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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 that God, in the person of Jesus, is Creator of the universe, you and us. Thank you for joining us in learning the Good News.



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Scour the Earth

He said, *It is as if the entire earth was scoured clean at the Great Unconformity.* This statement was made by the presenting geologist in a session at the Geological Society of America (GSA) annual meeting last October. The same basic thing was written in 2000 by Ollier and Pain, two secular geologists, in *The Origin of Mountains*. The point the geologist was making at the GSA is that the scouring of the earth

The Great Unconformity at
Colorado Springs



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Natural Selection?

Mutation + Natural Selection = Evolution. This is the “formula” for evolution of one kind of critter into another, such as dinosaurs into birds. Supposedly, this solves the problem of evolution being highly improbable. Nature selecting the proper traits supposedly removes the apparent problem of randomness in muta-

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Science News to Learn By...

“Evolution at Warp Speed”

Those are the words in a paper documenting rapid change in hatchery-raised fish in Oregon. “Domesticated fish responded rapidly to artificial evolutionary pressures found in a crowded, human-regulated tank,” states the report. This is not unusual. Reports of rapid adaptation of creatures to new environments is common in evolutionary literature. Creationists predicted long ago, back when evolutionists said rapid adaptation could



Photo by Kabir Bakie

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Stem Cells

Why is it that atheists are so demanding that more embryonic stem cells be available for research? Such cells have been used in research now for well over 10 years. The results? Nothing, nada, zero. California spent 100s of millions of dollars on a research center that was to use embryonic stem cells. It was declared a failure a couple of years ago. Why? No results. On the other hand, stem cells, and even muscle and other specialized cells, taken from an adult have been used with remarkable results. Cures have been found and more are on the way. In addition, those treated with their own cells do not have to take medicine that shuts down their immune system. So, why keep wasting time and money using embryonic stem cells? What point do the atheists want to make? That you are meaningless?

Photo by Harvard University

Musing on Christianity

As we write this, a Muslim couple in Canada has been found guilty of murder. Together they performed an “honor killing” of their own children because the children had become too Westernized.

True to the dishonesty of the media (in the Summer 2011 issue we reported

on the media’s false reporting of several mass killers in the U.S. and Sweden as being Christians), they are interviewing so-called experts who state that all religions, especially Christianity, preach the same practice. Of course, the only other examples of “honor killings” outside of radical

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tions.

The first obvious problem with this formula is that there still has to be a random mutation worth selecting. We have shown in previous issues that evolutionists agree that there are 1000s of times more negative mutations than helpful mutations. The fact that there are **no known** mutations that are helpful to humans, and the database of negative mutations maintained at Johns-Hopkins University numbers well over 20,000, confirms the problem. The fact that there are at least 100 new mutations in every human that is born shows that the best we can expect is that the negative ones get filtered out, not that the good one (if it exists) will become part of the DNA.

But, there is an additional problem. Not only are mutations still a problem, there is no **natural selection** to weed out the bad mutations. What occurs is termed **adaptation**. Here is why (all definitions from Marriam-Webster.com):

Selection:

- 1: the act or process of selecting : the state of being selected
- 2: one that is selected : choice; also : a collection of selected things
- 3: a natural or artificial process that results or tends to result in the survival and propagation of some individuals or organisms but not of others with the result that the inherited traits of the survivors are perpetuated

Choice:

- 1: the act of choosing : selection <finding it hard to make a choice>
- 2: power of choosing : option <you have no choice>
- 3a & b are not relevant
- 4: a number and variety to choose among <a plan with a wide choice of options>
- 5: care in selecting

Adaptation:

2b : modification of an organism or its parts that makes it more fit for existence under the conditions of its environment

Selecting, by definition is making a choice among two or more possibilities. Choosing can only be done by an intelligent agent. Nature follows natural laws which are deterministic. There is no

choice. Natural laws only have one possible outcome in any given situation, We covered this in detail in our 5-part series on complexity about a year ago. (see our web site to download past newsletters). The dictionary's definition #3 of "selection" is the opposite of definitions 1 and 2. The dictionary writers have violated rational logic. A = not A is not possible.

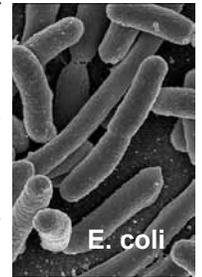
So, what is happening? **Adaptation.** The intelligence to make the choices has been built into the DNA by an intelligent agent. The organism is not being selected by the environment, the critter's DNA is adapting to the environment. The dictionary got it right this time. The definitions of *Natural Selection* and *Adaptation* have the same apparent result, but the process of getting there is only legitimate in the definition of **Adaptation**.

In addition, when adaptation occurs, over time, it results in a **loss** of information. Thus, interbreeding of grizzly bears and polar bears always results in a brown bear, but polar bears mating with polar bears always results in a white bear. Polar bears have lost the DNA information for brown hair. Therefore, if a polar bear moved south to a non-white environment, nature could not possibly "select" back brown hair. Selection is making a choice among possibilities. Brown hair is no longer a possibility. The polar bear cannot adapt as brown bears adapted when brown bears moved north. Look at the definition of **Adaptation** again. The modification that occurs is loss of characteristics that are harmful in the new or changed environment.

In the case of Darwin's finches, the finches adapted to the dry weather by having more offspring with big beaks than small beaks. It is the way DNA works that made the selection/choice, not the environment. Because the dry spells are short, the information for small beaks does not get lost and the number of finches with small beaks returns to a normal. If the environment selected (*Natural Selection*) the traits, there is no reason why the distribution should return to pre-dry distributions. Large beaks should still have the advantage because they can break the nuts faster than small beaks, still giving large beaks an

apparent advantage. But the intelligently designed DNA makes the change back to having more small beaks. The intelligent designer knew that removing characteristics permanently should be a method of last resort.

The same is true for single-cell creatures such as E. coli. In his now famous experimental results of just a few years ago, Professor Richard Lenski tracked over 10 years worth of E. coli change. Over the years, the E. coli reproduced, resulting in over 10 trillion descendents from the first cell. Mutations have occurred. One, for example, is that several of the populations lost the ability to repair their DNA. Another population lost the ability to make a required component of RNA. Nothing new was ever created, just loss of function.



A big deal was made over one change. In addition to supplying glucose for energy, they were given citrate, a chemical that they normally cannot utilize. One population mutated and then was able to efficiently use the citrate. There is an important fact to note: the mutation **removed** a step in the normal processing of glucose. This is the exact opposite of the changes needed for evolution. Another mutation affected over 50 proteins, resulting in the loss of the flagellum. The flagellum is absolutely needed in the wild as it provides the ability to move, something not needed in their artificial environment in the lab.

Overall, the mutations were negative to the future survival of the E. coli except in their protected artificial environment. Evolutionists lose touch with their own theory when they see negative changes (loss of function) in an artificial environment as support of their theory. Evolution requires positive changes (addition of new functions). That has **never** been observed in studies of evolution.

God, in the person of Jesus Christ, is the creator of the designed adaptive power of DNA, the universe, you and me.

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set up the correct conditions to allow the **Cambrian Explosion**.

Let's back up and explain some things. We'll use the chart below which, is a cross-section of the Grand Canyon. The **Great Unconformity (GU)** can be found all over the world, and what is found below the **GU** is pretty similar. It is mostly bedrock, made of the same basic stuff as basalt. It is the original rock of the earth. There is some sedimentary rock (rock that was eroded in one place and deposited in another - you see "strata lines" in sedimentary rock, like most of the rock around Sedona), but mostly bedrock.

Above the **GU** is the sedimentary rock formation called the Tapeats Sandstone. According to naturalists, there was rock on top of the **GU** that was eroded away (worldwide) and then the Tapeats Sandstone was deposited on top of the **GU**. But it was 110 Million Years (MY) between the time of the erosion and the time of the start of deposition. Some geologists say the time gap is more than 700 MY. The erosion the chart shows at the top of the **GU** is greatly exaggerated in the graphic. Wherever we actually see the **GU**, the surface is actually quite flat with just an occasional

small projection up into the Tapeats. The up and down irregularities shown in the chart, places we have never observed, are "artist prerogative" (made up).

In other areas of the world, deposition immediately started on top of the **GU**. See the two yellow lines on the right side of the chart. I drew those in to show you where to find the Cambrian Explosion. It doesn't exist at the Grand Canyon, only in places where deposition started immediately after the earth was scoured down to the **GU**.

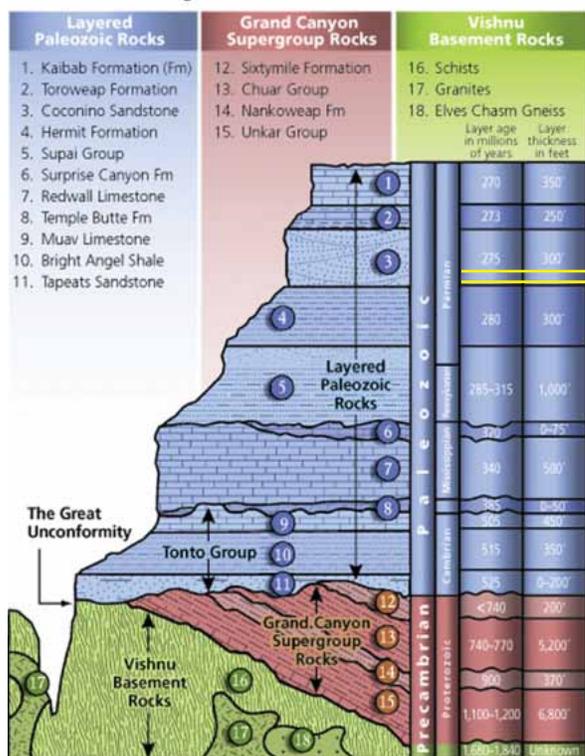
The Cambrian Explosion is the first 5 MY after the scouring to the **GU**. In that 5 MY, almost every phyla of creature came into existence and left fossil evidence behind. Eyes developed over 20 times from nothing, including the trilobite eye, one of the most complex eyes to ever happen, and it developed in less than the first million years. Exoskeletons developed in that time period, as did the first fish with backbones. Amazing isn't it? After that first 5 MY, evolution slowed to a crawl. If a fossil is found in rock, including the layers of the Cambrian Explosion, and the creature is alive today, there will be virtually NO difference between the living creature and the fossil. Yet, it is supposedly those creatures that advanced in complexity to become man.

ter scoured the earth flat. Lesser flows of water erode (dig) the earth into ditches, streams, etc. And it couldn't have been under water because sediment would have built up.

So, we agree with the naturalist, the Earth was scoured down to the depth of the **GU**. We agree with what the naturalist knows about the ability of erosion to create such a surface. But, we ask, how did that surface stay flat for 110 MY? The processes we see at work today would have created a drainage system like you see out your window, only 1000 times more extreme. The state of Utah has 12,000 feet of difference between the lowest spot and the highest spot, and according to the naturalist, that occurred in just a few millions years.

Here is what happened: Noah's worldwide, catastrophic Flood. Genesis 7:11 tells us that one day (about 4200 years ago), all the fountains of the great deep burst open, and the floodgates of the sky were opened. The floodgates of the deep include water flows and volcanic flows. The floodgates of the sky was 40 days of rain and perhaps a lot of water falling that gushed out of the fountains to heights measured in miles. The water level increased for 150 days. So, though the rain stopped, the water kept coming for 150 days, scouring the earth.

Grand Canyon's Three Sets of Rocks



Let's go back to that flat surface of the **GU**. 110 MY supposedly took place between the time of the scouring to the **GU** and the deposition of the Tapeats Sandstone, yet there is virtually NO erosion. Look out your window. How much of what you see is perfectly flat? Even where it appears flat at first glance, a closer look will reveal drainage patterns, ditches, arroyos, stream beds, etc. The largest area known to have been eroded flat in modern times is about 1/4 mile square and that took a huge, catastrophic flow of water. The Tapeats Sandstone extends from here to northern Greenland and the contact with the **GU** is flat wherever it is seen. How can that be? Only one way, a huge, catastrophic flow of wa-

After 150 days, the amount of sediment in the water was equal to all the sediment we see above the **GU** today plus the material that has eroded such as the canyons of Sedona. After 150 days the fountains stopped flowing and water currents slowed down, allowing sediment to fall out in huge layers such as the Tapeats Sandstone. Marine creatures were captured in the sediments and immediately buried just above the **GU**. The Cambrian Explosion is not new life, it is a graveyard of the first few days of deposition of sediment from the scouring of the flood. Land creatures escaped for a short while but ended up buried above the Cambrian Explosion. We think you see the picture of what really happened, based on the evidence. God, in the person of Christ Jesus is the author of Truth as written in the Bible, and is creator of the universe, you and me. CRM

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Islam is when atheist rulers slaughter their own people to force the population to toe the line with atheist thinking. Why the media's burning desire to portray Christianity as negatively as possible, to the point of outright lies? Just asking...

This desire does not seem to extend to other religions. For example, after Katrina hit the gulf coast, Christians of Sedona rose up and joined thousands of other Christians in going to the gulf coast and helping folks recover from the loss of the homes and worse. Sedona Christians made several trips there over a couple of years and took with them thousands of dollars in donated materials to help rebuild homes. The local paper ran one article, buried it deep in the paper, and de-emphasized that it was a Christian project. A local Buddhist couple took a family of refugees from Katrina into their home. We commend their action. It made the front page of the paper

and the fact it was a Buddhist family was emphasized. In the interest of accuracy, we mention that Buddhists are spiritual atheists (not our words, the words of a leading Buddhist intellectual).

Our country, and most of the Western world, became such a great place to live because of the Christian roots of Western Europe. That is being removed from the text books and the text authors are proclaiming that America was settled by secularists dedicated to a secular society. Every other line in the Mayflower Compact has been removed from text books because every other line mentions God, the God of the Bible, as their reason and provision. **1984** is in full implementation as history is rewritten into the desired myth by atheists. I don't get it. What is the harm in truth?

Christians started the first universities and the first hospitals. It is Christians who go in large numbers to the poor areas of world to set up schools,

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orphanages and medical clinics. Richard Dawkins has lamented that atheists never do such things, but nothing has changed. They still don't. Now, there is no doubt that there are some who claim to follow Jesus but obviously do not follow the teachings of the Jesus. Bad things are done in the name of every religion from time to time. But, overall Christians have done a 1000 times more to help better people's lives and society than all other beliefs combined. So, why such intense hate toward Christians by the media? Just wondering... CRM

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not happen, that adaptation would happen rapidly. Thus another creationist prediction has been confirmed. There are two important things to note. First, they are still fish of the same species, they did not give birth to turtles. Second, the paper reports that when released back into the wild, they were not able to adapt. They were too weak for the wild. This is another creationist prediction. When adaptation to an extremely different environment occurs, a loss of function

occurs and the creature becomes less able to adapt to a future environment.

Human-Chimp DNA Comparison

The Institute for creation research has completed their first comparison of chimp and human DNA. Being poorly funded, the comparison is not as extensive as has been done by evolutionists. That explains why they found the difference to be only 14% where well-funded evolutionists have come up with differences of 30+%.

Mercury helps Nullify Big Bang

According to Big Bang philosophy, the inner planets of Mercury, Venus, Earth and Mars should be composed of very similar materials. NASA's *Messenger* spacecraft is sending back data about Mercury. As seems to be typical in every space mission, the scientists were **surprised** to learn their theory is wrong (again... for the umpteenth time). The big bang is a bunch of assumptions requiring the constant addition of more assumptions to compensate for the first assumptions being wrong. CRM

QUOTE:

Charles Lyell was a lawyer by profession, and his book is one of the most brilliant briefs published by an advocate. ... Lyell relied upon true bits of cunning to establish his uniformitarian views as the only true geology. First, he set up a straw man to demolish. ... In fact, the catastrophists were much more empirically minded than Lyell. The geologic record does seem to require catastrophes: rocks are fractured and contorted; whole faunas are wiped out. To circumvent this literal appearance, Lyell imposed his imagination upon the evidence. The geologic record, he argued, is extremely imperfect and we must interpolate into it what we can reasonably infer but cannot see. The catastrophists were the hardnosed empiricists of their day, not the blinded theological apologists. Gould, Stephen Jay, Professor of Paleontology and Geology at Harvard, in *Natural History* Feb 1975 p.16.

POINT:

Materialism, the idea that there is no supernatural - only matter, was the worldview of choice for intellectuals by 1800. Lyell's straw man argument was that any geologist who believed in catastrophe in the geological record was a Christian basing his belief on the Bible, not geological study. As Gould points out, the reality is that the geologists who saw catastrophe in the geological record were seeing it because it was there. But, the secular geologists wanted to be accepted by the intellectuals, so they abandoned science in order to be accepted.