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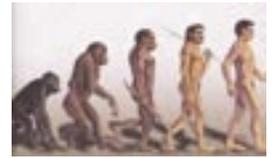
We must speak for silence would shame us, and the rocks themselves would cry out... You, O Lord Christ Jesus, must be praised for who You are in the world You have made.

4 E's of the Resurrection of Jesus

Christians take it on faith that the Bible is true when it speaks of Jesus being resurrected from the dead. No amount of evidence will convince those who do not believe the Bible. So, this issue we will speak to Christians and tell you that there is solid evidence that Jesus did just as the Bible states and rose from the dead. The Apostle Paul recognized the importance of the resurrection when he states in 1 Corinthians 15:19, *If we have hoped* See EEEE on page 3

Origin of the Species

The definition of species most used today was created by Ernst Mayr: *Groups of actually or potentially interbreeding natural populations, which are reproductively isolated from other such groups.* If offspring is possible, but are sterile (such as a mule), they are considered isolated. Note that in cases such as the spotted owl, the geographical isolation is actually just a thought of convenience, not a reality. So, See Species on page 4



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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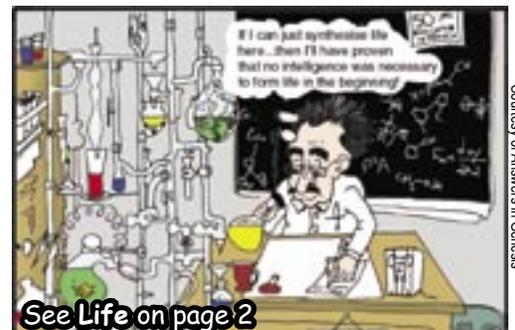
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Life from Non-Life

Richard Dawkins complains that creationists have an incorrect explanation of the naturalists' view of how life came from non-life. He claims that we see it as a one-step process where he describes it as a series of steps. His first step is Simple Chemicals. The second step is Polymers. The idea of life from



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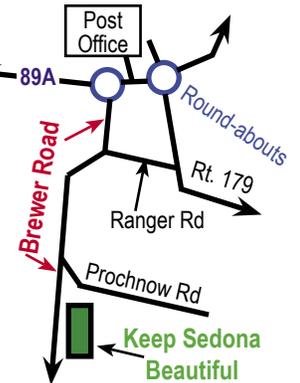
Courtesy of Answers in Genesis

Expelled - See it FREE Sunday, May 17th @ 1:30 PM



We hope you will join us for a free showing of the movie, *Expelled*. We will have a discussion time immediately after the showing. We have a naturalist lined up to help answer questions from an evolutionist point of view.

When: **Sunday, May 17th**
Where: **Keep Sedona Beautiful**
360 Brewer Road, Sedona, AZ
See map at right



Science News to Learn By...

Alternative Cosmology

In the July 2, 2005 issue of *New Scientist*, Marcus Chow stated "A small band of researchers is starting to ask the questions no one is supposed to ask." He was referring to a group calling

themselves alternative cosmologists. The size of the group is growing rapidly. They think the Big Bang is wrong based on the novel concept that it is continually needing new unprovable assumptions to support it because research finds evidence See News on page 2

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in Christ in this life only, we are of all men most to be pitied. In other words, if life truly ends at physical death, then we have wasted our time.

Lee Strobel has a law degree from Yale and was the legal columnist for the *Chicago Tribune*. In 1979, Strobel's wife informed him that she had become a Christian. Being an atheist, Strobel was not pleased. His wife changed. Strobel noticed the change and like it. Strobel decided to investigate the claims of the Bible regarding Christ. He spent two years reading and traveling to interview experts. One aspect of that investigation is the claim that Jesus rose from the dead. Strobel came to the conclusion that there are four lines of evidence that prove Jesus rose from the dead. He calls them the 4 E's of the resurrection.

EXECUTION: That Jesus was executed is a fact. Some deny that Jesus even lived, but the many references to his life and execution in the Bible and five sources outside the Bible that tell of His execution make it clear he lived and was hung on a cross. Even atheist experts acknowledge this fact. That Jesus was executed on the cross is undeniable.

EARLY ACCOUNTS: Myths and legends about things such as a hero dying, especially a gruesome death, take a century or more to become thought of as fact. False legends do not come about immediately after the fact because there are too many witnesses who know

different and contradict the story. Only after the witnesses and at least another generation are dead can a legend take hold. There are no longer any witnesses or people who remember hearing the truth. Just **20 years** after the death of Jesus, Paul recites the basic creed of Christians that, according to historians, was firmly established just 8 years after the death of Christ: 1 Corinthians 15: 3-4: *For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ...Paul continues with witnesses to the fact... and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. After that He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep; then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles; and last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared to me also.*

EMPTY TOMB: This also would be a difficult legend to start until a hundred years later. The fact is that not a single reference can be found in any historical document written in the first century after the death of Jesus that contradicts the claim, which was immediately widespread, that the tomb of Jesus was sealed and guarded. And that it was empty when opened on the third day after the crucifixion. Even the enemies of Jesus never denied the empty tomb in spite of the attempted cover-up story. Nobody had a reason to steal the

critters caught in amber are aquatic, like clams for example. How did they get caught? Scientists at the Natural History Museum in Berlin think they have the answer. It turns out that if you strip the bark off a tree while immersed in moving water, the amber is slow to harden and therefore is sticky for a long period of time and can catch clams, mussels and yes, bees and gecko feet that are also caught in the flowing water. Then you have to expose the amber to air to harden it and then bury it rapidly in sediment so it is preserved for millions of years. We agree. This is exactly what happened in Noah's flood.

**Men's Breakfast Saturday,
 May 30th at 8:00 AM**

And the **LAST** Saturday Morning *most* months
 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!



body. The Romans wanted Jesus dead and for everyone to know He was dead. The religious leaders wanted Jesus to stay dead. The followers of Jesus were powerless to do anything and would be tortured for lying if they took the body (which was guarded and behind a huge, heavy stone which would make a lot of noise if moved).

4 EYE WITNESSES: Jesus appeared to at least 515 people after the resurrection. Surely, not all those who saw Him were glad to see Him. They talked and ate with Jesus. They touched Him. He was alive and real. The 11 apostles proclaimed the resurrection for the rest of their lives. They all died for their witness. 10 of them died terrible deaths. Only one of them would have to say, "I lied" to save his life. None did.

The resurrection is a well established fact of history. Christians can celebrate that history proves what we already know in faith. The Bible tells us another fact of history we can easily believe: Jesus is the creator of the universe, you and me. CRM

one billion years, tells us plainly that we are seeing all galaxies at about the same age and they are all young.

Amber and Water

Let's say I tell you that a fossil of a bee in amber occurred when a tree leaked some amber, a bee got caught in it, the amber kept coming and encased the bee and then the tree with the amber-encased bee was slowly buried millions of years ago. You would probably say, "Duh" because that is how you have been told it happened when a bee is found encased in amber. Now suppose I told you that the bee is the rare exception and most

Ganymede Magnetic Field

Ganymede, a moon of Jupiter, has a magnetic field. Big bangers tell us that magnetic fields are produced by liquids flowing in the core of the moon. But Ganymede should have frozen solid billions of years ago. 'Nough said.

Space

As always, space is what we don't have enough of to report all the scientific findings in the news that show us that history as reported in the Bible is reliable fact and that 6000 years ago (earth time) Jesus created the universe, and recently created you and me. CRM

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the definition is extremely broad. Or, you could say the definition of species is not very definitive. One author has noted that when a scientist discovers something biologically new, he likes to give it a name, establish the species. It sometimes turns out there is virtually no or very little genetic difference between two species. Eventually, this usually gets straightened out, sometimes not. In the famous battle between the timber industry and the environmentalists, environmentalists insisted the Northern Spotted Owl is a different species than the Southern Spotted Owl. The difference is actually just a matter of whether the owl lives north of central California or south of northern California.

Creationists do not have a problem with how species is defined. The question takes place at a higher level of categorization. The Bible refers to the creation of different **kinds**. The naturalist has built the relationship among species based primarily on physical appearances. Kinds would be defined on the basis of genetic similarity. Since physical appearance was the only possible method for classification in the past, we might expect that the relationship among species is going to change in classification as genetics is used as a basis. For example, genetically, it appears that chickens and peacocks are related.

Natural selection is what Darwin wrote about, though a young earth creationist published on the topic 25 years earlier than Darwin. Creationists do not now, nor have ever in the past, have/had a problem with

natural selection. The problem is that the Darwinist looks to natural selection to create new information. But it cannot. It can only **select** from existing information. (Hence; Natural **Selection**)

Darwin's Finches are a classic explanation of the validity of evolution (I am using evolution in the sense of dinosaurs turning into birds). It doesn't. The Galapagos Island on which the finches live experiences periodic dry spells. When there is a dry year, there is a scarcity of small seeds, but plenty of large seeds. Large seeds take a more powerful beak to break. After a dry year, the finches, in general, have had larger, more powerful beaks. But, every time the smaller seeds came back with the rains, the finch beak returned to an average smaller size... back to normal so to speak. This is what natural selection does. All creatures were created with a genetic code that allows each creature to adapt to changing environments.

What would happen to those finch beaks if the rains didn't return? Eventually, all the finches would have large beaks. After several generations, the genetic code for small beaks would no longer be expressed.

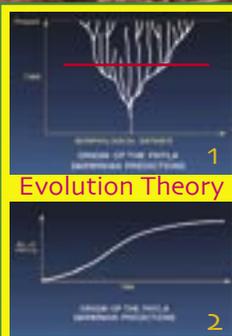
Let's imagine a beetle living on a continent that gets blown by the wind to an island. The wind constantly blows on the island. Each beetle born on the island eventually gets blown off the island and out to sea where it drowns, but not before it has produced offspring. One of those offspring beetles becomes mutated. It does not grow wings. As a result, it does not get blown off the island and therefore produces many offspring. Many of those offspring also have no

wings, having inherited the mutation. After several generations. All beetles born on the island are wingless. Once again, this is natural selection in action.

After several hundred years (and generations of beetles) the wind stops blowing. Will the beetles start having offspring with wings again? Possibly, but most likely not. The mutation will probably have become a permanent part of the genetic code with the code for wings lost forever. The beetle is different from the beetles back on the continent now so it is a new species. Has evolution progressed? NO. The genetic information for making wings has been lost. This beetle is not on the way to becoming a wasp. It is now LESS able to adapt to a new environment because it lost a possible survival characteristic.

Climate change happens. It always has and always will. When the local climate changes, each species living in the environment must be able to change. The genetic code allows for those changes, but as characteristics are lost, the ability to survive declines until extinction occurs. That is why the fossil record is a record of extinction. All major phyla appear within what naturalists say is a 3 million year period. This is called the Cambrian Explosion. From there, an occasional new species **suddenly** appears in the rock strata. But 97% of species have disappeared from the strata. At current mutation rates reported by scientists, humans will become extinct in about another 300 generations. The explanation above fits with the data as illustrated in the charts below. CRM

Charts courtesy of the Revolution Against Evolution -<http://www.RAE.org>



Evolution Theory states that life evolved from a single common ancestor. Chart 1 illustrates that as time goes by, the various phyla of life will appear and then species within the phyla. The red line indicates where all phyla have finally appeared. Various species within a phyla would evolve once the phyla came into existence. Chart 2 shows how the number of phyla would increase over time. It is logical and reasonable **IF** you assume there is no God **and** refuse to accept reality of science.

Creation Theory states that God created all the Kinds (approximately like phyla) and then species would result as the offspring lose information in the genetic code and species become isolated from each other. Species that lose too much information over time to adapt to new environments will become extinct. It is logical and reasonable **IF** you assume God created life **and** accept modern scientific investigation and the data in the fossil record.

