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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.



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Life from Non-Life

Naturalists like to make it seem like life just happens so easily. All you need is some carbon compounds, some water, and presto... life! The illustration to the right exemplifies this thinking. It is so far from reality. An interesting article appeared in *BioScience* magazine titled, *The Origins Divide: Reconciling Views on How Life Began* (Phillips, 2010). It sounds like they are going to illustrate how the various theories on abiogenesis (life from

Fossil Reefs

One of the arguments presented by naturalists trying to show the earth cannot be young is fossil reefs. As we look in the rock strata, we find examples of what appear to be reefs. It has been found that reefs can grow quite rapidly, much faster than naturalists had originally assumed. There has been enough



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Science News to Learn By...

Another Transitional Fossil

Evolutionists like to point at supposed transitional fossils. These fossils are supposed intermediates between different kinds of creature, such as dinosaurs and birds. Darwin stated quite clearly in *Origin of the Species* that the fossil record was lacking in transitional fossils at that time and

his theory would be falsified (yes, Darwin provided the criteria for declaring his theory false) if they were not discovered. There were only a few supposed transitional fossils in Darwin's day. One was the horse series of fossils. But it is acknowledged by honest evolutionists that the horse series is actually differed breeds of horses living at the same

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Mercury Magnetic Field Defies Naturalism (Again)

Before it was discovered in the 1970s that the planet Mercury has a magnetic field, naturalists had predicted that Mercury had a magnetic field in the past, but not now. Their model of how magnetic fields are generated requires the magnetic field be gone now. 25 years after the discovery of Mercury's magnetic field, the MESSINGER space probe was sent to Mercury to look at all aspects of the magnetic field. We reported earlier that Russ Humphreys **correctly predicted** that the magnetic field of the Mercury decreased over 6% in those 25 years. More detailed data has come in. NASA reports that the field was much stronger in the past and the field has reversed at least once. This data fits Humphreys model. This falsifies their model on magnetic fields. Naturalists stick to their falsified theory because the alternative is a young solar system.

Do Atheists Hate God? Can They Hate God?

Our last issue brought a note from someone who asked a very good question: *How can an atheist hate something he doesn't believe in?* Let's try to look into this question.

We agree a true atheist could not hate God. A true atheist would not waste

his time dealing with God or anything else except his good pleasure. If there is no God, then there is no reason to live or worry about any kind of a lasting legacy because all is meaningless and irrelevant. The best one can do, if there is no creator God, is to live for the pleasure of the moment. Paul says as

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



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non-life) can work together to solve the problem. Instead, it offered a history of our understanding of abiogenesis. The history reads like this: someone comes up with an idea of how abiogenesis could occur and then many researchers write to explain how that idea is impossible. It has basically been a war of who's impossible scenario is best. At the end of the article, there is a statement that **emergence systems** may explain abiogenesis. Emergence is basically an appeal to **unexplainable miracles**.

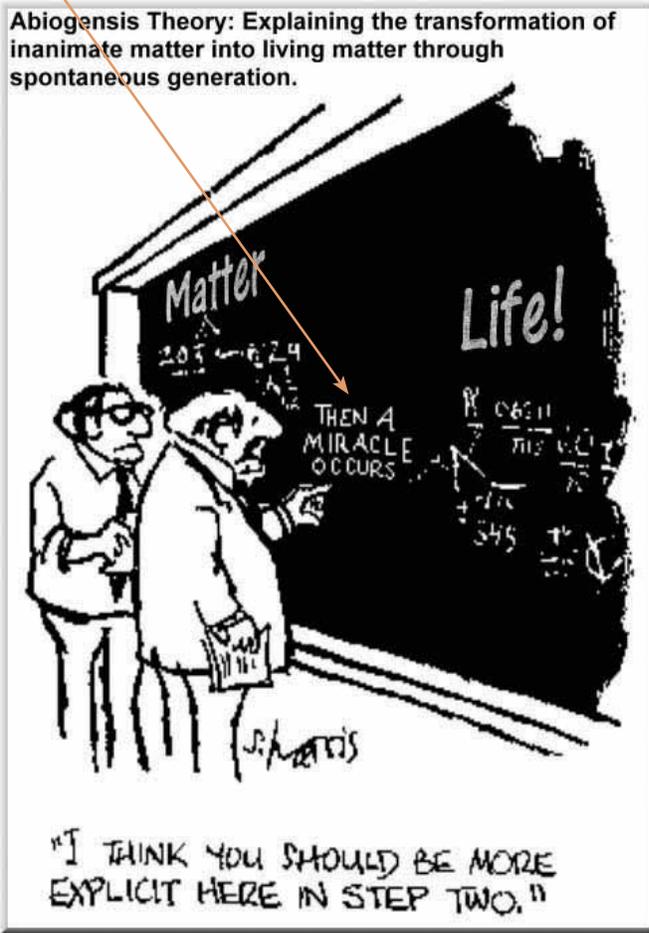
The article could easily have been written by a creationist. Here are a couple of quotes from the opening paragraphs: *Deep divides in opinion are found in almost all areas of origin-of-life research... If we're going to make any progress, we really have to be critically honest about what we don't know. ... And that's just about everything.* In other words, years of research is still where it started... They have faith it happened even though every scientific law and all scientific data says life from non-life is not possible.

Chicken-and-egg problems

Then, regarding the large macromolecules which are so critical to the functioning of living organisms, she commented, *In modern life, all of these molecules and processes are so intertwined that it's difficult to imagine how any of them could have arisen without the others already in place. Chicken and egg problems abound.* In other words, life is irreducibly complex. There are too many features that must be present from the get-go, and their presence is dependent upon each other. It is all or none and all is too complex to arise from non-life.

The remainder of the article discussed all the major approaches to the

various stages of abiogenesis. Then, very quickly the discussion led to the big, fundamental divide facing researchers today: the argument over whether the origin of life was information first or metabolism first. However, study has revealed serious problems with both of these situations. The molecules which are proposed to have arisen in the metabolism-first scenario are simple enough to have achieved some level of concentration in plausible prebiotic chemical processes. However, the fact that these molecules do not copy themselves is a critical shortcoming since



reproducibility is a fundamental, required characteristic of life. By contrast, the molecules associated with an information-first scenario are so complicated that they have never been produced by chemical processes which can be reasonably associated with prebiotic circumstances. Occasionally they get lucky, but only when the experimenter has closely controlled the situation to eliminate any problems... You know, like being in the real world instead of a scientific laboratory.

Indeed, Phillips quoted Jim Cleaves of the Carnegie Institute for Science who said that whenever researchers manage

to synthesize an interesting molecule, *it's such a complex and kind of contrived experiment, it's hard to really swallow.* So, while you hear naturalists talking about how all you need is water, carbon and, **presto!**, in the lab, they find it is really water, carbon and... you have non-living water and carbon. Only those who wish to deny our creator can remain hopeful. Rational scientists admit the truth. There is no **presto!**

Hail-Mary pass

Finally, after six pages of pointing out major problems at every level of abiogenesis, Phillips endeavored to end the article on an optimistic note by discussing the new "emergent systems" approach. However, this attempt is nothing more than the equivalent of a desperate Hail Mary pass by the losing team in an attempt to win the game in the final seconds. In this approach, scientists "toss dozens or hundreds of chemicals together and see what happens." John Sutherland of the University of Manchester, United Kingdom, declared, *We spent fourteen years exploring all that assembly chemistry and were largely extremely unsuccessful...* Unsuccessful is unsuccessful. "Extremely unsuccessful" must refer to the fact that they never made a single step toward the goal.

One scientist succeeded in making RNA in the lab, but the process was very complex and under strict control of the scientist because the process itself also destroys RNA. Jeffrey Bada of Scripps Institute in La Jolla, California, in his analysis of a certain proposed theory of abiogenesis, states: *You might be able to do a reaction here or there, but any sort of comprehensive, sustained chemistry has never been shown.*

We could go on, but the horse died long ago. Life simply cannot arise from non-living materials. Period. What happens in the lab and what is told to the public are two very different things. Why don't they just admit the failure? Simple.. that would require them to admit that...

God, in the person of Jesus, is the creator of all life, the universe, you and me. CRM

(This article is condensed from an article by Timothy R. Stout in *Creation Matters* Vol. 17 #5)

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time since Noah's flood for modern coral reefs to form. Some fossil reefs are just too big to have grown to that size in the 1700 years from creation to Noah's flood. It would be a good argument... If what we find in the strata are true fossil reefs.

Here is a picture of an existing coral reef:



Beautiful. Pretty amazing, isn't it. Note there is variation in structure. There lots of open spaces among the coral formations.

Below is a photo for a fossil reef:



Naturalists claim that Noah's flood could not have occurred because it took tens of thousands of years to build these reefs. If these were true fossil reefs, the naturalists would be correct.

But, they are not fossil reefs. There are major differences between these sup-

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time. The horse fossils do not show transition of one kind of creature into modern horse. So, there are FEWER examples of transitional fossils today than during Darwin's day. But evolutionists just don't like the idea of God (i.e. reality) so they keep trying to declare new fossils as transitional. The latest attempt to be heralded by them is *Puijila*. Published by *Nature* and praised by Richard Dawkins, a look



at the creature shows nothing new. Evolutionists claim this is a

posed fossil reefs and actual modern reefs.

Modern reefs are cemented accumulations of skeletal remains of seafloor animals, primarily corals. They grow on top of the skeletons of their predecessors. This slow buildup results in huge "framework" structures that are sturdy and wave-resistant. They can become quite huge. **Fossil reefs** are usually quite small. More importantly, the fossil organisms found are not coral, but are such creatures as brachiopod, sponge and stromatolites. Exceptions are debatable.

Modern reefs are made of the same ingredient as limestone rock formations, such as the Redwall Limestone at the Grand Canyon. But the structure is entirely different. There are no reef-like structures. Instead, the limestone is made of jumbled, broken debris of corals, crinoids and other fossils. One seven foot thick layer is filled with straight-shelled nautiloids that were swept into place by a gigantic sediment flow. This seven foot thick flow covers an area 50 miles by 240 miles. In addition, there is a large fold in the Redwall Limestone which indicates the sediments were rapidly deposited, not built up slowly over time:



transitional fossil between land dwelling creatures and pinnipeds such as sea lions. A look at the photo of skeletons (below left) shows the fossil is actually of a type of river otter. Specific details, such as tooth shape and tail structure also show it is related to otters with no characteristics of pinnipeds. Desperation lets you see things that just don't exist. There are NO transitional fossils from one kind to another. Evolution has no evidence.

MicroRNA

It used to be said by evolutionists that 97% of our DNA is leftover, worthless junk. Now we know that all DNA is being used, much of it during the development of the

Capitan Reef, in SE New Mexico and western Texas is called a fossil reef, but is actually composed of broken fossil fragments in a mixture of silt and sand.

The Nubrigyn Reef Complex in eastern Australia has been reinterpreted by naturalists as a debris flow because of the overwhelming evidence. This is one of several supposed fossil reefs that have been acknowledged by naturalists to actually be a debris flow.

In the end, almost all examples of fossil reefs have all the characteristics of debris flows. They are actually more evidence of rapid erosion, transport and deposition of huge quantities of material during Noah's flood. This is how it is stated by naturalists Blatt, Middleton and Murray in their 1980 textbook: *Closer inspection of many of these ancient carbonate "reefs" reveals that they are composed largely of carbonate mud with larger skeletal particles "floating" within the mud matrix. Conclusive evidence for a rigid framework does not exist in most of the ancient carbonate mounds. In this sense, they are remarkably different from modern, coral-algal reefs.* The naturalists have known that the fossil reefs are not fossil reefs for over 30 years, yet they are still presented as fossil reefs by naturalists arguing against a young earth. If long ages are so obvious, why the use of false data?

God, in the person of Jesus, is the creator of the universe, you, me and reef-making creatures. CRM

creature from conception to birth. Now, researchers have discovered microRNA. RNA does not code for proteins like DNA, but it turns out microRNA works as a controller, determining which proteins will or will not be built at a given time. They are an important part of cellular health and development of disease (when they stop working correctly). Cell development, growth and operation is extremely complex. We still haven't discovered all the systems involved. A hiker on a trail recognizes intelligent design when she sees a stack of four rocks, but evolutionists don't see design in a "simple" cell with the complexity in design and operation of the entire city of New York. CRM

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much in the Bible in 1 Corinthians 15:19: *If we have hoped in Christ in this life only, we are of all men most to be pitied.* He explains further in 1 Corinthians 15:32: *If from human motives I fought with wild beasts at Ephesus, what does it profit me? If the dead are not raised, let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.* Isaiah, in 22:13, uses the expression: *Let us eat and drink; for tomorrow we shall die* as the opposite of seeking God.

The definition of **hate** is pretty straightforward: **to dislike someone or something very much.**

It would seem from the above that if a person truly does not believe in God there is no bases for hate. But, then I see what many atheists have to say about God the Father, Son and Spirit. It isn't pretty. Richard Dawkins says things we wouldn't say about anyone. Other atheists have joined in. Many scientists who are atheists have also joined in the chorus of making hateful comments about God and especially about those who love God.

There are many atheists who do not hate God. They have nothing to say except, *I don't believe in God.* That's it. After all, for a true atheist there really isn't anything else to say. So, what about those atheists who have devoted their lives to attacking all things religious, particularly Christianity. Simply put, they hate God. To hate something, deep down in, you have got to believe the object of your hate

exists. Or, perhaps the hateful atheists is simply suffering from mental illness and therefore cannot think rationally. We don't know. But it is certain, they believe in God.

Some atheists are actually quite positive toward God. For example, atheist and *Times of London* columnist, Matthew Parris, wrote an article entitled, *Africa Needs God.* The *Times* has apparently removed the article, but it is quoted word for word in many places. We link to one on our web site.

So, it appears that atheists run the gamut on their thoughts regarding God. But it seems to us that the atheists who hate God get the headlines, run the science journals and control science jobs. The primary reason I hear naturalists complain about creation science it that there is an agenda. They are right, there is an agenda. What they do not see is that God-hating atheists also have an agenda.

We repeat this sentence from the last issue: As a "side benefit," and as all scientific studies in the area have shown, Christians also live the happiest, most contended lives of all people in this sinful life.

What is the effect of atheism on society? 16 year-olds were studied in England. Some had committed as many as 86 crimes. The researchers found that they had no sense of right and wrong. Those 16 year-olds who had not committed crimes had a sense of right and wrong. What does leading atheist Richard Dawkins say?

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Meanwhile, at ground zero of the terrorist attack of 9-11, a cross was formed from some of the fallen steelwork. It became a focal point, even on secular TV news programs. For most Americans, it became a symbol of our hope for the future. It was scheduled to be included in the museum at ground zero. A group calling themselves American Atheists has filed a lawsuit to prevent the cross from becoming part of the museum. What can we say? They have said it all. Their "rights" should trump everyone else's rights. How sad and how un-American.

Come on, join the joyful, inclusive, society-improving and loving people, worshipping and praising God, who in the person of Jesus, created our blessed present and future lives, the universe, and Who loves those who hate Him. **CRM**

QUOTE:

The truth is incontrovertible, malice may attack it, ignorance may deride it, but in the end, there it is.

- Winston Churchill, Prime Minister of England during World War 2

POINT:

Truth just is. There may be personal truth such as the date you were born. But for any given circumstance, there are not two personal truths that are not in agreement. There is only one truth. You may experience a situation differently than someone else, but what happened is what happened. It is not different for two different people. Truth just is. There are many philosophies and religious statements regarding what happens after this earthly life. Only one can be truth (though it is possible that none are true). Only one philosophical leader ever claimed to be the Creator of this life and the next life. He is Jesus, the Christ of God. Buddha deserted his wife and child because he believed that love, being an emotion, was to be avoided. Jesus teaches that love is the highest calling. He proved it by dying so we can live. 11 followers gave their lives rather than deny what Jesus taught. Millions more have died rather than deny Christ's love. No other leader has inspired such devotion to a cause, the cause of love. No lasting philosopher has put love first. Yet, many have attacked Him, many have derided the idea that He is the only way to an eternity that is worth living. But truth just is. Join us in truth. It is a fabulous life and it is waiting for you!