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DEDICATION

This book is dedicated to the pioneering work of Richard and Tina Kleiss to bring the evidence for creation to students. The Kleisses both served in our public school system – teaching two generations of students over a 32 year period. Their desire was for students to have an opportunity to view the evidence for a biblical worldview. Their devotional, *A Closer Look at the Evidence*, was the fruit of this vision. *Inspired Evidence* builds upon their foundation.

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The universe is an awe-inspiring place and attempting to use words to paint a picture of what God has done is a daunting task. In this volume the authors have humbly attempted to present a small part of the massive amount of evidence pointing to the trustworthiness of God's Word (especially as related to creation.) In this effort we acknowledge the help of many others. Don, Jeri, and Aaron Slinger helped throughout the process with a complete editorial review, making many useful suggestions on creation-science related issues. The creative artistic design talents of Michael Malone were invaluable as he brought the text to life with visual images. Annette Schmidt proofread and corrected many errors in the first draft manuscript while Beth Kelch and family were instrumental in proofreading of the first edition. The second edition was greatly improved by the comments of Paul Even, Christine Stark, Charles Ramsey, Neil & Amy Legatt, Ed & Charlene Rosa, and Rick & Della Deighton who made countless improvements. The fourth edition has been improved via comments from Hugh and Martie Tracy, Answers in Genesis, and Steve Carter. Many ministry supporters also donated funds to make this book possible, we thank each of you. These faithful servants of the Lord, and many others, have our profound thanks. Mostly we acknowledge Jesus Christ, the creator, savior, and sustainer of all awesome things.

FOREWORD

Two battleships assigned to a training squadron had been at sea on maneuvers in heavy weather for several days. The visibility was poor with heavy fog, so the captain remained on the bridge keeping an eye on all activities.

Shortly after dark, the lookout reported, "Light, bearing on the starboard bow."

"Is it steady or moving astern?" the captain called out.

The lookout replied, "Steady, Captain." This meant they were on a dangerous collision course with that ship.

The captain called to the signalman, "Signal that ship: 'We are on a collision course, advise you change course twenty degrees.'"

Back came the signal, "Advisable for you to change course twenty degrees."

The captain said, "Send: 'I'm a captain, change course twenty degrees.'"

"I'm a seaman second-class," came the reply. "You had better change course twenty degrees."

By that time the captain was furious. He spat out, "Send: 'I'm a battleship. Change course twenty degrees.'"

Back came the flashing light, "I'm a lighthouse."

God's Word is that lighthouse. No amount of human arrogance, popular opinion, or scientific theorizing will alter its eternal truths. The universe did not create itself; creation is recent; life does not come from non-life; plants and animals do not transform themselves into higher life-forms; there has been a globe-covering flood in Earth's recent history. The Bible is crystal clear on these facts and scientific observations, and when properly interpreted, confirms each one.

There can only be one truth, and those who oppose that truth will ultimately find themselves shipwrecked upon the unchanging rock of reality.

INTRODUCTION

There are only two possibilities for explaining our existence.

~ either (A) ~

Some sort of simple organism turned into a more complex organism...which turned into some sort of marine creature...that turned into some sort of land creature...that eventually turned into people...

~ or (B) ~

The vastly different groupings of creatures (including people) were created fully formed and functional – yet programmed with the information needed to vary widely within a given “kind” of creature.

Those who believe the truth is a blend of the two possibilities often teach that God used some sort of evolutionary process or enormous periods of time (option A). By promoting huge time periods, they are essentially accepting that the Bible cannot be understood in a clear, straightforward way. This compromise position eventually deteriorates into the belief that there is no evidence from the study of nature for the existence of God.

Saying God used huge time periods to create life is in practice no different than accepting evolution as a fact. Thus this compromise position is really just a subset of position A.

*Yet there cannot be two realities.
One of these options is true, the other is fantasy.
Truth is that which conforms to reality.*

What can science tell us about truth? Basically, science cannot determine truth, but careful observations can determine which of two options is *least* likely to be true. This devotional showcases the observations which are systematically ignored, suppressed, and hidden from students as they are indoctrinated toward believing that option A is the *only* possibility.

As you read page after page of this devotional, each containing evidences from different areas of science, keep the biblical framework in mind. Ask yourself, “Does the evidence on this page

best fit a biblical viewpoint or an evolutionary viewpoint (enormous time periods & slow modification)”?

So, what is the biblical viewpoint? A straightforward understanding of the Bible acknowledges five **REAL** events of history which should be supported by the observations of science:

1. The recent creation of the universe, the earth, and very diverse forms of life (including mankind). [*biological sciences*]
2. The rebellion of mankind resulting in the entrance of death, disease, and genetic deterioration of creation. [*genetics/human psychology*]
3. A global, world-restructuring flood upon the earth approximately 4600 years ago. [*geological sciences*]
4. A dispersion of mankind across the globe via different language groupings. [*linguistics/archeology/world history*]
5. The arrival of God upon the earth in human form to take the penalty of death upon Himself as a demonstration of ultimate love. [*philosophy/salvation/theology*]

Enjoy the awe inspiring evidence from these fields of knowledge. We believe you will be encouraged and stirred by how well scientific observation confirms God’s Word. But most importantly, share this book with others. The primary weapon of those devoted to removing any relevant belief in God from our culture is the removal of creation from public discourse. They have used the courts and school system to completely shut down any discussion of the evidence for option B (creation). Yet, we still have the freedom to bring the truth to others (in essence going around the blockade to truth which our education system has become) by sharing this book with others.

There can only be one reality

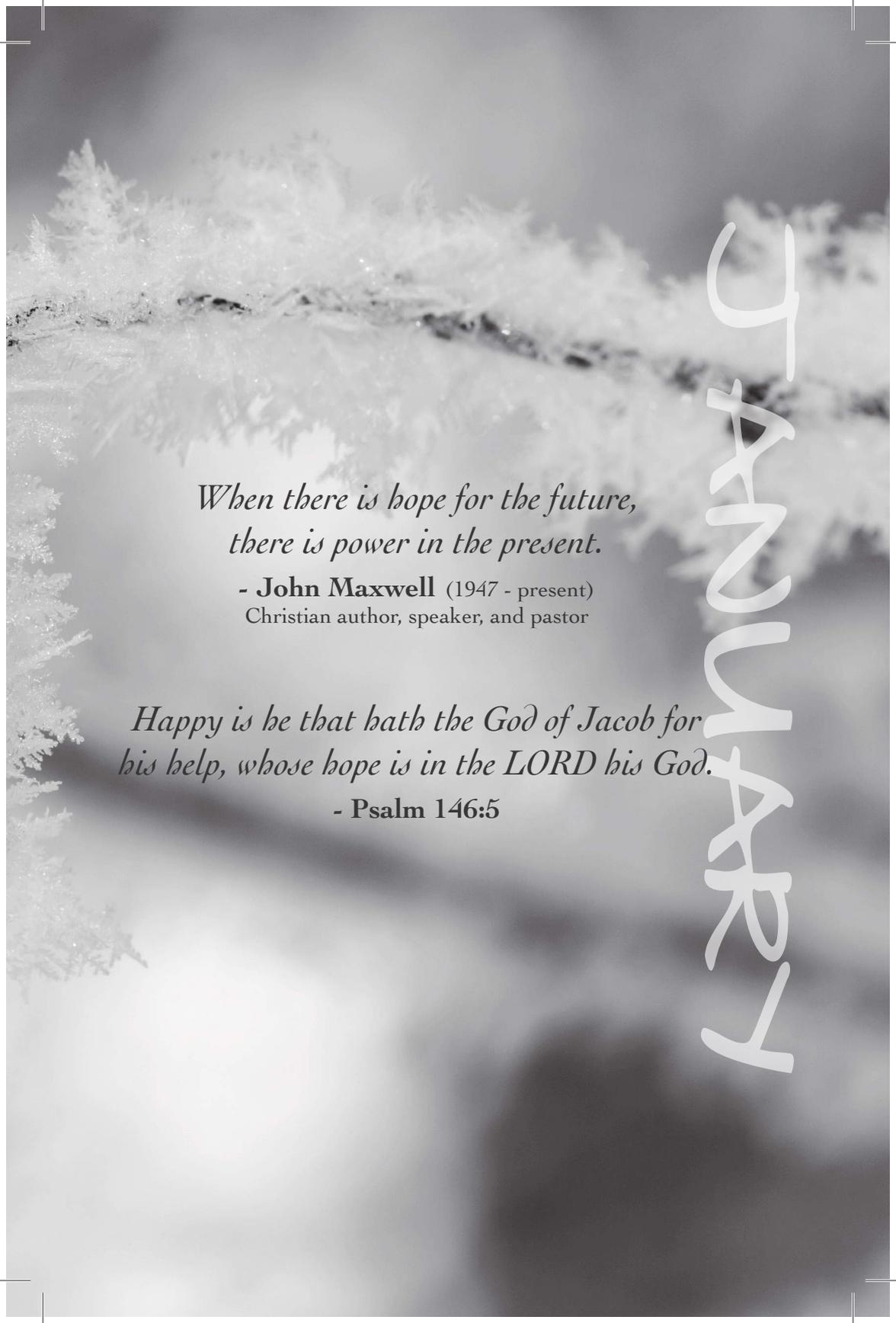
– share that reality with others.

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*When there is hope for the future,
there is power in the present.*

- **John Maxwell** (1947 - present)
Christian author, speaker, and pastor

*Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for
his help, whose hope is in the LORD his God.*

- Psalm 146:5

STANLEY

The evolution/creation debate is similar to debating the existence of air. No matter how much evidence we put forward as to the existence of air, the person refusing to acknowledge air's existence would reject the evidence and propose some alternative explana-

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tion. Yet, the person denying the existence of air is breathing air and using air to transmit his denial of air's existence.¹

In a similar way, evolution is simply a story to explain the existence of everything while denying the existence of a Creator. Those who believe in evolution make truth claims (random processes such as “mutations filtered by natural selection” created all biological life); yet, the very existence of truth depends upon the Biblical concept that truth exists. IF we are just gas molecules that turned into stars...that turned into elements...that turned into organic molecules...that turned into single-celled organisms...that turned into fish...that turned into land animals...that turned into ape-like creatures...that turned into people...then truth is a nonsensical concept.

How could hydrogen gas learn to think? How could truth be *true* if it happened by accident or chance? Why should one activity be considered wrong and another activity be considered right? Thus, those claiming that evolution is THE truth, in reality, have to rely upon a Biblical concept of the existence of truth to make their argument that the Bible cannot be true.

Wisdom calls aloud in the street, she raises her voice in public squares; at the head of noisy streets she cries out, in the gateways of the city she makes her speech... - Proverbs 1:20-21 (NIV)

The credibility of a truly biblical worldview hinges on one key event of history – the reality of a worldwide flood. If this event was simply a local flood, then the enormous rock layers of the Earth must have taken enormous periods of time to form. Therefore, the geologic record of death, disease, extinctions, and bloodshed is a record of God creating a world full of tragedy – before mankind ever appeared. If a global flood has not happened – God is evil.

However, if this flood really was global in extent and the consequence of a righteous God judging the actions of sinful mankind; it would have created the geology of our planet rapidly, and billions of years of Earth history simply disappear. Furthermore, God promised to NEVER send another flood like this upon the Earth – yet, there have been thousands of floods throughout Earth's history. So, either God is a liar who cannot be trusted, or the flood of Noah was very, very different than any subsequent flood.



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Noah's flood was global in extent! Much of the geology we see today was formed during or shortly after the Flood. By denying this flood, the geology of our planet and the timeframe of this geology is misinterpreted. This fact is central to a correct understanding of human history, the trustworthiness of God's Word, and the character of God.

Then God said to Noah and his sons... "I establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be destroyed by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth." – Genesis 9:11 (NIV)

Have you ever gone outside on a sunny winter day and been nearly blinded by the brightness of the snow? Snow reflects nearly 90% of the sun rays landing on it. This keeps the snow cooler, resulting in a slower melting rate. Why would God want snow to stay cold longer? Keeping the snow cool is important because it stores much of the water we need for later use. When snow does melt, it is usually gradual, making flooding minimal. As the snow melts, it slowly percolates into the ground, making the ground ready for spring planting.

God designed snow to hold the water until it needed to be released. Water stored as snow protects the Earth from massive erosion that would take place if all moisture fell as rain. Snow acts as a fluffy insulating blanket for plants and creatures underneath the snow, shielding them from the harsh winter temperatures. It can be 20 degrees Fahrenheit warmer near the ground under snow than in the air above the snow.

Falling snow cleans the air. Every snowflake captures floating dust and other particles as it begins to crystallize and falls to the Earth. You may have noticed after a snowstorm that when you take a deep breath, the air smells clean and crisp. It is almost like the falling snow vacuumed the air for us!

The whiteness of snow is also a wonderful metaphor for God's cleansing of our sin. God cares for our soul and desires for it

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to appear as white as snow and not full of sin's crimson color. Accepting Jesus' sacrifice on our behalf is what brings this cleansing to our soul – making us appear as white as newly fallen snow.

Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. - Isaiah 1:18

Have you considered the beauty of snowflakes? A snowflake starts as a tiny crystal that forms around a speck of dust. As the water droplet freezes, the crystal starts to develop its six sides. As moisture is drawn into the crystal, the six branches begin to grow. As each snowflake is blown around in a cloud, it encounters different temperatures and moisture levels, resulting in no two snowflakes looking alike.

If it is extremely cold, for example below -40°F (-40°C), diamond dust snowflakes form. As the temperatures increase, different shapes will form: dendrites, prisms, or hollow columns. Researchers are still mystified why the shape of snow crystals varies widely with temperature. Humidity also is a factor; the greater the humidity, the more complex the design.

The average complex snowflake is made up of 100 ice crystals. The number of ways these crystals can be arranged is staggering; the possible arrangements of these 100 crystals is greater than the total number of atoms in the universe. Thus, it's unlikely that any two complex snow crystals since the Flood of Noah's time have ever looked completely alike. Every snowflake is truly unique.

It is also interesting to compare man-made snow from snow making machines to "God-made" snow. Man-made snow does not have any design but looks like rough gravel. With God's snow, each snowflake has a unique design showing His creativity. God



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is still giving us new designs today. The next time it snows, catch a snowflake on your dark mitten and look to see the new design God has placed before your eyes.

He gives snow like wool; He scatters the frost like ashes.

- Psalm 147:16 (NASV)

Have you considered the penguin? It is a bird, but it cannot fly. Why not?

The penguin dives for fish in the oceans. This bird does not have hollow, light bones but solid heavy bones with wings that act like paddles, so the penguin is equipped to swim. To swim and dive in the oceans with hollow bones would be like wearing a life jacket while diving to the bottom of a pool – very difficult, if not impossible. So, the great Creator gave the penguin solid, heavy bones which enable him to dive deep into the ocean to catch fish.

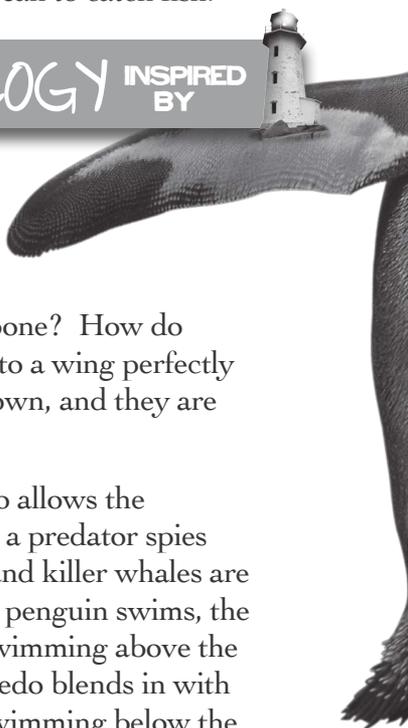
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There is no known link between penguin wings and bird wings. After all, how do you slowly change an intricately re-enforced, light, hollow bone structure into a heavy, solid bone? How do you slowly transform a wing meant for flying into a wing perfectly designed for swimming? No transitions are known, and they are even hard to envision.

Penguins also sport a fancy tuxedo. This tuxedo allows the swimming penguin to disappear in a flash when a predator spies him. Leopard seals, fur seals, sea lions, sharks and killer whales are the main threats for penguins in water. When a penguin swims, the black side of his tuxedo is up. If a predator is swimming above the penguin and looks down, the black penguin tuxedo blends in with the blackness of the ocean. If the predator is swimming below the penguin and looks up, the white part of the penguin tuxedo blends in with the light surface of the ocean, again making it difficult for the predator to spot the penguin. God has designed the penguin for successful living in the water. When you see design and purpose, you know it didn't happen by chance. There is a designer and that designer is God.

*How many are Your works, O Lord! In wisdom you made them all
- the earth is full of your creatures.
- Psalm 104:24 (NIV)*



Did you know that penguins wear sunglasses? Penguins that live in the Antarctic experience intense glare from polar sunlight. Yet, they have clear vision. Why? Within their retina are colored droplets of oil, and these droplets filter out blue and ultra-

violet colors which allow penguins to experience no glare and enhanced visual sharpness. Researchers are now copying the penguin's orange-colored filters to produce improved welding masks. Today's masks are orange in color rather than the



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older dark shields which obscured vision. Pilots, skiers, and sailors all don orange-tinted sunglasses and find improved vision in bright sunlight, fog, or haze. Why is the color orange a useful light filter? Orange-tinted sunglasses reduce or eliminate blue light, which is a major component of glare. Eye damage is also minimized by the orange filter's blockage of the UV light.

When we face a problem, such as not being able to see well in bright sunlight, we should stop and think: "Does something in nature have the same problem?" Observe how God solved it, and then copy God's solution! God is the master designer, the master problem solver. He solved the polar glare problem, and He can solve our problems. So, the next time you see a penguin, say "Hey, cool sunglasses!"

*Great are the works of the Lord,
they are pondered by all who delight in them.
- Psalm 111:2*

Ignaz Philipp Semmelweiss, a medical doctor, worked in a hospital that had two wards, one run by midwives and the other run by doctors. In the midwives' ward, 4 out of 400 patients died, while in the doctors' ward, 100 out of 400 died. What was the difference? He investigated and found that doctors did not bother with cleanliness. Doctors would routinely leave the morgue without washing and then go directly to the patient ward. In the early 1800's, doctors took pride in how blood-encrusted their lab coats became.

The midwives, in contrast, did no autopsies, wore clean clothes, and frequently washed their hands. Dr. Semmelweiss saw the difference and instituted hand washing with soap and water. The death rate in the doctors' ward immediately dropped. The other doctors thought this was just a coincidence and rebelled against the dreadful burden of washing their hands. Semmelweiss was fired for causing discord among the medical staff. The hospital threw out the basins with the soap and water. Of course, the death rate climbed back to record highs.

Much later, in the 1860's, doctors finally acknowledged that hand-washing and cleanliness did prevent disease. Thousands of people needlessly died between the time when Dr. Semmelweiss solved this problem and his solution was finally acknowledged. These deaths were caused by pride, ignorance, resistance to change, and

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stubbornness. These deaths could have been prevented if the Bible had been believed. In the books of Leviticus and Numbers, strict rules are set forth concerning contact with corpses and people with disease (Numbers 19:13-17, Leviticus 15:13). We take this for granted today, but God revealed these truths over 3,000 years ago. Whenever the Bible touches upon scientific subjects it is accurate. Instead of washing our hands of God's Word, we need to apply all that it says to our lives – even when it comes to washing our hands!

Anyone a man with a discharge touches without rinsing his hands with water must wash his clothes and bathe with water, and he will be unclean till evening... - Leviticus 15:11 (NIV)



Wisconsin is home to a very important fossil find – the jellyfish. So what's the big deal about a fossil jellyfish?

In Central Wisconsin, near the town of Mosinee, there is a rock quarry. But this is no ordinary quarry; it contains many thousands of fossilized jellyfish. Why are they there? In the oceans, jellyfish are squishy blobs of clear gel. How could squishy jellyfish fossilize? Generally, hard substances become fossils – not soft substances. Also, if you have ever been to the beach, you have probably noticed seagulls eating things washed up on shore, maybe even a jellyfish. When animals wash up on shore, there are predators around to eat them – they simply do not lie on the shore waiting to be fossilized. Furthermore, when a jellyfish washes up on shore, it pumps its bell, trying to get back to the water. This will leave behind little rings in the sand. In this rock quarry, no evidence of fossilized rings around these jellyfish exist. A jellyfish is 96% water and would dry out and shrink if exposed to air. There is no fossil evidence that these jellyfish have shrunk.



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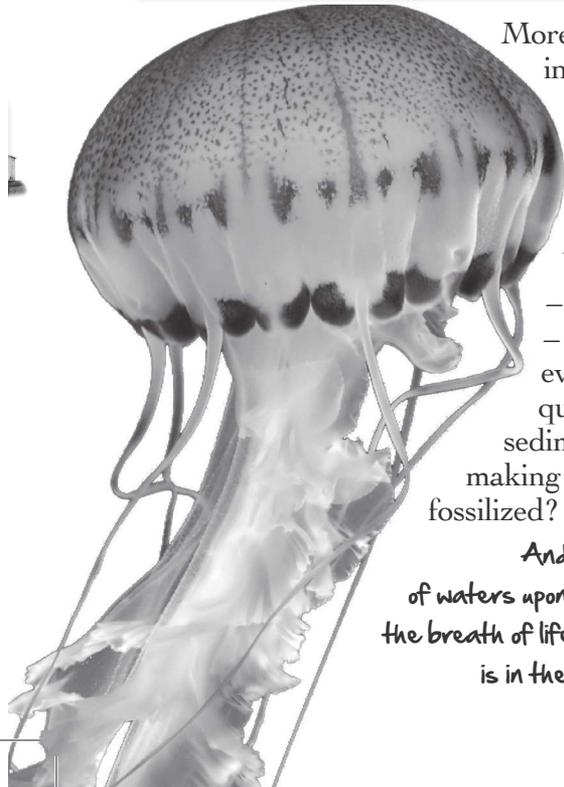
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Moreover, these jellyfish were not found in just one layer but were found buried in seven layers of the quarry over a thickness of 12 feet.

So, what does all this evidence tell us? These jellyfish had to have been covered and fossilized quickly – and not just once – but repeatedly – to form the many layers. What event in history would have fast, quick coverage with mineral-filled sediment and no oxygen (the recipe for making fossils), so the creatures could be fossilized? The Flood of Noah!

And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein is the breath of life, from under heaven; and every thing that is in the earth shall die. – Genesis 6:17



You may think that lightning only brings fear and sometimes destruction. What good is lightning? Plants need nitrogen to grow green and healthy, and our atmosphere is 78% nitrogen. Yet, plants cannot take the nitrogen they need for growth directly from the air. Instead, our Master Designer has provided an alternative means of getting that nitrogen into the plants—through lightning.

Lightning actually converts the nitrogen in the air to nitrous oxide, which falls to the ground and enters the soil where it can be used by plants. It is estimated that electrical storms produce one hundred million tons of usable nitrogen for the Earth's plants each year. You could call lightning a super fertilizer maker! So the next time there is an electrical storm, know that God is just turning the lawns green.

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*He sends lightening with the rain.
- Psalm 135:7b (NIV)*

*When he thunders, the waters in the heavens roar;
he makes clouds rise from the ends of the Earth.
He sends lightning with the rain
and brings out the wind from his storehouses.
- Jeremiah 10:13 (NIV)*

People often complain about the weather here on Earth, but after reading the weather report for other planets, we might want to change those complaints to praises.

- **Mercury:** Extreme temperature swings today! A scorching 870°F (466°C) in the sun, -300°F (-184°C) in the dark, and an atmosphere of unbreathable hydrogen and helium.
- **Venus:** Skies overcast with heavy clouds and periodic thunderstorms of sulfuric acid. Temperatures day or night of 900°F (842°C). Air pressure of 100 times greater than on Earth. You will be suffocated, crushed, roasted, and corroded.
- **Mars:** Dust storms are approaching. Stay indoors since there



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is not enough oxygen to breathe. Lows of -100°F (-73°C).

- **Jupiter:** Today there is an extreme smog alert. The air will smell of rotten egg gas because the air is full of poisonous hydrogen sulfide. Be on alert for cosmic radiation, falling meteors, and magnetic storms. The “red spot” hurricane continues to roar.
- **Saturn:** -216°F (-138°C). Winds blow at 1,118 mph. Gas planet, so there is no ground to stand on. Clouds made up of ammonia crystals.
- **Uranus:** -355 °F (-215°C). Poisonous atmosphere.
- **Neptune:** Winds will blow non-stop at 1,300 mph. The days will be dark since Neptune receives only one-tenth percent of the amount of the sunlight as compared to Earth.
- **Moon:** No rain. No wind. No clouds. No blue sky. Afternoon temperature 253°F (123°C). Overnight temp. -384°F (-231°C).

Compared to other places in our solar system, Earth’s weather is just right. There really is no place like home!

God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited..

- Isaiah 45:18



Leaves are little green machines running on air, water, sunlight, and a few minerals. These miniature solar panels are involved in an incredible process called photosynthesis. When sunlight falls on the green cells in the leaf, chemical changes take place, like the splitting of the molecules of water into oxygen and hydrogen. Water is extremely stable, so causing water molecules to split apart into oxygen and hydrogen is a very complex process requiring lots of energy input. The oxygen is released into the air we breathe, while the hydrogen is used to make sugars in the leaf as it combines with carbon dioxide from the air. This process involves more than 70 complex chemical reactions. The sun provides the energy needed to drive this process, but how did a plant cell ever learn to harness this energy? Pure energy destroys biological processes; it does not create order.

Photosynthesis is so complicated that scientists have been unable to duplicate the entire sequence of events in the lab, yet it is done automatically in a leaf. If evolution was true, how did this come about? What would be the step-by-step process which allowed the complicated chain of reactions to have fallen into place? What was the step just before a full process of photosynthesis developed in a plant's life? How could that pre-plant have survived to become the first plant capable of photosynthesis?

Until these types of questions are satisfactorily answered, evolution is just story-telling and faith (evolutionism), not science. Plants needed photosynthesis before they could exist and our Master Designer engineered this incredible 70-step process.

*Whoever trusts in his riches will fall,
but the righteous will thrive like a green leaf.
- Proverbs 11:28 (NIV)*

Blood is the most amazing product transportation system ever devised. Arteries and veins are the small flexible tubes that carry blood to and from our cells, delivering oxygen and removing waste. Our blood is mostly made up of plasma that carries the other solid materials: red blood cells, white blood cells and platelets. Red blood cells carry oxygen, white blood cells fight infections and platelets plug leaks in the veins and arteries.



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The average person knows very little about how his body works. Most people know more about the fluids in their car than the fluids in their own body. The 75 trillion cells in your body have many common characteristics. Each cell must breathe; each cell needs oxygen and food as fuel; each cell gets hot and needs cooling; each cell performs work and gives off exhaust gas and waste products.

Car engines have separate systems for each function; however, God has combined all of the required functions into one system in our body – the circulatory system. Blood carries food, oxygen and other required chemicals and minerals. It constantly moves required nutrients from processing sites to delivery points and transports waste from the cells to disposal plants. It even acts to surround and destroy invading enemies (like germs) and replace worn out or damaged parts of a cell. The motor of the circulatory system is the heart, a two cylinder pump, which keeps working even as we sleep, sit, or run a race.

Would we say that a car with all its systems happened by accident or chance? Car makers would not; they proudly display their name on the cars that they make. Think about how much more intricate is God's design of our circulatory system! Do you proudly give God credit for life's design?

The life of the flesh is in the blood.

- Leviticus 17:11

In 1927 a major geological event happened off the coast of Newfoundland, Canada. Without warning, an earthquake triggered an underwater avalanche causing loose sediment on the continental shelf to slide deeper into the ocean. This mud raced down the slope along the ocean floor similar to wet cement flowing off a cement truck at 60 miles per hour. When it finally came to a halt, the new sediment layer had formed, covering 40,000 square miles to a depth of two or more feet.

During the 1960s, with the help of submarines, geologists were able to study this catastrophic deposit. Through this study, they realized that this layer formed a new turbidite rock layer (as they are called) and that these turbidites are a result of catastrophic water events – not slow and gradual processes. These common, widespread, uniform rock deposits were previously thought to have

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taken hundreds of thousands of years to form, but because of what geologists discovered through the Newfoundland event, they now know these types of rock layers formed extremely rapidly. Many rock layers throughout the Appalachian and Rocky Mountains were actually formed by turbidities. More and more geologists are realizing that catastrophes formed the geological features of our planet.

The Flood of Noah's day would not have been a limited local flood but a violent catastrophe accompanied by earthquakes and volcanoes that completely restructured Earth's surface. Acknowledging this fact is controversial because it wipes out the huge time periods needed to explain life without God.

*If He did not spare the ancient world
when He brought the flood on its ungodly people...
- 2Peter 2:5 (NIV)*

One of the classic tests to determine if science is being properly applied is called the “white swan test”. Suppose I wanted to believe that “ALL swans are white.” In science this would be called my starting hypothesis. Could I prove this to be true by showing that



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all swans on a local pond are white? How about if all the swans in a given city were found to be white? Is it proven if I send e-mails to my friends all over the world, and they report back that all the swans they see around them are white? Have any of these observations proven my theory as scientifically true? Actually not. The only way to prove if any theory is true is to disprove it – in this case by finding a black swan. This is what is meant by science needing to be “falsifiable”.

Molecule-to-man evolution is a belief system rather than a scientific theory because no evidence is ever accepted as a falsification of the belief. Evidence supporting evolution is exactly analogous to only looking for “white swans”, while any “black swans” (which show evolution to be completely impossible) are simply ignored. These “black swans” include the impossibility of matter appearing from nothing, systematic gaps between very different kinds of creatures in the fossil record, the rapid build-up of mistakes upon the genetic code of living creatures, the majority of dating methods that indicate a recent creation, the multiple evidences for the rapid and recent deposition of the geological layers of the planet, the inability for complex multiple parts of an organism to appear simultaneously, and the impossibility of the information content of DNA to have made itself. This book is filled with these and many more “black swans”.

These well documented observations, that support the reality that life was designed is exactly what we would expect if the Bible is true and the universe was recently and supernaturally created. Yet all of these contradictions of evolution are simply ignored as though the “black swans” do not exist.

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

- Proverbs 3:5-6

A species of millipede called apheloria has an almost unbelievable defense mechanism. Many millipedes roll up or give off a foul smell when attacked, but not this one. Each segment of this millipede's body contains special glands that make a chemical for its protection. When the enemy attacks, the millipede mixes this chemical with a catalyst. The resulting reaction produces hydrogen cyanide gas – the same gas used in Hitler's gas chambers to kill people!

Both the millipede and the enemy are engulfed in a cloud of this deadly cyanide gas. The enemy dies – while the millipede simply walks away! How did the millipede develop this gas? How did it develop immunity to cyanide gas at the same time? How many millipedes were eaten before they developed this type of defense? How many millipedes died by gassing themselves? Evolution would say all this happened by mutational accidents. The faith of evolution believers to explain everything via evolutionary changes is more unbelievable than the millipede's unbelievably complex defense mechanism! This amazing defense system is clearly the result of intelligent designing and planning.

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The LORD is my
strength and my song;
he has become my salvation.

He is my God, and I will praise him,
my father's God, and I will exalt him.

- Exodus 15:2 (NIV)

Did you realize that dinosaurs are mentioned in the Bible? In Job 40, we find a description of a behemoth. It feeds on grass like an ox (v.15), its tail sways like a cedar tree (v.17), its bones are like tubes of bronze and rods of iron (v.18), the behemoth ranks first



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among the works of God (v.19), it hides among the reeds in the marsh (v.21). This behemoth is sometimes identified as a hippo or elephant by liberal theologians. However, neither of these animals fully fits the description. Instead, the behemoth sounds like an Apatosaurus (formerly called the brontosaurus). God was describing a creature with which Job was familiar. Since Job lived after the Genesis flood, this dinosaur did not disappear in the flood event. You will recall that Noah took representatives of all basic animal groups aboard the Ark, and that would have included the dinosaurs. They left the Ark and repopulated the Earth. God was just describing a huge creature that Job had seen.

Job 41 mentions a creature called the leviathan. Again, details of the creature are mentioned: its strong scales are his pride (v.15), it sneezes flashing forth light, out of its mouth go burning torches, sparks of fire leap forth, out of his nostrils smoke goes forth as from a boiling pot and burning rushes, his breath kindles coals and a flame goes forth from his mouth (v.18-21), when he raises himself up, the mighty fear (v.25). Liberal theologians, influenced by evolutionary thinking, attempt to identify this creature as a crocodile. It simply does not fit.¹ God is describing this creature, the leviathan, to Job, and it sounds very much like a seagoing plesiosaur with the ability to produce smoke or flames. This is not impossible since even the lowly bombardier beetle has been given this same ability.²

The people of Job's day were clearly familiar with both the behemoth and leviathan. Throughout human history and the Bible, these type of creatures were referred to as "dragons". Apparently, like many other creatures, they have become extinct since the time of Job and Noah.

*Can you pull in Leviathan with a fishhook or tie down its tongue with a rope?
- Job 41:1 (NIV)*

Even the feces from baby song-birds reveal the design of God.

Baby song birds are always hungry, and the parent is continually feeding them, but what goes in one end...must come out the other! The nest could easily become a real mess. Imagine the bird nests filling up with bird excrement as the baby birds are pushed closer and closer to the rim by the rising sewage.

The presence of this fecal matter would not only be unhealthy but enable predators to easily detect their location. How did God

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solve this problem? Disposable diapers. Each chick's fecal matter has a mucous membrane that surrounds it. The chick generally defecates within seconds of being fed. The parent then removes this fecal sac and deposits it away from the nest as it flies off to find additional food for the chicks. Shortly before the chicks fledge (fly away from the nest), they stop producing fecal sacs.

When you see tiny baby birds in their nests, think of how God has provided for their cleanliness and safety using the world's FIRST biodegradable, disposable diapers!

*I know every bird in the mountains,
and the insects in the fields are mine.
- Psalm 50:11 (NIV)*



Have you considered that you might be wearing a souvenir from the Flood of Noah's Day? It's that amber necklace or earring. Amber is fossilized tree resin. Many pieces contain well-preserved land and aquatic critters such as insects, flowers, bird feathers, mammals, water beetles, and barnacles. Although we are not sure why amber seems to be concentrated in only certain parts of the world (like the Baltic regions), recent studies found that amber needed lots of water to entomb these critters. Water delays the process of "amberisation" (i.e. tree resin hardening). The tree resin stays stickier for longer periods of time underwater as compared to exposure in the air. With the amber being stickier longer, more critters get caught within the floating globules of tree resin. But how could both freshwater and marine critters become trapped in the same sticky tree sap? A catastrophic flood of worldwide proportions would have caused the uprooting of trees in enormous



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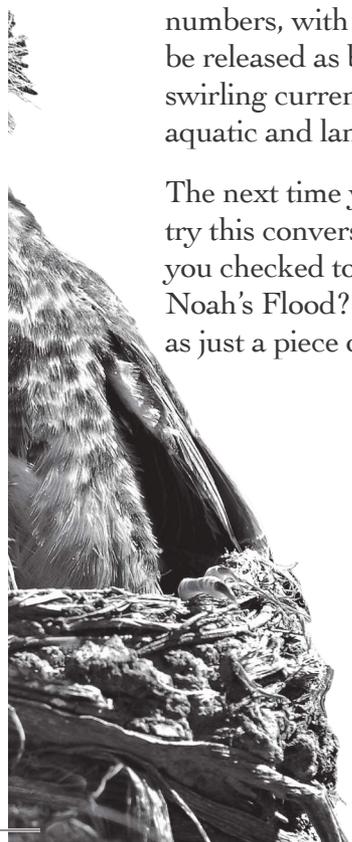
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numbers, with waves causing copious quantities of tree resin to be released as billions of trees smashed against each other in the swirling currents. This sticky resin would have enveloped both aquatic and land organisms caught in the flood waters.

The next time you see someone wearing a piece of amber jewelry, try this conversation starter, "I see you are wearing amber. Have you checked to see if it contains the critters entombed during Noah's Flood?" Hopefully, you will never look at a piece of amber as just a piece of amber.

*The Lord sat enthroned at the Flood, and the
Lord sits as King forever.
- Psalm 29:10 (NKJV)*



Imagine leaving your lunchmeat sandwich along a trail in the Grand Canyon during a family vacation and finding the same undecayed sandwich 50 years later. A ridiculous fantasy? Now imagine finding a chicken drumstick left on a rock in England by King Arthur 1000 years ago, yet the meat was still strangely soft and edible. Absurd? Imagine exploring an ancient tomb of Egypt that no one has entered for 4000 years and finding a plate of food as succulent and fresh as the day it was placed there. Magic? Yet all of these fantasies pale in comparison to what evolutionists need to believe about undecayed tissue finds within fossils.

In 2005, Dr. Mary Schweitzer found undecayed tissue, blood vessels, and cells within a fossilized T-rex bone¹ that she admitted should not have been there because it “violates everything we know about the laws of chemistry and physics”. Amidst a storm of criticism, Dr. Schweitzer has proven that the tissue is indeed dinosaur tissue and found additional soft tissue in hadrosaur bones (assumed to have been buried 80 million years ago).² Meanwhile,

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Maria McNamara has identified muscle tissue (laying outside of the protective bone structure) from a salamander supposedly buried for 18 million years³, and Johan Lindgren has found soft organic remains in the eye socket of a monosaur fossil supposedly buried for 80 million years.⁴ All of these time scales are ridiculous in the face of the soft tissue finds but make sense if the rock layers are the result of a recent worldwide flood.

God is making it absolutely apparent that a recent creation and a worldwide flood are a reality of history. His Word can be trusted as clear and straightforward. Dinosaurs were caught in a worldwide flood only about 4,500 years ago, and that is why small amounts of undecayed/unfossilized tissue remains.

*If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe,
if I tell you of heavenly things?
- John 3:12*

Have you considered if there is intelligent life in outer space? This popular idea only makes sense if viewed from an evolutionary viewpoint. In other words, if life evolved on Earth by natural processes, then why not other places in the universe. But what



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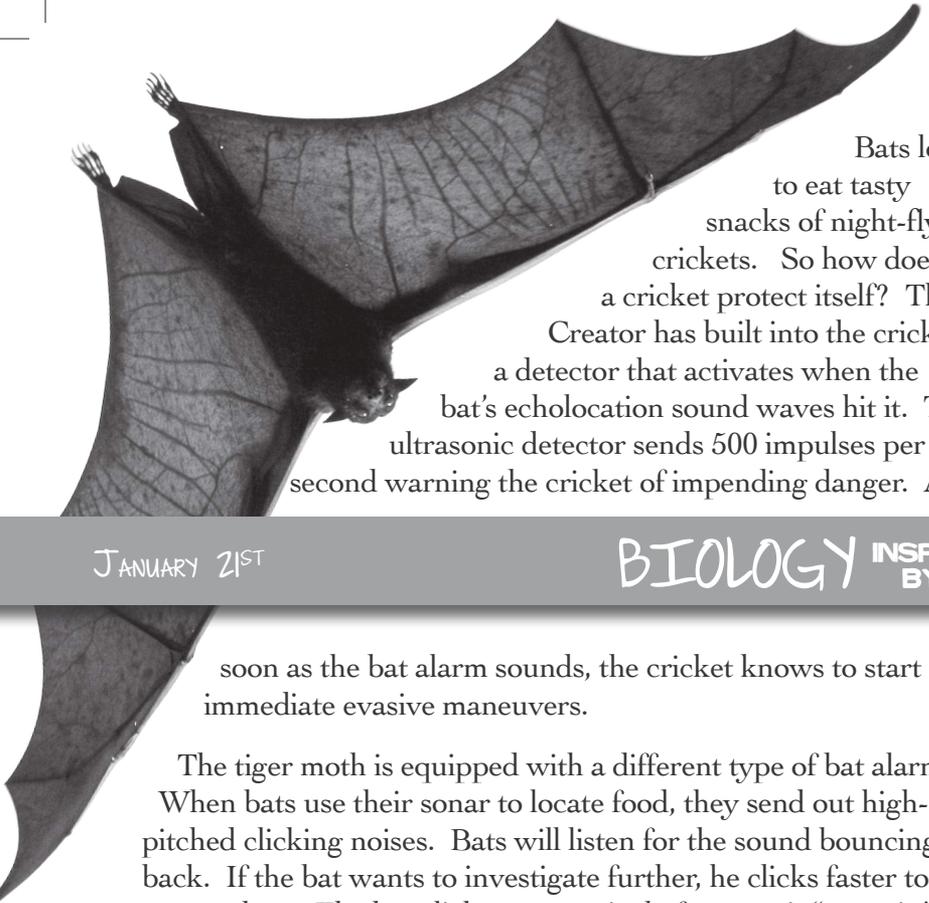
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does a Christian worldview, based on the Bible, tell us about intelligent life in outer space? During creation week, God made the sun, moon and stars four days AFTER beginning the process of creating the entire universe. Why did God make them? *“For signs and for seasons, and for days and years (Genesis 1:14)”*. The Earth was center stage, and the sun, moon, and stars were created for helping us on Earth measure the passage of time (among other things). In the Old Testament, many passages distinguish between the heaven and Earth – always giving Earth a special place. Isaiah 66:1 says, *“Thus says the Lord, the heaven is my throne, and the Earth is my footstool.”* The Earth is apparently a very unique spot in the universe.

But there are even more compelling theological reasons that point only to the earth being inhabited by intelligent life. In Romans 8:22, it states that *“the whole creation groans”* because of Adam’s sin. When Adam sinned, the entire universe was affected, even outer space. Every year stars explode in supernova events throughout the universe. Now here is the problem. If there were intelligent life on other planets, then why would a just God afflict them with death because of what Adam did here on Earth? Death exists because if it didn’t we would live forever separated from our Maker. Jesus overcame death and made a way for us to come back into fellowship with our Maker. The penalty for sin is death. Jesus paid that penalty with his death on the cross. If intelligent life existed elsewhere, those beings would also be affected by sin’s action and subjected to death (just like stars are decaying). Yet they would have no opportunity for being saved. God wants all to come to salvation. Intelligent life exists only upon Earth.

*The heaven, even the heavens are the Lord’s:
but the Earth has he given to the children of men.*

- Psalm 115:16



Bats love to eat tasty snacks of night-flying crickets. So how does a cricket protect itself? The Creator has built into the cricket a detector that activates when the bat's echolocation sound waves hit it. This ultrasonic detector sends 500 impulses per second warning the cricket of impending danger. As

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soon as the bat alarm sounds, the cricket knows to start immediate evasive maneuvers.

The tiger moth is equipped with a different type of bat alarm. When bats use their sonar to locate food, they send out high-pitched clicking noises. Bats will listen for the sound bouncing back. If the bat wants to investigate further, he clicks faster to hear more echoes. The bat clicks progressively faster as it “zeros in” on its target. Tiger moths can hear the bat tracking them. These moths will then try to confuse the bat by doing loop-de-loops and barrel rolls. If the bat continues tracking the moth, it will fold its wings and fall to the ground like a rock. Some of these tiger moths will even try jamming the bat’s radar by sending out their own clicks.

Think about the incredible complexity of these defense mechanisms. How could a “simple” cricket or moth learn such behavior? How could it have developed the sound detecting equipment, mental processing capabilities and maneuvers found in a complex fighter jet?

Bless the LORD, all you His hosts, you who serve him, doing his will. Bless the LORD, all you works of his, in all places of his dominion.

- Psalm 103:21-22

Many people have experienced upset stomachs which accompany worry, but did you know that unhappiness can even affect your bones?

A recent medical show was looking at the risk factors for osteoporosis. Some of the risk factors are being overly thin with a small skeleton, being a smoker, not drinking enough water, the lack of boron, or drinking alcohol. But scientists have also found depression to be a risk factor. It seems “depression causes inflammatory chemicals that suck away some of the bone”. In other words, a depressed person does not have a merry heart...and this will affect their bones.

Essentially the same observation was made by King Solomon almost 3,000 years ago (see Proverbs 17:22). We are just now catching up! Of course, God has made us and wants to keep us healthy. Wherever the Bible speaks on



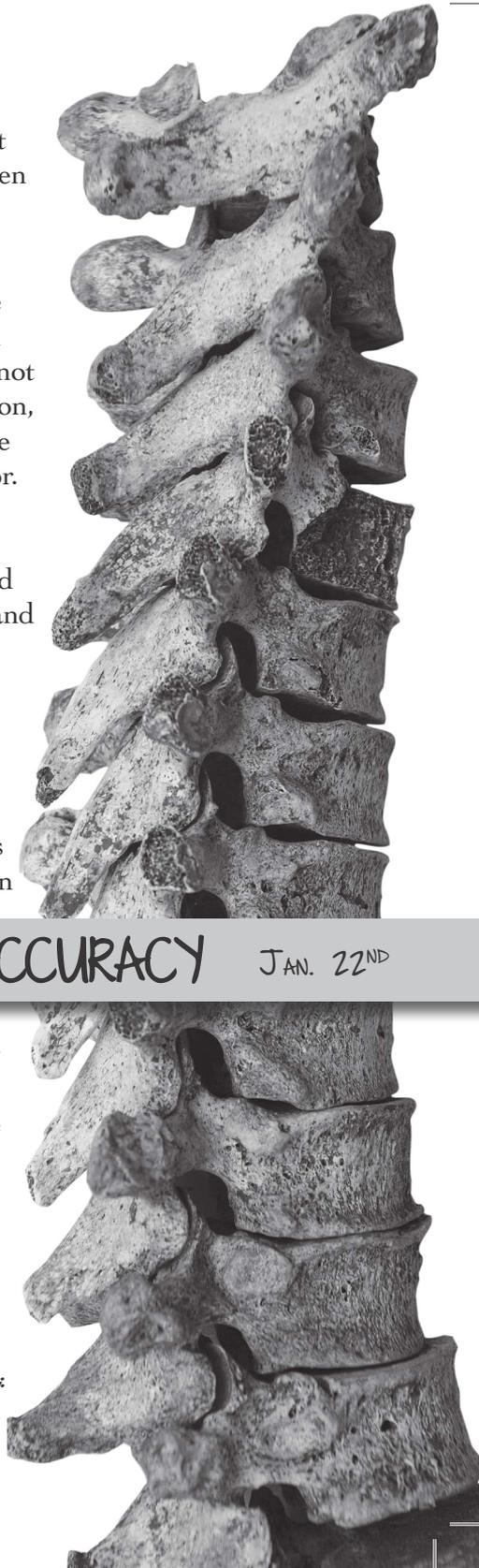
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science, it is correct. The Bible is truly the inspired Word of God. So laugh a little and be joyful. It is good medicine for the bones.

*A merry heart doeth good like a medicine:
but a broken spirit drieth the bones.
- Proverbs 17:22*



How does one choose between the most popular ideas concerning the formation of the universe?

- The Big Bang Expansion (Boom and stretch)
- The Steady State Universe (Nothing new...same old, same old)
- The Forever Expanding Universe (And you thought diamonds were forever)
- The Cyclic Universe (The big crunch)

Some current evidence indicates that the universe is gently oscillating, enough to maintain equilibrium while preventing collapse. This equilibrium is maintained by a gentle expansion and contrac-

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tion of space. Almost like breathing! Even if this is true, where did everything come from, and how was this perfect balance achieved?

The Big Bang explains neither the origin of matter nor the perfect balance point achieved. A steady state universe could not exist forever, or all energy would be used up. The same problem eliminates the possibility of a forever expanding universe or a forever cyclic universe. All three choices violate the basic laws of physics and could not be true.

The correct answer is found in the Bible – God rolled out the heavens like a scroll. This reality accommodates all known observations, and the time frame fits the biblical model because during the rolling out process, space itself was stretched out. If this is indeed how the heavens were formed, the speed at which things were happened in the past would not be limited to current values. Although there is much to still be learned, everything from background radiation to red shifts from distant starlight have been shown to fit nicely into a recent creation interpretation of cosmology.

*And the heavens shall be rolled up like a scroll:
- Isaiah 34:4 (NKJV)*

Diamonds require a very high pressure to form, so they most likely formed some 200 miles below the Earth's surface. Geologists believe they were transported to the surface supersonically in violent volcanic eruptions. Diamonds are assumed to have formed 1-3 billion years ago because evolutionists need these extended time frames to explain life without God. In actuality, there is no reason to doubt that diamonds were compressed rapidly and recently during the Earth's formation.

Diamonds are made of carbon, so we can actually test their age with radiocarbon dating (commonly known as carbon-14 dating). The carbon-14 decay rate (or half-life) for this type of carbon is 5,730 years. After 5,730 years, half of any original amount disappears. After two half-lives, a quarter is left; after three half-lives only an eighth is left; after 10 half-lives, less than one-



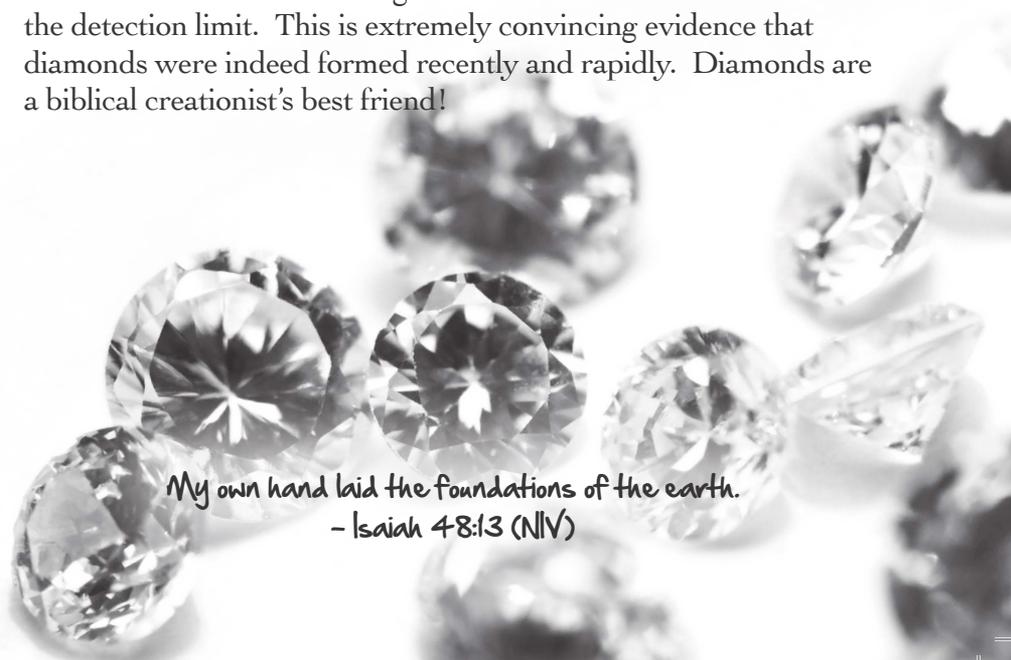
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thousandth is left. **Not a single carbon-14 atom should exist in any carbon source older than 250,000 years.**

Surprisingly, nationally certified radiocarbon labs have reported that diamonds have remaining carbon-14 amounts at over 10 times the detection limit. This is extremely convincing evidence that diamonds were indeed formed recently and rapidly. Diamonds are a biblical creationist's best friend!



My own hand laid the foundations of the earth.
- Isaiah 48:13 (NIV)

Soaring some 18 feet off the ground, the giraffe is the tallest living land animal. Being so tall, giraffes have one of the highest blood pressures of all animals; they need two-foot long hearts to pump blood up those ten-foot long necks. Yet the brain is very sensitive to high blood pressure. Consider the giraffe taking a drink. He spreads his front legs and bends his head down. Can you imagine the blood rushing down his long neck, gaining speed and finally slamming into his brain? What a headache! Ah, but the Creator has built special design features into the giraffe. Within the blood vessels are check valves that slow down the rushing blood, and

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when the blood finally does arrive at the brain, there is a “wonder net.” This wonder net acts like a sponge, dispersing the blood around the brain.

Evolutionists believe these features happened by accident and chance. If this were true, imagine the giraffe getting a drink when the creature did not have the wonder net and check valves. The giraffe hears a lion, raises his head too quickly, and the blood rushes away from his head – causing him to black out. As a result, he is now lion food. But if he raises his head too slowly, the lion attacks, and again the giraffe is lion food. How many giraffes would have to be eaten until these two special design features evolved? How could they have just happened at the same speed at which his neck was miraculously lengthening? Evolution requires an enormous amount of faith and story-telling.

The check valves and wonder net were needed right from the beginning in order for giraffes to survive. God created the giraffe on Day 6 of creation week with all of these features. These design features cry out, “There is an Almighty God who made this!”

*O LORD, how great are thy works! And thy thoughts are very deep.
- Psalm 92:5*

Since a giraffe has one of the highest blood pressures in the animal kingdom (needed to pump blood way up to its brain), why doesn't the blood pool down in his skinny legs? The reason is that the giraffe has been designed with tight-fitting skin. When a giraffe walks, the muscle movement within that tight skin helps pump blood up and out of the legs. You could say a giraffe is wearing support hose, the kind that you wear in the hospital to prevent blood from pooling in your legs.

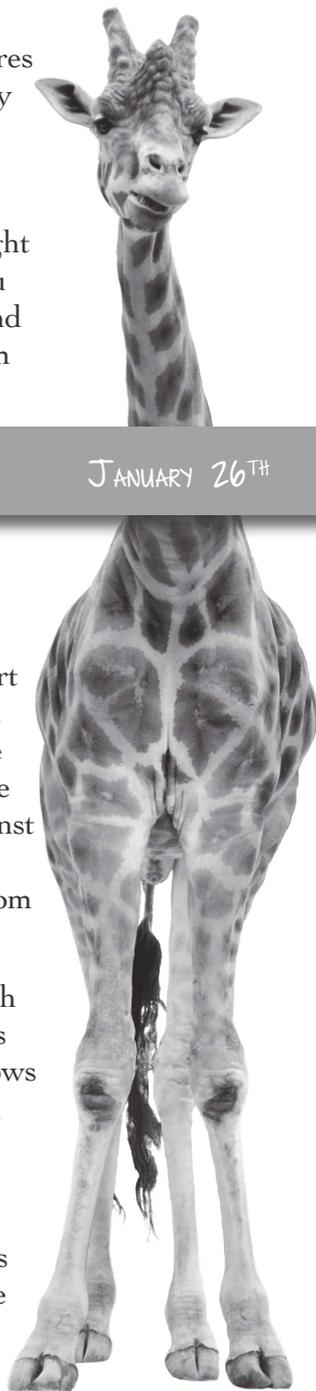


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Giraffes also walk differently from most animals. Most animals walk by putting the left front foot forward at the same time as the right back foot, sort of diagonal. Giraffes walk by putting the left back foot forward along with left front foot. The giraffe is long-legged and short-bodied; if they walked like most animals, they would be hitting their legs against each other and stumbling. God, in His wisdom, programmed the giraffe to walk the way it does from the beginning.

Also notice the giraffe's long tail. Why doesn't such a long tail get caught on brushes and tree branches when running? The solution: a special muscle allows the giraffe to curl its tail tightly over its back when running. Like many other animals, the giraffe is a smorgasbord of features – each one specifically designed for its benefit. Does evolution explain any of this? Not really. No step-at-a-time process explains the change from horse-like creature to the giraffe. God is simply the Master Designer.



*Whence then cometh wisdom? and where is the place of understanding?
God understandeth the way thereof, and he knoweth the place thereof.
- Job 28:20,23*

The process of making light from chemicals is called bioluminescence. The most common example is the light produced by fireflies. But there are dozens of vastly different creatures which have this ability. From single-celled organisms called dinoflagellates to glow worms found in caves; from deep-sea fish to googly-eyed glass squids; there is a vast array of creatures with an ability to mix varying forms of luciferin and luciferase to produce light at will.



It turns out that each of these creatures uses a slightly different variation of the key chemicals to produce light. One would think that closely-related organisms should have similar luciferins and luciferases, while creatures farther apart on the evolutionary sequence would have much different versions of such chemicals. NO SUCH PATTERN EXISTS. Thus according to those who have extensively studied this subject, “bioluminescence is estimated to have evolved independently at least 40 times.”¹

It is difficult to believe that even one creature happened upon the ability to produce light by producing and mixing two complex

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chemicals. But to believe it happened independently 40 different times is beyond credibility. Furthermore, these chance happenings far exceed mankind’s ability to reproduce the same results. A firefly’s luminescence is 88% efficient, while the light produced by the best luminescence reaction developed by mankind is a mere 23% efficient.

*Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good;
Blessed is the man who trusts in Him!
- Psalm 34:8 (NKJV)*

How did humans acquire language? Evolutionists believe it developed from primitive people grunting and hooting. But



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the astonishing rise of a new language by deaf children gives us insights into language development.

In 1980, in Nicaragua, 500 deaf children came together for the first time in a new school. Up until that time, these children had lived scattered in all parts of the country, communicating with hearing relatives via gestures. There was no established form of sign language; each child had his own set of gestures with little in common. But when they came together in the school, they quickly developed their own unique language, a completely new form of sign language.

At first this language was very rudimentary, but before long it became a fully developed language with rules of grammar and syntax. Rutgers' behavior neuroscientist, Judy Kegl, described it as "the first documented case of the birth of a language." Little kids, three or four years old, generated a full-fledged language without outside help! Their language was entirely of their own making. There is nothing that they could have used as a model. It was clear evidence that we are preprogrammed for language!

Adam and Eve were the first humans, and they had language to communicate with each other and God. Even though humans use vastly different languages, they seem to have an innate ability to produce complex communication systems. God programmed our brains to communicate using complex languages. No animal comes close to possessing this ability. Humans are not mere animals!

*...let us go down, and there confound their language,
that they may not understand one another's speech...*

- Genesis 11:7

The biggest problem for evolution is still the sudden appearance of every basic body structure – suddenly and without transition¹. This fact of science clearly places the theory of evolution in the category of faith...rather than science. Furthermore, it is a faith that flies in the face of the evidence rather than acknowledging the evidence.

The Bible repeats ten times, in the first chapter, that different kinds of creatures were created fully formed and fully functioning as distinctly different creatures – which reproduce “*after their kind*”. Thus, we would expect distinctly different types of creatures to be found in the rock layers of our planet – exactly what we

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find. Yet the creativity of the designer should also be apparent because today there is an enormous variety seen within each given “kind” of creature. This is exactly what the fossil record shows.

If evolution is true, some simple single-celled form of life must have somehow slowly been transformed into every other form of life. How does one go from a bacterium to coral and leave no evidence of the transformation? Where are all the in-between creatures? How do you slowly transform a single cell to a starfish...sponge...clam...trilobite...nautiloid...seaweed... fish with backbone...ALL without leaving ANY transition?????

There is a way that appears to be right, but in the end it leads to death. The simple believe anything, but the prudent give thought to their steps.

– Proverbs 14:12,15 (NIV)

There is no place on Earth which is not overflowing with life:

- **The frozen polar caps** have life as majestic as the lumbering polar bear, comical as the waddling penguin and persevering as the Arctic Tern. Each is specifically designed to survive within this harsh frigid environment.
- **Arid deserts** come alive at night with lizards, snakes, scorpions, and a dizzying array of creatures with features designed to conserve moisture.
- **Deep ocean vents** spouting toxic, boiling, mineral-laden fluids are surrounded by microorganisms designed to thrive in this harsh environment.



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Contrast this with what we know about every other place in the universe:

- **The moon** is a barren, airless, crater-scarred wasteland...totally devoid of life.
- **Mercury** is a furnace hot enough to melt lead...totally devoid of organisms.
- **Venus**, Earth's "sister planet", is a cauldron of toxic gases...devoid of life.
- **Mars** is a desert planet with no indication of life.
- **All outer planets** are frozen gas giants completely devoid of the beauty, sound, movement, and purpose provided by plants and animals.
- **Planets detected around distant stars** are too large, too close, or too far from their stars to support life. Essentially, all known stars have characteristics incompatible with life.

So why do we hear so much about finding life on other planets or galaxies? Because if life developed by chance, unguided processes here on Earth, then life must have also developed without God elsewhere in the universe. Yet only faith in the impossible allows belief that life exists elsewhere in the universe. Earth is an unparalleled paradise – perfectly designed for the existence of life. Our planet is specifically for our benefit, by God!

*And God said, "Let the waters bring forth abundantly
the moving creature that hath life..."*

- Genesis 1:20

Have you heard that your eye is wired backwards? Yes, the wiring faces toward the incoming light, while the photoreceptors face the back of the retina. When light enters the eye and falls on the retina (back of the eye), it has to go through 10 layers to the very back of the retina for the photocells to be activated. Why would an all-powerful, all-knowing, perfect Designer invent such a convoluted system? Atheists cite this as “evidence” that God does not exist.

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But let's examine the evidence.

- Photocells are highly active and need a continual feeding of blood rich nutrients. This blood-rich lake lies behind the photoreceptors. If the photoreceptors faced forward, this lake of blood would be in front of the photocells, and we would be looking through lots and lots of blood.
- The photocells are one of the most active areas in our bodies and need to be replenished every 7 days. What to do with old burned out debris? Enter the macrophages (like microscopic garbage collectors). These garbage collectors operate within the pooled blood and if they were in front of the photoreceptors, it would again be impossible to see clearly.
- So how does the light get to the backward facing receptors? Muller cells in the front of the retina collect and funnel the light to the photoreceptors. Muller cells work like fiber optics – only better – because they cover the entire surface of the retina collecting and funneling the maximum amount of light to the photoreceptors.

What appears at first glance to be a “bad design” is in reality a superb “God design”. The backwards wiring of the eye allows a rich supply of blood for the receptors, while the Muller cells with their “fiber optics” move light to the photoreceptors. Could this have all happened by chance mutational changes from some preexisting light sensitive patch? Not a chance!

How great are your works, O Lord, how profound your thoughts!
- Psalm 92:5

