Gospel in the Stars

**Genesis 1:14** - Then God said, Let there be lights in the expanse of heaven to separate the day from night, and let them be for signs and seasons and for days and years.

Now, we aren’t going to get dogmatic here. The Bible says nothing more about the purpose of the stars. But let’s look at a couple of constellations and a possible connection between the zodiac and the Bible.

I have always wondered how the folks that named constellations did so. I see that evolution created evolution.

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From Order to Emergence - Part 1

We are about to embark on a several-part series on emergence. At least, emergence is where we will end up. To get there we have to look at the materialists’ explanation and see if it is credible. Many words are used and misused by the proponents of emergence so we will look at definitions and how words are used. To start, See Order on page 2

Chimp DNA - The Latest

Several times in the past year or so, we have brought up chimp vs human DNA. An article was just published in Nature, 463, 536-539 (28 January 2010) regarding chimp and human DNA that shows a difference of 30%. This came as quite a shock to the researchers. Allow us to review the his-

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Dinosaur Prints

Over 3000 dinosaur prints have been found in China in an area of about .65 acres. At least 6 species of dinosaurs are represented in the footprints. The odd thing (odd to naturalists, not to those who know the flood of Noah really happened) is that they are headed in a straight line in the same direction. Critters move in a straight line in one of two circumstances. Either they are chasing prey or running for their lives. The rest of the time, they meander in non-straight lines. Interestingly, almost all fossil footprints are tracks moving in a straight line. What are they all running from? The flow of mud that will bury their tracks, preserving them as fossils tracks.

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Science News to Learn By...

**National Science Board drops evolution**

There are many biologists and philosophers of science who are highly scientifically literate who question certain aspects of the theory of evolution. John Bruer National Science Board, National Science Foundation Lead Reviewer states why the National Science Board of the National Science Foundation has dropped evolution as a topic of surveys. Note that he states that many scientists now question parts of evolution. It would be interesting to know which parts. I think we can figure...
Emergence

From Wikipedia: Emergence is the way complex systems and patterns arise out of a multiplicity of relatively simple interactions. Emergence is central to the theories of integrative levels and of complex systems. We suggest you look up emergence on wikipedia and read the page. It is not very long and fully explains what is meant by that $20 sentence which is the definition above.

Here is more form Wikipedia. Words are used in a very slippery or fuzzy manner. Note that it covers everything from snowflakes to life from non-life to evolution: Emergent structures are patterns not created by a single event or rule. Nothing commands the system to form a pattern. Instead, the interaction of each part with its immediate surroundings causes a complex chain of processes leading to some order. One might conclude that emergent structures are more than the sum of their parts because the emergent order will not arise if the various parts are simply coexisting; the interaction of these parts is central. Emergent structures can be found in many natural phenomena, from the physical to the biological domain. For example, the shape of weather phenomena such as hurricanes are emergent structures. The development and growth of complex, orderly crystals, as driven by the random motion of water molecules within a conducive natural environment, is another example of an emergent process, where randomness can give rise to complex and deeply attractive, orderly structures.

Though the idea of emergence was creeping into neo-Darwinism (Mutation + Natural Selection = Evolution), it is the foundation of the new theory of evolution, known as Evo-Devo (EVOlutionary DEVelOpment). Studies in genetics have pulled the rug out from under neo-Darwinism so get ready for Evo-Devo... the new mechanism of evolution. Evo-Devo is the ultimate application of emergence.

Order

We will start with the foundational concepts of emergence. It starts with order. The naturalist takes great liberty in using the word order.

**Order:** Logical or comprehensible arrangement of separate elements

Order involves arranging things. Notice that it must be logical or comprehensible. Nature can create order but we will see it is a very limited order. This definition implies an act of intelligence.

**Organized:** methodical and efficient in arrangement or function OR formed into a structured or coherent whole

The file drawer to the right is organized. Every item in the file drawer relates to the structured whole of information on energy conservation in home design and construction. I could have organized it in any of several methodological or efficient ways, but I made a choice. I decided the methodological method. I made categories such as solar, insulation, moveable insulation, earth sheltering, etc. Within those categories I made file folders of topics within each category and placed them in the hanging file in alphabetical order. Organization always involves intelligence making choices.

**UnOrganized:** not having or belonging to a structured whole

My desktop, in the photo to the right, is not nearly as organized. It is disorganized. There is no structured whole. There are items on the desk related to this article, model railroading, other creation science topics, etc. I could find a particular item eventually, but there is no overall scheme to things. But intelligence was required.

**DisOrganized:** lacking order or methodical arrangement or function

Finally, at the right is a picture of disorganization. It is rocks on the bottom of an arroyo behind my home. There is no order or methodological arrangement or function. Nature can only produce disorder. The rocks are there, in the arrangement they are because of the deterministic laws of physics.

How nature results in disorder is an interesting thing. The arrangement appears random, but only because I cannot come up with a formula that takes into account, the depth and speed of the water and the exact startling arrangement of the rocks and arroyo banks upstream before the rain. Laws of physics don’t have to calculate all those things. It just happens. It appears random, but every rock is exactly where it is because of the laws of physics. There is no choice. A rock cannot decide to arrange itself or any other rock in any other arrangement. The rocks are lacking order. They are not arranged in a logical arrangement.

Snowflakes are exactly the same. Every water molecule in the flake is exactly where it is because of the laws of physics. There is no choice. Re-read the last green colored sentence. The laws of physics are resulting in a disorganized structure. The word “emergence” is being abused in that sentence.

The rock wall to the right is organized. I decided to build the wall. I decided the location was best for building a wall that would stop the erosion of a bank of the arroyo. Erosion was about to undercut a tree. I purposely picked up rocks and stacked each one in the location where it is. It isn’t that much different in appearance from the photo of disorganization above. Yet it is totally different in how the rocks got where they are. It is all about design by intelligence and choice of how to arrange things. The simplest cell is so organized our most intelligent scientists cannot figure out how it functions. Snowflakes are so simple scientists figured out how they form long ago.

In the next issue we will continue to investigate the logic and reality of “emergence.” By the end of this series you will understand why science shows that Jesus is the creator of the universe, you and me (and the laws of physics that result in disorganized snowflakes).
The results of the first comparison research done resulted in a figure 1.25% which is often repeated, especially by the media. This first research project was done in the following way: About 3% of DNA was compared and then extrapolated to the rest of the Genome. This was in the days of the myth of junk DNA, so the results are not too surprising.

In order to figure out what DNA should be compared, a simple parameter was established. Sequences between 500 and 1200 nucleotides (the “letters” of DNA) were to be compared. Groups of letters in the human genome, those known to be code for proteins, were selected. Then the entire chimp genome was searched for areas that were very close to the same code. The chimp sequences could be at any location on any chromosome. All other sequences were to be ignored, even though it was known that many protein sequences in both genomes would be ignored. Are you surprised that the result was a difference of just 1.25%? You shouldn’t be. The research was designed to result in a very small difference. They got what they were trying to prove by excluding all possible contradictory data.

Then the Y chromosome of male humans (only the males have Y chromosomes) was compared to chimp DNA. Once again, the location for similarity could be anywhere on any chromosome in thechimp DNA. But, since the Y chromosome codes for what makes the creature male, why would a researcher allow sequences from anywhere in the genome? That just does not make sense... unless you were trying to limit the experiment to get results you want.

Throughout all of these research projects, the fact that the chimp genome is 12% larger than the human genome was ignored too. These are the people that say creationists do pseudoscience. What a hoot.

Finally, Nature, has reported the results of credible research. A direct comparison was done between the Y chromosomes of chimps and humans. Groupings of different sequences and the locations on the chromosome were ignored, giving the best chance of the lowest possible percentage difference. The result was a difference of 30%. The researchers were shocked. I wasn’t.

Where the evolutionists can’t let go of the 1.25% figure because they like it, we creationists believe science should be a description of reality and not hype. So, I will tell you that I don’t think the 30% figure will be so high when looking at other chromosomes. For one of the reasons, see the sidebar on Retroviruses. I do expect the final average will be considerably higher than 1.25%. See the article below on Mutation Rates to see why evolution is disproved by this genetic research.

A particularly interesting part of this study showed that humans have 1/3 more genes for determining maleness than do chimps. The scientists explain that chimps have lost information. \textit{Wait a minute.} It is creationists who say the genetic studies have shown information is almost always lost. The evolutionists proclaim that DNA has gained information over time. This is all backwards. Perhaps it is because evolutionists cannot come up with any reasonable explanation for how the human genome could gain so many proteins in such little time. (Hint: They can’t.)

In the end, there is only one logical, reasonable answer. \textit{God, in the person of Jesus, is the creator of the universe, you and me (and chimps).} CRM

**Retroviruses**

Scientists estimate that up to 8% of human DNA is actually the DNA of retroviruses. Viruses do not have all the DNA needed to reproduce, just to live a very basic “life.” They have to take over the machinery of a host cell to reproduce. All mammals have these retroviruses in their DNA and this is considered evidence of evolution. There is very little difference in the retroviruses among mammals so the DNA of these regions is only slightly different. It is thought that a virus got itself hooked into the DNA of a creature long ago and then was carried along through evolution of new creatures.

There is another explanation. DNA is often compared to computer code. These retroviruses appear to be very basic building blocks of code. Like a computer game programmer, life’s creator probably used the same basic code for basic operations through all cells because at the very basic operational level, all cells need the same things and functions.

We predict that scientists will discover that retroviruses, like the rest of “junk” DNA has a specific purpose in cell function and that function will be basic to most living cells.

**Mutation Rates**

Since evolutionists still print that the genetic difference between us and chimps is 1.25%, we could start saying that the real rate is 30%. But neither is going to be the final number. We now know that when it comes to some aspects, the difference will be high and in others, it will be low. Let’s say you an I are both running a Mac computer. If we compared our computer memory, we would find that a lot of the code that is running is nearly the same. That is because we are both running the same or close to the same system software. If I am running the program InDesign and you are running Foxfire, the code for these two regions is going to be remarkably different. Cells have basic operations and specific operations just like computers. So, let’s say that on average, the difference is just 8%. With 3.3 billion nucleotides in human DNA, an 8% difference would be 264,000,000 differences. Evolutionists insist that a positive mutation will show up every 1000 to 10,000 mutations, though they cannot demonstrate just one as having occurred. With 770,000 generations in chimps and humans since the supposed common ancestor, there would have to be 340 positive mutations, moving chimps and humans away from the common ancestor to what we are today, EVERY generation. Since only 1 in 1000 to 10,000 is positive, 340,000 to 3,340,000 mutations are required per generation. The numbers don’t work. The evolutionist is not dealing with reality.
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See you there!

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a half dozen stars and they see a virgin. How do they come up with that? A few stars in no particular pattern becomes a rather complex drawing. If you search the internet you find that the image of the virgin changes, but is always based on the same group of stars and there is much more to the drawing than indicated by the stars themselves.

The constellation Virgo is known in almost all cultures, though some use a different group of stars. It is known as the virgin woman in all those cultures.

Most of the rest of the constellations are universal like Virgo. There also are a few stars in no apparent pattern that are seen as a rather complex drawing.

Further investigation shows a relationship among many of the constellations. For example, several constellations include a hero with an injured heal. In Genesis 3, God tells Adam and Eve that there will be a future redeemer who’s heal will be injured by Satan.

You might find it interesting to explore this topic. You will find widely divergent viewpoints. We will start you off with ours. This is our opinion, that more and more ancient tissue is being found in fossils. That just cannot be! It is interesting that Physorg has many stories on preserved tissue and DNA. But on a page explaining ancient DNA and tissue, they make the claim that all these samples are actually contaminated because, they admit on that page, DNA just cannot last that long. They can’t get their story straight. We have it straight. The earth is about 6000 years old.

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it out. Natural selection has been shown to be a fact. And the fact is that is goes down hill. When a creature adapts to an environment, it loses characteristics that would allow future adoption when the environment changes again. This nullifies the idea that somehow these changes lead to the development of new creatures. That is the part that is probably rejected. Those scientists looked at the experiments and saw it doesn’t match the theory of evolution.

While celebrating the 50th year of the discovery of DNA, codiscoverer Francis Crick admits that he has a goal in science, to disprove the existence of God. The next time someone tells you that scientists just follow the evidence, just shake your head in disbelief. Don’t try to explain. I’ve tried. Those folks think only creationists have an “agenda.”

18 Million Year Old Tissue
From this article on Physorg, we have a photo of muscle tissue that is supposedly 18 Million Years Old. The article states this is not Biblical doctrine or fact.

We think God did write the gospel in the stars, that He explained the constellations to Adam or a descendant shortly down the family tree as the story of redemption. Like the game of telephone where a message is started in a line of people and gets distorted by the end of the line, so has the gospel in the stars. After the Tower of Babel and dispersion of people over the earth, the stories changed a bit, sometimes even the group of stars changed. The story was perverted and astrology was born. Astrologers have taken a story of God’s love for us and turned it into supposed power to influence our lives in a most ungodly way. My suggestion is that you see the story of redemption through Jesus, the Christ of God, in the stars and give your life to the redeemer who is in control of your eternal future.

Quotes:
A new species of ass was also detected on the Russian Plains and appears to be related to European fossils dating back more than 1.5 million years. Carbon dates on the bones reveal that this species was alive as recently as 50,000 years ago.

"Overall, the new genetic results suggest that we have under-estimated how much a single species can vary over time and space, and mistakenly assumed more diversity among extinct species of megafauna," Professor Cooper says. "This has important implications for our understanding of human evolution, where a large number of species are currently recognized from a relatively fragmentary fossil record. It also implies that the loss of species diversity that occurred during the megafaunal extinctions at the end of the last Ice Age may not have been as extensive as previously thought. In contrast, ancient DNA studies have revealed that the loss of genetic diversity in many surviving species appears to have been extremely severe," Professor Cooper says. "This has serious implications for biodiversity and the future impacts of climate change." http://www.physorg.com/news179653662.html

The Point:
There are several points to be had here. 1) Once again we have to repeat that the horse fossil sequence does NOT show evolution of horses. 2) Due to the actions of the flood and lack of C-14 before the flood, a C-14 date of 50,000 years is actually about 4200 years. 3) The evidence is that genetic diversity is extreme, creationists have been saying this for years. It is a surprise to the evolutionist. 4) DNA will break down in a few thousand years under ideal storage conditions as been shown repeatedly in experiments. It cannot last 50,000 years. Certainly not millions of years. Any time you see the words "ancient DNA" think Noah’s flood. Then watch how the scientists make unfounded statements about the DNA in question.

For nothing is hidden that shall not become evident, nor anything secret that shall not be known and come to light. Jesus Christ - Luke 8:17