God is Love

That is what everyone wants... A God of love. Let’s take a brief look at the history of gods.

Up until the birth of Jesus, the Christ of God, all gods were seen as impulsive and unpredictable. In Greek and Roman mythology these characteristics were dominate. To obey one god could easily require the simultaneous disobedience of a different god.

Outside of mythology were gods who were downright cruel. You had to sac-

Creation Science Documentary

The author of this newsletter had the privilege of helping with the filming of the documentary Is Genesis History? At least two scenes were filmed in Sedona. It will be screened one time: Thursday, February 23, 2017. The nearest theater is Deer Valley 17 with IMAX, 3033 W Agua Fria Freeway, Phoenix, AZ 85027. 7:00pm

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Science News to Learn By...

Signals from Space

Last issue, signals from space had just been discovered. Many scientists, and others, wondered if they could be from intelligent creatures on another planet. The first clue they were not is that they were fairly strong signals coming from 5 billion light years

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Why Do the Rocks Have Stripes?

In the Winter 2016 issue we concluded our 4-part series on the geology of Sedona. At the very end we talked about the varying stripes of color of the red rocks. We want to cover that aspect in a little more detail this issue.

In some places the stripes are hard to see and in other places they are easy to see. Look at the photograph at the right. See Stripes on page 3

Adaptation

Evolution is built upon the concepts of natural selection and adaptation. Natural selection can be summarized as “survival of the fittest.” There are two problems with natural selection. First, nature cannot select. Selecting is the process of making choices. Nature is deterministic. What happens, happens. What happens is a result of physics or randomness.

Second, it has been discovered, and admitted by most evolutionists in the professional papers, that there is little in

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But Jesus answered, “I tell you, if these (his followers) become silent, the stones will cry out!” Luke 19:40

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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nature that is based upon “survival of the fittest.” What has been discovered can be illustrated by a Question & Answer. Q: Which deer will the mountain lion eat when the mountain lion becomes hungry? A: The next one. The mountain lion doesn’t search until he finds a less fit deer. The slowest mountain lion can out-run every deer ever born. If the “next” deer is not the one that is eaten, either the deer is sick and did not run or it got lucky. That is why most now refer to “survival of the fittest” as “survival of the lucky.”

That leaves adaptation. Adaptation is undeniable. It is well documented that it occurs. And with the latest in genetic investigation, the process of adaptation is being better understood.

Adaptation

It has been demonstrated time after time that adaptation many times happens incredibly fast. Many of those times it is a creature adapting quickly to a polluted environment. For example, right after a nylon factory opened in the eastern US, bacteria that lived in the river next to the factory started eating nylon for food. Single-celled creatures are especially quick at adaptation.

Over the years I have read many studies where the scientists express great surprise that an adaptation has happened quickly. After all, evolution is supposed to be a process that happens so slowly that we cannot observe it occurring. The thinking was that random mutations would have to occur until the good one finally happened.

Creationists have been saying that adaptation is usually very fast, occurring in two or three generations. Well, even creationists were off. Adaptation often occurs immediately. In other words, the environment changes rapidly and the critters alive in the environment immediately adapt. Evolutions have explained it as amazing good luck for the critter. Imagine: a random mutation hits at exactly the right moment. Such a scenario would be very rare for single-celled creatures and virtually impossible for a multi-celled critter. Well then, how does it happen?

Killfish Adaptation

I must admit that even creationists would not have predicted the mechanism 10 years ago. But with modern genetics studies, creationists have been predicting the mechanism for several years. Once again, creationists are ahead of the evolutionists in explanations of science.

A study was recently published regarding the adaptation of Atlantic killfish to a polluted body of water.

In the 1950s and 1960s, industries dumped nasty chemicals in Atlantic bays. Virtually every trace of life was wiped out except killfish. In a recent paper, scientists have discovered how the killfish survived the huge change. Not surprisingly, it was adaptation. But, the mechanism, predicted by creationists, and shockingly surprising to evolutionists, is quite amazing.

The reason it is a prediction of creation science and a surprise to evolutionists is because the mechanism is artificial intelligence (AI) that is built into the DNA of the creature! Random processes of evolution cannot build in artificial intelligence in anticipation of the need to adapt to new environments. Only an intelligent designer (that would be Jesus) could place AI in DNA.

There were many interesting comments in the paper, but let’s take a look at two of them:

• This study shows that different populations of Atlantic killfish exposed to toxic pollution evolve tolerance to the pollution through changes in one molecular pathway. The killfish on four separate bays all adapted in exactly the same way. That could not be random. It is designed in (as the researchers stated).• Finally, the genomes offered clues that “these fish already carried the genetic variation that allowed them to adapt before the sites were polluted”. AI is built in is what they are saying.

Adaptation occurs in one of two ways. The first is that there is variation built into the genetic code. Over several generations, a critter adapts to a different environment. But the environment change is slow enough, or the creature changes location at a slow enough pace, that the dominant and recessive genes in the DNA are expressed in such a way as to change the characteristics of the critter. For example, the polar bear is a brown (grizzly) bear that moved farther north. White fur and extreme insulation were expressed by the DNA. Note: The characteristic of white fur and extreme insulation were already in the DNA! This is NOT a mutation.

The second is what happened to the killfish. The genes for the adaptation were already in the DNA code (as the scientists stated) but were inactive. The DNA experienced what is called an epigenetic change. The genetic code is already there but is not active because it is not needed. A change in the environment causes a response in the cell so that the genes that are now needed are activated. Isn’t that amazing?!?!?

In summary, there is incredible built-in adaptability in the genetic code and adaptation does not ultimately result in new kinds of critters, it simply allows critters to adapt to new environments. Mutations are virtually never helpful, so Jesus had to build non-mutational change into the genetic code.

God, in the person of Jesus, is the creator of Artificial Intelligence in the adaptable DNA code, the universe, you and me. CRM
the different shades of Red? Here is a larger shot of the strata on the east side of Castle Rock.

Look at all those distinctive stripes of color. They vary in color from a buff to dark red with many shades of red in between. Also notice that the buff layers have varying amounts of red in them. There are two common naturalism worldview explanations for those stripes.

1. It is told that the rock was dark red when deposited, like layer #1 in the photo above. Once the rock had hardened, ground water started to flow through the rock at various levels and times and washed away the iron coating on the grains of sand that make up the sandstone. That left the natural sand color exposed and you see that natural color in stripe #2.

2. The other narrative that is told is that the sandstone was all the natural buff color when it was deposited and hardened. Later, iron-rich ground water flowed through and left the iron coating on the sand grains resulting in the red color.

Were one of these narratives true, I think the first is the better one. The reason is that there are dark red stripes at many levels around Sedona. Those dark stripes are very pure, dark red. It seems to me that it would be unlikely that flowing iron-rich ground water would leave such a solid dark red, especially in such thin layers.

The two explanations above are reasonable based on the data so far. But the explanation is really based on the old earth naturalists’ narrative of millions of years being required. The data fits the naturalist and creationist worldview equally well because Noah’s Flood would also leave layers like these.

It is logical that the ruling paradigm, millions of years, be the accepted consensus.

The problem for the naturalists is that there is more data. This data has never been reported in any published papers or books or articles about the red rocks of Sedona, except here. The reason is that geologists probably have not seen the features because they are not readily seen. It takes hiking on non-official trails or a telephoto lens to find them.

Here are three geological features that contradict the old earth naturalist interpretation:

There are several water pipes around Sedona. A water pipe forms when (unhardened) sediment that is saturated with water is shook during an earthquake. The water concentrates in a particular location and then is forced to flow following the path of least resistance. That path is usually straight up. It is easy to identify a water pipe because it leaves circular rings of strata lines when viewed from above.

But in the case above, it is called an injectite because there is material that is not the same as the surrounding material. In this case, there are white rings of material. Looking at the photo below, the magenta arrow shows the location of the injectite photo. The blue arrows point to white layers below that are the source of the white rings in the injectite. This tells us that all the strata between the bottom white layer and the top of the injectite was all deposited at the same time. Some of the sediment was buff, and some was red, when deposited. The white and buff sediments were mixed to varying degrees during the process of being deposited.

Next we can look at two soft-sediment folds in the red rocks. Loy Canyon: Notice how the strata above the magenta line has been bent in two directions. The buff colored rock follows the curve without any crumbling. In addition, there are lots of curved lines of strata of various shades of red. All of the sediment had to have been deposited at the same time, just before the earthquake that bent the very wet, unhardened sediments.

Next is Boynton Canyon. This strata was still very soft, saturated with water, when the folding occurred. Notice the area inside the magenta ellipse. The various layers of strata, of varying shades of red, were all mixed together by the folding action.

The old earth naturalist explanation of the varying red color of the rocks of Sedona is false. The sediment did NOT harden into rock before ground water changed the color of the rock. A huge flood caused the sediments to be deposited at once with different mixtures of colored and non-colored sand grains resulting in the color difference of the layers of strata.

God, in the person of Jesus, is the creator of the physics that cause folds in strata, the universe, you and me. CRM
In 1933, A...away. They are from a “dead” star. Darwinism shows that some human races are superior. Remember the full title of Darwin’s book: On the Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection, or the Preservation of Favoured Races in the Struggle for Life. Now, many scientists are regretting that exhibit, for good reason. They won’t say it, but the Bible does: There is ONE human race, created by God. Though racism has existed since shortly after creation, Darwin made racism “scientific.” This led to such things as an aborigine tribesman being exhibited in a cage in a zoo. We all know the horrible history of racism in the United States. Darwin made an evil thing not just acceptable. He made it “scientific.”

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Scientific Racism

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QUOTE:

It is fashionable to wax apocalyptic about the threat to humanity posed by the AIDS virus, “mad cow” disease, and many others, but I think a case can be made that faith is one of the world’s great evils, comparable to the smallpox virus but harder to eradicate.

Richard Dawkins “Is Science a Religion?”, The Humanist (January 1997)

Faith is the great cop-out, the great excuse to evade the need to think and evaluate evidence. Faith is belief in spite of, even perhaps because of, the lack of evidence.

POINT:

We agree that faith can be a cop-out and that it may be one of the world’s greatest evils. Faith in evolution is part of the reason millions died at the hands of Hitler, Stalin, Mao Zedong and others. Faith in evolution has resulted in a loss of respect for fellow people and their lives. All research shows that the atheists who promote evolution are the unhappiest and least content of all demographics (Christians score highest in all aspects of enjoying life). Yet they have a driving need to spread their misery to the innocent. When hurricane Katrina hit the gulf coast in 2004, Christians by the thousands went there over the next several years to help people rebuild their lives. Dawkins even commented that atheists did not respond, the Christians did. He lamented that fact and said atheists need to show more compassion. But nothing was done. It is still the evolutionary faithful that do the least to help their fellow man. All for faith in the modern myth of evolution.