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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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## 30,000 Pounds of Bananas

Harry Chapin was a wordsmith. He wrote ballads and life-stories in the form of songs. One of his popular songs was about a young truck driver on his second run. The song is based on a true incident, though nobody knows what really went through the driver's head as he screamed down the hill; he did not survive the accident. On this run his trailer was loaded with

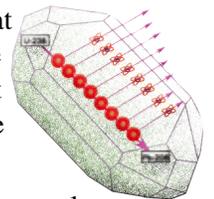
30,000 pounds of bananas. The trucker is thinking about the relaxing evening he

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## Radiometric Dating

**Question:** Can the rate of radiometric decay be changed? This is an important question. Radiometric dating uses several assumptions. One of those assumptions is that the rate of radiometric decay has been constant through time.

Let's take a look at research to answer the question and think about the consequences of the answer.



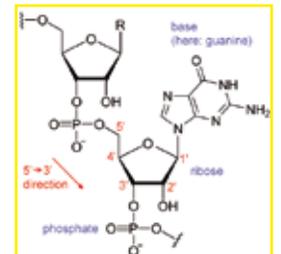
It turns out there are several things that

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## Life from Non-Life Part 2 - RNA World

Last issue, we showed that life from non-life cannot come from the lining up of amino acids. We only covered a few of the reasons, but each of the three is fatal to the idea by itself.

The idea is that RNA first formed and built itself into a proto-life-form and that eventually, DNA replaced RNA for



This issue we look at the second of the two attempts to explain life from non-life. This idea is called RNA World.

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RNA Illustration from Wikipedia

## DNA - Computers - God - Us

Image by Fisk Univ.

Everywhere we look we see DNA compared to computer code. Having written a few lines of computer code in the past, we see the comparison is appropriate. The Bible states that we are made in God's image, a shadow or outline of God. Isn't it interesting that man created computer code and it is a shadow of the much more complex code found in DNA? We build factories and use just-in-time deliveries. So does a cell, but at a much higher level of sophistication. Our advanced computers and a cell do parallel computing. Memory segments are protected. One small error (a mutation in a cell) in the code results in bad things 99.99% of the time. Now researchers are saying that cells use *Cloud Computing*, the latest in computer technology created by man. Cell researchers should keep a close look at man's creations as we reflect our Creator.

## Science News to Learn By...

### Ida, A Fossil Discovery

I am sure you saw all the hype regarding Ida, the lemur fossil announced in the Spring. What you may not have seen was the rejection of the scientific community. *New Scientist* described Ida a lemur dead

end. It resulted in a high viewership for a TV show but sadly, those viewers were shown self-serving hype, not science.

### Dinosaurs and Birds

Several years ago we reported that so- See **News** on page 3

**Dating** continued from p. 1 affect radiometric decay rates. Let's look at each one.

**1** We can strip all the electrons off of a radioactive atom. This can lower the half life of decay from millions of years to just 33 years. But, stripping electrons off an atom is pretty drastic and only happens in experiments by scientists using highly sophisticated equipment. So now we know decay rates can be changed, but this method doesn't happen in the natural world.

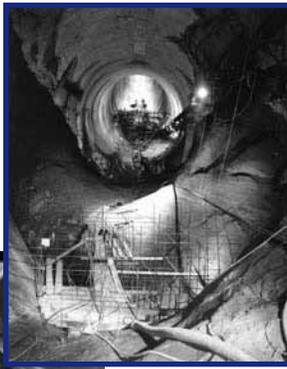
**2** We can vary the distance of the earth from the sun. Scientists have known for many years that decay rates change with the month of the year. A little study showed that the decay rate is related directly to our distance from the sun. The scientists suspect that it may be due to the number of neutrinos hitting the atom. This is a second way to modify decay and this time it is something that happens in nature. But the change is extremely small. We cannot imagine a scenario where we would expect a huge change in the decay rate and the planet survive. (But it could happen.)

**3** Pressure. It came as surprise to us that simple pressure can affect radiometric decay rates. We had never heard of this from creationists nor naturalists. It turns out that pressure can increase the rate of decay by up to 10,000 times. 1,000,000,000 years becomes 100,000 years. This is significant and it is simple pressure, found in nature. We have a link to the abstract of the research on our web site home page. The work was conducted by scientists at the prestigious CERN institute. CERN is the home to the new collider that made the news last fall as some wondered if they would create a black hole when the machine is put into use.

We must be completely up front about this news. The pressure used in this experiment was pressure from cavitation and the isotope of radioactive material is a rather volatile one.

Cavitation is an amazing thing. In one photo below you can see the effect on a propeller. The other photo is

the effect on a dam bypass tunnel. 63,000 cubic feet of concrete was required to repair the



hole in the tunnel floor.

In both cases cavitation did a lot of damage in a short time.

You have probably guessed that cavitation has to do with water. If water flows past a surface quickly enough, the roughness of the surface (there is no such thing as a perfectly smooth surface) causes the air in the water to compress into bubbles at the surface it is passing. Those compressed bubbles then explode at supersonic speed causing a severe hammering of the surface.

We explain cavitation because we don't want to give any false impressions in the following possibility.

Noah's flood started when pressure in the earth increased until there was a cracking of the crust allowing water to jet through the crust and into the atmosphere many miles. The cavitation produced would scour millions of cubic miles of rock. Additional flows of mud and water resulting from this first burst would erode millions more. Together, the initial and additional scouring produced all the sediments that make up almost all of the sedimentary rock we see today.

A few years ago we covered the results from the RATE research which shows that radioactive decay was speeded up by an extremely great factor in the past, greater than 10,000 times. At the time there was no known mechanism to accomplish this. Now there is.

Please imagine the following scenario: After creation, the pressure deep in the earth is extremely high. That pressure accelerates radioactive decay,

causing the interior to heat. As the heat increases, so does the pressure resulting in ever faster increasing decay rates and heat buildup. Magma formed as the earth reached the melting point of rock. The heat also increased the pressure of subterranean water. In addition, the level of neutrinos may have been very different than today due to different status of the sun or some event close to our solar system, adding to the increase in the radioactive decay rate. After 1800 years the pressure became so great that the mantle and crust were fractured and the pressure was released in tremendous water jets and volcanos. Those cracks are now the edges of continental plates.

**Wild speculation** you exclaim! We agree. But not as wild as the naturalists' speculation. For example, the naturalists use a speculative story about the formation of the moon involving a chance collision with a planet the size of Mars. This event supposedly happened billions of years ago. Yet, the regression (steadily moving away from the earth) of the moon shows that it would have been so close to the earth less than a billion years ago, it would have been torn apart by earth's gravity... unless you think the laws of physics have changed over time.

The earth started its development by the collisions of small dust clumps, growing in size until it attracted larger objects to add to the mass. Experiments in space show that once a clump of dust reaches the size of a pebble, collision with another clump explodes and scatters both clumps. Of course, once again, maybe the laws of physics were different 4.6 billion years ago.

Speculation is the rule when trying to discern the past when all you have to look at is what we have right now. The naturalists' speculations defy natural laws of physics. Our speculation follows law of physics. Recent discoveries are pointing toward my speculation being scientifically reasonable.

Scientific law and discovery keep indicating that Jesus is the creator of the universe, you and me. Jesus wants to have a relationship with you. We invite you to invite Him. CRM

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storage of information. No attempt is made by supporters of this idea to explain how DNA arises in this proto-cell.

In RNA world, it is thought that RNA self-replicates and advances via a type of natural selection until simple self-replicating RNA molecules eventually become a proto-cell which then starts using DNA to become the information and control system of the cell.

**DNA** is the stuff that contains the information that controls your cells and your entire body. DNA is also the code for all of the physical structures needed by a cell. Note that one of the structures required is enzymes. Enzymes are used to speed up chemical reactions. Enzymes are required to make DNA and RNA. Without the enzymes, DNA and RNA would take years to form instead of a fraction of a second. The cell is irreducibly complex because a cell cannot come into being unless there is production of enzymes that speed up the making of DNA and RNA. These enzymes are found in only two locations: 1) Intelligently designed technologically advanced equipment and 2) living cells. But, I repeat myself. A living cell is the most complex, highly technological, factory system known to man.

**RNA** is used by the cell for many functions. Think of RNA as the messenger system of the cell. Moving RNA with a coded message in the form of language is the communication method used by the cell.

Let's examine several points that show the idea of RNA world is not even close to reality.

**1** DNA and RNA never just "happen." Both require complex chemical processes to form. We never hear of anyone thinking DNA could arise outside a cell so we will just deal with RNA.

**2** The processes that will make one part of RNA will destroy other segments of RNA. That is why RNA is never found outside a cell or an intelligently designed, highly sophisticated, technological piece of equipment.

**3** RNA is a molecule that by itself does nothing. Like DNA, there are four basic versions. You have to build a chain of RNA molecules before you get something useful. Whether inside a cell or in a scientist's laboratory, the process for making a chain of RNA molecules is the same. In the cell a DNA template is required. In the scientists' labs, a template is also required. Self-replicating RNA has been achieved in the laboratory, but the scientists are quick to emphasize that it in no way demonstrated that life can come from non-life via RNA. Why? Because they use their intelligence and sophisticated equipment to manufacture the RNA they need to make the pseudoproteins they want to self-replicate. Then they have to line up those RNA molecules in a specific order using a template. Then they take the strand of RNA and painstakingly fold it into the required shape. They do this for two difference RNA chains and they end up with a self-replicating system. AND,

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they have to supply additional chemicals in exactly the correct proportions and with zero impurities for the cycle to continue. Such circumstances are never found outside... that's right... Their lab or a living cell.

**4** RNA used to build a chain must be suspended in water. But as you grow the length of an RNA chain, the rate of growth slows until it is no longer soluble in water and growth stops. The resulting chain is incomplete, worthless for life. There must be a complex factory system to make the chain of RNA.

**5** Everything required for production of RNA and operation of a living cell requires specific information and a control system that can understand and use that information. ***The information must be available in advance.***

How anyone can call life from non-life in nature "science" and intelligent design "pseudoscience" is beyond comprehension. All scientific knowledge and experiments declare that Jesus is the Intelligent Designer who created the first life, the universe, you and me. CRM

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called modern birds had been found in strata below dinosaurs. We now have additional evidence that birds could NOT have evolved from dinosaurs. According to *ScienceDailey* researchers at Oregon State University have shown that the fossils themselves show it could not happen. Here is an interesting quote from the article: ***For one thing, birds are found earlier in the fossil record than the dinosaurs they are supposed to have descended from...*** But paleontologists just love their birds coming from dinosaurs so be watching for additional

"proof" that dinosaurs turned into birds.

### Research on Mudstone (shale) and How Strata is Deposited

The foundation of modern geological thought has been based on slow and gradual processes for deposition of sediment to form strata of rock. This foundation was based entirely on assumptions and those assumptions have been taken as fact and used to interpret strata we find. Two newsletter issues ago we showed strata from a flow in New Orleans resulting from a levy breach during hurricane Katrina

and how that strata would normally be interpreted to have been laid down over thousands of years when it was actually laid down in a couple of hours. Since then, we have discovered research done at Indiana University and Colorado State University. It turns out that particles are sorted and laid down to form strata in moving water. So is mudstone (shale). Don't take our word for it. Go to our web home page where we have links to videos from those research projects and abstracts that say that the geological column needs to be reevaluated based on actual research. CRM

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will have at home as soon as he finishes delivering his load of bananas. Between him and the destination is a long hill that descends into Scranton, PA. He misses the sign at the top of the hill that warns truckers to downshift into a lower gear. The hapless driver finds himself flying down the hill at 90 miles per hour, out of control, as we pick up the lyrics of the song...

**He said, "Christ!"**

**It was funny how he had named the only man who could save him now.**

It is funny, isn't it? So many who deny Christ call upon His name. What is so powerful about the name of Jesus?

I re-read *Brave New World* last summer. In that classic book, everyone curses by exclaiming "O Ford!" As I read the words, they just fell flat. There was no satisfaction. If I am reading a book where a character uses the name of Jesus in cursing, I get a sense of satisfaction even though I find the idea of cursing using the name of Jesus quite inappropriate to say the least. Why is that?

I never hear anyone exclaim, "O Buddha!" or "O Confucius!" In fact, I never hear any other name used in cursing. Why is that?

I hear foreigners at the Grand Canyon cursing using the name of Jesus. In fact, just about anyone you hear cursing will use the name of Jesus, no matter the language being spoken. Why is that?

Are you ready for the answer? I'll just give one example of many passages that explain: **1 Corinthians 5:4 ...when you are assembled in the name of our Lord Jesus and I am with you in spirit, and the power of our Lord Jesus is present.**

That's it. There is power in the name of Jesus. Power to heal us, to comfort us, to feel our pressures leave and go to Him who can take the pressures from us.

What was your reaction? Did you stress at what I wrote and then relieve that stress with the name of Jesus? Some of you did. The name of Jesus is simply irresistible!

How can this be, that the name of Jesus can give such release, even when used as a curse? Simple. Jesus **wants** to be your source of relief. He

wants us to cast our concerns on Him. It was planned from before the beginning of creation that Jesus would be the only person, have the only name, that brings relief from the pressures and cares of the world.

When His name is used as a curse of exclamation, it brings relief because there simply is no other possibility. But that relief is temporary. It quickly flows away.

To have the power of the name of Jesus with us every moment, we must be filled with His spirit. We can only have the Spirit of Jesus in us when we call upon His name, not for the temporary relief via a curse, but when we surrender our lives to Him who has made provision for our eternity... if you have asked. That's all it takes. Just ask. If you really want Him in your life, you will have it immediately and forever.

It is funny how people can call upon the name of Jesus and get relieving satisfaction even when the call is really a curse. But it is not surprising that the name of the One who is the Creator of the universe, you and me is the only name upon which we can call and know we will find satisfaction. CRM

## QUOTES:

The irony is devastating. The main purpose of Darwinism was to drive every last trace of an incredible God from biology. But the theory replaces God with an even more incredible deity - omnipotent chance. T. Roszak, *Unfinished Animal*, 1975, p. 101-102.

There are only two possibilities as to how life arose. One is spontaneous generation arising to evolution; the other is a supernatural creative act of God. There is no third possibility. Spontaneous generation, that life arose from non-living matter was scientifically disproved 120 years ago by Louis Pasteur and others. That leaves us with the only possible conclusion that life arose as a supernatural creative act of God. I will not accept that philosophically because **I do not want to believe in God** therefore, **I choose to believe in that which I know is scientifically impossible**; spontaneous generation arising to evolution. (emphasis ours - ed) Dr. George Wald professor emeritus biology Harvard University. Nobel Prize winner in biology. *The Origin of Life*, Scientific American, Vol. 190, August 1954, pp. 44-53

## THE POINT:

Naturalists have known for 175 years that life cannot come from non-life. Those who still believe it are totally unscientific. The idea of life from non-life isn't even good enough to be called pseudoscience. It is because that person does not want to deal with the reality that Jesus is the Creator of the universe, you and me. The two quotes above were before we knew the nature of DNA and RNA. As we illustrated in the last issue and this issue, life from non-life is not a matter of omnipotent chance. Chance requires possibility. Laws of science have shown there is no possibility. It is like asking, "What are the chances that a cow can jump over the moon?" It just cannot happen. But those men quoted above had no knowledge of DNA. DNA is science-based proof that life simply cannot come from non-life because information comes **ONLY** from an intelligent source.