



Creation Matters

A NEWSLETTER PROVIDING CHRISTIANS UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ABOUT THE CREATION/EVOLUTION ISSUE AND THE MUSEUM AT CREATION MINISTRIES OF THE OZARKS

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WHEN SCIENCE REPLACES GOD

Natalie Wolchover, staff reporter at Life's Little Mysteries.com recently quoted in a Live Science NBCNews.com update wrote,

“Over the past few centuries, science can be said to have gradually chipped away at the traditional grounds for believing in God. Much of what once seemed mysterious—the existence of humanity, the life-bearing perfection of Earth, the workings of the universe—**CAN NOW BE EXPLAINED BY BIOLOGY, ASTRONOMY, PHYSICS AND OTHER DOMAINS OF SCIENCE**” (emphasis added).

Question: Does our modern increase in understanding biology, astronomy and other sciences demolish “grounds for believing in God”? Absolutely not! In fact our *limited* understanding of the sciences such as the amazing complexity of DNA and the vastness of the universe, actually should *increase* (to those of reasonable mind) our awareness that there must be a Creator. An honest scientist who sees science for what it is wrote,

“In the final analysis we still know very little about how new forms of life arise. The ‘mystery of mysteries’—the origin of new beings on earth—is still largely as enigmatic as when Darwin set sail on the Beagle” (Dr. Michael Denton, *Evolution: A Theory in Crisis*, 1985, pp. 358—359).

Wolchover, quoted above, has been deceived by bogus science. After studying secular humanistic evolutionary science to the graduate level (she dropped out to pursue writing), she like many others who have been subjected to this type of indoctrination, would find it very hard indeed to even consider the possibility of a Creator God.

This shows how successful the enemy of God has been to lead people away from the truth. And this also reveals the great need to “speak the truth in love” (Ephesians 4:15), to those who have been deceived. Our calling as Christians is to point to Christ as our living resurrected Savior and Lord.

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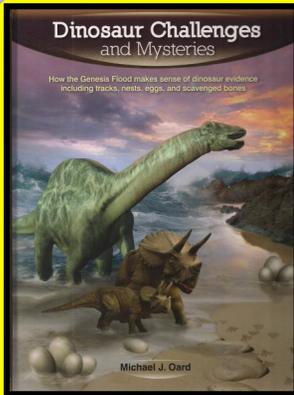
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JUNK DNA?

**Information below is from an update provided by Dr. Andy McIntosh
Professor of Thermodynamics and Combustion Theory, University of Leeds, UK.**

For the last 10 years the prestigious ENCODE project (Encode stands for Encyclopedia of DNA Elements and involves many scientists working at 32 institutions all over the world) has been working on the human DNA and has taken the view that most of the human genome was inconsequential repeats and vestigial from early evolutionary developments in our distant past. The general view was that the majority of the DNA was 'junk' except for the small 3% or so of coding DNA. All that changed on 5 September 2012. Ewan Birney of the EMBL-European Bioinformatics Institute, lead analysis coordinator for ENCODE, stated: "Our genome is simply alive with switches: millions of places that determine whether a gene is switched on or off". The scientific journal Nature introduced the project on its website with the statement: "Far from being junk, the vast majority of our DNA participates in at least one biochemical event in at least one cell type, according to the Encyclopedia of DNA Elements (ENCODE) project". Ewan Birney told the BBC: "The term junk DNA must now be junked. It's clear from this research that a far bigger part of the genome is biologically active than was previously thought".

This is a major finding and shows that the predictions of evolutionary based thinking concerning genetics and genomics has been false. Indeed the creation community have long been predicting that function would be found for the non-coding part of DNA, and that has been exactly what has been found for at least 80% of it and it looks like all of it will be found to be full of switching controls which interacts with the coding part of the DNA. So here is a classic example of good predictive science arising from the creation model!

CARBON 14 IN DINOSAUR BONES?

Recently, significant amounts of C14 have been found in dinosaur bones. This means that even assuming present day values of C14 in the atmosphere as being representative of the values in the past, because any significant radioactivity can only be possible for up to about 10 half lives, then with a half life of 5,700 years, significant C14 readings have to imply that the dinosaur bones were buried less than 57,000 years ago and certainly not 65 Million Years ago as claimed by evolutionary scientists.

ED.: Well, the evidence keeps mounting for the historical accuracy of the Bible—not for millions of years.

The Perils of Theistic Evolution

by Philip Bell (Reprinted from CMI Extra, September, 2012)

For more than a decade, I have felt keenly both the privilege and the responsibility of speaking about the truth and authority of the Bible. Nowhere has the conflict of opinion been more intense than in discussion with theistic evolutionists (TEs)—those who insist that God used evolution¹ to bring living things into being. According to Denis Alexander (a molecular biologist and commentator on science and religion at Cambridge University, England), we ‘creationists’ “*Bring the gospel into disrepute*”, our teaching is “*damaging to the spread of God’s kingdom*”, we’re *divisive*”, and “*Christian campaigns against evolution represent a giant ‘red herring’....*”² On the last claim, we have found, quite to the contrary, that our ongoing *Question Evolution* campaign has gathered momentum and is certainly not being ignored.

Dangers of compromise

For a few years, until partway through university, I myself departed from the straightforward reading of Genesis and embraced theistic evolution (TE). Humanly speaking, belief in evolution brought me to a crisis in my faith: either the evolutionary view was wrong, or the Genesis record of Creation/Fall/Flood/Babel was wrong. If Genesis wasn’t historically reliable, Christianity itself would fail to be a logically defensible faith in my eyes.

Thanks to God, my story did not end in spiritual shipwreck—but I have never forgotten my wrestling about origins. 25 Years on, I am more convinced than ever of the real dangers in swallowing worldly philosophy. It is dangerous for Christians to allow the opinions of clever men and women to shape their understanding of the Word of God. I passionately believe that the Christian church must strongly resist the accommodation with evolution that is threatening more and more otherwise evangelical churches.

The Bible is made to bow the knee to secular thinking

Within TE, evolution is declared to be an indisputable fact, even when this cuts across the “face-value” reading of Scripture. As an example of this, Denis Alexander wrote “*How do we understand the Fall in the light of evolution?*”³ In other words, man’s thinking trumps Bible truth! Yet, the Bible is perfect and unalterable (Psalm 118:89, Proverbs 30:5,6); truth is not negotiable!

Scripture’s plain reading forced into an Evolutionary straitjacket

TE contradicts what is called the perspicuity of Scripture.⁴ It undermines the basic way we read the historical accounts of Genesis 1-11, reducing them

to myth, allegory, poetry or parable. In effect, the audacious claim is being made that nobody before Darwin could properly understand Genesis!

God the Creator vs. God the evolver

Scripture is clear that God is perfect (Matthew 5:48), holy (Isaiah 6:3), omnipotent (Jeremiah 32:17), light, life (John 1:4,5) and love (1 John 4:16)—and that His attributes are “clearly seen” (Romans 1:20). But how are power, knowledge and love of God clearly manifest in TE? For such a god would not appear to know how to create creatures quickly (and therefore has limited power). And, if his alleged creative process (evolution by natural selection) involved so much suffering and death over millions of years, this would be a denial of his goodness too (Gen. 1:31).

A disregard for the testimony of Christ

If TE is believed, Christ and the New Testament writers were in error (or deceitful) in their teaching about man’s existence from the dawn of time (Luke 1:70, 11:50, Mark 10:6, Acts 3:21, Romans 1:20); and wrong, too, about Earth’s creation from water, the Noahic Flood (2 Peter 3:3—6), man’s distinction from animals (1 Corinthians 15:39), a literal Adam (e.g. 1 Corinthians 15:47—49), Eve’s creation from Adam (1 Timothy 2:13,14), a literal temptation of Eve by Satan (2 Corinthians 11:3), and much more.

TE undermines the Gospel of Jesus Christ

The way of finding God is badly obscured by TE teaching. Original perfection, sin, the Fall, death and suffering—all have to be redefined. With no historical Adam (the position of many TEs), it’s no surprise that they often deny that our sinful nature and *physical* (not merely spiritual) death was inherited from “the first man Adam.” Paul’s teaching in Romans 5 and 1 Corinthians 15 is weakened by TEs to the extent that the logical basis for the free gift of abundant grace and righteousness through Jesus is totally undermined.

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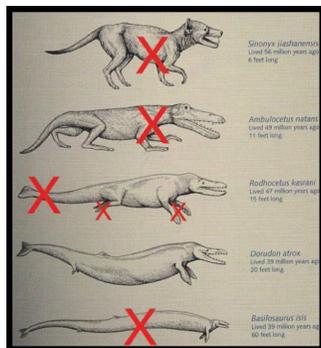
(Endnotes)

1. Evolution used here and in this article means; descent with modification of all organisms (including humans) from a common ancestor, over millions of years.
2. *Creation or Evolution? Do we have to choose?* Monarch Books, 2008, p. 353—354.
3. See creation.com/viva-la-evolution.
4. The principle that God’s Word is clear and lucid and plainly understood.

IMAGINARY SCIENCE!

Chares Darwin, who popularized the *idea*¹ of evolution, had a problem trying to explain the existence of whales in the oceans. Whales are warm-blooded mammals, and as such are supposed to have become so by first coming on to land before evolving through the imagined process of fish to amphibians, then to reptiles and mammals. Having reached the mammal stage, a particular type of mammal (there are different suggestions by evolutionists as to exactly what that animal was) then favored returning to the ocean to become today's whales—at least, this is the evolutionary fairy-tale story. Believe it or not, in the first edition of his book Darwin wrote:

*"I can see no difficulty in a race of bears being rendered, by natural selection, more and more aquatic in their structure and habits, with larger and larger mouths, till a creature was produced as monstrous as a whale."*²



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of whale evolution that were supposed to have taken place beginning with a very questionable animal. In fact, the supposed mammal that decided to go back to the ocean to live has been suggested to be a cat-like animal, a hyena-like animal, or a hippopotamus among others!

As the red Xs point out in the illustration above, the scientific evidence for the supposed evolving of physical traits such as front flippers, rear legs, and a whale-like tail from the first imaginary creature, is completely without verification. They are just imaginary drawings!

Dr. Werner explains the thinking and mindset of scientists who support evolution when he writes,

*"Even though millions of fossil whale bones have been discovered, the fossil record of whales is not complete. New fossil whales are being discovered every year. They believe that one day all of the missing links for whales, including the land animal that evolved into a whale, will be found."*³

In other words, in spite of the extreme lack of fossil evidence for the evolving of whales from land animals, evolutionists intend never to give up this idea. The Bible speaks of those who "...suppress the truth in unrighteousness" and who become "futile in their thoughts" (Romans 1:18,21). However, God is still finding hearts that are open. We heard recently of a professed atheist who visited our museum and afterwards confessed that he could no longer believe as an atheist!

This is the main purpose of CMOTO, to faithfully use the means God has given us to **"speak the truth in love"** (Eph. 4:15) and proclaim the Gospel message. God bless you all.



Dr. Rod Butterworth is president and founder of Creation Ministries of the Ozarks.

1. Using the word "theory" would suggest a foundation upon which to build—there is no scientific foundation for the imaginary idea of Darwinian evolution.

2. Darwin, C. (1859). *On The Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection, or The Preservation of Favoured Races in the Struggle for Life* (1st Edition Facsimile). Cambridge: Harvard University Press, p. 184.

3. Werner, C. *Evolution: The Grand Experiment, Vol. 1* (New Leaf Press, Green Forest AR: 2007) p. 146.

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