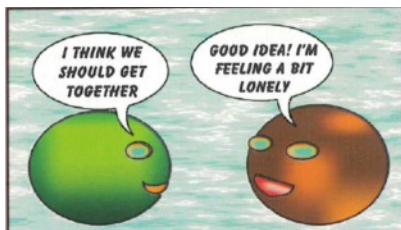




News from various media sources

ONCE UPON A TIME TWO CELLS MET

According to *Forbes.com* (13th August 2023) "Marine bacteria found in hot springs may be the closest living relatives of the ancient bacteria that gave rise to modern mitochondria more than a billion years ago." The article continued: "Life on Earth started out as independent microscopic cells around 3.7 billion years ago. And so they persisted for



aeons until one fateful day around 1.6-1.8 billion years ago when two ancient microbes met and created a novel partnership never before seen on Earth." This chance encounter

is said to have given rise to the "evolutionary burst of all multicellular life forms that have ever lived on Earth." However, "because this microbial merger occurred so very long ago, our knowledge of the details surrounding the bacterial origin and identity of mitochondria's ancient ancestor remains fuzzy." **COMMENT:** So we exist because two microbes happened to meet by chance? The scientists who have proposed this "Just-so" story admit that the identity of this ancient ancestor "remains fuzzy." We don't believe our existence is due to chance but the purposeful action of our Creator.

MIGRATING PLANTS

According to *Scitechdaily.com* (30th July 2023) "Newly discovered fossils in Argentina provide evidence that changes in climate and geography may have compelled a well-known species of spurge plants to migrate from southern South America to southeast Asia and beyond.... Prompted by shifts in climate and terrestrial movements over countless millennia" they even reached as far as Australia, Asia, and certain regions in Africa. Prof. Peter Wilf of Penn State said: "We've seen this pattern in many other plant groups we've found as fossils in South America.... altogether it is the most dramatic evolutionary biogeography story I've ever seen."



A modern species of the spurge family

COMMENT: There is no evolution here, just adaptation within a created "kind." The distribution of these plants can also be explained by seeds and plants being transported on log mats which floated during the flood, and later became grounded on the newly-emerging land. Plants aren't intelligent beings which can be "prompted" to migrate.

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The New Creation

No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him (*Revelation 22: 3*)

There are some pastors and teachers who say that it does not matter what we believe about Genesis. It does not matter if there were really six 24-hour days, or millions of years. It does not matter if there was death before Adam's sin. It does not matter if Adam were not a real person, but an allegory.

These are often people who tell me that they believe the Bible to be true. But, somehow, my literalist "interpretation" offends them - even though I do not give an interpretation of Genesis; I simply read what it says and believe it.

The same pastors will not have the same problem with the New Heavens and the New Earth that God will one day provide. Whatever your eschatology, few people expect the New Heavens and New Earth to emerge after millions of years of evolution. They expect that God will make these places probably in an instant.

They believe that the idea of a world without death in Genesis is a myth. Yet, they quote Revelation 21:4 that there will be no more death. How can they expect a new place with literally no death if the deathless paradise at the beginning of time were just a myth?

Revelation 22:3 tells us that in the world to come there will be no more curse. These pastors expect this to be literally true, yet they do not believe in an earthly paradise in Genesis 1 in which there was no curse until Adam sinned. But all these issues fall into place when we choose to believe God's word.

Prayer: Lord God, we look forward to the world to come where there will be no more tears, no more death, and no more curse, because the effects of Adam's sin will be undone. We praise Your name for that hope. Amen.

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QUOTABLE QUOTE:

"In fact, evolution became in a sense a scientific religion; almost all scientists accepted it and many are prepared to 'bend' their observations to fit in with it." —H. J. Lipson, F.R.S. 'A physicist looks at evolution', *Physics Bulletin*, vol 31, 1980

EDITORIAL

By Geoff Chapman

The Myth of Human Progress

THE popular 19th century idea that humanity was progressing morally encouraged many people to have an idyllic view of the future. Humans were going to build a better world where people would live peacefully together as they moved towards utopia. There is little doubt that the publication of Darwin's *Origin of Species* contributed to this as philosophers and sociologists took evolutionary ideas much further than Darwin ever envisaged.

LIKE A SICK JOKE

Even some Christian poets were swept along by this optimistic view of human progress. John Addington Symonds (1840-1893) wrote:

These things shall be: a loftier race
Than e'er the world hath known shall rise
With flame of freedom in their souls
And light of knowledge in their eyes.
Nation with nation, land with land,
Inarmed shall live as comrades free;
In every heart and brain shall throb
The pulse of one fraternity.

What that writer would think about the state of the world today we can only imagine. Yes, there has been technological progress. I'm preparing this magazine using a computer, and it will be printed from a file sent to the Printers by email. This is a big advance from when I had to literally "cut and paste." This kind of progress is good.

However, morally there is no sign that humans are progressing, or that "a loftier race" is emerging. In a world ravaged by war and selfishness, where tens of thousands of people risk their lives to escape war and terror, where thousands of unborn babies are killed every day, the whole idea of human progress seems like a sick joke. People who still believe that man is capable of building a better world for all must be getting very disillusioned.

An atheist's view:

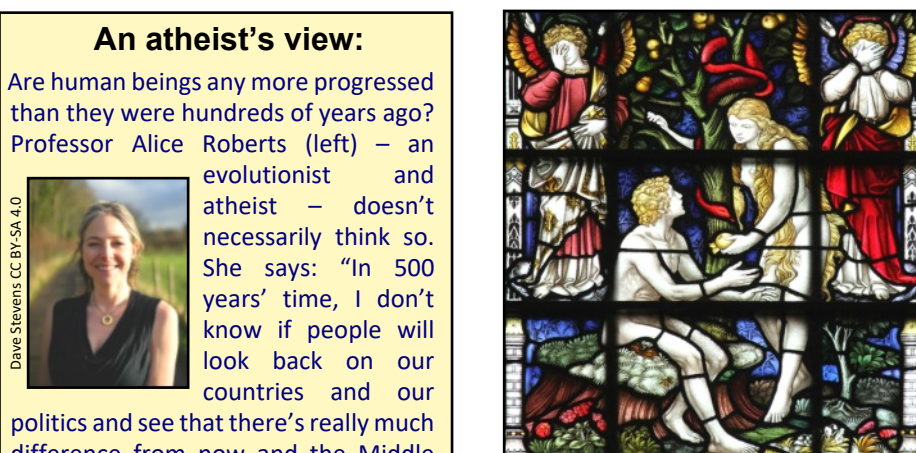
Are human beings any more progressed than they were hundreds of years ago? Professor Alice Roberts (left) — an evolutionist and atheist — doesn't necessarily think so. She says: "In 500 years' time, I don't know if people will look back on our countries and our politics and see that there's really much difference from now and the Middle Ages. There have been technological advances, of course. But I think we think we're much more civilised. And I'm not sure we are. We also see selfishness and hoarding and war and violence. I think we've got a long way to go" (*inews.co.uk* 10th August 2023)



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INFLUENCED BY DARWIN

Enlightenment thinkers such as Hegel saw social development as an inevitable process, and Darwin's theory encouraged such thinking. Karl Marx read Darwin's *Origin of Species* several times and even discussed it with friends. In a letter to Friedrich Engels, Marx stated that Darwin's book contains "the basis in natural history for our view."



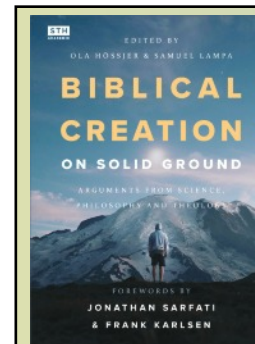
'The Fall' illustrated in Truro Cathedral

IGNORING 'THE FALL'

All secular hopes about human progress ignore the fact of 'The Fall,' and that "all have sinned" (*Romans 3: 23*). Sin undermines all human attempts to build a better world. That's why Jesus Christ came to save the world, and initiate God's new creation by creating "new people" who are redeemed by Christ's death. "If anyone is in Christ the new creation has come." (2 *Corinthians 5: 17*).

There will be no moral progress while the fact of sin is ignored, and that "better world", which people for centuries have longed for, will not become a reality until the promise of a new heaven and earth is fulfilled (2 *Peter 3: 13*).

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(Buffet tea included)

Speakers: Joe Hubbard (Creation Research), Paul Garner (Biblical Creation Trust) and Geoff Chapman (CRT).

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YET ANOTHER "LIVING FOSSIL"

An article in *Science.org* (6th July 2023) reported that a fossil that had lain in a museum drawer since 2019 turns out to be a marine invertebrate called a sea squirt or tunicate. It was found in rocks claimed to be "500 million years old." Karma Nanglu, a paleontologist at Harvard University who specializes in the Cambrian and Ordovician periods was "excited but cautious at the prospect of a very ancient tunicate..... a group for which there is essentially no fossil record for the entire 500 million years of recorded history." This fossil is described as "a dead ringer for some tunicates today, with two siphons to filter organic particles from the water and complex musculature controlling the siphons." Nanglu commented: "It looks like a tunicate that died yesterday and just happened to fall down on some rock."



A living tunicate

U.S. Geological Survey

COMMENT: We don't accept the 500-million year timescale, or that it can be described as "recorded history." However, if these 500 million years had really existed, where were these creatures hiding all that time, since no fossils have been found in rocks younger than this, they clearly haven't evolved at all.

IT'S AS CLEAR AS MUD!

"Life on Mars seems very likely now thanks to Curiosity rover discovery." So reads a headline on *earth.com* (18th August 2023), reporting a study in the science journal *Nature*. According to the report: "The mystery of life's origins on Earth has long puzzled scientists, but a recent discovery on Mars might be shedding new light on this profound question, while also inching closer to finding life on Mars. NASA's Curiosity Mars rover has uncovered a patchwork of well-preserved ancient mud cracks, forming a distinctive hexagonal pattern, signaling the presence of wet-dry cycles on early Mars. These cycles could be key to the assembly of complex chemical building blocks necessary for microbial life."

COMMENT: The use of the words "might be" and "could be" in the report rather spoils the headline that "Life on Mars seems more likely now." What have they found? Mud cracks. Evidence that there was water in the past? Quite likely. Does water equal life? Certainly not! Life is more than chemical reactions. It involves complex genetic information. There's not a shred of evidence that this could come about by chance chemical reactions. God is the origin of life. He alone could create life from mud! (*Genesis 2: 7*).



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NINTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

ABOUT 400 people gathered at Cedarville University in Ohio from 16-19 July for the Ninth International Conference on Creationism. The ICC has been held every 4-5 years since 1986 and is the world's premier creationist research meeting, attracting scholars from across North America, Europe, and Australia. There was a packed programme of research presentations, with three or four simultaneous tracks, meaning hard choices had to be made about which talks to listen to!

Highlights included new research reports about radiometric dating, ice age climate modelling, the order of the fossil record, the carving of Arizona's Grand Canyon by the catastrophic draining of a post-Flood lake, and the baraminology of fossil humans and apes. There was also a display of research posters, giving attendees the opportunity to speak to presenters about ongoing research.



One of the conference sessions

Each evening there was a series of presentations by keynote speakers on a range of disciplines from theology, palaeontology, and genetics to cosmology, archaeology, and education. Speakers included Drs Andrew Snelling, Russ Humphreys, John Sanford, and Kurt Wise. These sessions were also open to the public.

Another feature of this conference were the roundtables, which addressed major topics of interest within creationism, including the creationist implications of feathered dinosaurs, the identification of Flood boundaries in the rock record, and the dispersal and diversification of the ark animals after the Flood.

And that's not all! There was also a planetarium show with stunning new images from the James Webb Space Telescope, a field trip to examine the geology and wildflowers of nearby Massie Creek, a showing of the soon-to-be-released movie "Mountains after the Flood," and booths representing many creationist organisations and vendors. Frankly, it was impossible to find the time to see or do everything, and the message from many attendees was that this was the best ICC yet. (*Report by Paul Garner, Biblical Creation Trust*)

ALL-ASIA CREATION CONFERENCE

The National Taiwan University, Taipei, (right) was the venue for the *All-Asia Creation Conference* which took place in Taiwan July 27th-29th. Around 150 people attended from a number of Asian nations, including, Taiwan, China, Singapore, India, South Korea and the Philippines. Among the speakers were Prof. Andy McIntosh,



Andy McIntosh & Jyoti Chakravartty

who spoke on the Bombardier Beetle and Thermodynamics and Information, and Jyoti Chakravartty of the *Creation Science Association of India*. There were also speakers from Australia and the USA. Andy McIntosh commented: "We were there to encourage the Asian delegates as increasingly evolution is influencing all areas of education." On Sunday July 30th Andy spoke at the Christian Bible Church in Taoyuan City.

CAMBRIDGE OUTREACH



Prof. Andy McIntosh took part, with others, in open-air witness in Cambridge in August. He disagrees with those who claim that belief in a literal Genesis is a stumbling block in witnessing to unbelievers. He said, "My experience and the experience of many in direct evangelism is that the opposite is the case, and many young people especially do stop to listen when you carefully explain your belief in the straightforward account of the historical timeline in the Scripture."