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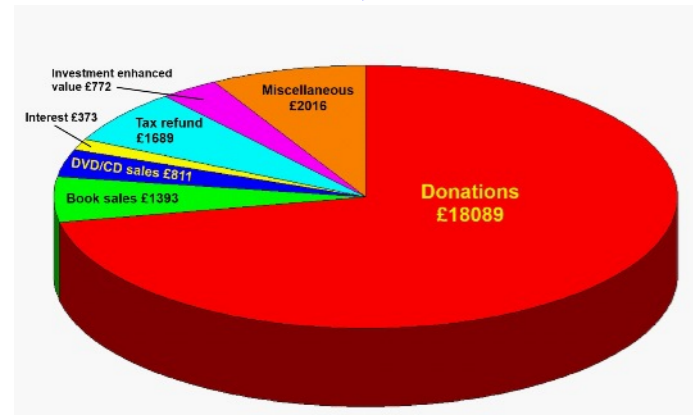
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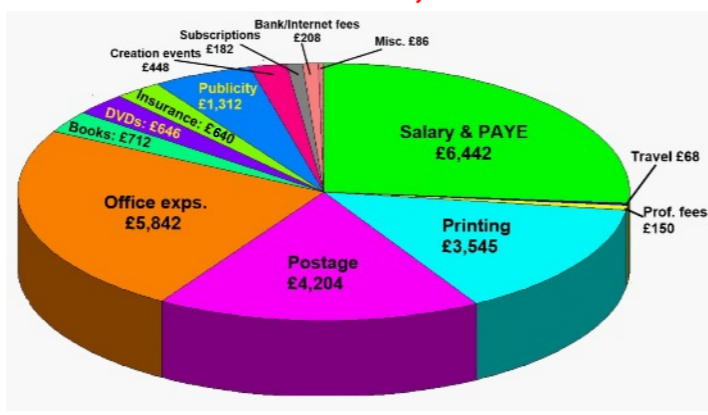
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MEDIA WATCH (from page two)

IMITATING MAN'S BEST FRIEND

Recently, a *Robot Dog Olympics* event was held in Bristol, UK. The *Western Daily Press* (19th May 2022) reported that almost 40 coders assembled at the Ministry of Defence. They were challenged to "programme the robotic dogs to perform tasks, including a 50-metre sprint, a gymnastics routine and problem solving." The teams worked with SPOT robotic dogs (right), manufactured by Boston Dynamics, which are designed to do things such as protecting troops, searching, and delivering medicine and goods into disaster areas, thereby reducing the risk to life.



Photo: Boston Dynamics

COMMENT: These robotic dogs are very impressive, though still not a patch on the "real thing." We notice that intelligent coders had to programme them before they could perform any useful tasks. Living dogs are also programmed, and equipped with advanced senses, especially smell. There is no way that gradual evolution or chance mutations could have done this. We rightly give credit to those who programmed SPOT, so we should also give credit to the God who created *real* dogs.

RAPID ADAPTATION IS NOT EVOLUTION!



Science Daily (17th March 2022) reported that rapid evolution had been observed in fruit flies. (left). "Researchers from the University of Pennsylvania used a controlled field experiment to show that flies rapidly adapted to shifting environmental conditions with alterations throughout their genome and in a suite of physical characteristics." Professor Seth Rudman claimed, "We're seeing evolutionary processes in real time." The article claimed that, during the four-month experiment, which began with 4,000 fruit flies, "The flies were evolving, adapting to their environment, and they were doing so faster than anyone had ever measured before."

COMMENT: The article's title was "Rapid adaptation in fruit flies", and that's all it was, not evolution. They are still fruit flies!

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THE DESPERATE SEARCH FOR E.T.

ON 18th February 2021 NASA's *Perseverance* six-wheeled rover landed in a crater called Jezero near the Martian equator. On May 17th 2022 the robotic vehicle (right) began its journey up the side of the crater, collecting rock samples on the way. This is part of the continuing search for extraterrestrial life. The crater is believed to be part of a delta built up from the silt and sand dumped by an ancient river. NASA scientists believe this may be a good place to search for evidence of past microbial life on Mars.



NASA/JPL-CALTECH/MSS

"There's no-one there!" — Prof. Brian Cox



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Popular TV scientist Professor Brian Cox has dismissed the idea that aliens exist, at least in our own galaxy, "because the chances of sophisticated life evolving like humans have are simply too low." He told *Nobel Rot* magazine (February 2022): "There's probably nothing else", and that we are the only civilisation in this galaxy at least. Professor Cox said that, because it took so long for humans to evolve from a single cell in such extraordinary circumstances, he doesn't think it has been repeated. "The biologists I know think that it was such a freak occurrence that anything got multicellular. There's probably nothing else."

COMMENT: We agree with Prof. Cox about the unlikelihood of multicellular life evolving, but we also dispute the theory that a single-celled organism arose from non-life in the beginning, or that humans evolved. However, it is interesting that he has broken ranks with those who think our galaxy is "teeming with life."

Before arriving at Jezero Crater, the rover had already collected eight rock-core samples after completing a record-breaking, 31-Martian-day dash across about 3 miles (5 kilometers) of Mars. Thomas Zurbuchen of NASA said, "The delta at Jezero Crater promises to be a veritable geologic feast and one of the best locations on Mars to look for signs of past microscopic life. The answers are out there — and Team Perseverance is ready to find them."

Believers in extraterrestrial life have long focussed on Mars, yet every attempt to find evidence of life — past or present — has failed. It seems that many scientists desperately want to prove that our planet is not unique, even though they can't explain how life could arise from non-life. We predict that this latest search — and all future searches, whether on Mars or elsewhere — will fail. God created Earth to be inhabited, not Mars!

CRT's annual public meeting



An attentive audience listening to Andrew Sibley's illustrated talk on "Creation and Climate Change." (see page three)



The annual public meeting of the *Creation Resources Trust* took place on Saturday 21st May in the Somerset village of West Camel. Just over 60 people attended. CRT Director Geoff Chapman welcomed everyone and, after a short time of worship, Treasurer David Herring presented the 2021 financial report (see back page). Geoff explained that, having reached the age of 78, he would be giving up most CRT work by 2024. He asked for prayer, especially about the future of the *Our World* children's paper.

The guest speaker was Andrew Sibley of *Creation Ministries International* (above), who recently retired after 38 years as a meteorologist with the UK Met Office. In his first talk, "Cracking the Darwin Code", he explained how Hindu and pagan beliefs had influenced the growth of evolutionary ideas later popularised by Charles Darwin. Andrew's second talk was "Creation and Climate Change." Please see page three for a summary of this.

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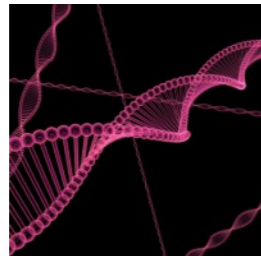
weighed up to 80 metric tons and grew to 20 metres, making them among the largest animals to have lived." The fossils were unearthed between 1976 and 1990 but were only recently analysed in detail. The report continued: "Despite being the remains of sea-dwelling creatures, the fossils were discovered at an altitude of 2,800 metres. During their lifetimes the three swam in waters around the supercontinent Pangea – but due to plate tectonics and the folding of the Alps, the fossils kept rising."

COMMENT: We suggest a more realistic explanation: these creatures were buried during the world-wide flood of Noah's time, when "The waters... rose greatly on the earth, and all the high mountains under the entire heavens were covered." (*Genesis 7: 18-19*). We also believe the mountains rose after the flood.

NO LIFE IN LATEST ORIGIN THEORY

Science Daily (10th February 2022) reported: "Researchers have discovered a new clue in the search for the origin of life by showing that peptides can form on dust under conditions such as those prevailing in outer space. These molecules, which are one of the basic building blocks of all life, may therefore not have originated on our planet at all, but possibly in cosmic molecular clouds." The article continued: "All life as we know it consists of the same chemical building blocks. These include peptides, which perform various completely different functions in the body -- transporting substances, accelerating reactions or forming stabilising scaffolds in cells. Peptides consist of individual amino acids arranged in a specific order. The exact order determines a peptide's eventual properties."

COMMENT: What this and similar attempts to explain the origin of life seem to ignore is that life — even the "simplest" forms — is more than matter and energy. An essential ingredient of life is *information*, contained in the DNA, and information is never generated randomly, but always has an intelligent source. DNA and the genetic code could not have arisen by chance, either on the earth or in outer space. To quote German information scientist Professor Werner Gitt: "All efforts to explain an origin of information depending on matter alone fail empirically. The intellectual source for all information required by information theory is already mentioned on the first page of the Bible:"



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UNBORN BABIES PROTECT THEMSELVES

For you created my inmost being.; you knit me together in my mother's womb. (*Psalms 139: 13*)

When someone receives a donated organ they must take powerful drugs to prevent rejection. That's because the body's immune system identifies the implanted organ as "not me." It then assumes that the invader is dangerous and must be destroyed. That brings us to a puzzling mystery that scientists have been trying to solve: Why doesn't a mother's body recognize her unborn baby as being foreign to her body? After all, carrying genetic information from the mother and father, the unborn baby is genetically unique.

Some scientists theorize that the placenta is a physical barrier between the baby and the mother's immune system. Others believe that the unborn baby somehow hides from the mother's immune system. A third theory is that the mother's immune system is somehow forced to tolerate the unborn child.

New research from scientists at the Medical College of Georgia in Augusta, Georgia, supports this third alternative. Researchers have shown that the placenta produces an enzyme (IDO) that works to suppress immune cells. In effect, the unborn child puts together just the right enzyme to keep mum's immune system from attacking it. Scientists say that this discovery may lead to new drugs to treat autoimmune diseases and organ rejection.

This system or a similar system had to be fully operational in the first creature for successful pregnancies and births. It could not gradually evolve. This fact and the wisdom of this system provides more evidence of an all wise, all-powerful Creator of every form of life and all that exists.

Prayer: I thank You, Father, that You protected me in my mother's womb. Amen.

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"NO CLIMATE EMERGENCY" CLAIM

A group of more than 1000 scientists and academics from around the world have signed a *World Climate Declaration* which claims, "There is no climate emergency." This certainly refutes the oft-repeated claim that there is no longer any debate about the issue. However, as is usually the case, this declaration seems to have been missed or ignored by the popular media. You can read it, with a full list of the signatories and their qualifications, at: clintel.org/world-climate-declaration

QUOTABLE QUOTE

"I came to the conclusion that there are two factors which destroyed Christianity in Western Europe. One was the theory of evolution, the other, liberal theology. Liberal theology is just evolution applied to the Bible and our faith." —Josef Ton, a Romanian Baptist pastor imprisoned for his faith under communism. (*New Life, April 15th, 1982*).

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EDITORIAL



By Geoff Chapman

EVER since the first lie in the Garden of Eden, when Satan asked Eve "Did God really say?", truth has been under attack. The Old Testament prophets often faced opposition when they tried to proclaim God's message. Isaiah declared: "Truth is fallen in the street." (*Isaiah 59: 14*), and Jeremiah was imprisoned by people who rejected what God told him to say.

BUSIER THAN EVER

Jesus called Satan "The father of lies", (*John 8: 44*), and he is busier than ever in the world today. His greatest lie is that He has managed to convince most people that evolution is a fact, and that there is no need to consider the existence of a Creator. In an online discussion about evolution, someone retorted that the fact of evolution was beyond debate. I responded that of course it wasn't, otherwise we wouldn't be debating it!

In George Orwell's famous fictional story 1984, the task of "The Ministry of Truth" was actually to ensure that no one could hear the truth, only the official version of it. It has been said that, in time of war, the first casualty is truth, and we see this in Russia now, where the people are lied to about the war in Ukraine by the tightly-controlled state media.



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"I will say this categorically, that you cannot change your sex. Your sex actually is there in every single cell in the body". — Sir Robert Winston, BBC Question Time, 14th October 2021.

OFFENSIVE

People sometimes find truth offensive because it conflicts with their own lifestyles or personal autonomy, and they will either try to silence those who speak it, or accuse them of hate or bigotry. The issue of transgenderism is a case in point. Many people, including vulnerable young children, have been persuaded that they can change the sex they were born with,



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even though this flies in the face of the scientific evidence, as well-known scientist Sir Robert Winston bravely declared (see box, left). He has faced much hostility for his statement from those who deny the truth.

PARTY LINE

Even in a democracy the media can control what we hear, and make life difficult for people who speak out. Take the issue of climate change: We are constantly told that "the debate is over", yet a group of over 1,000 scientists have published the "World Climate Declaration" disagreeing that there is a climate emergency (see page two).

We should always be willing to listen to different points of view, but refuse to be intimidated into silence. This is especially true for those of us who follow the One who said "I am the truth." (*John 14: 6*). Truth will always be truth, however many people reject it. We need not purposely seek controversy, but in situations where the truth is being challenged we should not be silent. In the words of the Psalmist: "Your word, Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens." (*Psalms 119: 89*)

(from page one) CREATION AND CLIMATE CHANGE

"Creation and Climate Change" was the subject of meteorologist Andrew Sibley's main talk at the CRT annual public meeting. He said that, while the media tended to portray a negative message, he wanted to bring a message of hope. There was a conflict between Biblical Christianity and the "religion of nature", and we need to balance human needs with the needs of nature. Genesis 1: 28 states that man was created to have dominion (rule) over nature – not to exploit it. However, many environmentalists don't much like humans. Sir David Attenborough has stated that "Humans are a plague on the earth."

Andrew reminded us that Romans chapter eight speaks of a "groaning creation" that will be set free. He also reminded us that after the flood God had promised that the seasons would continue "as long as the earth endures" (*Genesis 8: 22*). and had also given the rainbow promise that the earth would never again be flooded. Deaths from weather disasters are actually falling due to better warning systems and infrastructure.

Andrew agreed that global warming is happening, but suggested that many environmentalists may be "crying wolf." Climate alarmists tended to highlight the worst-case scenarios, and even the journal *Nature* had criticised this bias. Current observations, including satellite data, don't support these predictions. While rejecting the millions-of-years time-scale proposed by many environmentalists, there have been warm periods in the past, such as 900-1400 AD when the Vikings grew crops in Greenland, before the cold returned. These changes could be caused by sunspot activity or changes in the stratosphere. Therefore, current changes could be cyclical.

Crops need CO2, and there is a net gain from more CO2 – more greening, and a longer growing season - which we rarely hear about in the media. Higher carbon dioxide is making the world a greener place, and crop yields have increased significantly. Greening outweighs the browning. The effect of buildings and concrete on temperature data – the "heat island" effect – also needed to be considered.

In conclusion, Andrew asked "How should Christians respond?" We need to exercise good stewardship in a complex world. So-called "green energy" is expensive, yet fossil fuels do cause air pollution, especially in city environments. How do we "square the circle"? We need to clean up our environment without leading the world into poverty. Climate alarmism doesn't help, but we can all do our bit – we can recycle, use low-energy light-bulbs, use our cars less and walk or cycle more. We can continue research into non-fossil fuel technology and share it with the rest of the world. There are no easy answers and no "free lunch", but we can pray and trust in God's promises.