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**Annual Public Meeting
Saturday 30th May 2020**

The Davis Hall, Howell Hill, West Camel,
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Guest speaker: **Professor Stuart Burgess**
4pm. Worship and reports.

4.30pm. "Why I, as a scientist,
believe in creation."

5pm. Buffet tea.

6.30pm. "Hallmarks of Design."

Stuart Burgess, professor of engineering design at the University of Bristol, has worked for the European Space Agency. He led the design and testing of the chain drive for the British Olympic Cycling Team who won a record six gold medals at the 2016 Rio Olympics. In 2019 he was awarded the *IMechE James Clayton Prize*, for "a major contribution to mechanical engineering science in the UK."



MEDIA WATCH (from page two)

NEANDERTHALS "CULTURALLY COMPLEX"

The "I" newspaper (19th February 2020) reported a study from the journal *Antiquity* about the discovery of fossil flower pollen alongside Neanderthal skeletons in the foothills of Iraq. This was taken as evidence that these people buried their dead with flowers — suggesting a religious burial. Dr Emma Pomeroy, from Cambridge University's department of archaeology, said, "In recent years we have seen increasing evidence that Neanderthals were more sophisticated than previously thought.... If Neanderthals were using Shanidar Cave as a site of memory for the repeated ritual interment of their dead, it would suggest cultural complexity of a high order."

COMMENT: The Neanderthals were once depicted as hairy brutes. Over the years scientists have slowly come to realise they were not sub-human, and more recent reconstructions (right) reflect this. They played musical instruments, had a spoken language, and lived alongside modern humans. Creationists believe that the Neanderthals were descendants of Adam and Noah, so it's no surprise that they were culturally complex.



By Tim Evanson: Flickr.com

STUDYING MOTHS TO MAKE BETTER DRONES

Science Daily (9th February 2020) reported that scientists have used data obtained by studying how moths fly to help drones navigate complex environments. "To understand how real moths plan their route, the researchers mounted 8 hawk moths (left) on metal rods connected to a torque meter. In front of each moth they projected a moving forest scene created from beams of light for the moth to navigate. They captured data from the moth flight and built a mathematical model to describe the moth trajectory through the virtual forest. The flight data were translated into a decision-making program that could be used to control a drone... By using real data from animal flight paths they can program bio-inspired drones that will be able to navigate autonomously in cluttered environments."

COMMENT: Once again, God's superior designs inspire, and provide information that will improve human designs



By Didier Descouens: Wikipedia

MORE "EARLIER THAN BELIEVED"

According to *Science Daily* (19th December 2019), "While sifting through fossil soils in the Catskill region near Cairo, New York, researchers uncovered the extensive root system of 386-million-year old primitive trees. The fossils.... [are] evidence that the transition toward forests as we know them today began earlier in the Devonian Period than typically believed."

COMMENT: Forget the dating, but this is more evidence that things have changed very little since the beginning. We are constantly reading similar reports of things appearing "earlier than thought."

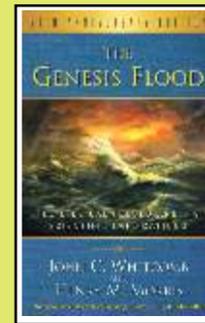


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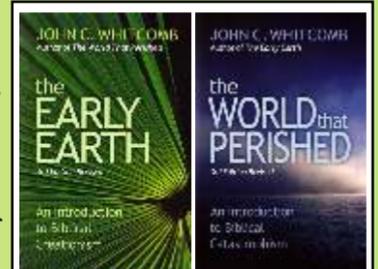
Professor John C. Whitcomb (right), who, with the late Dr Henry Morris, co-authored the ground-breaking 1961 book *The Genesis Flood*, passed away peacefully in his sleep on February 5th. He was 95 years old. *The Genesis Flood* (left) is widely believed to have been the catalyst which kick-started the modern creationist movement.



John Whitcomb became a Christian in 1943 while attending Princeton University. During World War 2 he served in the US Army and fought in the Battle of the Bulge at Marche, Belgium. He returned to Princeton University and graduated with honours in 1948. He then attended Grace Theological Seminary from 1948-1951, where he was a professor of the Old Testament for nearly forty years. He was heavily involved in foreign missions, and took many international trips to support them.

Professor Whitcomb published over twenty books on the Bible and science, supporting the historical accuracy of the Genesis record of creation and the world-wide flood. These included *The Early Earth* and *The World that Perished* (right). He also wrote several Bible commentaries and a series of chronological Bible history charts. Although internationally acclaimed, he remained a humble, gentle, approachable, and caring man, and had a quick, subtle wit. One Christian leader remarked, "Although he was intellectually high above everybody else, he had a way of taking complex truths and making them applicable and exciting to people."

We can thank God for a man who made such a tremendous impact on the lives of thousands of people, and demonstrated that the Bible gives us a true and reliable history of the world, right from Genesis chapter one.



Two of John Whitcomb's books on science and the Bible



Some of the *Genesis Expo* exhibits



The Genesis Museum of Creation Research

Creation attractions and museums in the UK

The **Genesis Expo**, run by the *Creation Science Movement* is the largest Creation Museum in the UK. Located on The Hard in the tourist area of Portsmouth, it's just a minute's walk from Portsmouth Harbour railway station opposite the bus station, within view of the Historic Dockyard and HMS Warrior; Plenty to see for a family day out. The Expo is open 11am-4pm Tuesday-Saturday, and Bank Holidays. Admission is free. See www.genesisexpo.org.uk

The **Noah's Ark Zoo Farm** near Bristol is a zoo with a difference. In addition to the many different animals that you may expect to find – including rhinos, giraffes and elephants – there is a scale-model replica of the biblical Ark, which took 1,000 hours to build. There are some resources onsite, including evidence that there was plenty of room on the Ark for all the kinds of animals needed. For more details, and opening hours, visit, www.noahsarkzoo.com



The Noah's Ark scale model

The **Genesis Museum of Creation Research**, currently located in the Norfolk countryside, is a major collection of over 3,500 items, including fossils, natural history, and archaeology displays; committed to declaring the Bible as the true word of God. It is part of the ministry of *Creation Research*. Visits by appointment only. If you are interested, please call 01263 861902 or visit www.genesismuseumofcreation.com

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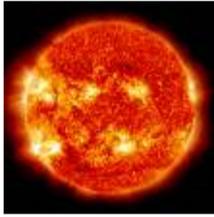




MEDIA WATCH

News from various media sources

IN THE RIGHT PLACE



In order to be habitable a planet needs to be in the so-called "Goldilocks Zone" in relation to its star - neither too hot nor too cold. But according to *Science Daily* (31st October 2019) "Even 'Goldilocks' exoplanets need a well-behaved star." "These "Goldilocks" planets may enjoy temperatures and atmospheric pressures

that allow life-giving water to exist, but likely orbit too close to their stars to escape the effects of the star's strong magnetic fields and the associated radiation." Scientists used computer simulations to show that a planet could soon lose its atmosphere. Solar physicist David Alexander said, "The planet may have the right temperature and pressure conditions for habitability, and some simple lifeforms might form, but that's as far as they're going to go. The atmosphere would be stripped and the radiation on the surface would be pretty intense."

COMMENT: How blessed we are to have the right star as our sun. Surely it's not an accident that everything is just right for us.

NO CHANGE IN EYES

According to *Science Daily* (3rd December 2019), "The visual apparatus of today's horseshoe crabs (right) goes back 400 million years." Fossils of the giant extinct sea scorpion *Jaekelopterus rhenaniae* reveal that their eyes



Pos Robert, USFWS

"have the same structure as the eyes of modern horseshoe crabs (Limulidae). The compound eyes of the giant predator exhibited lens cylinders and concentrically organized sensory cells enclosing the end of a highly specialized cell." Scanning electron microscopes revealed "the same structures as in horseshoe crabs. Lens cylinders, sensory cells and even the highly specialized cells were clearly discernible." They concluded that the complex visual system found in modern horseshoe crabs had "already evolved more than 400 million years ago."

COMMENT: Although we don't accept the dating, it seems clear that the "highly specialized cells" of these compound eyes have not changed and didn't evolve from anything simpler.

"DINOSAUR FEATHERS" BUT NO DINOSAURS!

National Geographic online (18th November 2019) reported the discovery of a cache of ten "fossil dinosaur feathers" in Australia — supposedly nearer the south pole "118 million years ago." They represent "the first solid evidence that feathered dinosaurs lived at Earth's poles." Paleontologist Benjamin Kear commented, "Fossil feathers have never been found in polar settings before. Our discovery.... shows for the first time that a diverse array of feathered dinosaurs and flight-capable primitive birds inhabited the ancient polar regions." The report concluded: "None of the feathers are currently associated with distinct dinosaur or bird bones. Instead, they were probably lost during molting or preening and drifted on the wind onto the surface of an ancient lake, where they sank to the bottom and were preserved in the fine mud."



COMMENT: The conclusion invalidated the whole claim! No fossils were found with the feathers, so there is absolutely no proof they were dinosaur feathers! And there is no evidence that feathers evolved from reptilian scales.

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Not a Telephone Game

The words of the Lord are flawless, like silver purified in a crucible (*Psalms 12: 6*)

Have you heard people say things like this: "The Bible has been copied, and copied, and translated, and copied. There must have been errors made at every stage in the process. Today's Bible is like the result of a telephone (whispering) game and must have been changed beyond recognition from its original meaning."

They obviously cannot remember how the telephone game was played. In the telephone game, the end phrase was always much shorter than the initial phrase, and most of it was complete nonsense. In short, even when we start with a sensible, coherent message, we do not end with one. So how could a telephone game of translations produce the coherent narrative of the Bible today?

Also, these Bible critics do not understand how biblical copyists worked. Their checking of every page of copied text was meticulous. Manuscripts with damaged sections were destroyed after copying to prevent copyists errors. While these copyists were not perfect, their perfectionist methodology prevented major errors.

The Dead Sea Scrolls' text of Isaiah was 900 years earlier than the Masoretic Hebrew text usually used in translations. But only nine differences can be found – and all nine of these are tiny, tiny differences that make no difference to the meaning. That's one inconsequential difference every 100 years, and no difference resulting in a change of meaning in 900! Truly, you can trust that the Bible in your hands is the word of God.

Prayer: Thank You for Your wonderful Bible, Lord God. Thank You for giving us Your word. Amen.

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EDITORIAL EVOLUTION'S CRUMBLING EDIFICE

By Geoff Chapman



Evolution is being propped up! It survives mainly because it's an excuse to reject God, and secularists have nowhere else to go.

EVOLUTION is so widely believed and accepted that many people would not dare to question it, especially when faced with claims like these: "The statement that organisms have descended with modifications from common ancestors—the historical reality of evolution—is not a theory. It is a fact, as fully as the fact of the earth's revolution about the sun." —Professor Douglas Futuyma.¹

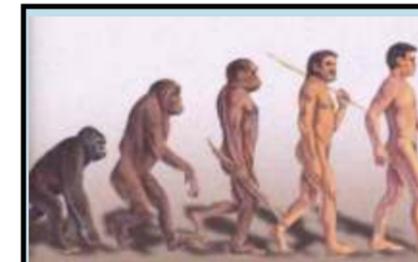
INTIMIDATING

Such statements are intimidating, especially for people who aren't aware of the many serious flaws in the evolutionary hypothesis. These flaws need to be exposed.

The first great flaw is the issue of how life began. You can't realistically discuss evolution without facing this issue, yet evolutionists themselves often skirt around this problem. Professor Richard Dawkins said, "We know the sort of event that must have happened for the origin of life. It was the origin of the first self-replicating molecule."² A students' book claimed: "Somehow nature discovered how to build the intricate machine we call the living cell, using only the raw materials to hand, all jumbled up."³ "Must have" and "somehow" are not scientific statements!

THE INFORMATION PROBLEM

The origin of life also involves the origin of information. The idea that a cell is little more than a bag of chemicals has long since been abandoned, and we know that information always has its origin in intelligence. Then there is the problem of explaining "one of the big evolutionary questions in



"We have all seen the canonical parade of apes, each one becoming more human. We know that, as a depiction of evolution, this line-up is tosh." — Henry Gee, *Nature*, 6th October 2011, p. 34.

life... how and why single cell organisms organised themselves to live in a group, thereby forming multicellular life forms."⁴

COMMON DESCENT

Darwin admitted that there is no "finely graduated chain" of fossils, yet the view that all living organisms evolved from a common ancestor is one of the basic tenets of evolution. The "missing link" problem remains a serious one. There is not even a satisfactory mechanism to explain common descent. Natural selection is not the

answer. Darwin wrote: "Natural selection works solely by and for the good of each being." Departures from the norm would be weeded out long before a totally different kind of organism could evolve. Mutations aren't the answer either, since they usually result in the *loss* of information.

HUMAN ORIGINS

The subject of human origins is one of total confusion, with no generally agreed human "family tree." Theories change as new fossils are discovered. Most "ape-man" reconstructions are based on guesswork and artistic licence. Some evolutionists have admitted that popular ideas are wrong (see box). Why does all this matter? If a popular theory, which permeates almost every area of life, is having to be propped up to prevent it crumbling in the face of growing evidence, then it does matter! Evangelists testify that evolution is a major stumbling-block. It raises questions about the origin and existence of evil and death, and undermines the doctrine of The Fall and the need for a Saviour.

Evolution and salvation don't mix! "For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man." (1 Corinthians 15: 21).

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