We must speak for silence would shame us, and the rocks themselves would cry out... You, O Lord Christ Jesus, must be praised for who You are in the world You have made.

Hello! The latest science is full of new findings that show Jesus is Creator of the universe, you and us. Thank you for joining us in learning the Good News.

You will find technical references for our articles at: http://www.CryingRocks.org

Correction: The Fall 2007 (#19) issue was incorrectly identified as Summer 2007 (#18).

Can We Get to God?

A few issues ago, we pointed out six ways that Christianity is different from every other religion in the world. To review, the six Christian distinctives are 1) God is called Father, 2) God has an intimate relationship with Christians, 3) More than teacher, Jesus is savior, 4) God operates by grace 5) Everyone is equal, 6) God accepts you just as you are right now.

We want expand on these ideas to show, in more detail, the reasons we have.

C-14 and Oil Deposits: A Connection

C-14 oil is related in a couple of ways. We will show you that scientific analysis of these two related items lead to a very certain conclusion regarding the age of the earth.

C-14 has been found in oil and gas deposits around the world. You will recall from earlier issues that C-14 years of age in deposits a few hundred feet thick. Let’s take a close look at their logic (which is actually pretty good on some aspects of the data).

We will give some old earth interpretations and contrast them with a young earth interpretation.

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Hualapai, Navajo, the World & THE Flood

The Hualapai have a legend not unlike many found around the world. Anthropologists get excited when they hear information repeated in many cultures because it lends strength to the validity of the story... unless it is Biblical. The story is about the origin of the Hualapai and other tribes. The legend starts with the whole earth being flooded by a 45 day rain. A dove brings a message from the Creator and the dove flies from the boat and returns with a grass leaf. One petroglyph shows 8 persons in a vessel during the flood (so far, similar to Noah’s Flood). The land later becomes irrevocably “not good” by the act of one individual (similar to original sin of Adam including the ground being cursed). One of the Hualapai led the people to a new land to the east due to overcrowding (similar to the Babel dispersion). Bible chapters Genesis 1 to 11 are confirmed in cultures all over the globe. See our web site for the Chinese connection.

Science News to Learn By

Our Mistake, It’s 17,000

In several of our past issues we have stated that there is not one single documented case of a mutation aiding in the advancement/improvement of humankind. We have also stated that there are about 2000 human maladies caused by mutations. We were way off. According to the Johns Hopkins University there are over 17,000 harmful human mutations with an average of about 80 added to the list every month.
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these Christian distinctives are so important.

The question boils down to this: Do we work our way to God or does God approach us? We use the word “work” for a very specific reason. In all other religions, the human must work to earn the right to approach God. This becomes a difficult thing. How can you know if you make the grade? Do your “goods” outbalance the “bads”? To what degree must you become “good”? Can you ever really get there? Can you ever achieve perfect good? Doubtful. In Christianity, God comes to us. This seems odd. Why would God come to us? Let’s follow the logic:

The God of the Bible is called Father. The reason is because He is a person, a spirit person, but a person, an entity. We are created in His image. That means that though we lack His power, we are similar in many ways. The Bible refers to God as seeing us, talking with us, walking with us, knowing exactly what we need. O, that I as a father knew exactly what my children need!! I would do everything I could to fill that need.

Now we have the beginning of a picture of why God comes to us and we don’t have to work our way to Him. When my children were born, I went to them.... I provided for them, I loved them. But that is not exactly how it works between us and God...

We have a brand new grandson. Our daughter and her husband adopted him this past October. He was one-day old when adopted and three days old when we first held him. He is family now. There is no difference between him and any grandchild born into the family. Our love for him is unconditional.

But, that doesn’t mean he won’t need discipline and guidance as he grows. He will just as we all did. But he will still be family... unconditionally loved.

And so it is with God. Just as our new grandson did not choose us, humans will naturally not choose God. We want to be our own God. So Jesus came to us. When we recognize Him as our true spiritual Father, we are adopted into His family. The Bible plainly states that those who are adopted are fellow heirs with Christ.

You see, the book of Romans makes it clear we all fall short of being worthy of being in the presence of God. He is perfect and nothing imperfect can be in His presence. And, if you aren’t family, you have no special privileges.

But we who have accepted God’s no-cost, no-work, invitation to join the family are adopted. Now we have privileges. We will need life-long learning and discipline, but we have privileges because we are family.

What we have described above is called grace: Getting what we do not deserve. Grace goes hand in hand with mercy: not getting what we DO deserve.

You have an invitation to join God’s family. Could you ask for more? Isn’t this what we all want from God... for Him to overlook our bad side and accept us? Come, join the family with us. Become our adopted brother or sister. Your Father awaits you.

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found that http://www.answersincreation.org/varves.htm gives a pretty good argument. We do not discuss some of the responses because they are not really pertinent or could easily be interpreted within either viewpoint.

Varves are thought to form on lake bottoms, particularly lakes that are/were fed by glaciers. Each layer supposedly represents a season of deposition. Two layers equal one year (more or less). We will look specifically at the Green River Formation in southwest Wyoming.

It is very possible that more than one layer would be laid down in a year. The site agrees, but we must agree that since there are six million layers, even if 100 layers were put down in a year, far more than 6000 years is represented.

One flow of water can build up thousands of thin layers in just one event. The site states that that doesn’t mean that is how varves formed. True, but it also shows that it could be how the varves formed (Nature magazine agrees - link on web site). No winner on this one.

3 Hurricanes can lay down hundreds of thin layers very quickly. True but probably doesn’t apply here.

4 Now we get to the meat of the arguments. We would contend that because the fossils in these layers are well preserved and overlap layers, the deposition had to be very fast. Here is a graphic to illustrate the point:

Fossils extend through many layers indicating it took many years for the fossil to be covered in sediment. This photo shows how detailed the fossils are. Even the scales have been preserved.

But, creatures are eaten and rot much too fast to allow years for covering. They have to be buried rapidly.

The web site counters that since varve lakes are glacier fed, the fish would not decay due to cold and lack of oxygen at the bottom. It seems they are speculating and ignoring published studies. Many of the fossils are of bottom-feeding catfish. This means there was oxygen available and it wasn’t all that cold. Finally, take a look at the two photos at the right. These fossils show exploded areas of the fish. Only rapidly applied high pressure could cause such an explosion... And concurrent burial in mud preserves the many explosions. All those varves were deposited suddenly, during Noah’s Flood. Scholarship requires searching for answers, not just listening to evidence presented by one side.
We regret our error.

Windsong Feral Cats

The December 19, 2007 issue of the Red Rock News had an article on the feral cats of the Windsong Trailer Park. Here is a quote from the article. “Feral cat colonies begin because people dump unfixed cats, which then breed and interbreed, causing many to be born with birth defects.” Wait a minute, according to evolutionary theory, this inbreeding should result in new kinds of creatures. But reality and common sense show that mutations are harmful to cats, not steps of progress to a new kind of creature, just like the 17,000 mutations in humans.

Human Embryo Tails & Gill Slits

It is right there on page 77 of outspoken American atheist Sam Harris’s book, Letter to a Christian Nation (2008). Yep, according to Mr. Harris, human embryos have tails and gill slits. Apparently Mr. Harris hasn’t read a biology book less than 50 years old. Human embryos do NOT ever have gill slits or tails. Check the link to wikipedia on our home page for the truth. This is just one of many examples of intellectual dishonesty or outright lies in this slim 115 page book.

Big Bang Fails Again

Big bangers assure us they know how the universe came to be what it is. There is a great scenario including the formation of white dwarf stars, which are a type of burned out star. It is an excellent explanation about how the core collapses and an atmosphere of hydrogen and helium are left around the dead star. Now comes news from Nature #450. It seems that quite a few white dwarfs actually have an atmosphere of carbon. And there is zero hydrogen or helium present. Perhaps a legitimate explanation will be found at some point, but why can’t they admit that what big bangers state as fact is really just their best religious guess.

Old Man Platypus

The oldest platypus fossil known was supposedly 15 million years old. Now a fossil has been found that is supposedly 112 million years old. A difference of nearly 100 million years. In addition, DNA analysis had supposedly established that the platypus had diverged from their most recent “common ancestor” 17 to 80 million years ago (note that every creature has a supposed common ancestor and fossil diggers have never found one... Not one). The question we have is why evolutionists haven’t found a single fossil of an age in between 15 and 112 million years old. Hey, that gap is more than the one from when dinosaurs supposedly lived to today. I wonder if evolutionists will stop complaining that young earthers can’t come up with a dinosaur fossil less than 60 million years old (please ignore the dino fossils found with soft tissue and blood cells which could not possibly be older than 100,000 years per the proven laws of chemistry).

New Dinosaur Find

Speaking of dinosaurs, a new fossil has been found complete with skin. This fossil actually shows muscle patterns and more. This is a huge find. Scientists are so amazed by the state of preservation that they are hoping to find undamaged proteins and possibly DNA. If they find macromolecules such as proteins they have a new problem. All research shows that such molecules will completely decompose in less than 100,000 years no matter how well preserved.

Star Formation

Galaxy NGC 300 is a huge galaxy. It is huge but very thin and flat. According to an article in The Astrophysical Journal, crashing objects should form round objects rather than flat ones. How do galaxies form? Supposedly by matter colliding. Galaxies should be ball shaped, not flat. The red-shift of this galaxy shows the galaxy to have formed shortly after the big bang. But there should have been matter for the colliding at that stage. An additional problem is how all the stars in the galaxy could have formed. Once again, there wasn’t enough time for all those collisions. The odd quote in the article is from Professor Jos Bland-Hawthorn: “It’s getting harder and harder to explain how stars form.” What makes this odd? Cosmologists never have had a concrete idea of how stars form, especially the very first stars.

All current thoughts require exploding stars to get stars. And these are just thoughts. Nobody has anything close to a mathematical model of how it all works.

Is Evolution a Religious Belief?

Editorial: It seems every anti-creation article we read has a line something like this... “To deny evolution is to deny the same science as gravity or relativity.” Is it the same? Relativity is described in a series of 16 complex equations. To say one has found a new solution to relativity requires that the researcher solve all 16 equations simultaneously and then subject the solutions to peer review to make sure they are accurate. Right now there are probably 10 researchers in the world attempting to show that relativity is false. Since relativity is based on equations, data can be inserted in the equations and the correct answer better come out or relativity is falsified. In fact, we recall a time when they thought relativity was in big trouble, but it turned out that the problem was that their measuring instruments were not accurate enough.

Can somebody please show us the mathematical formula for evolution? Can anyone show us a current study that is attempting to falsify evolution? No and No. Every experiment evolutionists perform is an attempt to show evolution is just possible! That isn’t science. Trying to prove evolution is true is like trying to prove God exists or God does not exist. There are no formulas, just belief and interpretation of data based on that belief. Please keep in mind that we are talking about dino to birds evolution, not natural selection. Belief in evolution IS religious.

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is a radioactive substance that has a very short half life. All living tissue, plant or animal, has a small percentage of C-14 in their cells. Once the creature, or plant, dies, C-14 stops entering the creature and the amount starts reducing at the rate of 50% every 5730 years. After 100,000 years there will be no C-14 left in the material.

Natural gas and oil is what is left of living fish, animals and foliage after having been compressed and possibly heated. The once alive material becomes oil, natural gas or coal. After 100,000 years, there should be no C-14 left in gas, oil or coal. After it was discovered that some material that should not have C-14 does still have C-14, a lot of C-14 testing has been done. The result is that ALL material, no matter how supposedly old it is... even supposedly 550 million years old, still has C-14. In fact diamonds that are over a billion years old (supposedly) still have C-14.

An evolutionist decided to put a stop to all this foolishness about C-14 and show that diamonds have no C-14. After all, it was young-earth-creationists who tested the diamonds, therefore it has to be wrong. This scientist had several diamonds tested and even cut one of the diamonds into 6 pieces and had each piece tested. That will finish off all the nonsense.

Well, I am sure you know what happened. The diamonds and diamond pieces tested to be 69,000, or less, years old. So, what does a good scientist do about this? Simple. His paper suggests that these highest quality testing machines are not accurate enough for these tests. The machines are supposedly detecting C-14 that doesn’t exist.

This leads to another C-14 testing that was done. This test is from the Cresson gold mine in Cripple Creek, CO. A carbonized wood fossil was found in the volcanic material supposedly 32 million years old. It dated to 41,260 years old. You really need to read this scientific article because it includes a description of exactly what is done to make sure the test is accurate. You will find it fascinating. And you will see that the evolutionist who accused the lab of poor testing is crying sour grapes instead of dealing with reality. There is a link on our home page to:

http://www.icr.org/article/3623/

Which leads us back to oil. There is another indicator of the age of oil. Besides that fact that radiometric dating says oil is young, there are two geological characteristics of oil deposits that speak against them being very old.

First, how did the oil accumulate in underground pools? Why isn’t the oil spread out? Did all those fish, plants and animals congregate in one place to be buried in the ground? Perhaps the rock strata simply “drained” to the area of the pool. That ignores the second characteristic...

Second, the oil pools are under pressure. The rock strata is such that all pressure would be relieved in 25,000 years at most. But they are under pressure.

If oil fields were really millions of years old, they would have spread out from the pressure to where there were no longer pools. Instead the oil would be found in a state like shale oil. No pressure and small amounts spread over large areas. Shale oil is what happens when organic material is spread out and buried.

Oil must have been formed when huge masses of animals, plants and fish were swept into natural pools during Noah’s Flood. Those deposits were then quickly buried in huge mud flows that are now the sedimentary rock above the oil pools. Being far under ground, the material was heated by the natural heat of the earth. The thick, drying mud added pressure.

What we have described above is what scientists say it take to make oil. Noah’s Flood provides the explanation required by radiometric (C-14) dating, geological processes... and common sense. CRM

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QUOTES:
The prebiotic syntheses that have been investigated experimentally almost always lead to the formation of complex mixtures. Proposed polymer replication schemes are unlikely to succeed except with reasonably pure input monomers. No solution of the origin-of-life problem will be possible until the gap between the two kinds of chemistry is closed. Simplification of product mixtures through the self-organization of organic reaction sequences, whether cyclic or not, would help enormously, as would the discovery of very simple replicating polymers. However, solutions offered by supporters of geneticist or metabolist scenarios that are dependent on “if pigs could fly” hypothetical chemistry are unlikely to help. - From last technical paper written by Leslie E. Orgel, an origin of life researcher

THE POINT:
What this researcher is saying is that life from non-life research is leading nowhere and scientists who say it is possible are relying on faith, not science, in their belief. EVERY life from non-life experiment, even under naturally impossible ideal conditions, leads to total failure.