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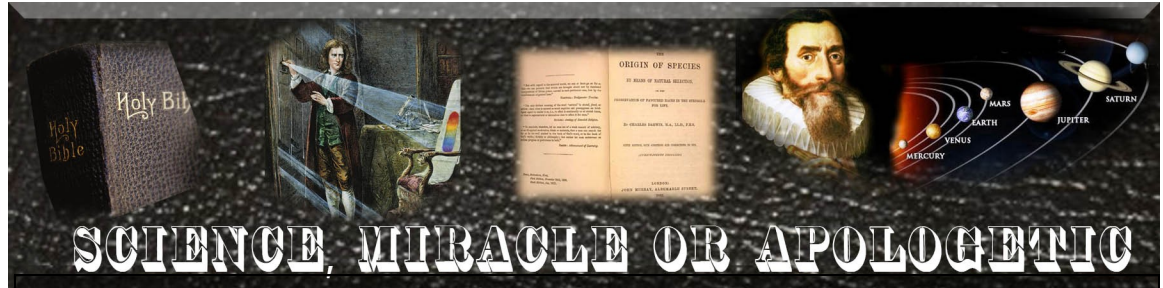


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By Terry Ivers

The Biblical story of Creation as found in Genesis is one of the most debated events in the history of mankind. The question that I want to pose and one that I consider over and over again is, does the debate over origins come down simply to science vs religion, or are there other implications that can be derived from the question of origins?

Since we are discussing the origins of the Earth and the Universe that surrounds it, we must start with what we can physically witness, and from there we must search for clues and evidence that can be clearly and logically explained. The beginning of anything is a onetime event which means it cannot be repeated and in this case was not observed by anyone other than the Creator. At this point in the debate we become very polarized in our thinking, the scientific community is forced to find a naturalistic answer to satisfy their materialistic uniformitarian viewpoint. The Bible believing community has to examine what can be seen and interpret that information using the authoritative guidelines set down in the Holy Scriptures. Any honest and straightforward investigation should start by collecting evidence and testing that evidence to form ideas that are logical and realistically understandable. Although absolute agreement in any theory is most likely not possible, all sides should be open to criticism and debate. To find the truth in any situation requires that one is willing to accept that truth once it has been revealed, if there is an existing bias that cannot be overcome, the truth may be suppressed. Truth will always remain true whether it is accepted or not.

Biblical (Creator's Authority)

The Bible has not always been as accessible to people as it has become in America today. There have been and will be more people killed or imprisoned throughout history over owning, distributing, reading or publishing the Bible than any other written document that is known to man.

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Are You Following Jesus Only?

By Bob Moak

When we think about God we usually try to put Him in our realm, but of course He is in a different realm. God is not part of His creation as we are. So it becomes difficult for us to even think about Him. When we think about God we may look up into the sky, that of course is actually just looking up into our realm.

What must we do to be saved?

We must believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God who came to the earth to die for our sins, as the perfect sacrifice! *That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.* (Romans 10:9)

What else is required for our salvation?

Most Christians will answer "nothing" to this question. However, has the answer above actually assured we believe what is required? We MUST believe Jesus is the ONLY way by which we can be saved! We cannot believe there are other paths (religions) to God! Jesus said, *"I am the way and the truth and the life. No-one comes to the Father except through me.* (John 14:6.) Some denominations believe baptism is required. *Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.* (Acts 2:38)

We MUST believe that the Bible is the revealed Word of God! This includes all of the books in both the Old and New Testament. Some people will tell you the Bible is just a compilation of books written by men thousands of years ago. They will tell us these books are outdated and thus not relevant to modern times.

Jesus quoted many of the Old Testaments books. He quoted Genesis many times. **Was Jesus the Son of God unaware these stories were just flawed stories or even myths? Jesus believed what Moses wrote, see (John 5:46-47) "If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. But since you do not believe what he wrote, how are you going to believe what I say?"**

Do we have to believe in Creation in order to be saved?

No we do not have to believe in creation! However, if we do not believe there was a literal Adam and Eve, then how can we believe in the Good News story? Without the fall of man there is no need for a Savior, because there would be no sin. Without the fall of man there would be no death, and thus there would be no need for a Savior. It is true we have to believe that Jesus is whom He says He is to be saved. **However, can we profess that but say we do not believe these other Biblical truths?**

Did death occur before the fall of man?

Do we believe the earth is billions of years old, and that animals have been struggling and dying for millions or even billions of years? If we believe this, then what did the fall of man cause? If there is death and struggle for millions of years before man came into existence, then what did the fall of man cause?

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The Name Game

By Paul McDorman

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THE NAME GAME

A simplified definition for “species” in the glossary of an old biology textbook says: Species: (Latin: kind, sort); A group of organisms that actually (or potentially) interbreed and are reproductively isolated from all other such groups.

Sounds pretty clear-cut, but today there is no consensus on the definition of “species” among scientists. For example, the Black Capped Chickadee and Carolina Chickadee have different songs and live in largely different areas of the United States, and they look almost identical. However, they can and do interbreed where their geographical areas overlap. Ornithologists, nonetheless, have given them different species names (*Parus atricapillus* and *Parus carolinensis* respectively). In this case, the fact that they can interbreed was not the defining factor.

TO SPLIT OR NOT TO SPLIT

Taxonomists (People who classify plants and animals) themselves seem to come in two species: the “lumpers” and “splitters”. The “splitters” have a propensity to make a new species out of any plant or animal that shows a slight variation in some trait; while “lumpers” tend to group things together.

Sometimes there is a clash when the splitters and lumpers can’t agree to split species or lump them together. For years the several different varieties of Northern Oriole have been alternatively lumped and split. Presently the “lumpers” have the upper hand; but who knows what tomorrow will bring?

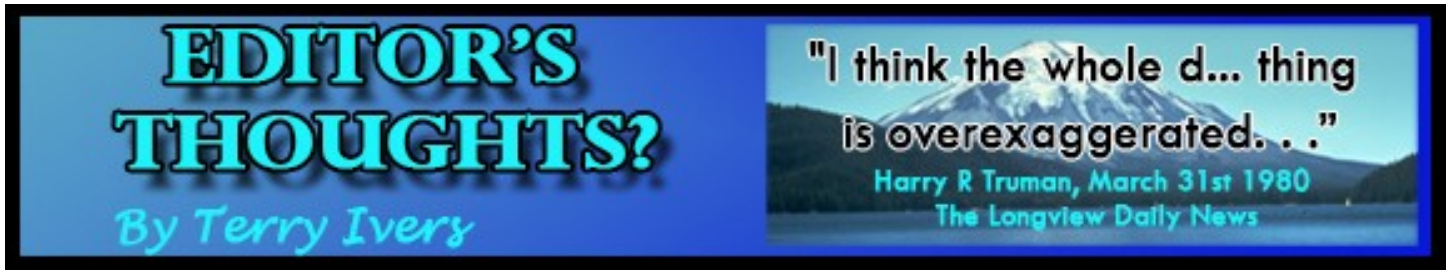
SPECIES AND KIND

The general public’s understanding of the term “species” seems to reflect the confusion that scientists have in using that name. In order to sort out these problems, people need to learn how scientists use the term, as well as their purpose in doing so. And, to bring light to the whole problem, people also need to know about the biblical term, “kind”, (Hebrew: *min*). By doing so it would help resolve much of the confusion that people have in their understanding of Creation and the Flood.

For example, how many times have we heard skeptics say that the Noah’s ark story could not be true because there could not possibly be enough room to put 1.24 million “species” of animals on the boat that the Bible describes (We won’t address their misunderstanding that over 90% of these “species” consist of plants, insects, bacteria, worms, fish, and other kinds of living organisms that would not have been brought aboard the ark).

Also, we often hear evolutionists remark that evolution is an obvious fact because we can observe many examples of new “species” evolving today. They may point to new varieties of plants, insects, fish birds, and other animals that have come into existence in the last 100 years or so.

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Welcome members, supporters and friends of CRSEF to the fall edition of the World By Design Newsletter. We pray that this latest edition will encourage, enlighten and strengthen your walk with Christ as well as embolden your faith in not only Christ but also the Creation account which He has passed down to us through the Holy Scriptures.

At the time of the preparation of this edition, we at CRSEF are gearing up for the 2016 Mason Heritage Festival & Patriot Fair, which will take place September 17th in Mason, Ohio. This year along with the normal parade, concert, vendors, food and games, there will be constitutional reenactments, speakers, and exhibits promoting America's colonial history. Please keep CRSEF in your prayers as we prepare for this important opportunity, that the Lord will provide us with the volunteers and resources needed for us to be able to engage with the people attending this special event. Sharing with them not only the latest creation science information, but also that we would humbly and sincerely listen to their questions and concerns and then would be able to provide biblically correct and helpful answers. Historically this event has been one that provides people with many different ideas about creation and evolution, please pray that we will be equipped to give God honoring responses and actions to all those that we talk with. Creation and the age of the Earth is very important to CRSEF, but glorifying God and sharing the gospel message should always be our primary purpose and goal in any ministry.

The CRSEF display inventory has received yet another resource from the Clippinger family, which hopefully will be displayed for the first time at the above mentioned Mason, OH event on the 17th of September. The Clippingers are responsible for the CRSEF involvement in the Mason event and last year presented the group with a Sauropod and egg display that has been a great addition to the display booth. The Board of CRSEF and all it's members would like to thank the Clippingers for the continued support and involvement in CRSEF.



New Banner



If you have questions or concerns about this newsletter, past issues or YEC questions in general, and /or you have information or articles that you would like to see in future newsletters please contact us at editor_wbdnewsletter@twc.com. I would like to thank you for your interest in CRSEF and the newsletter, we look forward to serving you in the future.

God Bless!

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The Bible is a controversial book and it has been scrutinized, examined and attacked throughout recorded history. The Bible is a collection of 66 different books comprised of different writing styles such as history, poetry, geographical data, prophecy and other writing styles. The continuity of these 66 books coming together to form the Bible are related in many different ways, such as, information containing dates, places and people. The Bible records a concise, coherent, continuing message throughout. This is rather astounding since the Bible's collection of books were written by some 40 different authors, writing on three separate continents, (Asia, Africa and Europe) and in three different languages (Aramaic, Hebrew and Greek) during a period of over 1500 years.

The Apostle Paul instructs Timothy for future ministry by telling him, ¹⁶ ***"All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work."*** 2 Timothy 3:16-17 (ESV). Voddie Baucham, Pastor and Missionary to Zambia describes the Bible this way, "The Bible is a collection of historical documents written down by eyewitnesses during the lifetime of other eyewitnesses. They report supernatural events that took place in fulfillment of specific prophecies and claim to be divine rather than human in nature. Peter also gives us verification of the Scriptures this way, ¹⁶ ***"For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷ For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," ¹⁸ we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹ And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, ²⁰ knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. ²¹ For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit."*** 2 Peter 1:16-21 (ESV). Paul once again gives us confirmation in his letter to the church in Corinth that the resurrection of Jesus was verified by eyewitnesses. ⁴ ***that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.*** 1 Corinthians 15:4-8 (ESV).

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Now that I have exposed some of the foundational truths of the Bible, I would like to continue by reinforcing the trust in one particular book of the Bible that is attacked more than most of the other 65 books combined. Genesis is by far the book that receives the most scrutiny and ridicule from unbelievers and believers alike. The following observations are from the book, *The Genesis Record* (1976) by Henry M. Morris.^a There are more quotations or allusions to the book of Genesis in the New Testament than any other book of the Bible. Out of the 200 references in the New Testament to Genesis, more than half are directly referencing the first eleven chapters of Genesis. All books in the New Testament except three (Philemon, 1 John and 3 John) contain allusions to Genesis. 43 out of the 50 chapters in Genesis are cited or quoted in the New Testament. Only chapters 20, 24, 34, 36, 40, 43 and 44 contain no references to Genesis.

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Why do we need to add millions or billions of years into the Genesis story?

If you read the Bible does there seem to be millions or billions of years before man came into existence? The Bible says everything was created in six days. If the generations recorded in Genesis are added it results in man having been in existence for about 6000 years. If everything was created only 6000 years ago, there is no need to fit in millions or even billions of years into the Bible?

People who believe the evolutionary theory need to believe the earth is old, because extreme timeframes are needed for evolution to occur. Some Christians believe modern science has proved the earth is millions or billions of years old. Some of these people believe the Bible is wrong! When this occurs they attempt to change the Bible to accommodate for the old earth!

Theistic Evolution:

People who believe there is a God, but have been convinced the earth is old, and evolution did occur created a theory called theistic evolution! This belief states that God used evolution as His method of Creation. To believe this they must revise the Genesis record to accommodate the long timeframe needed for evolution to have occurred. Did God allow the first eleven chapters of His Word to be distorted or incorrect, then when does His Word actually report a true account of His Creation?

Satan cannot harm followers of Jesus, but Satan can influence their reasoning. *We know that anyone born of God does not continue to sin; the one who was born of God keeps him safe, and the evil one cannot harm him. We know that we are children of God, and that **the whole world is under the control of the evil one.** We know also that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true. And we are in him who is true—even in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.* (1 John 5:18-20) All members of mankind are born with a sinful nature, and therefore, they are prone to errors in understanding a Holy, Holy, Holy God!

Many people believe the earth is very old because the layers found indicate **it took a long time to gradually form all of these layers.** However, fossils are found in these layers. Does it take millions of years to form fossils? How are fossils formed? If an animal dies and is left alone, what happens to it. It decays and finally disappears! **To form a fossil requires the animal to be covered very quickly with something that will inhibit decay.** Therefore, layers cannot be used to measure time passage, because they must be formed quickly by catastrophic events for fossils to be trapped and formed.

Large animals like dinosaurs would decay before being covered, if layers were laid down gradually. It may take millions of years to cover a dinosaur if the layers are laid down gradually! Some of these animals were fossilized so rapidly that actions were trapped, such as one fish is swallowing another fish, and they were fossilized that way. In another incident an animal was fossilized while giving birth. There is an exquisitely preserved fossil of an extinct marine reptile called an ichthyosaur. The mother ichthyosaur is shown having almost completed giving birth to a live infant—the beak of the young reptile is still inside mother's birth canal.

All these layers were formed by sedimentation that is why they are referred to as sedimentary rock, which are usually formed by floods. These layers are found all over the world, and these layers contain billions of dead things! Another amazing thing about these fossils is that they are in pristine condition, which could not occur if they died in normal ways.

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CRSEF MONTHLY MEETINGS

CRSEF Monthly Meeting for September
Thursday, 9/15/2016

From 7-7:45 PM followed by a 15 minute, Q&A time

Bruce Malone Director of Search for the Truth Ministries will present (via video) "Brilliant: Man Made in the Image of God".

Join David Rives on this week's episode of Creation in the 21st Century as he welcomes Bruce Malone of "Search For The Truth Ministries. In this thrilling 30 minutes, Bruce and David discuss amazing feats that have been accomplished in the past. Feats that baffle the mind and cause one to question: "How did they do that?" Using these amazing examples, Bruce illustrates that we as humans are set apart from all of the other creatures – We are 'made in the image of God.'

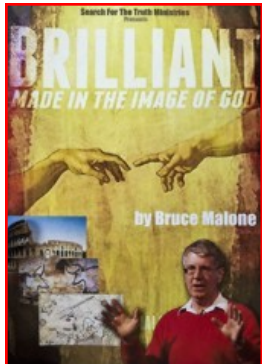
Heaven's Declare Segment: Signs of the Times, The Bible and Astrology

Presenter: Bob Moak and Bill Oehler will answer questions after the video!

Location: Sharonville Public Library

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CRSEF Monthly Meeting for October Thursday, 10/20/2016

From 7-7:45 PM followed by a 15 minute, Q&A time

Ed Stortz, of CRSEF will present, "Adam: My Progenitor; My Protagonist; My Problem?"

Presenter: Ed Stortz of CRSEF

Location: Groesbeck Public Library

Directions: [Get Map and Directions](#)

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CRSEF Monthly Meeting for November Thursday, 11/17/2016

From 7-7:45 PM followed by a 15 minute, Q&A time

Bryan Osborne will present (via Video) "The Genesis Of The Gospel"

Despite the fact that America is the most "Christianized" nation the earth has ever seen, its slide into secularism is escalating with unprecedented velocity and momentum. Why?

There has been a foundational shift in our culture from God's Word as authority, to man's.

If we are going to reach today's culture with the gospel, we must adopt a method that takes into account this foundational change.

If we continue doing what we've always done, ignoring the foundational issues that have changed the culture, the church will become increasingly ineffective in "touching" this culture for Christ. Unsurprisingly, the solution for reaching a secular culture with the gospel is found in God's Word.

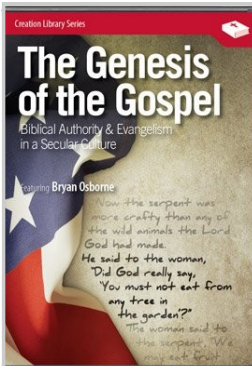
What is it?

Watch and find out!

Presenter: Christopher Fox will field questions after the video ends!

Location: Sharonville Public Library

Directions: [Get Map and Directions](#)



CRSEF Monthly Meeting for December Sunday, 12/25/2016

Event: CRSEF Monthly Meeting - **No presentation is given in December!**

Presenter: God will present His Son to the world!

Location: O Little town of Bethlehem



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None of the 200 New Testament references specifically mention Moses as the author, meaning that Moses was probably the compiler and editor not the author. Genesis 1-3 is alluded to 63 times, Genesis 6-8 is alluded to 14 and Abraham is alluded to 58 times. Christ himself referenced Genesis 25 times (from chapters 1-7; 9; 17-19; 28; 31).

The Bible is different than any other ancient literature in that, the Bible exposes the weaknesses as well as the strengths of the characters and events making it different because most ancient kings and rulers boasted of the battles and conquests but seldom were their defeats recorded in their own histories. Most losses and defeats were recorded by the victors. The Bible is a book written by a Creator that is revealing his plan of salvation for the world that will be glorified in His Son. It is a history book in that it records real events that took place in the past, including names, places, dates and references that have been and will continue to be verified by archaeological findings. It is also a book of science in that astronomy, biology, geology and most modern fields of science have yet to catch up with. But the Bible most of all represents the authoritative word of the One and Only Living God. Scripture provides man with two possible options; you may believe it as truth, deny it as non-truth, but you can't change Scripture. Authority; (the power to give orders or make decisions: the power or right to direct or control someone or something)_(b) is never an elective proposition. You may not respect an authority, but the simple fact that it is authoritative, gives it ultimate power in the domain of its own authority.

Scientific (Man's Authority)

Science's history is full of men and women that believed that there was a creator and that he was described in the Bible. These great scientific minds used the Bible and their beliefs in God to pursue their individual scientific disciplines, many becoming leaders in scientific endeavors of the 15th through the 18th centuries. Men such as Blaise Pascal (1623-1662) French Mathematician, Isaac Newton (1642-1727) English Mathematician and Astronomer, Johann Kepler (1571-1630), German Mathematician and Astronomer and Nicholas Steno (1631-1686) Danish Geologist, these great men discovered and invented or created theories that are still in use today. There are many more that I could mention as well as the scientists that work in the many scientific disciplines today who believe in and support, a Biblical Creation, in 6 literal 24 hour days as well as a creation that is around 6000 years old.

The first 1800 years after the birth of Christ, Biblical Authority was not in Question, it was commonly thought of and referred to as fact. Early in the 18th Century the French Enlightenment changed the way most scientists and philosophers viewed the Bible and church teachings. The ironic thing about the French Enlightenment was that human reason was heralded as the means to explain all of nature, it was inspired by The Protestant Reformation of the 16th and 17th Centuries. The difference between the two was that the reformers were seeking truth as guided the authority of scripture, and the leaders of the Enlightenment were guided by human reasoning and no other authority. More than 200 years later, the modern scientific establishment is still attempting to force a humanistic uniformitarianistic basis for all scientific reasoning. The past two centuries have produced many beneficial advancements in science and technology, but because of the human reasoning involved there have been just as many detrimental events during that same period. The Apostle Paul in the letter to the Romans proclaimed "Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools," (Romans 1:22) (ESV). This was written almost 2000 years ago, so it should not be a surprise to anyone, that suppressing the supernatural miracles of God would be the main philosophy of the scientific community today. Many of today's scientists and philosophers are well aware of the biases that they work with as displayed in the following two examples.

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Both of the above misleading statements are widely used and they have both come about because of the misunderstanding of what a “species” is and how the Bible defines groups of animals. The tragic end result is that this one word has kept some people from believing the word of God. Creationist, biologist, and paleontologist, Kurt Wise, points out that today we have over 7000 species of swans, geese, and ducks. But yet, every one of them can interbreed. From a biblical perspective, this fact would qualify them as being one "kind" of animal. This is because Genesis 1 repeatedly says that God created the different animals after their “kind”, indicating a reproductive barrier that can't be crossed.



HOW SUBSPECIES ARE MADE

We can assume that God did not create all of the millions of subspecies, or varieties, of animals and plants. Instead, they came about naturally (or artificially by man's intervention) from the vast storehouse of genetic information that had been put into each original kind of plant or animal during the Creation week. Much of this genetic information is “recessive” which means that it is not expressed outwardly, but it has the potential of being expressed in future generations given the right conditions.

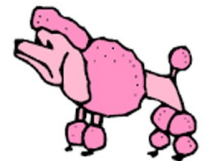


For example, a trait for being tall may be passed on to a child in a gene of a parent, even though both parents are short. Or, as we sometimes see in pets, a male and female dog can be the same solid color, but they may have pups that are spotted and even a different color. All of this is explained because the genes for these traits were there all of the time in one or both of the parents. But, they were not expressed because they were recessive in each of the parents. When these different varieties of animals and plants become isolated from others of their kind by water, mountains, climate or other natural barriers – such as the much touted “Darwin's finches” on the different Galapagos Islands – then the differences can in time become the dominant trait and the norm for that particular geographic area. It is here that taxonomists will step in and assign new species names to those animals and plants – even though they can still interbreed!



not usually thought of as

A common example of this is the wolf and the dog. Although both will mate with each other, the wolf has been given the name *Canis lupus*, while all domestic dogs have been grouped together and given the name *Canis familiaris*. The variations that are produced artificially by man (as in the different types of dogs) are called “varieties” or “breeds” and are evolution.



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These animals that have a shell are buried with the shell still closed, and the animals body is still inside the shell. When animals that live in the sea die their shell opens, and is broken and becomes detached.

Some of these layers cover entire continents and contain billions of dead creatures. It is obvious these layers were formed by a catastrophic event or events. The Biblical flood of Noah certainly offers the best answer as to how such layers were formed! Local floods could not produce such large sedimentary layer covering extremely large land masses!

All of the layers have fossils of both land animals and animals that live in sea or marine environments. These fossils are all mixed together indicating a catastrophic event occurred to do this mixing. The worldwide Flood would again account for such mixing to occur!

Something else to note about the strata layers, is that they do not exist in the exact order anywhere on this earth. There are only two places the exact order is found, those two places are in the evolutionary text books, and on displays in natural history museums.

Many people do not believe the Flood of Noah was a worldwide event, some of these people purport to be Bible believing Christians. Some of these Christians say that the disciples and Apostles did not really believe in a worldwide flood. However, if you believe this, did you ever read what Peter wrote, about the flood, and how it prophesies the second destruction of the earth this time by fire. *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." But **they deliberately forget** that long ago by God's word the heavens existed and **the earth was formed out of water and by water**. By these waters also **the world of that time was deluged and destroyed**. By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.* (2 Peter 3:4-7)

If evolution occurred there should be transitional forms of animals found in the layers of rock. Why do the oldest layers contain complex creatures? There should be a pattern discovered that would show progress of the evolutionary changes of many forms of creatures. However, this is not what is found! The "missing links" are still missing! No undisputed missing link has ever been found, after two hundred years of searching!

Some fossils were formed from creatures that still exist today. Many of these fossils indicate the creature that still exists is smaller than its ancestor was. **Does this indicate evolution or de-evolution?** If God created everything perfectly and the fall brought imperfection, then we would be living in a world of de-evolution instead of evolution. That seems to be the case, as more defects are found in the upper strata layers not less! Many animals have been found in different layers and are like the animal that is alive today, such animals are referred to as "living fossils."

Evolution teaches that a single-celled organism gradually changed into something else and millions of years later, life had evolved into elephants, hummingbirds, roses, people and everything else!

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Dr. Scott Todd, an immunologist from Kansas State University stated in an article in Nature Magazine in September 1999 ^(d): "Even if all the data point to an intelligent designer, such a hypothesis is excluded from science because it is not naturalistic". This statement gives us a good example, but two years earlier there was a more direct quote that exposes the real problem with naturalistic science. Professor Richard Lewontin, a geneticist and certainly one of the world's leaders in evolutionary biology, reviewing the Carl Sagan book, "The Demon-Haunted World: Science as a Candle in the Dark" wrote in the New York Review of Books, January 9th 1997 Issue ^(c) "Our willingness to accept scientific claims that are against common sense is the key to an understanding of the real struggle between science and the supernatural. We take the side of science in spite of the patent absurdity of some of its constructs, in spite of its failure to fulfill many of its extravagant promises of health and life, in spite of the tolerance of the scientific community for unsubstantiated just-so stories, because we have a prior commitment, a commitment to materialism. It is not that the methods and institutions of science somehow compel us to accept a material explanation of the phenomenal world, but, on the contrary, that we are forced by our a priori adherence to material causes to create an apparatus of investigation and a set of concepts that produce material explanations, no matter how counter-intuitive, no matter how mystifying to the uninitiated. Moreover, that materialism is absolute, for we cannot allow a Divine Foot in the door."

Conclusion

In the current secular science community there is only room for naturalism and materialism, but Biblical creation knows nothing of these ideas because if we trust the authoritative word of God the origins question can only be answered one way. Creation was a onetime event to never be repeated or observed. Furthermore God spoke everything into existence, meaning one moment it was not there and then it was there. It was a miracle which has never been nor will it ever be scientifically explained or understood and if it could be, then it would not be by definition a "miracle". Evidence of God's creation is everywhere and he has given mankind the logical thought and discovery so that we would get just a glimpse of the Glory that is manifest in His being. So the answer and implication of the question of origins, comes down to apologetics. If you are looking for a naturalistic answer for the Universe and our place in it, you will not find it, Isaiah answered this question over 2500 years ago when he said: "

Isaiah 40:28 (NASB)

“ Do you not know? Have you not heard?

The Everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth

Does not become weary or tired.

His understanding is inscrutable."

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SUBSPECIES NOT EVOLUTION

However, if nature produces the variation, it is usually described by scientists as “evolution”. This is how the variation between the wolf, coyote, hyena, dingo, and hyena is viewed. This inconsistency is unjustified however, since nothing new evolved inasmuch as the genetic information for these varieties was already present in the parent population.

As everyone is aware, dog breeders for centuries have produced so-called “purebred” dogs that can be quite striking in their differences. For example, what scientist from 2000 years in the future, would correctly identify a fossil of a Chihuahua and a Great Dane as being the same species?

WHY THE VARIATION?

Some people ask why God would allow for so much variation in living things. Most variation that we see in plants and animals are small and seemingly trivial. But often these small variations work together for that species survival. God did not make animals and plants so rigid that they would die out entirely if the climate were to change. There needs to be some flexibility that would allow some of the varieties of the different kinds of plants and animals to be hardy enough to survive moderate to severe changes in the environment.

For example, an extra cold winter may cause some animals to die because they did not have a thick coat of fur. But the natural variation that God gave to His creatures would cause others of the same species to have thick coats of fur – thereby guaranteeing the survival of the species during a harsh winter.

Two big changes to the environment and climate took place after the Fall in the Garden of Eden, and after the Flood. The genetic variation that was present in the genes no doubt played a significant role in the survival of many species.

Another possibility for the reason for built in genetic variability is to ensure a food source for all animals under most environmental conditions. There is some evidence for a pattern of increased genetic variability in plants and animals that are at the lower level in the food chain. For example, most plants and insects seem to have a tremendous amount of genetic variability than do the “higher” animals. This turns out to be beneficial to those animals which depend on plants and other animals for sustenance.

VARIATION NOT UNLIMITED

Another misconception that people seem to have concerning genetic variation is that it is open-ended. In other words, variation can not continue indefinitely in one direction even if given limitless time. For example, there is a limit as to how small a dog can be “miniaturized”, or how much milk a cow can be made to produce.

Additionally, as selective breeding experiments show, genetic variation can proceed only so far before important genetic information is “bred out” of the organism and the creature becomes susceptible to disease and environmental changes. For example, purebred dogs are generally less hardy than “mutts”, and sheep that have been bred for wool, would soon die out if man was not around to protect them from predators and other natural hazards.

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If this idea is true, then we should expect to find thousands of examples of fossils that look like they are changing from one animal to another in small steps. While there's a lot of variety in the fossil record, we don't see animals changing from one kind to another in small steps. Instead, we see many animals and plants that look just like the animals and plants we have today. In fact, almost every family (or "kind" in Genesis 1) of living animal has an amazingly similar animal buried deep in the fossil record. **Animals that haven't changed from the fossil record until now are so common they have a name—living fossils.**

A few of these living fossils are:

Coelacanth (pronounced SEE-luh-kanth) fish, supposedly alive for 340 million years, that look just like fossil coelacanth fish!

Gingko trees, supposedly alive for 125 million years, that look just like fossil gingko trees!

Crocodiles, supposedly alive for 140 million years, that look just like fossil crocodiles!

Horseshoe crabs, supposedly alive for 200 million years, that look just like—you guessed it—fossil horseshoe crabs!

Tuatara (pronounced TOO-uh-TAR-uh) lizards, supposedly alive for 200 million years, that look exactly like fossil tuatara lizards!

Cockroaches, supposedly alive for 250 million years, that look exactly like any yucky cockroach you might see anywhere!

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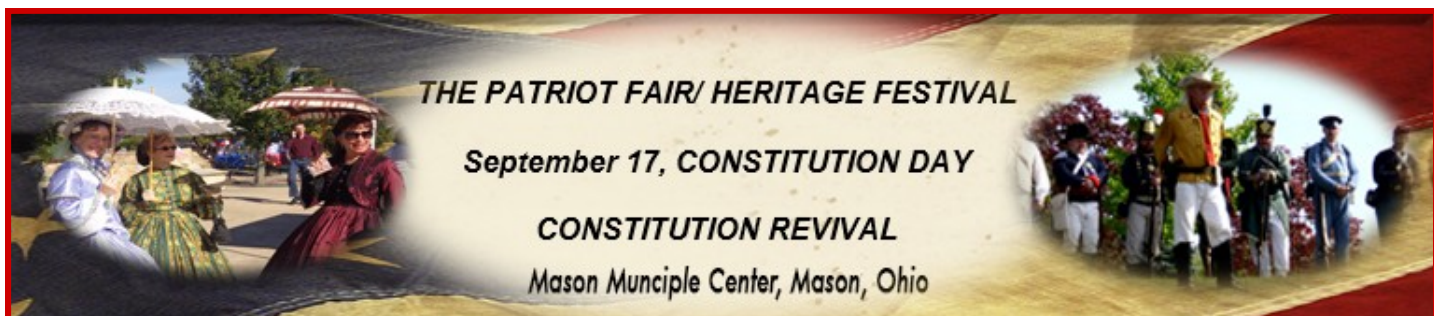
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The Cambrian Explosion is a term used to describe the sudden appearance of many sophisticated life forms. Suddenly, major groups of animals appeared in the geologic strata, evolutionary scientists place this event about 530 million years ago. It appears these creatures just suddenly came into existence, almost like they were created from nothing!

Does scientific evidence support that evolution occurred? **Is evolution a scientific fact, or is it just another form of religion?** A form of religion that God hates, because it does not support the belief there is a God. Many evolutionists do not believe there is a Designer behind it. They believe it is just the result of random chance processes.

The evolutionary theory is relatively new. It has only been considered as being a possible explanation of the origin of life for about 250 years. Before that most people and scientists believed in creation.

What do you believe?



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SURPRISING VARIATION



Sometimes however, we are still surprised at the large amount of variation that can take place in a created kind. Some striking examples of this are the llama and the camel, the lion and the tiger, and cows and buffalos. All these pairs and many more can breed and produce viable offspring.



LOST INFORMATION

Sometimes genetic information is lost and can never be regained by mating with its own subspecies. It would have to first "get back" some of the genetic information by breeding with another subspecies. Thus, one could never get a Irish wolfhound back from trying to breed two Chihuahuas together. The genes for the traits for a wolfhound would have been lost in that breed. But, by breeding a Chihuahua with other types of dogs, one could theoretically eventually get a wolfhound back again.

Sometimes some genetic information has been totally lost from a species. For example, the huge rack of the extinct Irish Elk could probably never be recovered again by artificially breeding different varieties of elk or deer that are living today. The tremendous size of the now defunct giant ground sloth would also no doubt be an impossibility to bring back today. Other interesting possibilities, however, may or may not be recoverable. The passenger pigeon, the mammoth, and the belodon (crocodile) are some of the animals that could theoretically make a comeback if the genetic information in living variations could be successfully manipulated by man.



Today, the extinction of a species is a real concern for those plants and animals that can truly be called a species. However, the misuse of the word "species" is prevalent in the environmental movement where we hear its proponents claim that thousands of species of animals are going extinct every year.

While mankind is certainly required to take care of God's creation, such overstatement is unwarranted in light of a correct understanding of what a species is and isn't. When one realizes that most of the "endangered" species that they are really talking about are only one of several varieties of a created kind, and that they could probably be brought back even if one variety did become "extinct", then the problem is not as big as it is made out to be.

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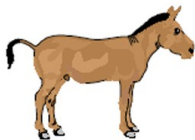
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MUTATIONS

Sometimes, different varieties of a species can not produce offspring (or viable offspring) because there has been a mutation that has caused a loss of information in the genes of one of them. So even though a group of subspecies might have originally been one created “kind”, they are now reproductively isolated by their genes.



One example of this is the horse and donkey which almost always produces a sterile mule. Another example might be the different species of orangutan that live in Sumatra and Java and are now unable to interbreed. However, this can not be considered “evolution” since there is a loss of genetic information rather than a gain of information.

The subject of created kinds and the variation that is possible is certainly more vast and complicated than can be covered in this short article. This science of baraminology is currently being studied by many creation scientists in order to learn more about the living things that God created. The reader is also encouraged to learn more so that the truth, “God created”, can be proclaimed to the world.

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There are many variations within a kind. See if you can name the different types of dogs, then try to find them in the word search below.



Read Genesis 1:24 “And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creation after his _____”



Read Genesis 7: 14 “They, and every beast after his _____”



God allowed dogs to have differences. So we have many variations today, but all are still just dogs.



How many dogs were on the ark? _____



DOGS

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CRSEF will have a shortfall of \$1,229.78, which is the difference between what we currently have available \$914.49, and the \$2,205.77 Total Estimated Expenses for 2016 and 2017. **We are praying for support from our members and friends to donate toward this shortfall amount**, so CRSEF can serve the Lord by offering the programs indicated below in 2016 and 2017.

Total Estimated Costs Of Programs CRSEF Scheduled For 2016:

Cost	Vote	Event Description
\$300.00	Yes Funded	Heritage Day & Bicycle Festival - Saturday, September 17, 2016. This will be the 18 th consecutive year for CRSEF at this event
\$300.00		Total Cost Estimate of sponsored programs for 2016

Fixed Annual Costs – Not Included In The Event Costs Above:

Est. Cost	Next Due	Description of the expense.
\$0.00	02/20/2017	Cost of the license for the Dino-Tex trailer is paid now through 2016. Paid by ck# 1043 \$51.89 on 1/26/2016.
\$0.00	07/29/2017	Indemnity insurance to cover up \$1,000,000, if anyone is injured at a CRSEF event. CRSEF has had this insurance for several years. Paid by ck# 1044 \$500.00 on 7/22/2016.
\$20.17	09/30/2016	GoDaddy Domain Name Renewal - 1 Year “worldbydesign.org” \$10.74 Paid in 2015
\$128.27	10/01/2016	GoDaddy Hosting - Classic Deluxe Windows Renewal - 1 year \$102.49 paid in 2015
\$66.00	11/30/2016	CRSEF Post Office Box renewal fee
\$214.44		Total of the annual operating costs (These fees must be paid!)

Total Estimated Costs Of Programs CRSEF Scheduled For 2017:

Cost	Event Description
\$525.00	Midwest Home School Convention - Thursday, March 31– Saturday, April 2 at Duke Energy Convention Center, Cincinnati, OH. \$525 (10X10’ booth).
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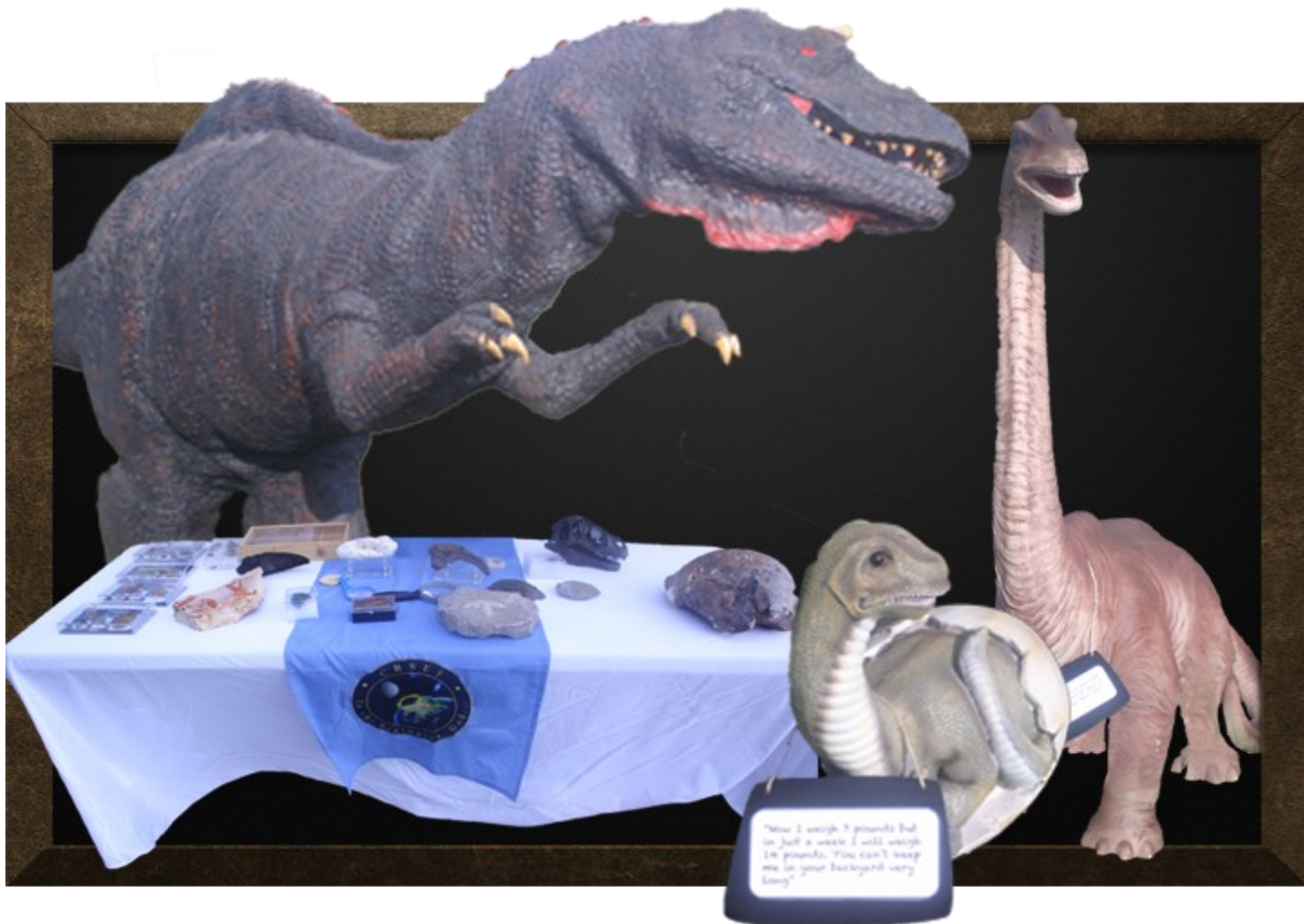
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\$925.00	Total Estimated Costs Of Programs CRSEF May Do In 2017
\$214.44	Total of the annual operating costs for 2016
\$766.33	Total of the annual operating costs for 2017
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