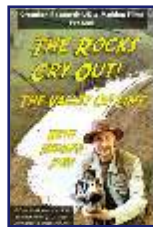


RESOURCE UPDATE



THE ROCKS CRY OUT! by Joseph Hubbard

Join Indiana Joe of *Creation Research UK*, and explore the incredible lime formation found at Harpur Hill, near Buxton, Derbyshire, UK and discover the research that's been done there. There is remarkable evidence of rapid fossilisation at this site. If you can visit (when the coronavirus crises is over) you can dig for fossils and see real-time deposition! Or just read the book and watch the online video. **Paperback 26 pages. £3.00 (+ £1.25 P & P)** Watch the video at <https://therockscryout.co.uk/videos>

Visit our online shop at www.crt.org.uk for our full range of books, DVDs, literature, etc..

ON-LINE RESOURCES

Plenty to see and hear during the lockdown!

Professor Stuart Burgess has made two 20-minute videos from the *Is Genesis History* programmes available online. You can view them freely at <https://profstuartburgess.com/origins>

The complete *Is Genesis History* film can also be viewed at <https://tinyurl.com/yabg7se7>

The *Biblical Creation Trust* has a number of short videos and presentations which can be viewed via links on their Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/biblicalcreationtrust

Creation Ministries International are providing some webinars (internet seminars) To find out more, go to <https://creation.com/webinars>

Answers in Genesis is offering to participate in church services and meetings whether live or by recording a talk, via *Zoom*. To find out more, email AIG@answersingenesis.org

MEDIA WATCH (from page two)

DESPERATE TO AVOID A BEGINNING

Although the "big bang" theory of the origin of the universe is the most popular explanation of how it all began, many secular scientists admit there are serious problems with the model. Some of these were highlighted in an article headed "What Happened before the Big Bang?" in *LiveScience.com* (21st April 2020). "In the beginning, there was an infinitely dense, tiny ball of matter. Then, it all went bang, giving rise to the atoms, molecules, stars and galaxies we see today. Or at least, that's what we've been told by physicists for the past several decades. But new theoretical physics research has recently revealed a possible window into the very early universe, showing that it may not be "very early" after all. Instead it may be just the latest iteration of a bang-bounce cycle that has been going on for ... well, at least once, and possibly forever.... But as good as it is, we know that the Big Bang picture is not complete — there's a puzzle piece missing, and that piece is the earliest moments of the universe itself." The article continued: "Taken at face value [the big bang theory] tells us that at one point, the universe was crammed into an infinitely tiny, infinitely dense point. This is obviously absurd, and what it really tells us is that we need new physics to solve this problem — our current toolkit just isn't good enough. To save the day we need some new physics..." The suggested solution is the "cyclical universe" theory, which proposes that the "big bang" was not really the beginning at all, but part of a process that could have been going on "possibly forever."



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COMMENT: It's amazing the lengths to which secular scientists will go to avoid having to face up to an actual beginning and what happened before it, so they are seeking to "save the day" by proposing ever more speculative theories. They prefer to believe in eternal matter, rather than an eternal Creator who is "from everlasting to everlasting." (*Psalms 90: 2*). We believe that our God — who was there when the universe began — has told us in His word what actually happened, and it was not a "big bang."

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CREATION MINISTRY IN RUSSIA

Professor Andy McIntosh visited Russia from March 12th-18th, where he spoke at several venues in Moscow and St Petersburg. He described it as "a valuable visit", and reported that Russia is "wide open to the Gospel." He was in Russia at the invitation of Pastor Pavel Kolesnikov of Zelengrad Baptist Church, Moscow, who takes "an uncompromising stand" on Genesis.

On Saturday March 14th in central Moscow, Andy spoke on "Critical thinking in the Natural Sciences." 100 copies of the new Russian translation of Andy's *Genesis for Today* quickly sold out, and many English-language creation books were also sold.

MANY YOUNG PEOPLE

On Sunday, Andy spoke on the issue of marriage. "Many asked questions and were very much appreciating the Biblical teaching on gender and marriage which I based primarily on Genesis 2." Another session the same day, entitled "Has Science killed God?" saw the room full and many young people came bringing their friends.



Zelonograd Baptist Church, Moscow



An attentive crowd at St Petersburg Christian University.



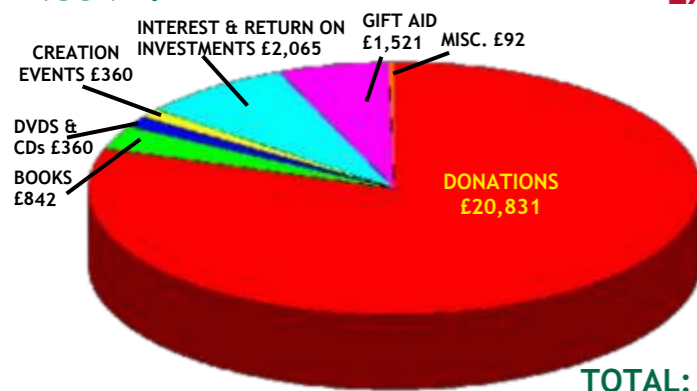
Andy signing his books

On Monday Andy and Pastor Pavel flew to St Petersburg, where Andy spoke on "Critical thinking in the Natural Sciences" at the Christian University, an important institution in the cultural heartland of Russia, which trains pastors and Christian leaders. "Staff and students kept coming in, and the place was full... Books and resources went very quickly." On his final day, Andy visited the *Light in the East Mission* just outside St Petersburg, where there is a warehouse "stacked full of Christian literature" which is being sent all over Russia. Andy was thankful to get a direct flight back to the UK just before the COVID-19 lockdown began.

CRT ACCOUNTS, YEAR ENDING 31/12/19

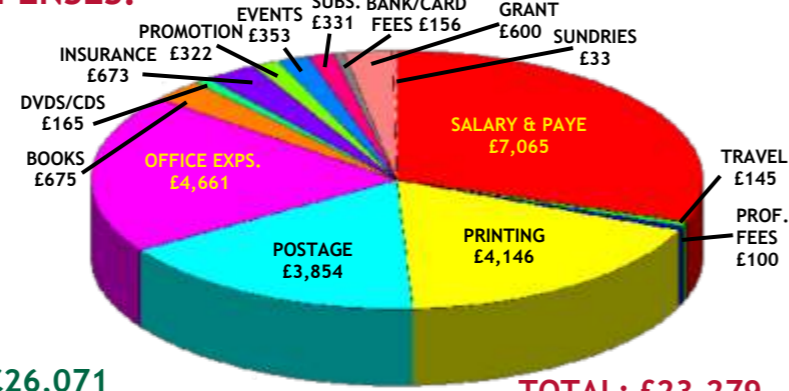
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NORTH KOREA TO GET CREATION MOMENTS

Creation Moments (publishers of our regular page two feature) is partnering with *Trans World Radio* to reach more than 75 million people in North and South Korea. Broadcasting over TWR's Guam transmitter, this project will proclaim the gospel of Christ to millions throughout Korea and also teach creation truth to those who are being indoctrinated with godless evolution. As well as millions of people throughout the two Koreas, the programmes will also reach Korean-speaking people in Russia, China and Japan, who will hear the same messages that are broadcast every weekday in other parts of the world.

The "Hope for Korea" project will bring the gospel and sound biblical teaching to a nation where people can be executed for owning a Bible, yet are in desperate need of biblical truth. These broadcasts have the potential to impact families and individuals listening to their radios in secret, encourage prisoners living in work camps, build up students, and speak life and hope to those living without hope for so many years! *Creation Moments* has already started producing the audio tracks in Korean and will begin airing biblical creation programmes in the very near future. They have "high expectations of a bountiful harvest." You can find out more about the "Hope for Korea" project, and also support the project financially, at <https://tinyurl.com/rssa5fe>



MEDIA WATCH

News from various media sources

“WONDER-CHICKEN” FILLS NO GAPS

“A newly discovered fossil bird could be the earliest known ancestor of every chicken on the planet,” according to *BBC News* 20th March 2020. “The unique fossil, from about 67 million years ago, gives a glimpse into the dawn of modern birds.” The report continued: “Birds are descended from dinosaurs, but precisely when they evolved into birds like the ones alive today has been difficult to answer. This is due to a lack of fossil data. The newly discovered - and well-preserved - fossil skull should help fill in some of the gaps.” Dr Daniel Field of the University of Cambridge, who has nick-named it “Wonder-Chicken” said, “It’s the only nearly complete skull of a modern bird that we have, so far, from the age of dinosaurs and it’s able to tell us quite a lot about the early evolutionary history of birds.”

Artist's impression by Philip Krzeminski

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COMMENT: This report is full of contradictions. After asserting that “birds are descended from dinosaurs”, it admits that it “has been difficult” to say precisely when they evolved “due to a lack of fossil data.” Also, since this fossil belongs to a “modern bird”, how on earth can it fill in any gaps in the supposed “early evolutionary history of birds”? If modern birds existed in the “age of dinosaurs” then they didn’t evolve from them!

‘RAPID’ EVOLUTION — OR CREATION?

Evolutionists believe that Ichthyosaurs (right) evolved from land-dwelling ancestors, even though there is no fossil evidence for this transition. Now, some scientists are claiming that these creatures underwent “rapid evolution.” An article in *Nature.com* (13th February 2020) said “Ichthyosaurs burst onto the scene”. And a press release on the same day from Bristol University included this quote from Dr Ben Moon: “Ichthyosaurs are a fascinating group of animals to work on because they evolved so many adaptations for living in water very quickly: a fish-like body and tail fin, giving birth to live young rather than laying eggs, and lots of different feeding styles. Because of this we expected to see a rapid evolution early after ichthyosaurs first appeared, but we were staggered by just how big this early burst was and how relatively short it was.”



By Nobu Tamura: Wikipedia

COMMENT: Darwin claimed that evolution proceeded by slow, gradual changes. This is just one more piece of evidence that Darwin was wrong. However, in the total absence of fossil evidence, surely special creation is a much more reasonable explanation than “rapid evolution”? Evolutionists have to believe that these reptiles evolved their many “adaptations” in bursts. We believe that “God created the great creatures of the sea” (*Genesis 1: 21*) ready designed for their aquatic lifestyle.

DEAF MOTHS BEAT BATS

Most moths can hear the ultrasonic sound of bats and are able to evade them, but what about deaf moths? Well, according to a report in *Science Daily* (25th February 2020) “Some species of deaf moths can absorb as much as 85 per cent of the incoming sound energy from predatory bats -- who use echolocation to detect them. The findings reveal the moths, who are unable to hear the ultrasonic calls of bats, have evolved this clever defensive strategy to help it survive. A team from Bristol's School of Biological Sciences discovered that the thorax scales of two

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“You will not certainly die.”

“You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman. “For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

(*Genesis 4: 4-5*)

God’s word to Adam had been that he had permission to eat the fruit of any tree in the Garden of Eden except that of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. God told Adam that the day he did so, he would “certainly die”. But Satan directly contradicted God when he said, “You will not certainly die.”

This direct contradiction of God’s word did not come immediately. Satan still employs the same strategy as he did in the Garden and it is this: he takes time to soften up his victim before he directly contradicts God.

In the early stages, he caused Eve to doubt what she thought she knew, but when he reaches his contradiction, he invokes a false piety. ‘God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.’

Of course, on one level, it is right to want to be like God. We want to love what He loves and to do what He would have us do. But the devil suggests that there is something more – a deeper knowledge of good and evil. That has to involve the experience of evil because Adam and Eve already knew about good and evil – good is obeying God’s commandment, and evil is disobeying it. Part of the devil’s lie is that you cannot know good without experiencing evil. That is still part of the devil’s lie today.

Prayer: Lord, please help us to be alert to the wiles of the devil when he tries to make a course of action sound holy, when it is actually contrary to Your word and will. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

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moths, *Antherina suraka*, and *Callosamia promethea* (right) looked structurally similar to fibres that are used as noise insulation.” The team discovered that the scales on a moth’s body can absorb up to 85 per cent of the incoming sound energy and reduce the distance a bat would be able to detect a moth by almost 25 per cent, increasing the moth’s survival chances. Researcher Dr Thomas Neil, said: “We were amazed to see that these extraordinary insects were able to achieve the same levels of sound absorption as commercially available technical sound absorbers, whilst at the same time being much thinner and lighter. We are now looking at ways in which we can use these biological systems to inspire new solutions to sound insulating technology.”



By Megamccarty: Wikipedia

COMMENT: How did these moths “achieve” the ability to absorb the bat’s signals in order to evade capture? By gradual evolution? This would mean that it wouldn’t be useful until it was able to provide real protection. Man-made noise insulation materials — which are apparently inferior to the bats’ — are the result of intelligent planning, so why not the sound-absorbing scales of these moths?

MEDIA WATCH CONTINUES ON BACK PAGE



FROM OUR MAILBOX...

“Greetings to you in Jesus Name. Many thanks for sending news letters, books and CDs. They are of great help to me.” — C.J., India.

EDITORIAL

Coronavirus response refutes evolution!

By Geoff Chapman

Photo by Mike Cornwell: Wikipedia



“Darwinism, as a system of values, is deeply pernicious and evil and should be fought against. A Darwinian society would be a very unpleasant society in which to live.” —Prof. Richard Dawkins, *Sunday Express*, 5th January 1997.

It is often said that crises bring out the worst and the best in people. This has certainly been the case with coronavirus. We have seen people fighting over toilet rolls in supermarkets, heard of hand sanitiser being sold at exorbitant prices, and scammers trying to con vulnerable people.

However, such cases are in a minority and most people have demonstrated a remarkable community spirit. Prime Minister Boris Johnson appealed for 150,000 people to volunteer to assist the National Health Service. Within 24 hours, more than 400,000 people responded, and the number has now reached 750,000! Nurses and doctors came out of retirement to join the many other health professionals and carers who are willing to risk their own lives to care for others. People have been doing shopping for the household, getting to know neighbours for the first time, and going out of their way to see that lonely and vulnerable people are not overlooked.

A PROBLEM FOR DARWINISTS

Caring for the needs of others, especially those who are not related, is known as *altruism*. which has been defined as “disinterested and selfless concern for the well-being of others.” Darwinists struggle to explain why altruism exists, since evolution implies the “survival of the fittest.” Whilst caring for one’s own tribe or family could possibly be explained within a Darwinian framework, there is no evolutionary explanation as to why people should care for famine victims on the other side of the world, or people whom they would normally regard as enemies. The actions of the Good Samaritan in Jesus’s famous parable make no sense from a Darwinian viewpoint. Yet such examples of altruism are widespread, and form the basis of most charity work. Altruism is not limited to human beings. A honeybee will sting to protect its hive from intruders, even though the act causes it to die. Wolves will bring back meat to share with pack members who were not present at the kill. However, these examples are a far cry from the altruism shown by human beings. “There are obvious long-term benefits to giving your lunch to your



The Good Samaritan by Rembrandt. Darwinists have no credible explanation for such altruism.

child, but it is less clear how you will benefit from giving your lunch to a homeless person you will never see again.”¹ Well-known Darwinist Professor Richard Dawkins admits: “Much as we may wish to believe otherwise, universal love and welfare of the species as a whole are concepts which simply do not make evolutionary sense.”²

IMAGE MARRED BUT NOT ERASED

Altruism makes perfect sense within a Bible-based worldview, which states that human beings were created in the image of God (*Genesis 1: 27*). Although sin has marred that image, it hasn’t been entirely erased. This explains why people do selfless things, and even make great sacrifices, for the sake of others they may not even know. So, we should rejoice for all the examples of the human spirit triumphing over decades of evolutionary indoctrination!

Although evolutionary ideas have resulted in much cruel and inhuman behaviour, the selfless response of thousands of people to the coronavirus crisis, as well as the common willingness of millions of people to respond to appeals to help disaster victims, totally refutes the Darwinian doctrine of “the selfish gene” and “survival of the fittest.” Even Richard Dawkins admits that “a Darwinian society would be a very unpleasant society in which to live.” (see box above).

LEGACY OF BIBLE-BASED ETHICS

Another factor which explains human altruism, at least in part, is the legacy of Bible-based ethics to which most people in the West have been exposed, and which forms the basis of our systems of justice and Government. These include the revolutionary teachings of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount. e.g. “Love your enemies”, and going “the second mile.” (*Matthew 5: 41-43*).³ However, with Biblical truth being side-lined and increasingly rejected, this spiritual capital is in danger of running out, and the consequences could be disastrous. Even Richard Dawkins thinks ending religion would be a bad thing: “People may feel free to do bad things because they feel God is no longer watching them.”⁴ And after observing the work of Christian charities, atheistic journalist Matthew Parris admitted that “Africa needs God... In Africa, Christianity changes people’s hearts. It brings a spiritual transformation. The rebirth is real. The change is good.”⁵

Parris is right: humanitarian work divorced from the Gospel may change situations but not lives. Only Jesus Christ can do that. “If anyone is in Christ the new creation has come: the old is gone, the new is here!” (2 Corinthians 5: 17). We pray that, during this time of crisis, many will find and embrace that new life in Christ.

1. *Altruism May Be Universally and Uniquely Human.* American Psychological Association, apa.org. 25th June 2015.
2. *The Selfish Gene*, 1976.
3. See our tract: *People & Lives Changed by a Revolutionary Book* (free in request).
4. *The Times*, 15th October 2019.
5. *The Times*, 27th December 2008.

CREATION EVENTS CANCELLED OR POSTPONED

Due to the coronavirus lockdown, planned creation meetings and events have been cancelled or postponed, and may not resume until the autumn. Therefore, we are not producing a Prayer Diary this quarter. For any updates, please check the events page on our website www.crt.org.uk

CRT’s 2020 annual public meeting has been postponed until Saturday 31st October.

The Davis Hall, West Camel, near Yeovil, Somerset, BA22 7QX.

Guest speaker: Prof. Stuart Burgess. Details will be in our autumn issue.

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