

## RESOURCE UPDATE



### THE TRANSGENDER AGENDA

This excellent documentary (produced by *Truth in Science*) is aimed at the layperson. Seven expert witnesses (most with backgrounds in medicine, childcare or bioscience) make a compelling case that the transgender agenda is not evidence-based, but ideologically driven. It addresses such issues as: whether or not gender is binary; the use of puberty-blocking drugs; surgical intervention for those experiencing gender dysphoria; what's happening in schools; the actions and responsibilities of medical and healthcare professionals. There is no worldview or Christian content since the DVD focuses on the medical and scientific evidence.

28 minutes (+ 30 minutes of extras) £10 (+1.10 P & P)

### GAY MARRIAGE: RIGHT OR WRONG?

By Gary Bates and Lita Cosner

It is becoming ever more difficult, even for Christians, to think clearly about this issue. This booklet openly and frankly discusses the facts and helps clear away much of the confusion and misinformation that characterises this debate. It will help people to be better informed. Both scientifically and biblically sound, it displays genuine compassion while not shirking the truth. In short, a really great little booklet that clears up much confusion on a vital topic. **Paperback 40 pages £2 (+ £1.25 P & P) Special offer: Buy 5 for £9 (+ £3.25 P & P)**



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4pm. Worship and reports

4.30pm. 'Why I believe in creation'

5.30pm. Buffet tea

6.30pm. 'Hallmarks of Design'

Evidence for creative design in the natural world

Stuart Burgess has worked for the European Space Agency. He also 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."



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### GALAXY THEORIES CHALLENGED

"Scientists have challenged our current understanding of how galaxies form by unveiling pictures of a young galaxy in the early life of the Universe", *Science Daily* reported (11th February 2021). "The galaxy, dubbed ALESS 073.1, appears to have all of the features expected of a much more mature galaxy and has led the team of scientists to question how it grew so fast." The study's lead author Dr Federico Lelli, who undertook the work at Cardiff University's School of Physics and Astronomy, commented "In other words, this galaxy looks like a grown adult, but it should be just a little child." Co-author Dr Timothy Davis, from the School of Physics and Astronomy, said: "This spectacular discovery challenges our current understanding of how galaxies form because we believed these features only arose in 'mature' galaxies, not in young ones."



NASA photo

**COMMENT:** If galaxies are young as the Bible teaches, and the heavens and all their starry host were created by God (*Psalm 33:6*), then we would expect galaxies to be mature from the beginning.

### THUMBS UP FOR HUMANS

Humans are unique in having fully opposable thumbs. "The human thumb is a nimble wonder, allowing us to make tools, sew clothing, and open pickle jars," wrote Michael Price in *Science*, (28th January 2021). "But just how and when this unique digit evolved has long been a mystery." However, "a new study modeling muscle in fossilized thumbs suggests about 2 million years ago, our ancient ancestors evolved a uniquely dexterous appendage while our other close relatives remained... all thumbs." However, paleoanthropologist Tracy Kivell at the University of Kent, who was not involved with the work, and some others, "caution that the research is too preliminary to provide a true smoking gun. Figuring out how ancient thumbs worked isn't easy. Fossils don't preserve muscles." **COMMENT:** Unlike the thumb of apes, our unique thumbs can make a pinch grip with any of our four fingers. This enables us to do intricate things like sewing and picking up small objects, which apes don't need to do. Control of the thumb, alone, requires nine individual muscles. Sir Isaac Newton is said to have remarked: "In the absence of any other proof, the thumb alone would convince me of God's existence."



Chimp's hand (left) and a human hand.

### HOPES OF FINDING E.T. LIFE IN 10 YEARS

According to *Science Daily* (16th April 2021), "Scientists may detect signs of extraterrestrial life in the next 5 to 10 years. Research shows that a new telescope could detect a potential signature of life on other planets in as little as 60 hours." Caprice Phillips, a student at Ohio State University said, "Humankind has contemplated the questions, 'Are we alone? What is life? Is life elsewhere similar to us? My research suggests that, for the first time, we have the scientific knowledge and technological capabilities to realistically begin to find the answers to these questions." She and her team have produced "a ranked list of where the telescope should search for life."

**COMMENT:** We have heard all this before. We predict that they won't find E. T. life, because it's not there to be found. However, we are not alone: there is a God who created us, and who has visited our planet in the Person of His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

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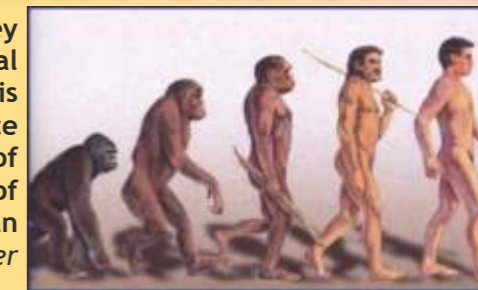
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## CONFUSION OVER HUMAN ORIGINS

We could be forgiven for thinking that evolutionists know what they believe about human origins. After all, we are all familiar with typical 'ape-to-human' illustrations (right). Yet, some evolutionists admit this is not a true picture. One of them is Henry Gee, editor of the famous science journal *Nature*, who wrote "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*. Yet we cling to it. Ideas of what human evolution ought to have been like still colour our debates." (6th October 2011, p. 34, *emphasis added*.)



### 'JUST A BIG MESS'

Recently, a number of science websites reported a review by the American Museum of Natural History headed "Most human origins stories are not compatible with known fossils." According to *Science Daily* (6th May 2021), "In the 150 years since Charles Darwin speculated that humans originated in Africa, the number of species in the human family tree has exploded, but so has the level of dispute concerning early human evolution." Paleoanthropologists have tried to "reconstruct the physical characteristics, behaviour, and environment of the last common ancestor of humans and chimps."

Sergio Almécija, a senior research scientist in the American Museum of Natural History's Division of Anthropology, the lead author of the review, said, "When you look at the narrative for hominin origins, it's just a big mess — there's no consensus whatsoever. People are working under completely different paradigms, and that's something that I don't see happening in other fields of science." The theory is that humans diverged from apes between 9.3 million and 6.5 million years ago.

The review points out that there are "two major approaches to resolving the human origins problem". The "top-down" approach involves the study of living apes, whereas the "bottom-up" approach focusses on extinct apes. "Some scientists assume that hominins originated from a chimp-like knuckle-walking ancestor. Others argue that the human lineage originated from an ancestor more closely resembling, in some features, some of the strange Miocene apes."

**COMMENT:** It's not surprising that these scientists can't reach a consensus on the family tree of human evolution, and that disputes about this are raging. No trace of the mythical "common ancestor" of apes and humans has ever been found, and creationists maintain that all the fossils that have been found can be classified as either apes or humans. The Bible's record of human origins still stands as the best interpretation of the evidence. (*Genesis 1: 21*). Evolutionary theories will continue to be adapted and changed, but the Biblical record won't — and doesn't need to!



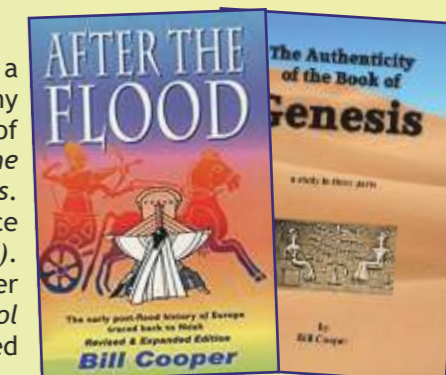
Our so-called ape-like ancestors, such as 'Lucy', were designed for knuckle-walking just like chimps (above) — supposedly our nearest living relatives.

## A gifted historian, researcher and author



Dr Bill Cooper

We are sorry to report the passing of Dr Bill Cooper, a gifted historian and researcher, and author of many books defending the reliability and authenticity of Biblical history, including the best-selling *After the Flood*, and *The Authenticity of the Book of Genesis*. Bill was a popular speaker and lecturer, and a Vice President of the UK *Creation Science Movement* (CSM). He also served as an Adjunct Professor on the Master Faculty at the *Institute for Creation Research School of Biblical Apologetics*. His books can be purchased from CSM at [www.csm.org.uk](http://www.csm.org.uk)



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# MEDIA WATCH

## News from various media sources

### SOPHISTICATED BREATHING ORGANS

*Science Daily* (31st March 2021) reported: "A new study has found the first evidence of sophisticated breathing organs in 450-million-year-old sea creatures. Contrary to previous thought, trilobites were leg breathers, with structures resembling gills hanging off their thighs... The researchers could see how blood would have filtered through chambers in these delicate structures, picking up oxygen along its way as it moved. They appear much the same as gills in modern marine arthropods like crabs and lobsters." Trilobites scavenged for food on the bottom of the sea and these structures were originally thought to help with swimming or digging. Melanie Hopkins of the American Museum of Natural History, commented: "You'd think it would be easy for those filaments to get clogged with sediment where they are. It's an open question why they evolved the structure in that place on their bodies."



**COMMENT:** The researchers can't understand how or why these "sophisticated breathing organs" evolved. They are "delicate structures", and we can't imagine how they could have been produced by natural selection through gradual evolutionary changes.

### NECK VERTEBRA LIKE "A BICYCLE WHEEL"

Pterosaurs had a neck longer than a giraffe (right) and palaeontologists have long wondered how they managed to take off and fly while carrying prey. *The Guardian* (14th April 2021) reported that the mystery has been solved following CT scans of fossils found in Morocco. "The findings, published in *iScience*, show a complex image of spoke-like structures, arranged in a helix around a central tube inside the neck vertebra, similar to that of a bicycle wheel." Dave Martill, a professor of palaeobiology at Portsmouth, said: "They even cross over like the spokes of a bicycle wheel. Evolution shaped these creatures into awesome, breathtakingly efficient flyers." Scientists believe the intricate construction could help engineers develop longer, thinner, and stronger lightweight structures.



By Yinam Chen: Public Domain

**COMMENT:** Evolution didn't shape these creatures into "awesome, breathtakingly efficient flyers." These giant flying reptiles couldn't have survived if their neck structures had evolved gradually. It was God who shaped these "complex spoke-like structures"!

### BIRDS' CENTRAL HEATING SYSTEM

"Researchers at Lund University in Sweden have discovered that bird blood produces more heat in winter, when it is colder, than in autumn," reported *Science Daily* (9th April 2021). "Until now, the common perception has been that birds keep warm by shivering with their large pectoral muscles and fluffing up their feathers... The secret lies in the energy factories of cells, the mitochondria." Mammals have no mitochondria in their red blood cells, but birds do.. Blood samples taken from great tits, blue tits (left), and coal tits in winter contained more mitochondria. "This means that the blood can function as a central heating system."

**COMMENT:** Central heating systems are designed by engineers. This discovery points to the intelligent design of birds' blood, and is evidence of God's care for His creatures.



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# Creation Moments

## DESIGNED TO RENEW

But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare. (2 Peter 3:10)

We live in a world – indeed, a universe – that is in continual change. Things have been designed that way for a very important reason. Unfortunately, some people choose to define evolution as simply change. However, that's not the kind of continuous change that surrounds us.

The change we see around us serves to keep things the same. Biologists call this "stasis." That might sound contradictory, but think about it for a moment. A baby is born – that's change. The baby grows into a child and then a young adult. That's more change. In the end, though, a new generation is born to replace the last generation, and things are as they were. It's the cycle of life, common to all living things.

What's more, the interrelated life cycles of all living things complement each other. Plants use sunlight and carbon dioxide to make oxygen and food, which are needed by the animal kingdom and human beings. Each generation of living things reproduces after its own kind, helping to keep this balance in tune.

The change we see all around us was designed by the Creator to renew the creation so that it might remain stable – the same. We can truly say that the more things change, the more they stay the same. However, this state of affairs will not go on forever. One day – and perhaps soon – the world will end. The Son of God, Who was the instrument of our creation and the instrument of our salvation, will return. Are you ready to meet Him?

**Prayer:** Dear Lord, help me to be prepared to meet You without fear when You return. I trust in Your promise of salvation through the forgiveness of sin that You earned for me on the cross. Amen.

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### Professor Andy McIntosh

Our prayers and best wishes go to Professor Andy McIntosh who is recovering from surgery following a heart attack. Andy is grateful to the many who have prayed for him, and to the NHS staff for their prompt and efficient attention. He writes: "God is sovereign and I am so grateful for His kindness in allowing me a measure of some recovery."



### From our mailbox....

Thank you for sending *Original View* and *Our World*. The magazines are excellent and I pray that you may be able to keep this high standard going for years —N.J., Newcastle-upon-Tyne.



Thank you so much for the wonderful box of resources which arrived yesterday. I am so grateful for the materials. I now have a good selection to re-launch my 'resources table.' —R. M. Salisbury.

# EDITORIAL

## Not perfect yet!

By Geoff Chapman

**P**LANET Earth is perfect. Everything about our world – its size, its distance from the Sun, its spin and tilt, its moon – is perfectly suited to our existence, and our planet's natural forces perfectly nurture life.' So read the story-line of the recent BBC TV documentary series *A Perfect Planet*, narrated by Sir David Attenborough.

### NOT QUITE TRUE

We could almost agree with that statement, but not quite. Yes, earth is a wonderful place, uniquely suited for life, and as Sir David rightly said, as far as we know it is the only planet in the universe where there is life. The TV series documented many of the wonders of our world, which, although not mentioned, point to the wisdom of our amazing Creator.

Yet we know only too well that there are many things on earth which are far from perfect. In fact, Sir David himself has used some of these examples, such as a parasitic worm, as an argument against the existence of a benevolent Creator.<sup>1</sup> Many Christians also struggle with the fact that nature is "red in tooth and claw" because they, like David Attenborough, ignore what the Bible says about the Fall.

### A CURSED CREATION

God declared His completed creation to be "very good" (*Genesis 1: 31*), but that was before Adam and Eve sinned. The existence of death and suffering is a real problem for those who believe that this was going on for millions of years before



Sir David Attenborough

"A perfect Planet"? We are now living in the middle, between the original "very good" creation and the promised restoration — a "new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells."



A cat eating a bird: nature is "red in tooth and claw" because of the Fall

humans appeared. God told Adam, "Cursed is the ground because of you." (*Genesis 3: 17*). The Bible – both Old and New Testaments – clearly tells us that the whole of creation has been cursed because of sin. This was emphasized by the apostle Paul: "We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time." (*Romans 8: 22*). But Paul encourages us to look forward to the time when the creation will be liberated from this "bondage to decay." (*Romans 8: 21*).

God's "very good" creation was spoilt by human sin, but God has begun the restoration by sending His only Son, Jesus Christ, to deal with the sin problem through His atoning death, and to create new people. "If anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: the old has gone, the new is here!" (2 *Corinthians 5:17*).

### LIVING IN THE MIDDLE

We are now living in the middle, between the original "very good" creation and the promised restoration – "a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells." (2 *Peter 3: 13*). That new creation will be a reversal of the fall of Genesis 3. "No longer will there be any curse." (*Revelation 22: 3*). All the things which spoil our present world will be gone. "There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." (*Revelation 21: 4*).

Our present world, despite being blighted by the Fall, is still a wonderful place, but it is nothing compared with the wonder of the future new creation, when Christian believers will have new bodies, and all eternity to enjoy "the things God has prepared for those who love him." (1 *Corinthians 2: 9*). **As we struggle in this fallen world, those who are "in Christ" can live in confident hope of sharing in that new creation.**

1. Interview on *Enough Rope* (ABC), Episode 28, 22 September 2003.

## 60th ANNIVERSARY OF "GAME-CHANGER" BOOK

Those who are celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary will usually receive a card from the Queen offering her congratulations to the couple. But how do we celebrate the Diamond Anniversary of an important Christian book?

In 1961, the theologian John Whitcomb and scientist Henry Morris wrote a book called *The Genesis Flood*. It was a game-changer for those trying to get the first few chapters of Genesis treated as real history. It certainly changed my life from being a theistic evolutionist into a six-day creationist. At last I understood that the fossils were not a record of evolution, but a record of a catastrophic death. That was the main thesis of the book and, although some issues mentioned in the book are no longer judged to be correct (such as the vapour canopy), the book still stands as a major testimony to Genesis being real history. In the intervening years, others have taken up the challenge of maintaining the impact of the book by producing newer works such as by Andrew Snelling of AIG (*Earth's Catastrophic Past*) and Paul Garner of BCM (*The new Creationism*).

We thank God for these 1961 Christian authors (now in Glory-land) and their fore-runners such as Byron Nelson in his *The Deluge Story in the Stone*. We pray for other godly authors to keep the story going.

—Dr. John D Matthews, retired chartered geologist.

