESOURCE NEWS

As part of the scaling-back of our ministry we are discontinuing the sale of DVDs and most books when our current stocks are exhausted. All the items still available can be purchased from our webshop, many of them at a reduced price. When existing stocks are sold we will not be replacing them. We will continue to sell the range of small booklets for the time being.

We will still be publishing the *Our World* children's paper for the foreseeable future. We still have good stocks of back issues of this, and our now-discontinued paper *Original View*. (see *Resources for India and Poland*: page two).

"CREATION EVANGELISM"

Most Christians seem unaware of the fact that belief in evolution and its millions of years has blinded many people to their need of God. Here are two quotes from street evangelists: "I am constantly meeting people who believe evolution has 'disproved' the Bible." "In street evangelism, the evolution issue crops up in conversation 'all the time'."

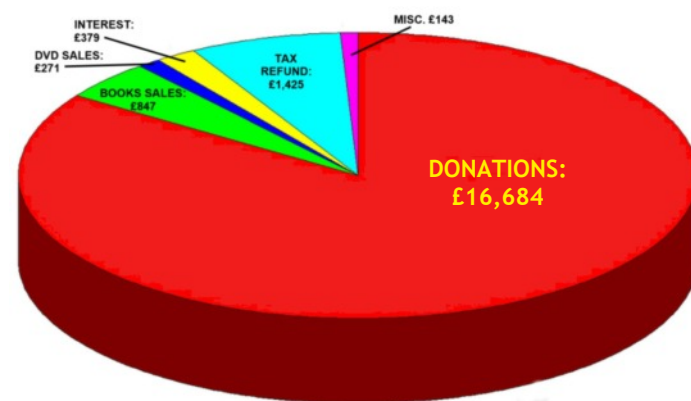
This is why we have produced a range of creation-based Gospel tracts. Tens of thousands of these have been distributed, with many reprints, and we will continue to produce them. All our literature

is listed on our website, www.crt.org.uk and is supplied on a donation basis.

CRT ACCOUNTS, YEAR ENDING 31/12/22

We give thanks to God for His goodness, and to all those who support us so generously, enabling us to continue our ministry. Thanks also to our treasurer David Herring and our auditor Graham Treharne. We do not make financial appeals. We are not concerned about last year's deficit since we have adequate reserves. CRT works closely with other creation ministries, and we were pleased to be able to give grants to two special UK creation projects.

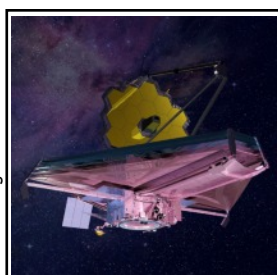
INCOME 2022: £18,880



MEDIA WATCH (from page two)

SEARCHING FOR THE DEAD

Scientificamerican.com (18th May 2023) reports that astronomers plan to use the James Web Space Telescope (left), launched in 2021, to "hunt for dead solar systems." Astronomers submitted about 1,600 proposals for observing time, but only 249 were selected. One of the winning proposals was to search for "the remnant Earth-sized cores left behind after stars such as our sun swell into red giants and expel their outer layers. After this dramatic event, it's thought these stellar corpses can still harbor intact planets—potentially offering us the chance to study them and learn more about the fate likely to befall Earth in five billion years when our sun enters its red giant phase."



Artist's impression

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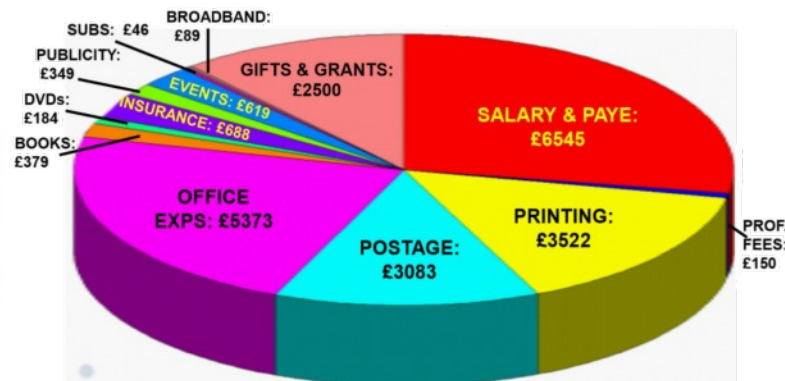
COMMENT: We predict this search will turn out to be a dead loss! It is based on wild assumptions about the formation of stars and solar systems, and the unproved theory that life will spring into existence if conditions are right for it. And we are not concerned about what may befall the earth in the distant future, since God has His plans which include a new heaven and earth.

MULTI-MIMICKING SPIDER

An article in *Livescience.com* (8th May 2023) features the tiny jumping spider *Siler collingwoodi*, which can mimic several species of ant. "It lifts its front legs to form mock antennae while swinging its legs and jiggling its abdomen to copy an ant's gait." Scientists have discovered this tiny spider's survival secret – "the imperfection of its impressions, which enable the amateur performer to mimic multiple ant species and deter most of its predators.... Researchers said they will investigate whether the spider's performance is genetic or acquired by learning."

COMMENT: The problem with the gradual learning theory is how these spiders could survive *before* they were able to convincingly mimic even one species of ant. Looks like a design feature.

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CREATION MINISTRY IN EUROPE

PHILIP Bell, CEO of *Creation Ministries International*, spent eight days in Switzerland and Germany this spring, speaking about "True Origins: Science and the Bible". He spoke 20 times - in 11 churches, a theological college (in Basel) and three large Christian schools, and also recorded an interview for Christian TV/web. He was assisted by translator Roman Stutz and organisers Mark and Brigitte Platter.

Philip reports: "Attendances were encouraging across the board. The appreciation for the messages was palpable and the hunger for resources was wonderful to see, with a large number of German-language and English resources sold."



In Schwäbisch Gmünd, Germany, (photo left), Philip shared creation truths with 145 appreciative and eager youngsters. He writes, "Some of the youngest (5-7 year olds) were asking me questions for almost half an hour after the class-time finished!"

In Zurich, Philip spoke to an Ethiopian church, translated into Amharic. The pastor of the church is now keen to translate Philip's book *Evolution and the Christian Faith* into Amharic.

At Zollikofen (Switzerland), Philip spoke to a lively audience, and was afterwards peppered with questions from young Christian adults—a neuroscientist, a medical doctor, a nurse, a computer scientist. There were many more, notable conversations.

Philip writes: "I am encouraged by what I see happening across Europe. God is most certainly at work, and I am pleased to report that *Creation Ministries International* is seeing an unprecedented number of requests to do ministry trips abroad."

AGRICULTURAL SHOW WITNESS

Farming Christian Link has plans to witness at 46 agricultural shows this year. They began at the North Somerset Show on 1st May, (below) where they distributed around 320 New Testaments, 550 Tracts and Scripture Text cards, 70 Children's packs and 100 Jesus said "I am the Good Shepherd" wristbands, plus other books and booklets. The children's packs include CRT's *Our World* creation papers. We have been pleased to supply FCL with over 3,000 copies of this paper so far this year.



CRT's annual public meeting



An attentive crowd on 20th May

Around 80 people attended CRT's annual public meeting on Saturday 20th May — the best attendance in 42 years. The meeting took place at the Village Hall in the Somerset village of West Camel, where CRT is based. CRT Director Geoff Chapman led a short time of worship, and treasurer David Herring gave the annual financial report (see back page). Geoff outlined that CRT's ministry would continue, but on a much reduced scale (see back page).

The guest speaker was Philip Bell, CEO of *Creation Ministries International* — a long-time friend of CRT. In his first talk, *People are Amazing*, he highlighted unique human features which could never have evolved. In his second talk, *Ice, the Bible and Time*, Philip explained that secular scientists have no idea how ice ages start, even though they believe in multiple ice ages. The evidences for glaciation were presented, but Philip explained that creationists believe in a single ice age following the flood, and showed how the climatic conditions then existing would have provided the ideal conditions for this. A buffet tea was served between the sessions, and a wide range of creation resources — books, DVDs, and literature - was available.



News from various media sources

NEW BUTTERFLY ORIGIN THEORY



According to *scitechdaily.com* (16th May 2023) "Roughly 100 million years ago, a pioneering group of moths began to venture out during the day instead of night, seizing the opportunity presented by flowers abundant in nectar that had evolved alongside bees. This single event sparked the evolution of the entire butterfly species. Since 2019, through extensive DNA analysis, scientists have known the precise timing of this evolutionary shift, debunking a previous theory that suggested the rise of butterflies was a result of pressure from bats following the extinction of dinosaurs". The report continued: "Butterflies first appeared somewhere in Central and western North America." The conclusion is that "The evolution of butterflies and flowering plants have been inexorably intertwined since the origin of the former."

COMMENT: Moths and butterflies are members of the *Lepidoptera* order, and probably members of the same created "kind", so there is no need to suggest butterflies evolved *from* moths. However, both moths and butterflies are found in the fossil record, and they show no evidence that they have changed, or that they evolved from some common ancestor. These insects, with their amazing metamorphosis — which evolution can't explain — are some of the wonders of God's creation.

BLINKING FISH

All land creatures, including humans, need to be able to blink and produce tears to keep their eyes clear and healthy. Fish don't produce tears. According to *bbc.co.uk/newsround* (29th April 2023), "A blinking fish has provided scientists with clues on how we may have adapted from living in the water, to living on land... Scientists think that life on Earth started in the ocean around 3.5 million years ago, and as oxygen in the atmosphere increased over time, these organisms slowly moved to living on land. Researchers wanted to better understand how animals adapted from water to land, so they studied the mudskipper fish (right), who live on land and water, and are the only fish that blink... Scientists think that blinking in humans evolved during the transition from water to land, because blinking is seen in land animals, but not often in aquatic animals." Prof. Thomas Stewart said, "Based on the fact that mudskipper blinking, which evolved completely independently from our own fishy ancestors, serves many of the same functions as blinking in our own lineage, we think that it was likely part of the suite of traits that evolved when tetrapods (four-legged animals) were adapting to live on land."



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COMMENT: Three times in this article the word "think" appears. e.g. "Scientists think life on Earth started in the ocean", and scientists "think that blinking in humans evolved during the transition from water to land." We think this is all *wishful* thinking, since there is no fossil evidence to suggest that mudskippers evolved from some other kind of fish, or that they evolved into land animals which eventually evolved into humans.

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Creation Moments

BABIES BAFFLE EVOLUTION

Now the whole earth had one language and a common speech.
(Genesis 11: 1)

The Bible teaches that until several centuries after the Flood all people on Earth spoke the same language. The fact that many supposedly unrelated languages have similar sounding words with the same or similar meanings supports this teaching. Some language researchers say that this is simply due to chance. Now some language researchers say that they have developed another line of research that supports the belief that all humans once spoke the same language.

Language researchers have spent years listening to babies in many different language groups babble. Babies younger than four months make a variety of sounds as they learn to use their voice. Speaking is a highly complex activity, requiring the coordination of 70 different muscles as well as several different body parts. By seven to ten months of age babies typically begin making sounds that alternate vowels and consonants. Researchers found that there are three distinct patterns of alternating sounds that are universal among babies in English-speaking households. Then they found that these three patterns are also common among infants from a wide range of language groups around the world. Researchers comparing infants from varying language groups then identified a fourth pattern among all groups. These findings have been interpreted as independent evidence that all people once spoke one language.

We accept what the Bible says by faith, not because it has been proven. But when Scripture's truths are supported by science the Bible's integrity is upheld before skeptics.

Prayer: Father, help me use the gift of language to tell others about You. Amen.

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RESOURCES TO INDIA AND POLAND

We recently sent 2,000 copies of *Our World*, and 1,000 copies of *Original View* to India, after a Pastor there said he could use them. They were sent via *Christian Books Worldwide*.

A contact in Poland, who has been receiving *Original View* for many years, requested copies of all available back issues. We were able to fulfil this request by sending some printed copies and some in digital format.

QUOTABLE QUOTE

"The absence of fossil evidence for intermediary stages between major transitions in organic design, indeed our inability, even in our imagination, to construct functional intermediates in many cases, has been a persistent and nagging problem for gradualistic accounts of evolution."



—Prof. Stephen Jay Gould, *Paleobiology* 6 (1): 127, 1980.

EDITORIAL The Mystery Remains!

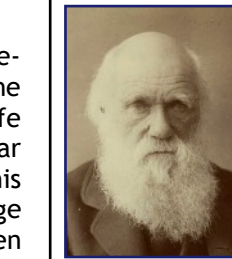
By Geoff Chapman

IN a murder mystery, nothing is more frustrating than a failure to find the culprit, especially after the best detectives have used their best efforts to solve it. Secular scientists have been searching for an explanation for the origin of life for more than 150 years, and their frustration is increasingly evident.

CLUELESS

There is a huge gulf - a chasm - between non-living chemicals and the "simplest" amoeba. The origin of life remains a huge dilemma for secular scientists. Ever since Darwin made his "warm little pond" comment, huge amounts of time and effort have been expended on seeking a natural explanation for the origin of organic life.

New Scientist (10th May 2023) carried an article headlined "Why the origins of life remain a mystery - and how we will crack it." Lena Vincent, of the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory in California, commented: "It is one of these big questions that we truly are clueless about at this point. Anyone who says otherwise, I would be sceptical of." An excuse given was that "we just don't have access to the part of history on this planet" when life began. Scientific articles about life's origins are full of such phrases as "might have" and "could have."



"But if (and oh what a big if) we could conceive in some warm little pond with all sorts of ammonia and phosphoric salts, - light, heat, electricity etc. present, that a protein compound was chemically formed, ready to undergo still more complex changes..." —Charles Darwin, *Letter to Joseph Hooker, February 1871*.

FAILED EXPERIMENT

In 1952 American Chemist Stanley Miller (right) and colleague Harold Urey performed a famous experiment which was widely hailed as demonstrating how life could have formed on the early earth. He placed a mix-



ture of water, methane, ammonia and hydrogen in a flask and heated it. He then passed an electric spark - simulating lightning - through the resulting gases, and produced some amino acids - which are the building blocks of proteins. However, for a number of reasons, this experiment failed to solve the mystery.¹ Many other efforts to explain how life could have begun naturally have also been a failure.

WRONG STARTING POINT

All these experiments and theories make a major error: life did not start with single-celled organisms, neither did it begin in the sea! The book of Genesis tells us that God began His creation with "vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it." (*Genesis 1: 11*).

The origin of all life was supernatural - the work of God through His Son, Jesus Christ. "Through him all things were made.... in him was life." (*John 1: 3-4*). Jesus is also the author of spiritual life, an abundant, eternal life for all who turn to Him in repentance and faith. (*John 10: 10*).

1. For a detailed critique of the Miller-Urey experiment see <https://tinyurl.com/yzz53s33>

CREATION MINISTRY IN THE USA

Having spoken in Florida in February, Prof. Andy McIntosh returned to the US in March for further creation ministry. On Friday 14th at a Convocation at Liberty University, he spoke with Mark Horstemeyer and John Baumgardner on "The Worldwide Flood" to approximately 9,000 students (left). Andy writes: "We stressed the implications of the Genesis Flood for our theology of the coming judgement based on 2 Peter 3." They also spoke at Thomas Road Baptist Church on Sunday 26th March.



The following week, at Mebane, North Carolina. Andy spoke

at Elon University (right) and the University of North Carolina on "Has Science killed God?" Many students took copies of his booklet "Are you really an Atheist?" Andy also spoke at Grace



Reformed Baptist Church, Mebane on Saturday 1st April on "Astronomy and the Bible" and "Has Science killed God?" and lastly on the Sunday evening 2nd April on "Why Creation is theologically important?"

Andy's booklet "Are you Really an Atheist?" has now been translated into Spanish (left).

