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We must speak for silence would shame us, and the rocks themselves would cry out... You, O Lord Christ Jesus, must be praised for who You are in the world You have made.

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



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Part 1 - Pain, Suffering, Evil and Atheism

This article begins a three-part series on pain, suffering and evil. We will examine how Atheism, Polytheism and Pantheism, and Christianity view pain, suffering and evil. In this issue we look at Atheism and Spiritual Atheism. I was surprised to learn

that there are “spiritual atheists.” The words seem contradictory. The position is represented by Hindu philosopher Dr. Jitendra Mohanty. In short, he believes there is more to a person than just the physical body and chemical reactions. But

he believes there is no god.

An atheist is *not* one who doesn't believe there is a god, s/he believes there is no god. There is a difference

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Is Tiktaalik a Transitional Fossil?

At the right is a fossil of a Tiktaalik along with the supposed appearance of the fish with skin in tact. The New York Times (NYT) made an article on this new discovery a page 1 item with all the rea-

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C-14 Revisited

In the December, 2004 issue of *Creation News Update*, we explained the process of how C-14 is formed. (You can download a copy at www.cryingrocks.org/NL/NL.html). In a nut shell, radiation from the sun strikes nitrogen atoms high in the atmosphere. Those nitrogen atoms lose a proton and gain a neutron, becoming radioactive carbon... C-14. Normal carbon is C-12. In the end, when any living thing dies it has one C-14 atom

for every trillion or so C-12 atoms in their body.

Every 5730 years, half of those C-14 atoms convert to C-12 atoms. If the creature or plant had one million C-14 atoms in it when it died, 5730 years later it will have 1/2 million C-14 atoms. Another 5730 years later, the amount is cut in half again and we have just 1/4 million. Within 100,000 years, the C-14 is all gone. It will have all turned to C-12. Knowing this math, a scientist can compute the age of

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Crying Rocks Ministry Reaching Out

On April 8th, Guy lead a group of soldiers from Fort Huachuca on a day hike in the Grand Canyon. About half of the soldiers had not before heard a geological explanation for the rapid formation and carving of the canyon.

At stops along the South Kiabab and Tonto trails, the soldiers and others who happened to be in the area, heard about the conference held in 2001

where the majority of old-earth geologists agreed that the Grand Canyon was carved



by a single major water event with a duration of only a few days or weeks. They also heard the evidence for the rapid formation

of many of the layers of the canyon. It was a treat to be a trail, geology and spiritual guide to the soldiers.

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something that has died as long as it died less than 100,000 years ago.

We have referred to some measurements that have been made since the mid 1990s that indicate that C-14 dates are suspect. In November of last year, we had the privilege to attend a conference in which final results on a C-14 study we released. As a result of that study, the evidence is quite clear that the earth is less than 40,000 years old and based on Uranium - Lead dating, the earth is about 6000 years old (we will cover the other dating methods in future issues).

Here is the evidence: In the 1990's a few scientists decided to start doing C-14 measurements on dead material that should have zero C-14 because it has been dead millions of year. But, they found C-14! So more scientists started following suit and results started being published in major secular geology professional journals. Over 90 measurements were reported that defied explanation. It turned out that coal that was supposedly hundreds of millions of years old still had C-14 present.

The only reasonable argument against the conclusion that the coal was actually less than 100,000 years old

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(the samples tended to date around 50,000 years old) was that background radiation was causing more C-14 to form. This was very tenuous because background radiation of any strength occurs in igneous rock (such as granite) while coal is sedimentary rock and totally surrounded by sedimentary rock. Readings were made, tests were done and the result is that no C-14 could be forming due to background radiation.

So a group of scientists decided to do a complete investigation. As with all good scientific investigations, they started with a review of the literature... looking through professional journals, doctoral theses, etc. in search of any information on C-14 dating. Surprisingly, they discovered that C-14 had also been found in fossil bones of creatures supposed dead for tens of millions of years, petrified wood, shells, whale bone, oil, natural gas, marble, granite and calcite from locations spanning the globe.

This group decide to concentrate on coal samples. They obtained samples from the US Dept. of Energy Coal Sample Bank. The samples were stored by the government at low temperature in argon gas (an inert gas). 11 samples were sent to a prestigious C-14 dating company. Four measurements were made of each sample and the results averaged. The samples originated in coal fields in Texas, North Dakota, Montana, Utah, Arizona, Kentucky, Pennsylvania and Illinois. The supposed age of the samples ranged from 34 to 300 million years old.

The results are that the coal samples dated from 44,000 to 57,00 years

old. This is certainly younger than 300 million years, but still too old to be explained by Noah's flood 3400 years ago. Flood theory has also maintained that C-14 present in the atmosphere before the flood was much less (100 times less) than today so using today's concentrations as part of the equation will result in greatly inflated numbers. So, we are in the ballpark.

The fact that C-14 had been found in granite led them to test 12 diamonds from 5 different locations in Africa. These samples were also found to have C-14 present. Diamonds are pure carbon and there is no way they could be contaminated over the years by C-14 leaking into the diamonds. Diamonds are found in igneous rock so they are in rock supposedly up to billions of years old.

What can be concluded? If we follow the evidence, we find something that seems strange to old and young earthers. There should not be C-14 in igneous rocks of any kind! So we have to *speculate* on how it got there. There appears to be three possibilities:

1. Radioactive decay occurred at a faster rate sometime in the past.
2. There was C-14 present as part of the initial formation of the earth
3. Both of the above.

Coupled together, C-14 in fossils, sedimentary rock and igneous rock gives strong evidence that the earth is young and most of what we find in the geological column was deposited at about the same time. How could all this material be so young and all deposited at about the same time? CRM

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"Now comes the important question. What caused all these extinctions at one particular point in time, approximately 65 million years ago? Dozens of reasons have been suggested, some serious and sensible, others quite crazy, and yet others merely as a joke. Every year people come up with new theories on this thorny problem. The trouble is that if we are to find just one reason to account for them all, it would have to explain the deaths, all at the same time, of animals living on land and of animals living in the sea: but, in both cases, of only some of those animals, for many of the land-dwellers and many of the sea-dwellers went on living quite happily into the following period. Alas, no such one explanation exists."

— Alan Charig, A New Look At The Dinosaurs, pp. 150, 1988.

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sons why this proves evolution is true and creation is false. The Wall Street Journal had an article the next day with the same claims.

The claims are being made because Tiktaalik is supposedly a transitional creature. Let's take a look at the NYT story and then reality. The NYT article says, "But on closer examination, scientists found telling anatomical traits of a transitional creature, a fish that is still a fish but exhibiting changes that *anticipate* the emergence of land animals - a predecessor thus of amphibians, reptiles and dinosaurs, mammals and eventually humans.... There are the beginnings of digits, proto-wrists, elbows and shoulders."

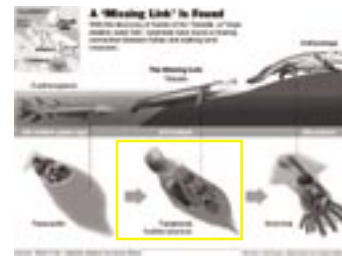
What are "proto-wrists, elbows and shoulders? They are bones that look and work nothing like wrists, elbows and shoulders, but what evolutionists think became those structures over time. The graphic from the NYT at right shows the tale. And, if evolution is random, how do

changes "anticipate" the future?

The coelacanth fish supposedly lived 340 millions years ago and became extinct. It also has bones in fins similar to Tiktaalik. But in 1938, coelacanth was found alive and well off the coast of Africa. The bony fins had not changed one bit in 340 million years. They gave the coelacanth better control than not-so-boney fins, but that is it - no future legs.

Beside the NYT graphic is an interesting fossil. It must be a proto-duck because it has a mouth just like a duck. Why don't evolutionists use this as a transitional fossil? Because it is a fossil of a platypus. And no evolutionist thinks it is related in any way to a duck.

It is easy to find one fossil and pronounce all kinds of wild tales about evolution. But every time we find fossils where we also have a live creature to look at, we find the old fossil and the skeleton of the modern creature are exactly the same. Every time. This is pure fabrication of "facts" from absolutely nothing. CRM



Here are some more creatures with the supposed age of their fossils, but whose skeletons remain absolutely unchanged over the supposed millions of years. There are no examples of fossils that are millions of years old and being different from their modern version.

Critter or Plant	Fossil Age millions of years
Ginkgo trees	125
Crocodiles	140
Horseshoe crabs	200
Lingula lamp shell	450
Neopilina molluscs	500
Tuatara lizard	200
Cockroach	250

Newspaper Headlines of the Past - So-called "Proofs" of Evolution:

Topic	Page 1 News	What Never Made the Papers	Conclusion
• Human Embryo	• Human Embryos pass through evolutionary stages of development, looking like other creatures' embryos at early stages	• The embryo drawings were totally faked. There is no similarity. This "proof" is still in the biology texts books of today	• Human embryo development does not pass through stages of evolutionary development
• Human Embryo	• Human Embryos have gills that develop into lungs	• This was even included in Dr. Spock's book on baby development, a best seller in the 1950s.	• The "gills" develop into inner ears, jaw, thymus - not lungs
• Pilt-down Man	• Held up as a missing link in human development (so were Orce Man, Java Man and other fakes)	• Even some scientists recognized the fraud when first found, but the "discoverer" had to describe how he faked it to convince evolutionists it was a fraud.	• We all see what we want to see
• Neanderthal Man	• Still promoted as pre-human in the popular press	• The skull size and shape of Neanderthal man is present in modern humans around the world. They became an "extinct" population group due to genetic problems from inbreeding and from diet.	• Facts don't get in the way of an evolution fundamentalist
• Lucy	• Discovered by Donald Johanson and Tom Gray in 1974 in Ethiopia. Missing many bones including the knees (but the knees aren't mentioned)	• Every bone is primate in appearance except the one knee "found." But that knee was found "some distance" from the rest of the fossil. Johanson has never stated in print how far away the knee was.	• The knee doesn't belong with the rest of the fossil. It was found over 1000' away
• Flores Man (the Hobbits)	• Discovered just a year or so ago, the media was all ablaze with how this new skeleton was pre-human and proved human evolution	• We presented photos of a modern man with the same approximate skull size. After just a few months of real scientific investigation, it was found that the skull is entirely modern and the person had brain-shrinking disorder called microcephaly.	• When will the media report the fact that every big headline on human evolution turned out to be false?



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between not believing in a god and denying the existence of any god. It is subtle, but significant

The Atheist can be quite comfortable with thinking his view of pain and suffering is a good fit with what we see in the world. It is. The world is full of pain and suffering at every level. From coyote eat dog to people hurting other people (sometimes unintentionally).

This all fits well in the world view of Atheism which is built on the foundation of evolution. In fact, you will find that most of the leading spokespeople for evolution, such as Dr. Eugenie Scott, leader of the National Center for Science Education, Dr. Richard Dawkins of Cambridge University, and the late Dr. Carl Sagan of the Nova series on the cosmos are atheists. Evolution is absolutely required by the atheist. There is no room for intelligent design or a creator. If evolution can be shown to be false, the atheist's philosophy is dead. Hence the intense efforts to discredit creation science and Jesus, our Creator.

Since pain and suffering are at the heart of evolution, Atheism seems a good fit. But there is a problem: What to do about evil. I have met several atheists and can tell you that they are kind, gentle and work hard to not hurt other people. But the most maniacal haters of men have been atheists who found evolution to be the final science to justify their actions. Hitler, though claiming to be working for God, persecuted Christians, Jews and

anyone else that stood in his way because he saw them as being of a "lower" race. Stalin became an atheist after reading Darwin. China's leaders, Pol Pot and other atheist leaders of the past century have murdered over 200,000,000 people based on the complete title of Darwin's *Origin of the Species by Means of Natural Selection, or the Preservation of the Favored Races in the Struggle for Life*. I repeat that this does not mean all, or even many, atheists are cold-blooded murderers. But evolution and Atheism put together the package that can best justify and rationalize evil actions. The quote below in the yellow box puts it all together.

Evil can come in the form of mass genocide, but it also comes in smaller packages. According to evolution, Saddam Hussein should have quickly murdered his individual opponents and moved on. But he didn't. He often tortured them for months for no reason. Atheism cannot account for these kinds of evil actions.

It would appear there is another element at work. A consciousness. A spirit. Something beyond simple chemistry. The actions of the world's worst atheists speaks against their own belief.

Of course we have all seen evil at a much more personal level. Perhaps a boss who, in spite of you being a top-

notchemployee, arranges for your "pink slip" because of your religious beliefs while feigning to be a helpful friend to your face. Evolution has no explanation for all the little evils in the world. Instead, what we see is that we are all born evil. Even well-educated people are quite capable of committing the very evil they may claim to disdain.

In the end, Atheism would call hope meaningless. And to them it is, for their world view is meaningless and hopeless. Atheism offers no hope and contradicts itself as it cannot accommodate evil in humanity.

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Atheism and Free Will

Atheism has a dilemma which is recognized by the philosophers, but ignored by most atheists. According to the atheist world view, all life is a chemical coincidence. Chemicals came together and life happened. Organisms react to stimulus, but that reaction is chemical in nature. You can see it in evolutionary theory. According to evolutionist theory, religion was simply a reaction to the environment. It was "programmed" into us chemically. We had no choice. Thinking is purely a chemical process because there is no spirit nor soul according to the evolutionist. Now comes the dilemma of their own theory: the atheist belief is nothing more than a chemical reaction to a stimulus. Every thought is nothing more than a chemical reaction. An out-growth of this is the post-modern thinking that everyone has their own truth - what is true for me may not be true for you. Ultimately, the atheist has to admit that a belief in Atheism is not the result of rational thought (that requires free-will of some sort), it is simply a chemical reaction. And, since chemical reactions determine truth, your truth (or Hitler's) is absolutely true and nobody has a right to change your actions. Ultimately, to be true to Atheism, the atheist must say that there is no wrong. Talk about lack of hope...

QUOTE:

"The idea that whole populations - whether abroad or home - are 'naturally unfit' is the ultimate license for social policies of domination. **Indeed, domination is for us a virtue rather than a vice.** If one pauses for a moment to reflect on whether or not the 'natural law of competition' is sound, then one is immediately suspected of impiety (*unrighteousness due to lack of believing in God -ed.*). The church of capitalism watches its flock carefully... **It goes without saying that social Darwinism has lent spurious credence** (*deceptive acceptance as true-ed.*) **to racism...** Social Darwinism, however, runs very deep in this country. Spencer (*mid 1800s philosopher - the father of social Darwinism - ed.*) was the only intellectual that this country wholly embraced, and that embrace is still strong. A whole series of subterfuges must be created in order to justify exploitation, the most powerful of which is to convince people that it is 'natural.'" (*emphasis is ours*)

- Stephen T Asma. "The New Social Darwinism: Deserving Your Destitution," *The American Humanist*, 53(Sept/Oct 1993) p.12 - - Note: *The American Humanist Society is a leading advocate of Atheism & Darwinism in the USA.*