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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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FOUND: The Lost Years of Jesus

We have dealt with the so-called lost years of Jesus before. We have uncovered additional information. Those who deny that Jesus is God, refer to the silence of the Bible regarding Jesus from the age of 13 to 30. Gnostics, in particular, claim Jesus went to India during that time. Reference of Issa (Issa is supposedly Jesus while in India). Let's take a look at a third, more the *Gospel of Thomas* and the writings

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Evolution & ID: Predictions & Falsification

For a scientific theory to be considered a good one, it must make unique predictions and be falsifiable. The complaint is often made that Intelligent Design (ID) and Creation Science do not make predictions and are not falsifiable.

We thought we would see if evolution has made any predictions and if it is falsifiable. And, we should take a look at Creation Science in the area of biology and see if it does or doesn't make any

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Another "Transition" Fossil Lost

The first archaeopteryx fossil was found in the 1860. The few examples come from a quarry in Germany. Archaeopteryx is one of a few fossils proposed as a transitional fossil. In this case, it is supposedly a transitional from dinosaurs to bird. Paleontologists (a person who studies fossils) have long claimed this to be a perfect example of a transitional fossil. Most ornithologists (a person who studies birds) have argued that archaeopteryx is pure bird. Turns out that archaeopteryx is a



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Do Evolutionists believe in Intelligent Design?

On April 15th, Canyon Moon Theater held a discussion featuring Jeff Downard, chair of the Department of Philosophy at Northern Arizona University. He spoke for about 25 minutes and then responded to comments and

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Dinosaurs Still in the News

This time the news is about dinosaur dung. Yes, there are fossils of dinosaur dung. It has been discovered that at least one fossil dung contains grass. But supposedly, grass had not yet evolved when dinosaurs roamed the earth. Once again, an assumption of evolution, until now taught as fact, bites the dust.

Dinosaur stink. No, not dung again. Montana State University paleontologist Jack Horner reports that he has seen and **smelled** dinosaur bones

complete with red blood cells. Those red blood cells just keep popping up even though they would decompose rapidly upon the death of the creature. What Mr. Horner smells is decomposition! Decomposition should have been complete 10s of millions of years ago. He also found 67 dinosaur fossils in the Gobi Desert. This area is supposedly an ancient lake. How could 67 dinosaurs be slowly covered by lake sediment over thousands of years and still fossilize? Can't happen. **CRM**

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likely possibility.

Luke 2:41-51 tells the story of Jesus, at age 12, having a discussion with the religious leaders at the temple, which Jesus refers to as “My Father’s House.” The leaders were amazed at his questions and answers in the discussion. Verse 52 then states that Jesus kept increasing in wisdom and stature. So, interestingly, it appears that He did not leave Israel as others in Israel must have watched this increase.

To fully understand what was going on, we have to look at Hebrew education at the time. Between the ages of six and ten, Jewish boys were in classes called *beit Sefer*. They were expected to memorize the Torah, the books of Moses, the first five books of the Bible. In my Bible that is 340 pages! As you might expect, not many accomplished this feat. Those who did not memorize the Torah began learning the family trade.

Next came *beit Talmud*, which lasted until age 14 or 15. The boys that had memorized the Torah now were expected to memorize the rest of the Old Testament. Only a few of the brilliant boys in *beit Talmud* succeeded. The rest

began learning the family trade.

Next came *beit Midrash*. Those few boys that had managed to memorize the entire Old Testament now applied to a rabbi to be the rabbi’s disciple. The goal was more than to learn from the rabbi, it was to become just like the rabbi.

Application was made and the rabbi had to decide if the boy not only had the knowledge, but also the attitude needed. If the rabbi accepted the boy, the rabbi would say, “Come, follow me.”

The student now lived with the rabbi and was constantly in his company. At age 30, the disciple became a rabbi.

It appears from Luke 2:46-47 that Jesus was in *beit Talmud* and was not only learning but was developing great wisdom. Because Jesus probably had a photographic memory (which a few people have today), He may have even graduated from *beit Talmud* early.

Why is it that the disciples of Jesus were mostly hard at work, dropped everything and followed Jesus starting at that moment? Imagine, you failed to progress through schooling. You were sent to learn your father’s trade at a young age because you could never be a rabbi. Along comes a rabbi who is of great stature in the eyes of the people and he says to you, “Come, follow me.” A great rabbi has just told you that you are worthy of being his disciple. There was no greater honor or privilege in the culture at that time. This was THE highest calling.

And now, in 2007 A.D. Jesus is saying to every person, no matter how unworthy that person may think he or she is, “Come, follow me.” You are invited by the creator of the universe to be His disciple. Go, follow Him.

Jesus would have then spent the next 18 years studying under a rabbi.

This all makes sense in the Jewish culture of Jesus’ day. At age 30, we see evidence that Jesus had, indeed, completed the proper training required.

As Jesus begins his ministry, He is immediately referred to as “rabbi.” Only a man 30 years old who had been observed studying under a rabbi would have been called rabbi. Remember, He was called this before He had done any miracles. When Jesus selected his disciples, He called them by saying, “Come, follow me.” Only a trained rabbi would use such terminology consistently when choosing disciples.

The conclusion is clear. The “lost years” of Jesus were not lost at all. He did what He did throughout His life, He followed the Jewish customs of the time. Jesus is who He claimed to be, the I AM (John 10:30) who is, was and forever will be God of the universe. He is our only hope of life for eternity. He is calling for you to become His disciple. **CRM**

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questions. The most surprising words to come from him were comments to the effect that naturalistic evolution is virtually impossible and that scientists are beginning to acknowledge design in living things. That a department head of a secular college would make such a statement was unthinkable just a few years ago.

The most recent copy of *Wired* magazine has an article on evolution and intelligent design. It is unbiased and simply states the facts. That too is amazing in today’s media (lack of bias).

We presented a question to Mr. Downard. It bears repeating. SETI is the Search for ExtraTerrestrial Intelligence. The leaders have said that an ideal signal from space would be

something like this:

•• ••• ••••• •••••• and so on (where the dots are beeps and the spaces are spaces between series of beeps). This is a series of prime numbers. Were such a simple, orderly signal to come from space, evolutionists would be all over the media saying they have proof there is intelligent life somewhere out there in space. I agree they would have the first piece of convincing data.

Now let’s look at the DNA of a simple cell. Evolutionists agree that the four base molecules are letters that make words which make sentences which make paragraphs which make chapters which make books which make volumes. The information is extremely ordered, and more importantly, incredibly complex. Yet, evolutionists claim that

it could happen by accident. Can you see the contradiction? It appears that evolutionist are great supporters of Intelligent Design IF it supports their position. I asked Mr. Downard what he thought of this hypocrisy.

What did Mr. Downard have to say? Shaking his head up and down as I spoke, his five-minute response was that some people think there is life in other places in the universe and that probabilities indicate it could be. Next question. We shouldn’t be surprised by the response (notice I did not say “answer”). After all, he admitted early on that he believes in evolution and the answer is not pleasant for that viewpoint. And, after all, he is a philosopher. :-)

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dead end.

In China, modern looking bird fossils have been found at strata lower than that containing archaeopteryx. The link on our web site goes to the free abstract. The full text explains that archaeopteryx is most likely a dead end. And so it is, not just as a type of extinct bird, but also as a transitional fossil.

Evolutionists often make the claim there are lots of transitional fossils.

When pressed for examples, they come up with three or four, and those are a matter of debate in the professional literature. Now we see why. This was THE best example they had. Turns out it was pure speculation, just like the supposed horse series (now debunked), and all other so called transitional fossils. Besides, one fossil hardly makes a transition. There should be a series of many fossils, not just one to make a transition. CRM

Men's Breakfast June 2nd (07)
8:00 AM

And the first Saturday Morning every month

Come to Wayside Chapel at the north end of uptown for good food and good fellowship. All men are invited. No charge. See you there!



QUOTES:

One of the ironies of the evolution-creation debate is that the creationists have accepted the mistaken notion that the fossil record shows a detailed and orderly progression and they have gone to great lengths to accommodate this "fact" in their Flood geology. David M. Raup, "Evolution and the Fossil Record", *Science*, Vol. 213, No. 4505, 17 July 1981, p.289

The profound role of major storms throughout geologic history is becoming increasingly recognized. Dag Nummendam, 1982, "Clastics," *Geotimes* 27(2):23

It is a great philosophical breakthrough for geologists to accept catastrophe as a normal part of Earth history. Erie Kauffman, 1983, quoted in Roger Lewin, "Extinctions and the History of Life," *Science* 221:935-937.

The hurricane, the flood, or the tsunami may do more in an hour or a day than the ordinary processes of nature have achieved in a thousand years. Derek V. Ager (Professor and Head of the Department of Geology and Oceanography at the University College of Swansea, England), *The Nature of the Stratigraphical Record* (New York, John Wiley and Sons, 1973), p. 49.

The fact is, the doctrine of uniformitarianism is no more 'proved' than some of the early ideas of world-wide cataclysms have been disproved."

Edgar B. Heylman: "Should We Teach Uniformitarianism! *Journal of Geological Education*, Vol. 19, January 1971, p. 35

A great deal has changed, however, and contemporary geologists and paleontologists now generally accept catastrophe as a 'way of life' although they may avoid the word catastrophe... The periods of relative quiet contribute only a small part of the record. The days are almost gone when a geologist looks at such a sequence, measures its thickness, estimates the total amount of elapsed time, and then divides one by the other to compute the rate of deposition in centimeters per thousand years. The nineteenth century idea of uniformitarianism and gradualism still exist in popular treatments of geology, in some museum exhibits, and in lower level textbooks....one can hardly blame the creationists for having the idea that the conventional wisdom in geology is still a non-catastrophic one.

David M. Raup, *Field Museum of Natural History Bulletin* (Vol. 54, March 1983), p. 21

RESPONSE:

First, notice how long ago these statements were made. Notice also the prestige of the sources in which they appeared. We have been stating in this newsletter for years that modern, evolution-based geology has moved from slow gradual processes to catastrophe. It is all through the professional technical journals. It only makes sense. After all, the only way to make a fossil is to bury it in mud. And when you have a stack of dinosaur bones tangled together in a stack 50 feet tall, that is one huge mud flow! At Mt. St. Helens, mud flows have hardened into sorted strata that look just like any other sedimentary rock. And rock that contains fossils looks just like rock without fossils (except for the fossils).

Creationists have stated from the beginning the FACTS that fossils don't appear in nice neat order through the strata, that the strata (sedimentary rock) is the result of catastrophe and that uniformitarian philosophy is no longer promoted in the professional journals.

The problem is that the general public still thinks geology is all about slow, long-term processes. Why is that? Because during all the years since these quotes, science classes at public high schools, Hollywood science fiction, mainstream news media science reporters, and the supposed bulwarks of good science such as the Discovery channel, PBS and National Geographic, still persuade viewers that geologists believe the strata was laid down in slow, long-term processes. In addition, when geologists are selected for interviews for TV shows and magazine articles, the scientists selected report that gradualism is how it all happened. Why can't they tell the truth? In our opinion it is because truth can only lead to one place... recognition that Jesus, the Christ of God, created the earth and you and me just 6000 years ago. If the Bible gets that correct, we think it is strong evidence that the Bible is correct that Jesus, the narrow path, is the way to eternity. This truth is simply unacceptable to a materialist who wishes to be his own god.

Predictions continued from p. 1 predictions and to see if it is falsifiable. We think you will find the results, charted below, interesting. We started by doing a Google search on evolution predictions. We found one test/prediction and we think it is a good one. It is first on our

chart below. Most sites admitted that you cannot make predictions in the sense that most of us think about predictions. Instead, they gave examples of where one would expect something if evolution is true and then presented a fact that shows we see what is expected. The second item

gives one of those expectations. What was, not unexpectedly, missing were the many examples where one would expect something from evolution, but it isn't there. We present several below. Let's see how well evolution and creation science fare:

Evolutionist Prediction	Creationist Prediction	Observed Fact	Conclusion
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When comparing DNA sequences, we should find that various sequences will show consistent closest relationships. • There will be significant differences in the fauna at different times, or different geographical locations which have been separated for a very long time from other locations. • Vast numbers of transitional fossils should be found by 1900. • The evolutionary tree of life is based primarily on skeletal features. DNA examination will confirm the skeletal relationships. • The tree of life of simpler creatures evolving into more will be apparent in the fossil record. • Mutations will result in advances in creature complexity resulting in new kinds of creatures over time. Research will show that mutations are a positive thing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evolutionists prediction may be true, but more likely we will find some sequences don't fit the pattern. • Natural selection occurs and therefore fauna will vary based on the environment in which they live, but there will be no change from one kind of fauna to another. • There will be no obvious transitional fossils. Those that are candidates will be few. • There are various ways to compare creatures. The various methods and DNA analysis will indicate different actual relationships. • The fossil record will show the sudden appearance of creatures and the sudden extinction of creatures. • Mutations will result in a decrease in information resulting in extinction of creatures as they be less able to adapt to changes in their environment. Mutations will be negative. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This idea requires that many short segments of DNA be compared. Meanwhile, large-scale comparisons are being made and it is showing that skeletal relationships do not match large-scale DNA comparisons. See the fourth item in this chart. • Today we see variation in fauna based on the environment in which they exist. But, nobody claims it is a situation of one kind of fauna becoming another. In EVERY case in which a fauna kind exists today, if the same fauna is found in the fossil record, no matter how supposedly old, it is exactly the same as the currently existing fauna. • Darwin himself made this evolution prediction in <i>Origin of the Species</i>. Darwin abandoned his own theory around 1900 because no transitional fossils were found by 1900. There are just a few candidates today with the list getting shorter. • According to the evolutionary paradigm, humans have a closer evolutionary connection to the ray-finned fish, such as a trout, than with cartilaginous fish, such as sharks. Recent comparisons of the DNA of a cartilaginous fish, ray-finned fish, and human sequences reveal a greater similarity between human and cartilaginous fish gnomes than between human and ray-finned fish DNA. • In every case, a creature suddenly appears in the fossil record with no transitional fossils leading to the creature. If the creature is extinct (about 2/3 are extinct) they will suddenly disappear with no transitional fossils to a new creature • 100 years of experiments causing mutations in creatures have always resulted in no significant change or, 90+% of the time, a crippling of the creature, usually death. Every documented mutation has shown to be a loss of information resulting in a slow or rapid decrease in the ability of the creature to adapt. Not one mutation has been shown to be a benefit to humans. There are now over 1000 human maladies known to be the result of a mutation(s) and the list grows weekly. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small-segment DNA comparisons are just starting. It may be decades before definitive statements can be made. • The facts say there is no significant difference in fauna other than the small variation we find today regardless of location or supposed time difference. • Darwin himself provided the criteria. There are still no obvious transitional fossils. • We expect to see many more examples of DNA not matching skeletal differences or other DNA sequences in the next 5 years. • The fossil record clearly supports the creation science prediction. • With a lack of any other evidence, mutations were to be the salvation of evolution. Every piece of research shows the creation science prediction to be correct and the evolution prediction wrong.