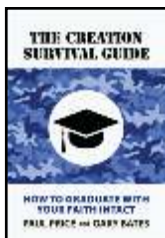


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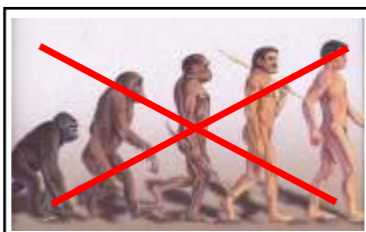
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EVOLUTION IMAGE IS "COMPLETELY WRONG"

The popular image of human evolution (right), showing a gradual progression from an ape-like creature to a modern human, "is completely wrong" wrote Dr Adam Rutherford in *The Mail on Sunday* (4th July 2021). He continued, "A new discovery... perfectly illustrates what scientists such as myself



have long known: the image is completely wrong.... we are going to have to rethink the story of humankind." The new discovery is a skull known as "Dragon Man." Discovered somewhere in China in 1933, but recently rediscovered after being hidden in a well, it had a brain size similar to modern humans, but the assigned date of 146,000 years doesn't fit the conventional human evolution story. The *Mail on Sunday* article concluded: "The evolution of humankind is turning out to be less like a progression or a tree and more like a huge, sprawling, gloriously tangled bush."

COMMENT: Of course there never was a progression from ape to human, and no tree, just a wide variety of human types. We agree with Trow Lacey of *Answers in Genesis*: "Dragon Man" was a post-Babel human, created in the image of God, and just as human as we are.

BEETLE'S UPSIDE DOWN TRICK

It has long been known that some insects can walk on water, using the surface tension. However, *Live Science* (5th July 2021) reported the discovery of an insect that can walk upside down beneath the water surface! "The beetle's discovery was made by accident. John Gould, a behavioral biologist at the University of Newcastle in Callaghan, Australia, was searching for tadpoles in a pool of water in Australia's Watagan Mountains when he saw a small black object moving across the water. "The moment I realised the beetle was moving across the underside of the water's surface, I knew I had found something truly bizarre," Gould said. "The beetle was casually walking along the underside of the water's surface with ease while upside down." The beetle can even stay still while hanging upside down. Scientists have yet to discover just how the insect does it. But "studies of other water-walking insects, such as water striders, have led to advancements in robotic insects that can achieve the same feat."

COMMENT: We still have much to learn about the wonders of God's creation, and His wisdom in creating such marvels.

SHARKS DIGESTION WORKS LIKE VALVE

In 1920, Serbian-American inventor Nikola Tesla patented a one-way valve, allowing fluid to flow in only one direction without any moving parts. www.iflscience.com (23rd July 2021) reported that "Shark Intestines Operate Like Nikola Tesla's Valve." It turns out that sharks already have a digestive system that works just like Tesla's design. This discovery "could act as an inspiration for some novel uses for Tesla Valves, such as wastewater treatment mechanisms that maximize pollutant removal."

COMMENT: This is not a case of copying God's designs, but belatedly discovering that God did it first!



GROWING DOUBTS ABOUT DARWIN

THE number of scientists and academics who are expressing doubts or reservations about Charles Darwin's evolution theory is growing. This doesn't necessarily mean that they are all embracing creationism. However, many of them are admitting, often reluctantly, that natural processes, mutations and natural selection could not have produced life on earth, and that "intelligent design" is the more logical explanation.



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"I REALISED I HAD BEEN CONNED"



One of the latest Darwin doubters is Professor Neil Thomas (above right), a longtime member of the *British Rationalist Association* – a group known for religious scepticism. He has published dozens of articles in refereed journals, and was a steadfast Darwinist until an unexpected event. "I had something of an epiphany in a nightmare that Darwinism could not be true," he says. "I decided to read around a bit to see if this subconscious flash of insight could be true, and my research (which was diligent) confirmed the theory to be absurd. I realised I had been conned. I felt there was something dishonest about the huge claims made by Darwinism compared with the negligible evidence to support the thesis."

Prof. Thomas writes: "The way Darwinism has been hijacked to attack religion is disgraceful, especially when on purely scientific grounds religion seems more logical than Darwinism." He was so alarmed by this conclusion that he felt compelled to write a book, *Taking leave of Darwin*¹, to warn humanity: "Beware! You have been fooled!"

This is a step in the right direction, but we would hope and pray that Professor Thomas, and many others who have seen the flaws in Darwinism, would take that final step and acknowledge the Creator who has revealed Himself in the Bible, and in the Person of His Son, Jesus Christ.

•More than 1,000 scientists and academics have signed the "Dissent from Darwin" statement.² One of the latest signatories, Dr Rebecca Keller, gave her reason: "I found it important to sign this statement because I believe intellectual freedom fuels scientific discovery. If we, as scientists, are not allowed to question, ponder, explore, and critically evaluate all areas of science but forced to comply with current scientific orthodoxy then we are operating in a mode completely antithetical to the very nature of science."

1. *Taking leave of Darwin* is published by the *Discovery Institute*, and available from Amazon.co.uk
2. www.dissentfromdarwin.org



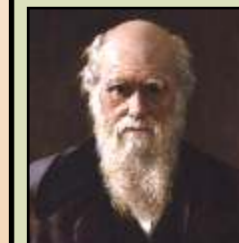
Another signatory of *Dissent from Darwin* is Dr. James Tour (left), one of the world's top synthetic organic chemists. He has authored 680 scientific publications and holds more than 120 patents. In 2014, *Thomson Reuters* named him one of "The World's Most Influential Scientific Minds." His work is often cited in leading scientific journals, and has been featured in the *New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal* and *Science* magazine. Dr Tour, a Messianic Jew, wrote, "I stand in awe of God because of what he has done through his creation. My faith has been increased through my research." (see creation.com/james-tour-darwin-skeptic)

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Darwin would have approved!

Unlike many of his modern-day supporters, Charles Darwin would almost



certainly have approved of debate about his theory. In the Introduction to *The Origin of Species*, 1859, he wrote: "I am well aware that

scarcely a single point is discussed in this volume on which facts cannot be adduced, often apparently leading to conclusions directly opposite to those at which I have arrived. A fair result can be obtained only by fully stating and balancing the facts and arguments on both sides of each question; and this cannot possibly be done here."

Darwin was also well aware of his theory's shortcomings, especially the lack of fossil evidence. In *The Origin*, he admitted: "Geology assuredly does not reveal any such finely graduated organic chain." And in a letter to Asa Gray, 5th September, 1857, Darwin wrote: "Imagination must fill up the very wide blanks." Evolutionists are still using their imagination to convince the public that evolution is true.

"Only one truth source"



Molecular geneticist Dr Georgia Purdom has had papers published in several secular science journals, and has won a number of honours for her work. She says,

"There is only one truth source for the past — the eyewitness account God gave to us in the book of Genesis."



News from various media sources

FISH IN A DESERT

Science Daily (25th May 2021) reported the discovery of an assemblage of fish fossils in a "56-million-year-old" layer of dark-grey shale at Ras Gharib in the eastern Egyptian desert. "[The] Egyptian fossils capture an intact ecosystem with diverse fish lineages and a variety of ecologies." The assemblage includes examples of more than a dozen groups of bony fishes. "A group called percomorph acanthomorphs -- which includes familiar



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Michigan fishes like walleye, bass and bluegills -- are the most diverse kind of fishes at Ras Gharib." Other fishes at the site include deep-sea hatchfish and predatory species called bonytongues, whose relatives live in freshwater today. "There are also more than 60 specimens of moonfish, which are "still alive today."

COMMENT: The discovery of "an assemblage of fish fossils" in a desert points to catastrophic burial. The Biblical flood seems most likely. And the fact that this assemblage includes many fish that are still living shows there has been no evolution — even in those claimed 56 million years.

UK FOSSIL GRAVEYARD

BBC News (21st July 2021) reported the discovery of an "extraordinary collection of fossil animals" in a quarry in the Cotswold Hills in the UK. "Not hundreds, not thousands, but perhaps tens of thousands " of sea-floor dwellers known as echinoderms — including star fish, sea urchins and feather stars — were buried in what palaeontologist Tim Ewin describes as "a calamity." This fossil trove, claimed to be "167 million years old", was discovered by two amateur fossil hunters, Sally and Neville Hollingworth. Natural History Museum curator Zoe Hughes said, "What we have is something very suggestive of a dramatic mudflow. We have this happy little ecosystem and then, boom! — something catastrophic happens."



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COMMENT: Here we have thousands of sea-floor dwellers buried by "a dramatic mudflow" in a quarry high in the Cotswold Hills. Once again, setting aside the supposed date, this sounds like a flood deposit.

DINOS NESTED IN THE ARCTIC

"Multiple dinosaur species not only lived in the Arctic, they also nested there", reported *Phys.org/news* (24th June 2021). Previously, only fossils of adult dinosaurs had been found in the Arctic, suggesting they migrated there during the summer, but recent discoveries of the fossils of baby dinosaurs in Alaska suggest that dinosaurs nested and hatched their young there. Scientists are puzzled as to how they survived in the harsh Arctic climate.

COMMENT: In the Biblical climate model, the Arctic would have been much warmer before the flood. These dinosaurs would have been buried and fossilised in the flood, which was followed by the Ice Age.

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Humans copy the Creator

Do you give the horse its strength or clothes its neck with a flowing mane? (*Job 39: 19*)

If, as we are continually told, evolution is a fact, why is it that human technology improves when we copy designs found in nature? If nature is really a giant trial-and-error experiment, we should not only find evidence of less-sophisticated designs in the distant past, but humans today should be able to improve on designs found in nature.

Science has long known that an object moving through water or air moves with the least resistance when the ratio of its length to diameter is four to one. This ratio is found in the fastest swimmers in the sea - like the tuna, dolphin and swordfish. A Boeing 707, with a ratio of nine to one, experiences much more resistance than the larger, fatter 747, which has a ratio of six to one - much closer to the tuna and the dolphin.

Studies of the vision of the horseshoe crab, supposedly one of the earlier forms of life, have taught engineers how to produce a clearer, sharper television picture. The United States Air Force copied a speed-sensing system from beetles to improve the ground speed indicators of their jets. The optics of a frog's eye showed them how to improve their radar. The fly's multifaceted eye taught engineers how to design a lighting system that generates more light with less energy.

Humans are learning from and copying design solutions worked out by their Creator. The brilliant designs in our world are not the result of trial and error. This reality makes the claim that evolution is a fact of science sound empty!

Prayer: Dear Lord, we humans make inflated claims about our knowledge. But in the end, all that we are, have and know is from You. I thank You for Your undeserved generosity. Let me never forget Your goodness. Amen.

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QUOTABLE QUOTE

"The truth is Darwinism is not a scientific theory, but a materialistic creation myth masquerading as science. It is first and foremost a weapon against religion - especially traditional Christianity." — Dr Jonathan Wells, *Why Darwinism is Doomed*, 2006

EDITORIAL

By Geoff Chapman

Why are our values so TWISTED?



Cruelty to animals is wrong and should be illegal, but why are animal rights given priority over the rights of unborn humans?

ALL decent people would deplore cruelty to animals in any shape or form, Christians especially should be concerned, since the Bible tells us that animals are God's creation, and that He cares about their welfare (see box below). However, it seems that many people care more about the welfare of animals than their fellow humans, especially the unborn.

HEARTBREAKING



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Recently, 160,000 people signed a petition to save the life of an alpaca like the one on the left, which had tested positive for TB. Current UK law says that bovine animals which fail the TB test must be culled to protect humans from this debilitating disease, and thousands of cattle that fail the TB test are slaughtered annually, causing much distress to farmers. When I was young, one cow on our family farm had foot-and-mouth disease, but all the rest of the herd had to be killed. It was heartbreaking, but necessary, and the law must apply to all equally. We have not seen that many people marching to protest because more than 500 unborn babies are killed in their mother's womb every day in the UK.

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A new Bill now before the UK Parliament, *The Animal Welfare (Sentience) Bill*, will give protection to creatures such as lobsters, crabs and octopuses. This is because tests have shown that they are "sentient beings" that feel pain. Lobsters and crabs are usually boiled alive. Surely most people find this practice abhorrent, and the proposed legislation will outlaw this. However, unborn babies are "sentient beings" too, and feel pain from quite an early stage of fetal development, yet they have little protection under the law, and can be torn from the womb limb by limb.

What the Bible says about caring for animals

The righteous care for the needs of their animals. (*Proverbs 12: 10*)

Six days do your work, but on the seventh day do not work so that your ox and your donkey may rest. (*Exodus 23: 12*)

"Do not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain." (*Deuteronomy 25: 4*)

If you come upon a bird's nest beside the road, either in a tree or on the ground, with young ones or eggs, and the mother is sitting on the young or on the eggs, do not take the mother with the young. (*Deuteronomy 22: 6*)

Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten by God. (*Luke 12: 6*)

For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle on a thousand hills. (*Psalms 50: 10*)

EVEN WILD FLOWERS

Under current laws in the UK and some other countries, certain wild plants are protected, and penalties include fines or even prison. Similarly it is illegal to take the eggs of most wild birds. In the UK, this could result in an unlimited fine, up to six months imprisonment or both.¹ Few would disagree with these protections, especially those of us who believe God loves his creation, and has given us the responsibility of caring for it, but we would want to ask why there is more



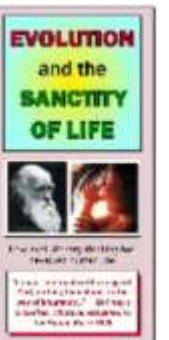
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While it's surely wrong to take birds' eggs from a nest, why are they better protected under the law than a human baby in it's mother's womb?



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protection for plants and birds' eggs than unborn children. Why have "animal rights" become more important? How have our values become so twisted?

THE EVOLUTION CONNECTION

The growing trend of putting animals above humans is surely due, in part at least, to the widespread acceptance of evolution. According to evolution there is nothing unique or special about humans. Like everything else, we evolved from "primeval slime" and have arrived where we are purely by chance. According to the late Bertrand Russell, "Mankind is a curious accident in a backwater of the universe."² The Bible tells us something quite different. "God created mankind in his own image." (*Genesis 1: 27*). We are "fearfully and wonderfully made" and God knew us from our mother's womb (*Psalms 139: 13-15*). God definitely cares for animals, and so should we, but only humans are created in His image. He sent His only Son to redeem and save us, not the animal creation, although the whole creation will eventually be restored.

We must all defend the rights of the unborn, and support the pro-life groups, but we also need to oppose the philosophy that is responsible for the twisted values which characterise today's world.

1. *Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.*
2. *Religion And Science* (Oxford University Press, 1935).