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.

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.

The Cambrian Explosion

Multi-celled creatures first appeared about 550 million years ago according to naturalists. Interestingly, this is exactly the same time that layers of sediment started to form to cover all the continents in many layers of sedimentary rock.

The Cambrian Explosion took about 25 million years, though some say only 14 million years. We'll give evolution every advantage and go with 25 million. Pictured above is one of the first “primitive” creatures to appear in the explosion. There are zero transitional creatures leading up to this supposed primitive creature... A trilobite. There are thousands of species of trilobites so you would think that there would be a multitude of transitional creatures leading from something else to a See Explosion on page 2

Short Newsworthy Items

Up-Side-Down Ankylosaurs

Ankylosaurs are found in the fossil record. The largest skeletons are about 20 feet long. The top of the critter is heavily armored, making them top heavy. Interestingly, when found as a complete skeleton, 70% of the fossils are upside down.

This presents a problem. Evolutionists think that critters die in their environment and just fall down dead for whatever reason from sickness to old age. They investigated the possibilities of how a dead ankylosaur could end up on its back. See News on page 3

Design? Yes According to Evolutionists

New Atheist priest Jerry Coyne is “aghast.” Recent Nobel Prize winners Drs. Frances H. Arnold, George P. Smith, and Gregory P. Winter won the prize due to their ingenious engineering of biomolecules. They designed highly effective biomolecules. Why did they design them? Because the universe has not existed long enough for randomness to accomplish the design by accident. Coyne thinks the scientists simply mimicked evolution. But they didn’t. They had an end goal and worked toward it. The core of evolution is randomness. The researchers had to first determine the purpose of the molecules they would design. Then they designed them. That is how intelligent design works. Doing research at Cambridge University, Douglas Axe did research that showed that for every useful combination of amino acids (the building blocks of proteins), there are $10^{77}$ arrangements that do nothing useful. To put that in perspective, there have only been less than $10^{18}$ seconds in 13.8 billion years. See Explosion on page 2

Christ or Issa - The Lost Years of Jesus - Part 1

Way back in 2005, we ran a series of articles on Issa and Gnosticism. That was 14 years ago. Time for a reprinting of those articles starting with this issue. I have updated and expanded slightly from the original articles. Mostly, I deal with the philosophy of Materialism. Gnosticism is becoming ever more deeply entrenched in our society, so it needs to be explained also: See Christ or Issa on page 4

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Trilobites. Of the 64 different forms of eyes that suddenly appear in the rock record, you should expect that one of the very first would be a very simple eye. In fact, the trilobite has one of the most complex structures of all the eyes.

There are two types of trilobite eyes, with no transitional eyes between them. One has fewer lenses than the other, but has a feature that compensates for any loss of vision from fewer lenses. The lenses are in two shapes. Both shapes eliminate spherical aberration. Many eyes, such as human eyes, have lenses made of soft material so they can focus properly even from the edges of the lens. Trilobite eyes are made of solid material so they suffer from spherical aberration, the fact that the edges of the lens lose focus. Except they don't.

As you can see from the chart above, two species of trilobites have lens shapes that are known to eliminate spherical aberration. Humans discovered these shapes in the past few hundred years. If trilobites are the among the earliest, primitive creatures, how did they develop these incredibly shaped lenses with zero transition from an earlier creature? There simply is not enough time. After all, trilobites are among the very first multi-celled creatures.

Trilobites also had a hard exoskeleton. How is it that the first multi-celled creatures have such advanced features? Evolutionists will say that there must have been soft-bodied creatures that were transition creatures before trilobites. But one of those critters had to have the first semblance of an exoskeleton that developed over time into the complex skeleton of the trilobite. No such fossil exists. Amazingly, complex trilobites just suddenly appear.

Darwin, being a good scientist, covered weaknesses of his theory of evolution. One of them was his concern that complex creatures suddenly appear without ancestors in the fossil record. Darwin stated that if future scientists did not find the then-missing transitional critters, then his theory does not work. Nearly 200 years have passed and there are still zero examples of transitional fossils.

The chart at the bottom of the page illustrates the evolutionary tree that supposedly exists. Here is what we know: Today there are prokaryote cells (cells that have no nucleus and their DNA is in a ring shape), eukaryote cells (cells that have a nuclear membrane around the DNA and some other organelles - animals are made 100% of this type of cell), and metazoans (animals that are made up of specialized cells -humans have over 250 different types of cells).

The chart shows branching lines that supposedly show the lineage of the 10 types (phyla) of creatures at the top. Those lines represent the progression from single-celled to various multi-celled creatures. All of those lines exist only in the imagination of evolutionists. There are ZERO fossils demonstrating that there is any relationship among the 10 phyla shown. ZERO. Even fish with vertebrae are in the Cambrian Explosion. There simply is not enough time for evolution to do the job, proven by the lack of data.

Jesus, is the creator of 10 phyla, the universe, you and me. Evolution is a figment of the atheist imagination. There is ZERO evidence the creatures in the Cambrian Explosion evolved. CRM

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**The “Cambrian Explosion”**

Evidence in the fossil record shows that all major phyla were established in the transition from Late Precambrian to Early Cambrian time.

- **Prokaryotes**
- **Eukaryotes**
- **Hemichordata**
- **Echinodermata**
- **Chordata**
- **Mollusks**
- **Worms**
- **Arthropods**
- **Cnidaria**
- **Comb Jellies**
- **Sponges**
- **Placozoa**

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Early Cambrian

Late Precambrian

Early Precambrian

Metazoans
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First, they considered that they were simply clumsy, fell and rolled onto their backs and could not right themselves. They rejected this idea because they think they lived in rather flat environments which do not lend to flipping over.

Second, they considered that large creatures flipped them over to get to the soft tissue on the belly. But they found no teeth marks on the bones so that was ruled out. Next, they considered that, like an armadillo, when they died, they would bloat and roll over. But, it turns out the armadillo story was a myth. They actually studied dead armadillos and found they seldom roll over.

That left only one possibility. The researchers deduced that the dead ankylosaurs died and floated on water, where their heavy backs flipped them over. The researchers overlooked the obvious. The ankylosaur also had to be quickly buried in mud in order for their skeletons to be perfectly preserved. If they floated for very long, the ligaments holding the bones together would rot and the result would be scattered bones, not a skeleton having all the right bones in all the right places. How could that happen? Death as a result of Noah’s Flood of course.

How Proteins Evolved

Finally, the University of Illinois proclaimed, ground-breaking research has determined evolution of a protein. Lead researcher, professor Christina Cheng, explained, “This paper explains how the antifreeze protein in the northern codfish evolved.”

In science and philosophy, a just-so story is an unverifiable narrative explanation for a cultural practice, a biological trait, or behavior of humans or other animals. The pejorative nature of the expression is an implicit criticism that reminds the hearer of the essentially fictional and unprovable nature of such an explanation. Such tales are common in folklore and mythology. Now let’s look at her “research.”

The antifreeze protein is of relatively low complexity consisting mostly of a repeating sequence of three amino acids (threonine-alanine-alanine). She claims that these repeating sequences “strongly suggest” that the protein-coding gene “evolved from repeated duplications of an ancestral 9-nucleotide threonine-alanine-alanine-alanine-coding element.” Her data? Oops, that statement was not based on research experiments. “Strongly suggests” is not a method of research. It is a speculation, more like a statement of hope.

The paper continues with many more speculations. Those nine nucleotides “likely originated within a pair of conserved 27-nucleotide” … “indicating they resulted from the duplication of an initial copy.”

There is exactly ZERO science involved in this “research.” Indeed, virtually all statements in support of evolution are just-so stories. If they can’t state that something was demonstrated in an experiment, it is a just-so story. As you read stories about evolution, look for those just-so story words, like “could have”, “might”, “possibly”… the list is endless. Then, look for the results of actual experiments. Does the data of the experiment actually support the conclusions?

Dino-Killer Asteroid

Found! Incredible fossil find may be first victims of dino-killer asteroid.

That was the headline in New Scientist on April 1, 2019. The excitement is the result of a find of dinosaur fossils in North Dakota that the scientists state is an unprecedented record of the mass extinction event that wiped out most of the dinosaurs 66 million years ago. It is the same impact that we have been hearing about for decades, the asteroid impact that caused the Chicxulub crater on the Yucatán Peninsula in Mexico. So what is the big deal this time?

According to the researchers, that impact caused a indiscriminately huge flood that seconds later buried the dinosaurs in North Dakota. Isn’t that interesting? Since evolutionists think that fossils are of creatures that died in their natural environment, I have to wonder how this flood of water simply buried the dinosaurs right where they lived.

What do we find in dinosaurs deathbeds like this one? First we find that there are often thousands of dinosaurs buried together. Their bones are dis-articulated. That means that you don’t find nice dinosaur skeletons. You find a jumble of bones of many different species randomly mixed together. Random except for the fact that the largest bones are at the bottom of the rock layer with the bones getting smaller as you go up through the rock layer. (Moving water sorts objects as it deposits them, largest/heaviest on the bottom, smallest/lightest at the top.)

Researchers also find clams, shark teeth, actual sharks, all manner of mammal bones… All of them mixed randomly together. And these bone beds are found all over the world. Interestingly, one thing that is rarely found with dinosaurs bones is fossil vegetation. The vegetation that was ripped out of the ground is likely to float on top of the water, with the vegetation ranging from small plants to trees becoming intertwined with each other. When the vegetation is finally deposited, it is deposited as a huge, thick layer. That layer is then covered up by later sediment deposition, resulting in a deposit of coal.

It is nice that the scientists describe what only Noah’s Flood could have done. But they have to toe the line if they expect to keep their jobs. The cause is undeniable, but also unmentionable.

Jesus Did & Does It All

God in the person of Jesus, created the universe, you and me. And Jesus has left us undeniable evidence of creation and Noah’s Flood. Day by day it is hard to see, but decade by decade it becomes clear. Secular researchers are continually uncovering data, evidence of creation.

Atheists claim that time is the hero, that impossible + time = possible. They ignore science laws and miss out on the contentment, peace and love that is only available through Jesus. And they want you to miss out on them too. Resist. Look through the just-so stories to the reality of creation. Come join us. Resist the hopelessness of so-called reason and seek truth. CRM
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years” of Jesus. Those lost years are the years when Jesus was between ages 12 and 30. The Bible is silent about those years. Gnostics claim there are documents that show Jesus traveled to India and the Himalayas to learn the Vedas... four books that are scripture to Hindus. From the Vedas, Jesus supposedly learned to heal, pray and perform other miracles. The Vedas refer to millions of gods, including the gods of earth and fire. These gods are all part of one large god, but that god is not a person, just a “force.” And we are part of that god also.

Issa (Jesus’s India name) tradition holds that at age 13 Jesus joined a merchant caravan to travel East. He studied under masters until age 30, when He returned to Israel to preach. The most popular source of this information is The Lost Years of Jesus by Elizabeth Clare Prophet (1983). We will refer to page numbers in the soft back edition (1987).

On page 4, Profit claims that Jesus did not die on the cross but lived several years more after His ministry ended. She can point to only two sources for this information. The first is a quote by church leader Irenaeus (125-202 AD). We have a Wikipedia link on our web site home page that points to an explanation of Irenaeus’s quote. Irenaeus was describing how Jesus fit in Hebrew tradition, not how long Jesus lived. This quote by Prophet is horribly out of context.

Interestingly, Irenaeus is best known for fighting against the philosophy of Gnosticism. He wrote several books in that struggle. Many books of the New Testament fight Gnosticism.

The second quote is from a Gnostic text written in the third century, Written so late, it is not a valid source.

After Jesus died and rose from the dead, tens of thousands of people heard and read about the account. Not a single source from the time of this writing and preaching contradicts the story of His death and resurrection... not from the Jewish leadership, Jewish writers or Roman writings. Nothing. Prophet has to resort to a quote out of context and a text written 300 years later.

On page 8, Prophet makes the claim that the many writings about Jesus were never intended to be biographies. This is very weak. The argument is then made that we don’t really know if we can trust the texts we have in the Bible. That is followed on page 9 that there were other writings about Jesus. She prefaces the point by stating that the writings are from an Egyptian Gnostic library. But these date from the 4th century and are therefore irrelevant to Issa and Jesus.

Starting on page 13, Prophet takes over 400 pages to present evidence. To her credit, she does give a full accounting of the evidence for and against the claims made.

First, Russia journalist Nicolas Notovitch, a Russian journalist wrote a book in 1887 in which he claims to have found a Buddhist manuscript that specifically says Jesus was in India for the “lost years.” Almost nothing is known about Notovitch’s life. The scrolls, which had supposedly been translated from Pali to Tibetan contain descriptions of the life and acts of Issa. These scrolls actually contained bits and pieces of information about Issa scattered through them. A translator, listening to the reading by a monk, translated the words which Notovitch supposedly wrote down and then published in a book.

Several accounts are then presented about people who claimed to have seen the documents or heard of Issa from the monks, though none of these people actually read the scrolls.

Interestingly, Prophet admits (and we admire her evenhandedness in doing so) that monks are very leery of Westerners and resist requests to see any of their documents. Yet, the few people who have made the request supposedly managed to see the documents. So far, her argument is very weak, but possible.

Next month we will continue this look at “The lost years of Jesus” by looking at Issa’s supposed writings. CRM

Jesus is the light, the truth, the source of life. No one gets to God the Father except through faith in Jesus!

Gnosticism: Hinduism, which is the foundation of eastern religion, is built upon Gnosticism. The Greek, Roman and other cultures also had elements of Gnosticism in their belief systems. There are several tenants of Gnosticism, two are important to this discussion.

1) Matter is evil, Spirit is good. Our goal is to escape the physical and join the “christ consciousness” spirit. What happens in the physical world is of little importance as long as you are growing closer to the spirit. This totally contradicts the teachings of Jesus who taught that our spiritual condition is reflected in our physical actions (the Bible sets forth some regulations on our actions). The Bible also says we will be resurrected into physical bodies after death is fully conquered by Jesus. In Genesis, Jesus pronounces every step of the creation as “good.” When finished, Jesus declares the entire creation, "...very good." (Gen. 1:31) Matter is not innately evil.

2) Enlightenment. Only those who are already enlightened can lead others to the higher level of understanding. The Bible makes it clear that every person can have immediate access to God through belief in Jesus. No wonder Peter and John and leaders up to the present use so much of their writings to combat Gnosticism that was/is creeping into the church established by Jesus.