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Annual Public Meeting
Saturday 5th May 2020
The Davis Hall, Howell Hill, West Camel, Near Yeovil, BA22 7QX.

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.”

More “Earlier than Believed”

According to Science Daily (19th December 2019), “While sifting through fossil soils in the Ctskill 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.”

Creation attractions and museums in the UK

THE GENESIS EXPO

Run by the Creation Science Movement, 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 Noah’s Ark, there are many other 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.noahsarkzoofarm.co.uk

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 the 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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The Noah’s Ark scale model

Some of the Genesis Expo exhibits

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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 can be lived in by intelligent civilizations.” These “Goldilocks” planets may enjoy habitability, but they are “burdened by severe climate changes on a seasonal and interannual basis 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.” Some simulations to show that a planet could soon lose its atmosphere would be stripped and the associated radiation. “Surely it’s not an accident that everything is just right for us. They’re going to go. The atmosphere would be stripped and the associated radiation.” Scientists used computer simulations to show that a planet could soon lose its atmosphere. “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 simulation 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 from the time show a giant extinct sea scorpion Jaekelopterus. Its ‘eyes’ reveal that their structure ‘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 of today’s horseshoe crabs had “already evolved more than 400 million years ago.”

COMMENT: Although we don’t accept the dating, it seems clear that the “horseshoe crabs” and light-capable primitive birds 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.”

“None of the feathers are currently associated with distinct dinosaurs or birds. Assuming they are dinosaur feathers, 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. Even a short, even when you 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 copies were made and copied. There were checkers or proofreaders. Manuscripts with damaged sections were destroyed after copying to prevent copies errors. While these copies were not perfect, their perfectionist methodology prevented major errors. Thus, 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, minor differences that make no difference to the meaning. That’s inconsequential divergence — not a sensible way to build a firm religious foundation. So, we can trust that the Bible in your hands is the word of God.


Commentary

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

The creation in Genesis 1 is an essential element of the saving gospel of Christ. It is the foundation on which all other biblical doctrines are based. The message of creation in Genesis 1 is the first announcement of the resurrection of the dead comes also through Jesus’ resurrection. Since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead also comes through a man. (1 Corinthians 15: 21).

In the resurrection of Jesus, God has shown the power of His resurrection and the power of the Gospel. The resurrection is a major stumbling-block. It raises the most serious objections to the idea that the resurrection is a fact, as fully as the fact of the earth’s creation in Genesis 1 is an essential element of the saving gospel of Christ. The message of creation in Genesis 1 is the foundation on which all other biblical doctrines are based. The message of creation in Genesis 1 is the essential element of the saving gospel of Christ. The message of creation in Genesis 1 is the foundation on which all other biblical doctrines are based.

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). 1. Evolutionary Biology (3rd ed.) Sander, MA, 1998.


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Not a Telephone Game

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 none of these changes have been changed by any recognition of its original meaning.”

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Editorial

Evolutions crumbling edifice

By Geoff Chapman

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.” — Professor Douglas Futyma.

Intimating

Such statements are intimating, 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.”

A students’ book claimed: “ Somehow, every single time, it worked. If you look at the intricate machine we call the living cell, using only the raw materials to hand, all jumbled up.” “Trust 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 a 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 life... how and why single cell organisms organised themselves to live in a group, thereby forming multicellular life forms.”

Common descent

Darwin admitted that there is no “finitely graduated” chain of fossils, yet the view that all species have evolved from one 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 worked on the variations between any two animals.”

Debates from the north would be needlessly long before totally different kinds of animals could evolve. Muslims 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! Evolutionists testify that evolution is an “intimate, crumbling edifice.” 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).