

JANUARY

WHICH CAME FIRST, THE CHICKEN OR THE EGG?

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THIS QUESTION WE MUST POSE.
THE ANSWER RESTS UPON GOD'S WORD
AND WHAT THE EVIDENCE SHOWS.

EVOLUTION SAYS IT WAS THE EGG;
PURE CHANCE BROUGHT US THE BIRD.
THE BIBLE SAYS GOD MADE THE BIRDS
IN GENESIS ONE OF HIS WORD.

THESE VIEWS WE KNOW CAN'T BOTH BE TRUE,
NO MATTER WHAT MEN SAY.
SO WE MUST LAY OUT ALL THE FACTS,
AND LET THEM POINT THE WAY.

IF WE LOOK CLOSELY AT WHAT'S FOUND
IN FOSSILS, STARS, AND CELLS,
THEY POINT OUT THERE'S A MASTER MIND;
AND HE DESIGNED THEM WELL.

OF COURSE, MANKIND JUST LAUGHS AT THIS.
THEY WON'T ADMIT IT'S TRUE.
THEY KNOW THAT IF THERE IS A GOD,
ACCOUNTS TO HIM ARE DUE.

AS CHRISTIANS, HERE'S WHERE WE CAN'T FAIL
TO KNOW GOD'S WORLD AND WORD.
OUR REASONS FOR BELIEF IN HIM
BY NO MEANS ARE ABSURD.

THE BIBLE SAYS TO SEEK OUT TRUTH;
FOUNDATIONS MUST BE STRONG.
SO WHEN MEN SAY THEY HAVE THE FACTS,
WE'LL KNOW WHAT'S RIGHT FROM WRONG.

LET'S READ GOD'S WORD, APPLY OUR MINDS,
AND SEEK HIM WITH ALL OUR HEART.
GOD SAID HE'D TEACH US WONDROUS THINGS
AND TRUTH TO US IMPART.

SO WHEN WE'RE ASKED TO CLARIFY
THAT EGGS WEREN'T FIRST AND WHY,
WE'LL KNOW GOD'S SCRIPT, POINT TO THE FACTS,
AND HAVE A SOUND REPLY.

IF WE CAN SPUR MAN TO RETHINK
HIS VIEWS ON EVOLUTION,
PERHAPS HE'LL SEE THE FACTS SHOW GOD
AS THE CORRECT SOLUTION.

CHRISTIAN TRUTH

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True Christianity, as set forth in the Bible, is a credible faith and not one based on emotions, superstitions, or groundless belief. Christianity is founded on truth that can be tested and is for the thinking person. God does not ask us to check our brains at the church door. Followers of other religions can quote their texts and give glowing testimonies of how their religions make them feel, but their beliefs are based on feelings, rather than historical facts. It is quite possible to be devoted and sincere about a religious belief, while whole-heartedly believing a lie. How can a person know that what they believe is actually true? Although some beliefs can bring comfort, will they ultimately help or harm us if they are false?

Christianity alone is based on verifiable historical truth. The Bible states in Romans 1:20 that no one has any excuse for disbelief in the one true God, because God clearly makes Himself known to everyone through what He has made (His creation). This can be verified through the study of creation using the tool of science.

God also makes Himself known through His Word, the Bible. He challenges us to examine and test it. Each person is responsible to investigate the Bible's claims of authenticity. Our eternal destiny depends upon it.

"...ALWAYS BE PREPARED TO GIVE AN ANSWER TO EVERYONE WHO ASKS YOU TO GIVE THE REASON FOR THE HOPE THAT YOU HAVE. BUT DO THIS WITH GENTLENESS AND RESPECT."

1 PETER 3:15

BIOLOGY

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Although the original world was created perfect and without death, our fallen world requires creatures to adapt to difficult situations in order to survive. Even in the current world full of death and competition, the smallest of creatures exhibit amazing capabilities for survival in harsh environments. The female snowshoe rabbit is one such creature.

During extreme drought or harsh winters, the stress of finding food triggers a chemical process in the pregnant female that stops an embryo's growth. Her body then responds to this condition of physical weakness with a process called resorption. In this process, **the mother completely reabsorbs the growing embryo.** This mechanism allows the rabbit to survive by replenishing her own strength. She can later become pregnant during more favorable conditions.

The number of chemical and physical changes required for a rabbit to **reverse a pregnancy** is mind-boggling. There is no scientific evidence which explains how this remarkable resorption process could have evolved. The creativity of God to have provided for the common rabbit in this way is truly amazing!

**"THE LORD IS GRACIOUS AND
RIGHTEOUS; OUR GOD IS
FULL OF COMPASSION."**

PSALM 116:5



PROPHECY

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The prophet Ezekiel prophesied that the city of Sidon, twenty miles north of Tyre, would have a miserable and bloody future due to its horrible sinfulness. A study of history shows that this prophecy (precise future events foreseen and predicted) came true exactly as predicted.

Throughout the centuries, Sidon has indeed been one of the bloodiest locations in history. Soon after the prophecy was given, the city was captured by the Babylonians. Later, over 40,000 died in a rebellion against the Persians. The Greeks then captured it under Alexander the Great in 330 B.C. It continued to be the scene of many fierce battles during the Crusades and various Turkish wars. Today, this city is part of Lebanon, only twenty miles south of Beirut. **This area seems destined to continue its unhappy history (indefinitely), just as the Bible predicted over 2,000 years ago.**

As much as one-fourth of the Bible consists of prophetic statements. **Every single prediction has come or is in the process of coming true—with 100% accuracy.** This is true because the Bible is inspired by the Holy Spirit (who is God). Only God is outside of time and capable of seeing all of time, from the moment of creation until He wraps up history, in advance. This is possible as time is part of the physical universe and God (who created the entire universe) is outside of time. Only the Bible validates itself by predicting the specific future events in advance!

“...I AM AGAINST YOU, O SIDON...I WILL SEND A PLAGUE UPON HER AND MAKE BLOOD FLOW IN HER STREETS. THE SLAIN WILL FALL WITHIN HER, WITH THE SWORD AGAINST HER ON EVERY SIDE....”

EZEKIEL 28:22,23

BOTANY

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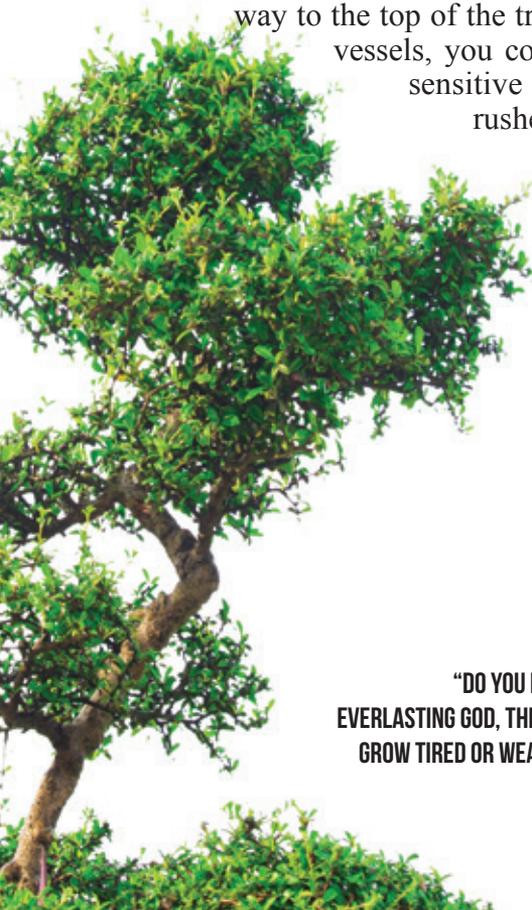
On a hot summer day, one large tree can pump over a thousand gallons—that's four tons—of water from the ground to its leaves.

The water is collected from the soil through the roots. But the real work of pumping four tons of water, often 100 feet into the air, occurs at the top of the tree. The water is suctioned toward the treetop by three remarkably efficient mechanisms—capillary flow, osmosis, and vacuum pressure. Osmosis and capillary action act in concert to move the water partway to the top of the tree, but the real driving force is a pressure differential created by the leaves within the vessels of the tree. This pressure differential is a result of water evaporating from the leaves of the tree, creating a suction throughout the vessels. This suction (measured as low as 1/20 of atmospheric pressure) helps to draw water from the roots all the way to the top of the tree. If you were to cut one of these vessels, you could actually hear (using extremely sensitive equipment) a hissing sound as air rushed back into these vessels.

The **engineering excellence** of this silent pumping system, which efficiently delivers moisture to the very top of trees, is a not-so-silent witness against the idea that chance evolutionary processes (such as mutations) could have developed it.

“DO YOU NOT KNOW? HAVE YOU NOT HEARD? THE LORD IS THE EVERLASTING GOD, THE CREATOR OF THE ENDS OF THE EARTH. HE WILL NOT GROW TIRED OR WEARY, AND HIS UNDERSTANDING NO ONE CAN FATHOM.”

ISAIAH 40:28



MICROBIOLOGY

JANUARY 5

The existence of life depends upon a substance which chemists call the universal solvent. This magnificent molecule, with its many unique properties, is ordinary water. Unlike almost all other liquids which contract upon changing from liquid to solid, water stops contracting and starts expanding at 4°C. This results in solid water (ice) being less dense (lighter) than liquid water. Thus lakes and rivers freeze from the top down instead of from the bottom up. **If lakes froze from the bottom up, life within every lake in a freezing climate would be destroyed.**

Water also has a unique ability to conduct electricity at just the right resistance to make the processes of life possible within cells. In addition, its unique surface tension insulates some animals, while its inability to mix with body oils insulates other animals by keeping them dry. Water is only one of the special substances that God created to enhance and enable life.

From the properties of the smallest molecule to the complex interrelated systems of life, the entire universe has every appearance of being designed to work together in **perfect harmony**. This is one of many ways in which creation provides a vivid testimony to our Creator's attention to the details of life.



**"COME AND SEE WHAT GOD HAS DONE,
HOW AWESOME HIS WORKS IN MAN'S BEHALF!"**

PSALM 66:5

BIOLOGY

JANUARY 6

The Couch's spadefoot toad of the Sonoran Desert is an example of how God takes care of creatures under extreme conditions. **This toad lies dormant in the hot desert eleven out of twelve months each year.** It has built-in sensors that tell it when a violent desert rainstorm occurs. The toad can detect vibrations of pounding rain miles away. It somehow knows to emerge from the sand when it rains so that the male toads can call for females as soon as pools of water form. Shortly afterwards the egg-laying is completed and the toads return to the sand, safe from the heat of the burning daytime sun. Most of the time the desert pools rapidly dry up, killing the eggs. Only under ideal conditions will some of the eggs hatch—nine days later. The young toads have at



most a few weeks to eat enough food to survive before burying themselves in the sand for the next eleven months while awaiting another rainstorm.

Such survival instincts and mechanisms were probably not required before the Fall, when the world was designed as a paradise. In the current world, with its severe climates, such instincts and abilities seem to have been specifically designed for animals such as the spadefoot toad. How could this ability to adjust to such harsh weather conditions have evolved? **Unless all of the abilities, instincts, and timing of the toads' reproductive cycle were in place, the toads could never have survived** the first severe season.

**"THE WILD ANIMALS HONOR ME...BECAUSE I PROVIDE WATER
IN THE DESERT AND STREAMS IN THE WASTELAND..."**

ISAIAH 43:20

ANATOMY

JANUARY 7

Human hair is actually a complex functioning feature, not just a simple cosmetic addition to our bodies. Not only does hair provide warmth and enhanced appearance, but it has multiple design functions to enhance life. For instance, **hair is an integral part of the body's protection system.** Eyelashes protect our eyes by triggering them to almost instantly and involuntarily close when dust strikes the lashes. Body hair serves as tiny levers. Each hair is connected to a muscle which squeezes oil from adjacent glands that keep our skin from drying out. Hair even acts as a filter for particulates caught in the nose and ears.

Hair is also “programmed” to grow to specific lengths and thicknesses in various places on the body. Eyelashes, for example, do not grow as long or thick as scalp hair. They grow to a certain length, fall out, and are replaced by new hair. Who planned it this way? Clearly, one can see evidence of design in both the function and placement of even the simple hairs on our bodies.

Evolution does not explain where the complex programming to create even a single hair came from. Human hair is not a leftover skin covering from our purported “ape ancestry.”

“ARE NOT TWO SPARROWS SOLD FOR A PENNY? YET NOT ONE OF THEM WILL FALL TO THE GROUND APART FROM THE WILL OF YOUR FATHER. AND EVEN THE VERY HAIRS OF YOUR HEAD ARE NUMBERED. SO DON'T BE AFRAID; YOU ARE WORTH MORE THAN MANY SPARROWS.”

MATTHEW 10:29-31



FOSSIL RECORD

JANUARY 8

We are repeatedly told that dinosaurs died out around 60 million years ago. **Yet there have been many reports of dinosaur bones which have been dated quite young.** Carbon-14 (^{14}C) analysis of dinosaur bones reveals that they can contain measurable amounts of ^{14}C . This is impossible if the bones are over 60 million years old but makes perfect sense from a biblical perspective. The ^{14}C concentration for organisms alive before Noah's Flood would have been greatly reduced compared to modern levels, but ^{14}C should still be present in small amounts. This is exactly what we find and does not indicate a great age but a recent burial by a worldwide flood.

According to the March 1992 ABR Newsletter, Hugh Miller of Columbus, Ohio had four dinosaur bone samples carbon dated at a university laboratory. Each of the bones were "dated" at an age of under 20,000 years. These bones were not identified as dinosaur bones because the labs would not agree to test bones which their evolutionary presumptions tell them could not contain any ^{14}C . Yet the same level of ^{14}C found in the bones of a more "recent" creature would be assumed to be correct.

In an even more amazing discovery, both DNA fragments and unfossilized red blood cells have been found within dinosaur bones. Neither of these fragile organic molecules could exist after millions of years. Yet it is quite reasonable to expect to find such fragments to remain if they were buried during Noah's Flood—less than 5,000 years ago.

Recent dates on dinosaur bones should be no surprise to Christians. In Genesis 1:21 God says he created "great whales" (KJV). Elsewhere this Hebrew word, tannin, is translated "dragon." Job chapters 40 and 41 describe powerful creatures which could only be dinosaurs.

PROPHECY

JANUARY 9

There are over 300 distinct prophecies in the Old Testament that were literally fulfilled by Jesus Christ. These prophecies, given hundreds of years before Christ was born, were very specific and could not be fulfilled by any other man in history. The prophecies include the time, place, and manner of Christ's birth, including specifics about His ministry and genealogy. Also predicted were details about His miracles, His trial, His death, His resurrection, and the events after His resurrection.

The probability of all of these prophecies being fulfilled by any other person is an absolute impossibility.



These predictions concerning the life of Jesus Christ were recorded in the sacred books of the Jewish people—now commonly known as the “Old Testament.” Copies of these ancient documents, identical to the modern texts, were buried hundreds of years before the birth of Christ. They were found sealed in clay jars near the Dead Sea in Israel. These “Dead Sea Scrolls” and other manuscripts recorded specific details about Jesus long before they actually occurred. Only a Creator God who is outside of time could have inspired these hundreds of specific details to be written down prior to their fulfillment.

“...SURELY, JUST AS I HAVE INTENDED SO IT HAS HAPPENED,
AND JUST AS I HAVE PLANNED SO IT WILL STAND.”

ISAIAH 14:24 NAS

BIOLOGY

JANUARY 10

A gazelle with long, spiraling horns stands in a dry, yellowish field. The gazelle is facing forward, looking slightly to the right. Its coat is a mix of light brown and white, with a dark stripe running along its side. The background is a vast, open field of dry grass under a clear sky.

Human engineers did not design the first cooling system. Every living warm-blooded creature has mechanisms for controlling its body temperature. **The design of the gazelle’s cooling system is among the most ingenious in nature.** The gazelle must run at high speed in order to escape predators. This exertion of energy raises the gazelle’s body temperature to such an extent that for the gazelle to survive, its brain must be cooled. The solution to this problem is a special cooling system built right into the gazelle’s head. Gazelles and similar animals have hundreds of small arteries that pass through a large pool of blood in the nasal passage. Inhaled air cools this nasal blood pool, which in turn cools the blood in the tiny arteries passing through the pool. [In industry, these specifically designed pieces of equipment are called heat exchangers.] After the blood has been cooled, it recombines in a larger blood vessel and circulates into the brain. Without this system for cooling the brain, the gazelle simply could not survive in the current fallen world which requires the gazelle to escape from predatory animals.

It takes a team of engineers using sophisticated calculations to design heat exchangers for use in industrial processes. Since it had to work perfectly from the outset, creation is the only logical explanation for the design and function of the gazelle’s far more intricate heat exchange system.

“...WHO IS LIKE YOU—MAJESTIC IN HOLINESS, AWESOME IN GLORY, WORKING WONDERS?”

EXODUS 15:11

ASTRONOMY

JANUARY 11

In the writings of virtually all civilized nations going back to Rome, Greece, Egypt, Persia, Assyria, and Babylonia, there exists a description of the major star systems. Mankind has called these 12 star systems the “Constellations of the Zodiac” and has attached mystical meanings and powers to them. It is intriguing that nearly all nations had the *same 12 signs*, placed in the *same order*, all representing the *same things*. Secular archeologists, who deny the dispersion of man from a single source (the tower of Babel), cannot explain how so many nations have the same signs for the constellations which bear no resemblance to the pictures they supposedly represent.

The Bible sheds light on this mystery in several places:

1. In Genesis 1:14-16 God is in the midst of creating the heavens when he says He made the sun, moon, and stars for the purpose of “*Signs*, and for seasons, and for days, and years.”
2. In Job 38:31-32 God asks Job if he could bring forth the “Mazzaroth” in his season. Mazzaroth is Hebrew for the constellations of the Zodiac. Pleiades, Orion, and Arcturus are specifically listed.
3. In Psalm 147:4 God tells us He not only *created* the stars, but He *numbered* the stars and calls them by their *names*.

Some believe a study of the constellations reveals the gospel through the heavens. Each constellation, from Virgo (meaning “virgin”) to Leo (meaning “he that tears apart”), unfolds the story of Christ. Christ was the God-man who came to die in payment for man’s sins, redeem those who make Him Lord of their lives, and conquer the serpent, Satan.

“AND GOD SAID, LET THERE BE LIGHTS IN THE FIRMAMENT OF THE HEAVEN TO DIVIDE THE DAY FROM THE NIGHT; AND LET THEM BE FOR SIGNS, AND FOR SEASONS, AND FOR DAYS, AND YEARS...”

GENESIS 1:14 KJV

BIBLE'S UNIQUENESS

JANUARY 12

The belief in **uniformitarianism** (that the past history of our planet can be explained by slow processes over long periods of time) is not a new scientific revelation. Belief in evolution is built upon this foundation of uniformitarianism by denying that there have been major interventions by God in the past. **God knew and forewarned mankind of this errant viewpoint thousands of years ago in 2 Peter 3:3.**

1. **Evolution denies** the instantaneous creation of very different forms of life.
2. **Evolution ignores** that there was ever a curse on man and nature as a result of mankind's rebellion.
3. **Evolution suppresses** the evidence for the worldwide Flood in spite of enormous geological support testifying to the reality of this event. This global Flood explains the fossil record without the need for evolutionary concepts or time scales and must be denied in order to accept evolution.
4. **Evolution undermines** Christianity by assuming that death has always been around and is the natural order of things. If this is true, then Christ did not die as a final payment for Adam's (and our) sin because death is normal and not a specific penalty for our rebellion. Adam and Eve simply becomes a fanciful, imaginary story.

Once evolution is accepted as a fact, is it any surprise that Christianity rapidly becomes irrelevant? Is it any surprise that Europe became almost devoid of true Christian faith in the same time frame in which it totally embraced evolutionary theory as fact?

FIRST OF ALL, YOU MUST UNDERSTAND THAT IN THE LAST DAYS SCOFFERS WILL COME, SCOFFING AND FOLLOWING THEIR OWN EVIL DESIRES. THEY WILL SAY, "WHERE IS THIS 'COMING' HE PROMISED? EVER SINCE OUR FATHERS DIED, EVERYTHING GOES ON AS IT HAS SINCE THE BEGINNING OF CREATION."

2 PETER 3:3-4

LOGIC

JANUARY 13

Life shows every possible characteristic of design by an intelligent designer. If you ask any person to define what characteristics would indicate that an object has been made by an intelligent designer (such as form, complexity, independence of parts, integrated components, etc.) life exhibits these same characteristics. In addition to this, all basic types of animal life appear completely developed, not partially developed. There are no examples of half-developed feathers, eyes, skin, arteries, veins, intestines, or any other vital organ.



Actually, **if a reptile leg were to evolve into the wing of a bird, it would become a bad leg long before it could become a good wing.** How could such a reptile survive an attack from a predator or catch prey while its legs were in the process of evolving? Before it turned into something else, the animal would become extinct. Adherence to the teachings of evolution, masquerading as science, has blinded even highly intelligent people to the truth. The Bible says it best—claiming to be wise, mankind has become foolish.



"FOR SINCE THE CREATION OF THE WORLD GOD'S INVISIBLE QUALITIES—HIS ETERNAL POWER AND DIVINE NATURE—HAVE BEEN CLEARLY SEEN, BEING UNDERSTOOD FROM WHAT HAS BEEN MADE...BUT THEIR THINKING BECAME FUTILE AND THEIR FOOLISH HEARTS WERE DARKENED. ALTHOUGH THEY CLAIMED TO BE WISE, THEY BECAME FOOLS...."

ROMANS 1:20,21,22

HISTORY

JANUARY 14

Jesus Christ is not a mythological character. Evidence of His existence can be verified by many sources.

First, there is the testimony of the New Testament documents. All 27 New Testament books were completed within 60 years of Christ's resurrection. Ten of these books were written by Christ's personal friends. At least thirteen were written by Paul, an eyewitness of Christ's life.

Second, the Jewish Babylonian Talmud and the writings of the famous Jewish historian Josephus bear witness to the historical presence of Christ. Their testimony to Christ's existence is all the more valuable, because the Jews not only rejected Christ, but were extremely hostile toward Him. Many of these writings contain lies and distortions, but the very fact He merits attention supports His historical existence.

Third, ancient nonreligious historical writings also bear record of Christ. For example, Pliny, the governor of Bithynia (around 112 A.D.); the Roman historian Tacitus (115 A.D.); and the popular Roman writer Seutonius (about 120 A.D.) all acknowledged the existence of Christ.

"AFTER JESUS WAS BORN IN BETHLEHEM IN JUDEA, DURING THE TIME OF KING HEROD, MAGI FROM THE EAST CAME TO JERUSALEM..."

MATTHEW 2:1

GEOLOGY

JANUARY 15

How could the Ark have survived a year-long water catastrophe without sinking? The study of hydrodynamics (the branch of physics having to do with the motion and action of water) has demonstrated that a giant boxlike vessel the size and shape described in the Bible would be almost unsinkable. **Even in a sea of gigantic waves, the Ark could be tilted to almost a 90° angle and would always tend to right itself again.** A vessel of this shape also aligns itself with the waves so that it experienced the least amount of pitching. Recent studies indicate the large fins on the front and back of many ancient vessels functioned to keep these vessels pointed into large waves during windy, stormy seas. This design may have started with the original design of Noah's Ark, made necessary during the massive storm which it experienced.



In 1604, a Dutchman named Peter Jansz, built two smaller ships with the same proportions as the Ark. These small “arks” could carry one-third more cargo than regular ships without requiring any additional crew and quickly became a popular cargo carrier.

The perfect engineering of the Ark, with the exact characteristics necessary to survive the Flood, points to God as the ultimate Designer. **Every detail of the Bible confirms its accuracy and supernatural origin.**

**“THIS IS HOW YOU ARE TO BUILD IT: THE ARK IS TO BE 450 FEET LONG,
75 FEET WIDE AND 45 FEET HIGH.”**

GENESIS 6:15

BIOLOGY

JANUARY 16

The ironic life cycle of a toad-eating horsefly was first documented in the Arizona desert by Dr. Thomas Eisner of Cornell University. Eisner noticed this unusual drama at a muddy desert pond that had a large population of spadefoot toads. Upon close inspection of the pond, he noticed that some of the **toads were being pulled down into the mud as they hopped across the surface.** A little digging revealed that the predator was the horsefly larva. The larva burrows into the soft mud until its head barely sticks out. When an unsuspecting toad wanders by, the larva grabs him with its powerful jaws and pulls him into the mud. The larva injects the toad with poison and drinks the toad's body fluids. Eventually the larva grows into an adult horsefly, but now it must avoid becoming a meal for the toads that have survived the larva attack.



Even in the desert where food is scarce, God has designed an incredible circular food chain that works in perfect balance. Although mutually beneficial relationships such as this may not have been required before mankind rebelled, God has provided mechanisms to insure the survival of animals within His creation.

“THESE ALL LOOK TO YOU TO GIVE THEM THEIR FOOD AT THE PROPER TIME.”

PSALM 104:27

GEOLOGY

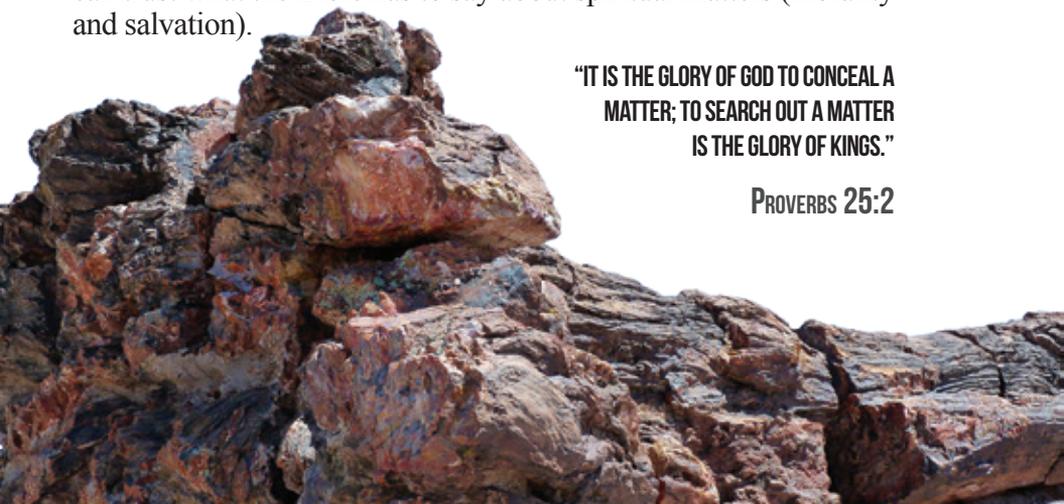
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Buried in an eroded hillside at Yellowstone National Park are petrified tree trunks protruding through multiple layers of earth. For many years a geological marker at this site (Specimen Ridge) stated that the trees were buried and petrified in place. The parallel layers were interpreted as successive forests buried by volcanic activity. It was claimed that after each volcanic eruption, the volcanic-ash layer slowly weathered into suitable topsoil and hundreds of years passed as subsequent forests grew to maturity. This pattern supposedly happened 27 times spanning at least 30,000 years. This interpretation seemed to present a problem to biblical accuracy, which indicates there has been less than 10,000 years of Earth history.

However, this interpretation ignores several important observations. The roots of the tree stumps are broken off with only the root balls left. **The stump size, tree ring pattern, and number of tree rings throughout all 27 layers are remarkably similar.** What the evidence really supports is the rapid burial of a single massive forest by a flood of worldwide proportions. Trees are buried at different levels because they sank into the sediment at different times. Apparently the majority opinion has moved toward this better interpretation because the “multiple-forest” interpretive sign has been removed. Unfortunately, the reality of a worldwide Flood is still not mentioned. It is because the Bible can be trusted when it speaks on physical matters (such as the reality of a worldwide Flood) that we can trust what the Bible has to say about spiritual matters (morality and salvation).

**“IT IS THE GLORY OF GOD TO CONCEAL A
MATTER; TO SEARCH OUT A MATTER
IS THE GLORY OF KINGS.”**

PROVERBS 25:2



GENETICS

JANUARY 18

The belief that mutations could slowly change one type of animal into a completely different type of animal is analogous to believing that you could change a black-and-white television into a color television by randomly changing parts. The random addition of parts will definitely produce *change*; but they will never produce an improved television, a color television, or a television that is slowly being transformed into some other useful device. Even if the correct color television parts were randomly placed into the television, the complexity required to change the television into some other useful device would not allow it to happen. It would become a nonfunctioning piece of junk long before it could have evolved into a more complex piece of machinery. Mutations cause a loss of information and do not explain where the information present within every living organism originated. This is a fact of science, regardless of how many parts are added without an overall plan.

Evolution relies on billions of years to explain the transformation of life. But even if zillions of parts are randomly added to trillions of televisions for billions of years, not a single improved television will result. In the same way, **mutations will produce changes, but they will never enable one type of creature to turn into a completely different type.** For that to happen, useful information would have to be added to the DNA of the creature. This simply does not happen as a result of random mutations.



"AND GOD MADE THE BEAST OF THE EARTH AFTER HIS KIND, AND CATTLE AFTER THEIR KIND, AND EVERY THING THAT CREEPETH UPON THE EARTH AFTER HIS KIND: AND GOD SAW THAT IT WAS GOOD."

GENESIS 1:25 KJV

GENETICS

JANUARY 19

One of the most common questions asked of biologists is the origin of races. This question produces confusion concerning the origin of mankind. If humans evolved from apes, should not some humans be closer to their apelike ancestors than others? If so, why not consider them “less human”? This logical conclusion of evolutionary thinking led directly to historical atrocities such as Hitler’s attempted elimination of the Jews and the genocide of Australian aborigines. Historical statements such as the following 2/24/1924 *New York Tribune* description of aborigines reveal the evolutionary-driven prejudice of the day:

“They appear to be a race totally incapable of civilization... these people are from a lower order of the human race.”

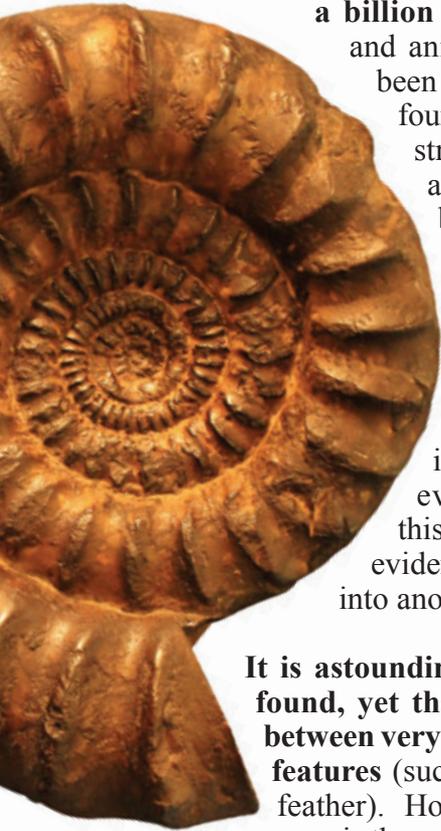
In contrast, the Bible states that all people have equal dignity, because all mankind descended from a single pair of humans. **Gregor Mendel, a Christian monk and the father of modern genetics, proved that the genetic variability of different characteristics (such as skin color and body shape) was present in the very first human created.** Skin color, eye color, etc., are not indications of an evolutionary past but are inherited characteristics from our parents. The only reason “white” people have “white” babies is that generations of light-skinned people married each other and the genes producing more melanin (dark skin pigments) became recessive or lost. The Bible stated that **ALL people are of one blood** long before science proved it.

“AND HE HAS MADE FROM ONE BLOOD EVERY NATION OF MEN TO DWELL ON ALL THE FACE OF THE EARTH, AND HAS DETERMINED THEIR PREAPPOINTED TIMES AND THE BOUNDARIES OF THEIR DWELLINGS...”

ACTS 17:26 NKJV

FOSSIL RECORD

JANUARY 20



For over 200 years, paleontologists and geologists have been digging in the hills, valleys, and plains of the earth. **During this time, they have uncovered and cataloged over a billion fossils.** Thousands of fascinating plant and animal fossils from extinct organisms have been found. Fossils, like living organisms, are found fully formed and distinctly different in structure. Evolutionists claim to have found animal bones having features intermediate between similar creatures, purporting that evolution has occurred (e.g., small horses to big horses). Yet there are no examples in the fossil record of one animal slowly changing into a different kind of animal. Diagrams have been made which show variations within the same type of animal in an effort to organize them into a supposed evolutionary order. Textbooks promote this type of evidence because no transitional evidence showing one animal slowly changing into another has been found.

It is astounding that over a billion fossils have been found, yet there is no undisputed transitional form between very different types of animals or even animal features (such as a reptile's scale turning into a bird's feather). How can we say that evolution—the idea that man is the result of slow changes over time from earlier creatures—is a reasonable theory in light of this lack of evidence?

"ALL FLESH IS NOT THE SAME FLESH: BUT THERE IS ONE KIND OF FLESH OF MEN, ANOTHER FLESH OF BEASTS, ANOTHER OF FISHES, AND ANOTHER OF BIRDS."

1 CORINTHIANS 15:39 KJV



HISTORY

JANUARY 21

It is false to say that you cannot be a true scientist if you believe in creation. **The very founders of the scientific method and the scientists who developed some of the most important foundational principles of modern science were primarily creationists.** Creationists find themselves in the company of great men of science such as Robert Boyle, George Washington Carver, Michael Faraday, John Ambrose Fleming, James Joule, Lord Kelvin, Carolus Linnaeus, Matthew Maury, Joseph Clerk Maxwell, Gregor Mendel, Samuel F.B. Morse, Isaac Newton, Louis Pasteur, William Ramsay, and Leonardo da Vinci. Many scientists (such as Carolus Linnaeus, George Washington Carver, and Matthew Maury) claim to have received their inspirational ideas directly from the Bible. There are also many creation scientists today who are top in their fields. Their belief in creation and a young earth has not proven to be a hindrance, but actually an asset to their scientific endeavors.

The discoveries of these great men of science are a testament to their belief in the Creator of a designed universe. Their confidence to pursue scientific discoveries was and continues to be a natural outcome of their belief that discovering how the world works is possible because the universe is the product of an intelligent and all-powerful Designer of order.

“THE UNFOLDING OF YOUR WORDS GIVES LIGHT; IT GIVES UNDERSTANDING TO THE SIMPLE.

PSALM 119:130

CHRISTIAN TRUTH

JANUARY 22

Christianity is unique over all other religions because it is based on historical *facts*. Other religions are primarily centered on the ethical and religious *opinions* of their founders. Christianity is based on the character of Jesus Christ and what He said and did. Jesus repeatedly claimed to be the Creator God and acknowledged the accuracy of every part of Old Testament Scripture. Christianity's truth and validity rely on real events of the past such as: the Fall as a real event which explains why we need our Savior and are incapable of saving ourselves; Noah's Flood as the best explanation of the geology in the world around us; the specific predictions of future events, before they happened, such as the birth and crucifixion of Christ. The historical truth of these events can be objectively investigated from not only one source, but from multiple sources across time.

Christianity is the only religion which offers the possibility of physically investigating its factual nature, because it makes specific claims about the world around us. It also addresses where we came from. If one of these claims is false, then other biblical claims are also suspect. But if these claims are scientifically valid, there is every reason to believe all of the Bible's claims (such as what happens after death or what God requires of us in order to spend eternity in His presence).

"ALL YOUR WORDS ARE TRUE; ALL YOUR RIGHTEOUS LAWS ARE ETERNAL."

PSALMS 119:160

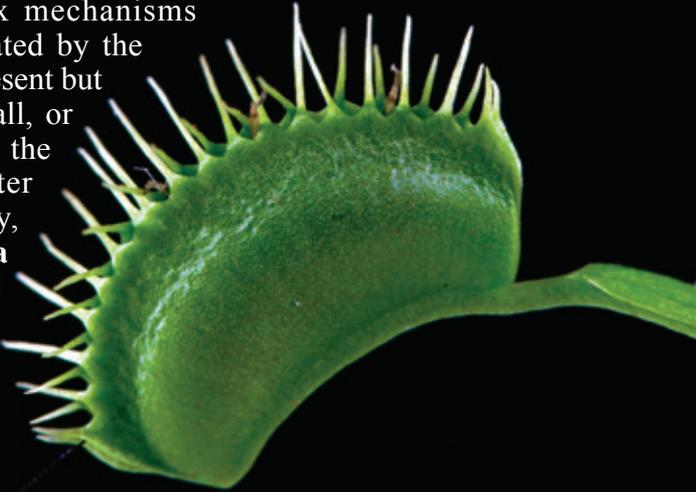


BOTANY

JANUARY 23

The Venus fly trap is a wonder of God's engineering. It has an ingenious method, quite different from other plants, for getting food. This **meat-eating plant** usually lives in mineral-poor soils. Therefore, it catches its food in order to provide the needed nutrients for survival. When an insect touches the tiny trigger hairs inside the trap, an electric signal is sent to cells on the outside of the trap. This impulse almost instantly causes the outer cells to secrete an acid which breaks down the cell wall. This, in turn, causes cells to expand, closing the trap at high speed. The more the insect fights, the more tightly the trap closes. Six to twelve days later, after the insect is digested, the plant receives a chemical signal and the trap opens to await its next meal.

Why do animals, and even plants, have to fight each other for their very survival? Is this really the creation that God described as "very good"? Actually, it is not. All of creation exhibits a fallen, aggressive nature due to the actions of Adam and Eve in the original garden paradise. It is unknown whether the complex mechanisms of survival demonstrated by the Venus fly trap were present but dormant before the Fall, or were designed within the plant for survival after the Fall. Either way, **the Venus fly trap is a marvel of purposeful design** which gives testimony to the genius behind its creation.



"MANY, O LORD MY GOD, ARE THE WONDERS YOU HAVE DONE. THE THINGS YOU PLANNED FOR US NO ONE CAN RECOUNT TO YOU; WERE I TO SPEAK OF THEM, THEY WOULD BE TOO MANY TO DECLARE."

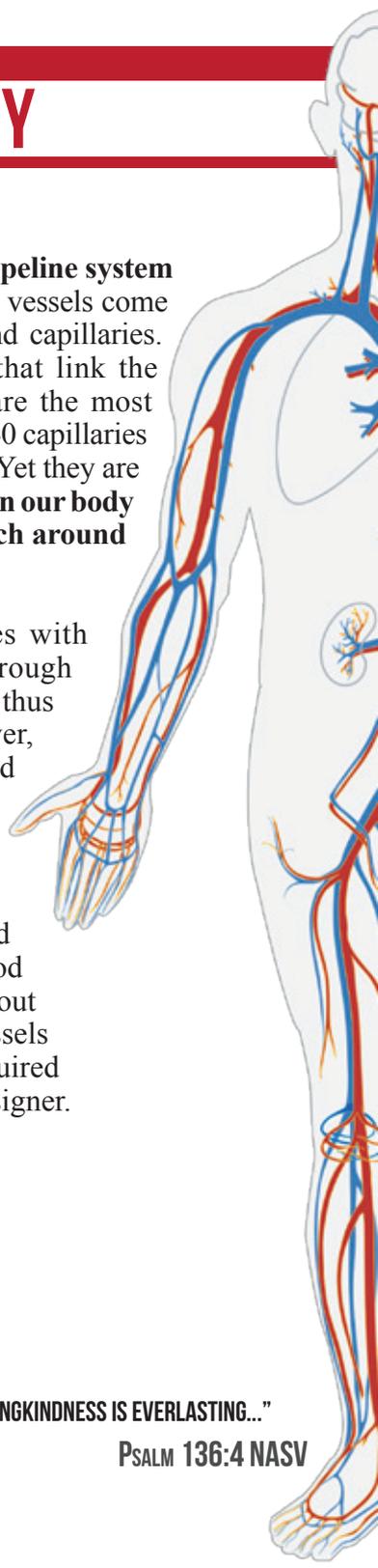
PSALM 40:5

ANATOMY

JANUARY 24

Our blood vessels are an incredible pipeline system which networks our entire body. These vessels come in three basic types: arteries, veins, and capillaries. Capillaries are microscopic vessels that link the smallest arteries to the veins. They are the most abundant type of blood vessels. About 40 capillaries laid end to end measure only one inch. Yet they are so numerous that if **all of the capillaries in our body were laid end to end they would stretch around the equator two times!**

Blood is pumped into the capillaries with enough force to drive the plasma through the porous walls of these tiny vessels, thus nourishing surrounding cells. However, the pressure is not so great that the red and white blood cells are lost or the capillaries burst. **There must be an absolutely perfect balance** of pressure between the blood flowing within the vessel, the blood being forced through the vessel walls, and the blood in and around the body's cells. Without question, the design of our blood vessels and the perfect balance of pressure required to maintain life is testimony to our Designer.



"TO HIM WHO ALONE DOES GREAT WONDERS, FOR HIS LOVINGKINDNESS IS EVERLASTING..."

PSALM 136:4 NASV

GEOLOGY

JANUARY 25

The evolutionary model assumes that coal formed gradually over long time periods from decaying plants. Coal deposits are believed to be the compacted accumulation of generations of swamp plants which were covered by other sediments over millions of years.

In reality, the nature of coal deposits contradict this slow and gradual model. For example:

1. Well-preserved remains of leaves and insects are frequently found in coal. This requires that the vegetation was buried very quickly (such as would have happened during a massive flood) in order to have prevented the remains from rotting.
2. Coal deposits covering thousands of square miles are found hundreds of feet thick. This testifies to a flood of worldwide extent. The “swamp model” of coal formation does not explain the massive extent of coal reserves.
3. Coal seams are found in repeated overlying layers, often separated by sterile rock types with no sign of soil. This indicates burial under water (with sediment washing in between layers), not slow accumulation from swamps.

Coal is a **buried testimony** to both the **Worldwide Flood** and the incredible hatred God has for sin.



“...I WILL SEND RAIN ON THE EARTH FOR FORTY DAYS AND FORTY NIGHTS,
AND I WILL WIPE FROM THE FACE OF THE EARTH EVERY LIVING CREATURE I HAVE MADE.”

GENESIS 7:4

FOSSIL RECORD

JANUARY 26

What does the fossil record show concerning the appearance of all basic animal body types? The following quotes are representative of what has been found after extensive searching by an army of evolutionary paleontologists over the last 150 years. These statements by evolutionary scientists are both contextual and relevant to what the fossil record actually reveals:

“All paleontologists know that the fossil record contains precious little in the way of intermediate forms; transitions between major groups are characteristically abrupt.”

“Despite the bright promise that paleontology provides of ‘seeing’ evolution, it has presented some nasty difficulties for evolutionists, the most notorious of which is the presence of ‘gaps’ in the fossil record.”

“No real evolutionist, whether gradualist or punctuationalist, uses the fossil record as evidence in favor of the theory of evolution as opposed to special creation....”

“The known fossil record fails to document a single example of phyletic evolution accomplishing a major morphologic transition.”

Evolutionists have lined up some fossils which seem to fill small gaps between closely related creatures. However, accepting small transitions as evidence in support of the grand evolution scenario is like believing a single stepping stone proves that a bridge once spanned the Mississippi River in the same location.

Evolution requires transitional forms between the most basic animal groups—yet none exist. Creation asserts that there never were transitions between basic kinds of life. This is exactly what the fossil record shows. What better evidence for creation could there be?

“FOR THE FOOLISHNESS OF GOD IS WISER THAN MAN’S WISDOM....”

1 CORINTHIANS 1:25

CHRISTIAN TRUTH

JANUARY 27

What kind of God would make creatures whose only function seems to be devouring and feeding upon other creatures? Sir Dave Attenborough, who has produced the acclaimed *Life on Earth* and *Living Planet* series for BBC, states it this way:

“When creationists talk about God creating every [type of animal] in a separate act, they always instance hummingbirds... and beautiful things. But I tend to think instead of a parasitic worm that is boring through the eye of a boy sitting on the bank of a river in West Africa, and [I ask them], ‘Are you telling me that the God you believe in, who you also say is an all-merciful God, who cares for each one of us individually—are you saying that God created this worm that can live in no other way than in an innocent child’s eyeball? Because that doesn’t seem to me to coincide with a God who’s full of mercy.’”

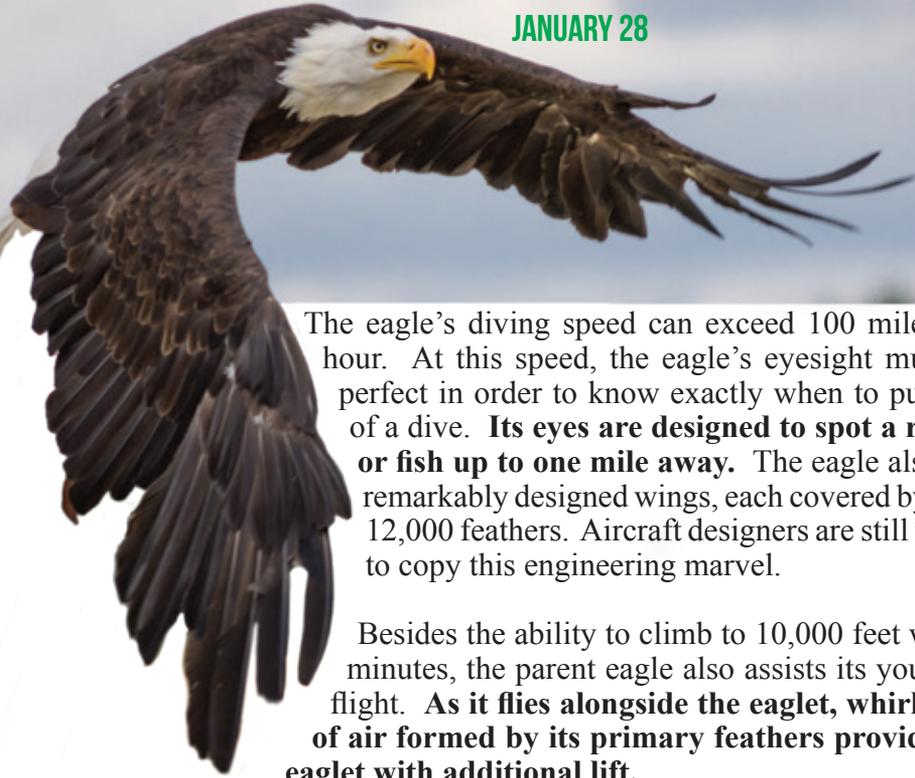
Evolutionists do not believe that all of creation has developed a fallen nature. Creatures originally created to live in harmony have become deadly competitors. Mankind chose to reject God and died spiritually. It is only by being “born again” that this spiritual union with God can be restored. God cursed creation as an act of mercy. It would have been intolerable for fallen mankind to exist in the midst of perfection. Furthermore, God has given us the ability to prevent and cure many diseases (when we choose to spend our time and resources to do so). At times He even provides supernatural healing. Most importantly, God has provided a pathway to spend eternity in paradise after our short time here on Earth. God became a human in order to take the penalty which we deserve. **What more could He have done?**

**“FOR MY THOUGHTS ARE NOT YOUR THOUGHTS,
NEITHER ARE YOUR WAYS MY WAYS,” SAITH THE LORD.**

ISAIAH 55:8 KJV

BIOLOGY

JANUARY 28



The eagle's diving speed can exceed 100 miles per hour. At this speed, the eagle's eyesight must be perfect in order to know exactly when to pull out of a dive. **Its eyes are designed to spot a rabbit or fish up to one mile away.** The eagle also has remarkably designed wings, each covered by over 12,000 feathers. Aircraft designers are still trying to copy this engineering marvel.

Besides the ability to climb to 10,000 feet within minutes, the parent eagle also assists its young in flight. **As it flies alongside the eaglet, whirlpools of air formed by its primary feathers provide the eaglet with additional lift.**

In speaking of His protective care over the nation of Israel, God states, "...I bare you on eagles' wings..." (Exodus 19:4 KJV). The Hebrew word for "bare" is *nacah*, and its primary root means "to lift." This is exactly what the parent eagle does to help its young in flight.

The precise selection and meaning of words used in the Bible is a testimony to both the **accuracy and precision** of this remarkable book.

"YOU YOURSELVES HAVE SEEN WHAT I DID TO EGYPT, AND HOW I CARRIED YOU ON EAGLES' WINGS AND BROUGHT YOU TO MYSELF. "

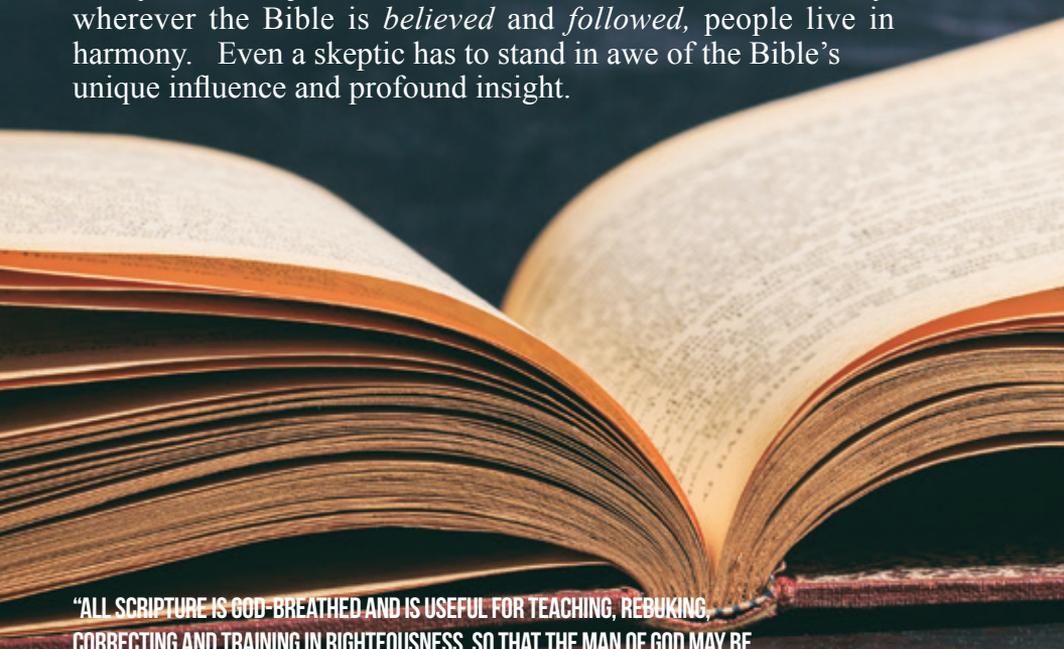
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BIBLE'S UNIQUENESS

JANUARY 29

Any study of man's history will prove that the Bible had (and still has) a unique and profound influence. The Bible gives us a proper perspective on all vital human issues, including marriage, raising children, finances, government, the judicial system, equal rights, aging, poverty, health, work, ecology, education, entertainment, etc. **The basis for the world's laws and ethics all originate in God's Word.** Even the seven-day week, which was given at creation, has become the worldwide standard pattern. No other source for this cycle has ever been offered.

The Bible tells us that God is good and there is absolutely no darkness in Him (Mark 10:18, 1 John 1:5). **Throughout history whenever Christianity has been blamed for atrocities, one always finds major deviations from God's Word.** Conversely, wherever the Bible is *believed* and *followed*, people live in harmony. Even a skeptic has to stand in awe of the Bible's unique influence and profound insight.



"ALL SCRIPTURE IS GOD-BREATHED AND IS USEFUL FOR TEACHING, REBUKING, CORRECTING AND TRAINING IN RIGHTEOUSNESS, SO THAT THE MAN OF GOD MAY BE THOROUGHLY EQUIPPED FOR EVERY GOOD WORK."

2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17

GEOLOGY

JANUARY 30

If, as evolutionists say, the earth formed as a hot molten mass, it should have cooled to its present temperature in far less than 4.5 billion years. Evolutionists believe that radioactive decay accounts for the still-elevated temperature of the earth's core. Yet estimates of the amount of heat created by radioactive decay cannot account for the heat present in the earth's core—unless the earth is much younger than assumed.

The high temperature at the core of the earth testifies to a young earth. Lord Kelvin used this argument to show that evolutionary geologists of his day were wrong about the age of the earth and his conclusions are still accurate today. In spite of this type of evidence, evolutionists continue to claim that the earth is about 4.5 billion years old.

The vast majority of scientific dating methods indicate that the earth is quite young. Since the earth was created as a fully formed and functional planet, its core temperature would have been very high—similar to today—from the very beginning. The fact that the core of the earth is still quite hot confirms what Christians who take the Word of God seriously have believed all along—both the earth and the entire universe were formed quite recently.



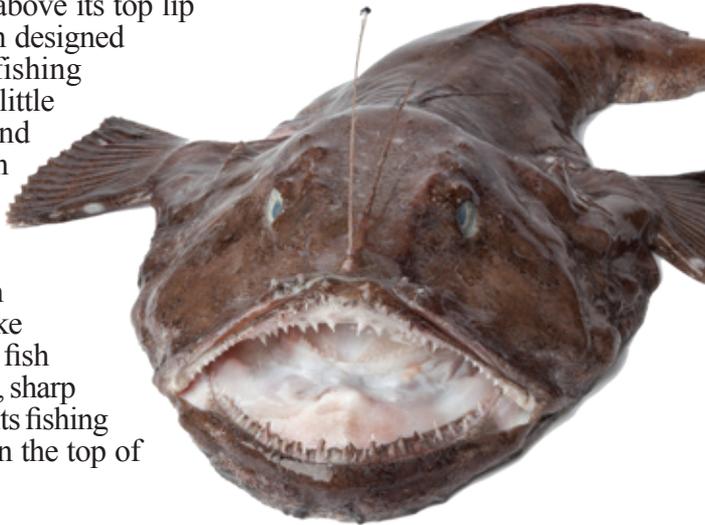
“...SPEAK TO THE EARTH, AND IT WILL TEACH YOU...”

JOB 12:8

BIOLOGY

JANUARY 31

One type of female angler fish grows to approximately three and one half feet, and its mouth takes up much of its size. Just above its top lip the angler fish has been designed with a six-inch-long fishing pole. This pole has a little orange light on the end of it. The angler fish lives a mile beneath the ocean where it is dark. It attracts other fish with its light. When creatures move in to strike at the light, the angler fish grabs them with its long, sharp teeth. When not in use, its fishing rod fits into a groove on the top of the angler fish's head.



Yet the strangest part of the angler fish's life is its mating practices. While the female is over three feet long, the male angler fish is only one-half an inch long. He has no fishing pole or light. Mating starts when the tiny male swims up to the female and sinks his teeth into her side. He never lets go the rest of his life. In fact, soon his skin and circulatory system actually join the female's. All that is left of the male is a small pouch on the female's side containing the male's reproductive organs, which continue to fertilize the female's eggs.

Apparently, these strange reproductive and predatory habits were given to the angler fish after the Fall. What is the mathematical probability that any of these unique characteristics could have developed by random step-by-step changes? How wonderful is God's creativity!