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But Jesus answered, "I tell you, if these (his followers) become silent, the stones will cry out!" Luke 19:40

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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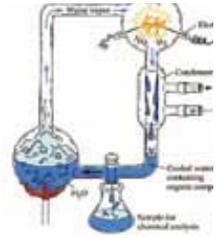
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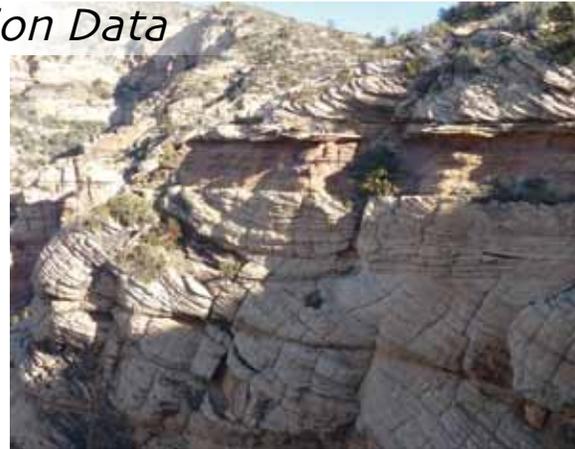
The Miller-Urey experiment apparatus pictured at the right is found in virtually every biology textbook in the world. And virtually every biologist in the world will tell you that the experiment was irrelevant. The experimenters assumed an atmosphere that never existed in the history of the earth. In addition, rational scientists who have read the paper on the experiment realize that the "pre-life" com-



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NEW Coconino Formation Data

It's funny. I have been hiking Bear Mountain for 14 years. I found folded strata in both the Schnebly Hill Formation and the Coconino Formation on Bear Mountain. Every hike, I passed by another unique feature in the Coconino Formation. A couple of months ago, it hit me that the feature is unique in the Coconino. As it turns out, it is pretty rare, period.



It is yet another piece of evidence that the Coconino was deposited rapidly in water. If you want to read about ten or so other reasons, check out our Spring and Summer 2015 issues of this newsletter on our web site.

This "new" feature is found only in a rather small area, but it reaches from

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Early Bird Fossil

The fossil picture beneath this text was taken from rock over 60 million years older than rock containing T-Rex fossils according to scientist Luis Chiappe of USC Dornsife and the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County. T-Rex lived 66 million to 68 million years ago, making the bird fossil 126 million or more years old. This would mean that birds were living with the dinosaurs. Because the bird fossil looks like a modern bird skeleton, Chiappe tells us that these "...birds were capable of modern flight patterns..." That's interesting. So, 126 million years ago, birds were fully evolved. In addition, nobody has ever discovered a bird fossil that was not already fully evolved to appear the same as today's birds, no matter how deep in the fossil record. But, evolution never stops because mutations never stop. Every offspring has mutations so natural selection cannot remove all the mutations. Yet, there is no change in 162 million years. A better explanation is that God created birds about 6000 years ago. Some got buried in Noah's Flood. There has not been enough time for evolution to change the birds.

The Reason For God - 4

Pastor Timothy Keller does not consider himself an apologist (one who supports a viewpoint with logic). But he is actually one of the best apologists alive today for Jesus and the Bible. This is part 4 of a series of articles based on his book, *The Reason*

for God - Belief in an Age of Skepticism.

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Straightjacket. Many say they reject Christ because Christianity is a straightjacket. You have to follow the rules of God (or at least the leaders of religion). Christi-

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Life from page 1 pounds created by the experiment would not have survived in the real world. That is why the little blue flask at the bottom is part of the experiment... To isolate the useful products before they were destroyed by the rest of the compounds created.

So, why is the experiment still in textbooks? There is nothing like a good graphic and an interesting story to convince people of the impossible. The naturalistic formation of life is a must-have for the atheists so they are fine with exhibiting unscientific graphics to convince their readers that life can come from non-life. Life from non-life is called **Abiogenesis**. It violates the *one and only law* of biology: Life can only come from pre-existing life.

Indeed, popular magazines such as *Scientific American* and *Popular Science* continue to tell us that scientists are getting closer to the solution every day. Huge progress is being made. We'll have the puzzle solved any day now. Read the article on abiogenesis on Wikipedia. They even state that the Miller-Urey experiment showed that life could come from non-life.

Scientific researchers describe themselves as searching for the Origins Of Life (OOL). What do leading OOL researchers say in professional papers that deal with real experiments?

From page 36 of the book *Heretic*, a must read if you want the real story of research on OOL:

James Tour is a leading origin-of-life researcher with over 630 research publications and over 120 Patents. He was inducted into the National Academy of Inventors in 2015, listed in "The World's Most Influential Scientific Minds" by Thompson Reuters in 2014,

and named "Scientist of the Year" by R&D magazine. Here is how he recently described the state of the field:

We have no idea how the molecules that compose living systems could have been devised such that they would work in concert to fulfill biology's functions. We have no idea how the basic set of molecules, carbohydrates, nucleic acids, lipids and proteins were made and how they could have coupled in proper sequences, and then transformed into the ordered assemblies until there was the construction of complex biological systems, and eventually to that first cell. Nobody has any idea on how this was done when using our commonly understood mechanisms of chemical science. Those that say they understand are generally wholly uninformed regarding chemical synthesis. Those that say, "Oh this is worked out," they know nothing—nothing—about chemical synthesis—nothing.

... From a synthetic chemical perspective, neither I nor any of my colleagues can fathom a prebiotic molecular route to construction of a complex system. We cannot even figure out the prebiotic routes to the basic building blocks of life: carbohydrates, nucleic acids, lipids, and proteins. Chemists are collectively bewildered. Hence I say that no chemist understands pre-biotic synthesis of the requisite building blocks, let alone assembly into a complex system.

That's how clueless we are. I have asked all my colleagues—National Academy members, Nobel Prize winners—I sit with them in offices. Nobody understands this. So if your professors say it's all worked out, if your teachers say it's all worked out, they don't know what they're talking about.

Tour is talking about the easy part of OOL. Being a chemist, he talks about chemistry. The Laws of physics (physics includes chemistry) tell us what can and canNOT happen. Tour is saying that the laws of physics are telling us that although chemistry can explain the structure of living things, laws of chemistry canNOT create life. We know from experience that the chemical pathways dictated by the laws of physics are constantly working to destroy life.

The hard part is the control mechanism of a cell. Factory systems put together the **"basic set of molecules, carbohydrates, nucleic acids, lipids and proteins."** Those factory machines are under the complex control of DNA. When the molecule is needed, the DNA is triggered to make the needed molecule. Where the new molecule goes and what it does are dictated by the information in DNA reacting to the needs of the cell. DNA is pure information. The Laws of physics tell us that chemistry cannot create information. And it is easy to see why this is true. The laws of physics work with material objects. Information is not material. It is stored on material such as paper, computers, magnetic surfaces, etc. But those materials do not create the information they store. The information is not a product of the material. Indeed, the laws of physics tell us the material cannot create the information.

There are ZERO examples of information being created by matter and the laws of physics dictate that we will never find an example. There are TRILLIONS of examples of intelligent agents creating information. Every word in a book or line of computer code ever written are examples.

In the 1950's, due to the Miller-Urey Experiment, researchers thought they would understand OOL rather soon. It has been over 60 years and that confidence has turned to acknowledgement that the laws of physics forbid the naturalistic OOL.

God, in the person of Christ Jesus, is the creator of all life, the universe, you and me. Join us in the amazing joy of praising our Creator! Jesus loves you and is waiting for you to claim the joy He wants you to have. CRM

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the very bottom to the very top of the Coconino. If you climb Bear Mountain, you can't miss it. You walk through the middle of it near the top. You can also see it if you walk to the end of the Fay Canyon trail and then climb up the trail that starts into the west canyon. It will be nearly 1000 feet above you so take binoculars.

To the right is where you walk through it on the Bear Mountain Trail. Notice that the rock surface has lots of joints, or cracks. They run vertically and horizontally in a regular squarish pattern. Below is a close-up of a horizontal surface. Adding to the fun, there is a thin layer of Schnebley Hill Formation, the red crust, though this is near the top of the Coconino Formation. This is evidence that the Coconino and Schnebley Hill are basically the same deposit but with different color because the Schnebley Hill sand grains were subjected to a bath of iron-rich water.



This next shot shows the pattern appearing, weakly, at the top of a parabolic recumbent fold. The Coconino is curving up and to the left. Were the fold not eroded away, the fold would continue up to the left until it is horizontal.



The next shot shows a tall vertical face of the jointing at the west end of Fay Canyon. There are so many more amazing photos but let's get on with determining how these joints occurred.



First, are they the result of erosion after the sediment had hardened into rock? The fact that the rock here has the same general hardness of the rest of the Coconino, but the joints are limited to this small area indicates it is not. Also, the pattern is the same on all the rock regardless of orientation from horizontal to vertical and every angle in between. The pattern would vary based on slope if the rock was eroded when hard.

For the joints to occur in the pattern they do, the sediments were still quite watery, with probably a higher proportion of water than the rest of the Coconino.

An important question is: what was the trigger that caused the water to move and create the joints? There are two possibilities: Earthquake or weight of sediment on top of the Coconino.

Earthquake

Earthquakes often trigger water escape features called water pipes. Water will seek the course of least resistance when it is being squeezed in a recently deposited

sediment. The shaking of the earthquake causes the water to be squeezed out. Usually, the water moves upward as that is the path of least resistance. It carries sediment with it leaving a round shaped strata. Here is an example taken in the Schnebley Hill Formation in Boynton Canyon:



Notice there is a large water pipe in the center of the photo and a smaller one right next to it in the upper left. Many vertical water pipes are found in the Schnebley Hill Formation around Sedona. They are mostly in the immediate area of the Great Sedona Earthquake focal point. (See our Fall 2015 and Winter 2016 newsletters on our web site for more information.). Far less common in general, but rather common around Sedona, are water escape slits. These unusual features consist of a series of short vertical slits. There are sets of these slits in many places in the

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anity ignores other cultures and claims absolute truth. A straightjacket. The fact is that all belief systems are a straightjacket based on this reasoning. Each is claiming to have ultimate truth. And, you cannot escape. Atheism is also a religion that claims to have ultimate truth.

Freedom means you have to figure out what it is all about on your own. There is no overarching purpose for which we were created (by God or nature) in this mind-set. This thinking permeates modern society in the western world. Is it any wonder that suicide is increasing rapidly for all age demographics? If there is no purpose to life, why continue

the struggle? Stephen Jay Gould said: *...This explanation, though superficially troubling, if not terrifying, is ultimately liberating and exhilarating...We must construct these answers for ourselves...*

It sounds good, but far too many end up ending their own lives when confronted with the responsibility. In general, it seems that Gould's solution is not in tune with human needs.

Some say that truth is really a construct for gaining power. An appeal is made to the philosophy of Nietzsche. But, as is typical of humans, we only notice what we want to see. If you were to say (apparently selflessly), "everyone should do justice to the poor," Nietzsche would accuse you of wanting

to start a revolution so you can be in power. Nietzsche was pretty smart. Just look at various social revolutions of the past 150 years to see people in it for power.

Of course, denial of truth is itself a proclamation of supposed truth. You just can't do away with truth.

Jesus said: *I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.*

To know Jesus is to know true truth. You won't figure it all out in this life, but you will increase in knowledge of truth. In increasing knowledge of truth is satisfaction. Join us in the joy of trusting Jesus, the source of true truth and all joy in this life and our eternal life. CRM

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Schnebly Hill Formation. Here are two slits in a set in the Coconino (along with some folded strata) in Boynton Canyon:



Since water will follow the path of least resistance, there was less resistance horizontally than vertically. That would be very strange unless there was a very thick layer of watery sediment on top of this watery sediment. All of the slits in a set of slits are oriented in the same direc-

tion. But there is an important clue in these slits. The slits are always open. You can push a piece of paper back into the slit.

The jointed strata that is the subject of this article has slits going 90 degrees to each other. In addition, the slits are tighter than other sets. Also, notice the



round pipes that are part of some of the slits. Those slits had lots of water and a pipe of flowing water occurred. My initial thought is that the earthquake caused the water to come together like in slits or water

pipes, but the water could not escape. So mostly, it didn't flow but simply formed slits 90 degrees to each other. But since the water could not flow, it just pushed the sediment back. But as the water slowly escaped, the sediment closed back in on the slits, leaving a thin slit of very watery sediment that eventually dried in place.

The true significance of this amazing feature is that it goes from the bottom to the top of the Coconino Formation, indicating that the entire 600 foot thickness plus a very thick layer of sediment above the Coconino was deposited in minutes.

God in the person of Jesus, has left **G**us with overwhelming evidence of Noah's Flood. Join us in the joy of acknowledging the Creator of the universe, you and me. CRM

QUOTE:

If there were a basic principle of matter which somehow drove organic systems toward life, its existence should easily be demonstrable in the laboratory. One could, for instance, take a swimming bath to represent the primordial soup. Fill it with any chemicals of a non-biological nature you please. Pump any gases over it, or through it, you please, and shine any kind of radiation on it that takes your fancy. Let the experiment proceed for a year and see how many of those 2,000 enzymes [proteins produced by living cells] have appeared in the bath. I will give the answer, and so save the time and trouble and expense of actually doing the experiment. You will find nothing at all, except possibly for a tarry sludge composed of amino acids and other simple organic chemicals.

Fred Hoyle, *The Intelligent Universe*, Michael Joseph, London, 1983, p. 20-21.

POINT:

Hoyle was generous. The Miller-Urey experiment done nearly 30 years prior to Hoyle's statement showed that the sludge that forms will break down all the amino acids into more sludge of basic chemicals. As Hoyle said, you can use any combination of chemicals in any environment you want. The experiments have been tried. Hoyle was right. They all fail. It does not matter what you believe or what you hope for, the fact is that entropy will always move everything from organized to less organized. Life is as organized as it gets. Every day the laws of physics try to kill you. You would be dead except that Jesus designed dozens of repair systems into every cell.