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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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Why Christianity Requires a Young Earth

Why worry about the age of the earth? Salvation is dependent on only one thing... Confess your sins to Jesus and ask Him to be Lord and king of your life. Turn your life over to Jesus. That's it. You are now a born-again, saved Christian.

So then, what is the big deal about the age of the earth? This article will explain why the age of the earth is a big deal,



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A Young Earth in Many Cultures

The Bible and science are not the only sources where we find the conclusion that the earth is young. See <https://answersingenesis.org/age-of-the-earth/how-old-is-the-earth/>. Just as the story of Noah's Flood can be found in scores of cultures, many cultures worldwide have a calendar that indicate a young earth. For Jews it is year 5780. In China it is year 4719. Most calendars range from about 3600 to 7000. [CRM](#)

Science to Learn By

Every issue of this newsletter is frustrating to me because there are scores of new science research findings that show the truth of Genesis 1 to 11, and I only have a few pages to talk about a few things. So, this issue has more short items. All references can be found on our website home page.

Genetic Entropy

Naturalists have done very little research regarding the entropy of the genetic code in creatures. A paper published in [Theor. BiolMed. Model](#) does one of the first analyses. Entropy should be expected in genetics as everything in reality is subject to entropy.

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Nobel Prize for Evolution

Nope. Nobody has ever won a Nobel prize for research in evolution. Nobody. Ever. For good reason. Evolution is speculation contradicted by evidence gained from research. The Nobel prize in Chemistry in 2018 was awarded to three researchers who confirmed design in life and irreducible complexity in proteins. The researchers engineered/designed new proteins. Using random processes there is only one chance in 10^{77} that a new protein will be helpful. In other words, it won't happen unless it is designed. Evolutionist-new-atheist Jerry Coyne is aghast. He can't believe the award winners would talk about designing a protein. Evolution contributes nothing to science. All evolutionists can do is say, "Look what happened, evolution did that." All progress in biology and genetics comes from the researchers assuming design and purpose in life functions. They don't come out and say it, but Coyne can read between the lines. Life is irreducibly complex as most intelligent designs are.

Christ or Issa - The Lost Years of Jesus - Part 3

Way back in 2005, we ran a series of articles on Issa and Gnosticism. That was 14 years ago. We started this reprint two issues ago. I have updated and expanded slightly from the original articles. Mostly, I deal with the philosophy of Materialism. Gnosticism is becoming ever more deeply entrenched in our society, so it needs

to be addressed also. Stories about Christ not found in the Bible or Christ Consciousness, which is not found in the Bible, are all Gnostic in nature:

In the last issue, we found that most of the evidence of Jesus going to the east

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even if not required to be believed by Christians.

First, just a general look at the history of Christianity over the past two hundred years shows the result of Christians rejecting a young earth.

Before 1800, every Christian leader wrote of the earth being just 6000 years old (if they mentioned the age at all). By 1800, the Age of Reason and the Enlightenment had resulted in intellectuals rejecting God and everything supernatural. Everything will be explained using science to analyze matter and energy.

Christian leaders of the time, just as today, want to be accepted by the leading intellectuals of the time so they thought/think that accepting an old earth will bridge the gap. They forget that to be a Christian you must believe in the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus. The naturalists reject this because it is an appeal to the supernatural. So, while the Christian intellectuals think they are equal in the eyes of the naturalist because they concede an old earth, they are actually suckers used by the naturalists/atheists to ridicule Christians who are faithful to God's Word. Christian intellectuals still believe in Jesus rising from the dead so the naturalist intellectuals still have no use for them.

To accept an old earth, the Christian must abuse the clear meaning of words of the Bible. The first attempt is called the "gap theory." Based on two verses in the old testament that are totally unrelated to the creation account, they add billions of years between Genesis 1: verses 1 and 2. In the process, they have to claim fossils are the result of a judgement that occurred in that time gap. That, in turn, means they have to reject Noah's

flood as an event that actually occurred as described in Genesis 6-8. The second attempt is called the "day-age theory." The idea here is that each day of Genesis was actually longer (up to billions of years) than 24 hours. This is the popular theory today as the gap theory has been deserted by most.

The word for "day" in Genesis is the Hebrew word "**yom**." Yom has a default meaning of a 24-hour day, but can mean a longer period of time. But to mean a long period of time, the context must demand it. For example, the Bible in several places refers to "the day of the Lord." This is actually most likely a period of 40 24-hour days. But the Genesis account defines what is meant by a day: "Evening and morning." This is how a 24-hour day is defined by Jews... Evening and morning. In addition, every day in Genesis 1 is given an ordinal number such as first or second. In every other use of the word in the Bible, assigning an ordinal number to **yom** refers to **yom** being 24 hours.

Recently, I actually had a religious leader tell me that perhaps the definition of **yom** was different back when Genesis was written. I was taken aback. I had never heard that one before. I pointed out that Exodus 20:8-11 refers to the creation week, saying the earth was created in 6 days. This is in the middle of Moses giving the ten commandments. He immediately changed the subject. His logic would require questioning the meaning of the ten commandments.

But here is why a young earth is absolutely critical to Christian theology. Adam's sin brought death into the creation. Indeed, the Bible often mentions that death is "the last enemy." And it says all of creation (the entire universe) was subjected to death because of Adam's

sin. But, according to old earth belief, billions of creatures died before Adam sinned. This presents a huge problem for both the gap and day-age theories. Both require death before Adam sinned. If Adam was not a real person committing a real original sin, then Jesus' role as the "second Adam" is meaningless and death is declared by God in Genesis 1:31 to be very good. The Bible tells us that God uses evil for good. Here is a prime example: Death is the last enemy to be conquered by good, therefore it is evil. Death is not "very good." But, God uses death for a good. We leave this body via death to be resurrected into a perfect, sinless body.

Indeed, Jesus states, *But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother, and the two shall become one flesh; so they are no longer two, but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let no man separate.* (Mark 10:6-9) Two problems arise with this statement regarding an old earth. First, according to old-earth philosophy the universe has been around for 13.6 billion years and man for a couple hundred-thousand years. That would hardly put the creation of man at "the beginning of creation. Second, the entire Christian idea of marriage is founded these verses which depend on humans appearing at the beginning of creation.

Finally, there is a scientific problem. As we have shown for 66 issues of this newsletter, geological evidence better fits a young-earth-creation scenario than an old-earth-naturalism scenario. The fossil record shows created kinds suddenly appearing in the fossil record with no intermediates. Genetic research shows that the fitness of humans is decreasing at a rate of 1.5% per generation. All known mutations cause death or illness. Every good mutation ever found results in **breaking a processes**, eliminating a step, not the addition of new processes. The most basic law of science, entropy, tells us everything is going down hill. Old earth philosophy requires the constant violation of entropy.

Jesus, is the creator of the human ability to think, reason and make sense of Scripture, not to mention that He is Creator of the universe, you and me. CRM

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But evolution requires negative entropy... Things must keep getting more organized. The researchers conclude that genetic entropy is real and gnomes are going down hill toward extinction, not uphill toward a new kind of critter. The journal permanently flagged the paper as “Highly Accessed” while the paper was still provisional, not yet officially published.

This is a serious blow to the concept of evolution of new more-advanced critters.

Secular Humanism = Religion?

John Staddon, an emeritus professor of biology and psychology at Duke and the author of an article in *Quillette*, logically reasons that secular humanism is, in fact, a religion. (*Quillette* is an on-line magazine that allows free thought and expression of ideas, particularly ideas that are now censored in intellectual circles.) Among other things, he argues that atheism has been intolerantly thuggish, imposing dogma, punishing blasphemy, and harboring an acute hatred for Christianity. New-atheist and anti-creationist Jerry Coyne responded in a well-thought out article. Both articles were well written and reasoned. But on his website Coyne states, in a most intolerantly thuggish manner, that *[T]he editors screwed up by accepting a piece that makes very little sense, and arrives at its conclusion by some risibly tortuous logic... Why did the editors of Quillette publish this odiferous (stinking odor) serving of tripe?* Many of his followers said something to the same effect. They are polite in public but prove Staddon correct in “private.”

Darwin Devolves

In his book, *Darwin Devolves*, Michael Behe points out that many times a creature will sacrifice some function in order to manifest a new characteristic that will tackle a current survival problem. Of course he was ridiculed for saying such a thing by naturalists. But, as usual, when you look at research actually being conducted and published, you discover Behe is correct.

30 scientists from around the world

co-wrote a paper they titled: *Evolthon: A community endeavor to evolve lab evolution*. One of the statements in the paper is: *Evolution often trades off between competing tasks. For example, when improving fitness towards a certain challenge under selection, organisms might compromise their fitness in another environment, in particular the original environment to which they were already adapted....* That is exactly what Behe said, but since he believes in intelligent design he was denigrated for describing what actually happens in evolution.

Christians Win Again

In yet another study, highly religious couples (i.e. devoted Christians) are more satisfied with their marriage, including intimate aspects, than less or mixed religious couples. As usual, secular couples were the least satisfied. Secular folks say they don't want to live under the horrible conditions of Christianity. As result, they choose to be less satisfied with life. Every study ever done, regardless of the orientation of the researchers, find that Christians are most likely to live the life we all want... A satisfying and contented life. Join us! Live the fabulous life!

Another Evolution Just-So Story Falsified

A just-so story is a story you are asked to believe *Just* because I say *So*. Most evolution stories are just-so stories. And, most are wrong. In this example, the just-so story is that mitochondria came about because very early in the history of life a bacteria entered a eukaryote (a cell with an enclosed nucleus). Mitochondria accomplish many things, but most importantly, produce all the energy needed by a cell. This fortuitous merger of the two allowed for the start of multicellular life.

This was accepted as absolute truth by evolutionists. Then the bane of evolutionists happened. Researchers actually tested the idea. A paper recently published in the prestigious journal, *Nature*, explains why it didn't happen.

Falsification of evolutionary just-so stories occurs constantly.

Teach The Controversy

93% of Americans believe that “*teachers and students should have the academic freedom to objectively discuss both the scientific strengths and weaknesses of the theory of evolution.*” And 88% that “*scientists who raise scientific criticisms of evolution should have the freedom to make their arguments without being subjected to censorship or discrimination.*” The reality is that naturalists are constantly fighting new state standards that allow teachers to teach the weaknesses of evolution. Several world-respected scientists have lost their jobs because they have taught the weaknesses or indorsed intelligent design. Those who fight academic freedom are not doing it because of science. They are doing it because they hate the God of the Bible.

Foresight

Three Nobel Prize-winning scientists have endorsed a new book titled: *Foresight: How the Chemistry of Life Reveals Planning and Purpose*. From the title, you can guess what the author has to say. Being a leading chemist, he is well-qualified to write the book. You won't hear it on the news or on the Discovery Channel or in National Geographic, but more and more highly respected scientists are rejecting Darwinism and the idea that life could happen accidentally.

What is Mutation?

This recently published National Institutes of health paper explains “*How microbes “Jeopardize” the modern synthesis.*” The “modern synthesis” is neo-darwinian theory which can be summed up as *Random Mutation + Natural Selection = New Kinds of Creatures*. How does research “jeopardize the modern synthesis? Simple. Research has shown that just about all mutations (and epigenetic controls) that are helpful to a creature are actually controlled by the DNA itself as it self-improves within certain limits. Random mutations do harm.

God in the person Jesus is the creator of the incredible built-in intelligence of DNA, of the universe, you and me. Research by naturalists confirm what creationists have been predicting for decades, and which falsify evolution. CRM

Christ or Issa from page 1 from age 13 to 30 consists of Gnostic (see bottom of page) writings from the 3rd and 4th century. This month we look at what Issa supposedly had to say about his experience in India. *The Lost Years of Jesus* by Elizabeth Clare Prophet (1983) is our guide.

We pick up the text of the book on page 218 at the start of chapter V of the supposed ancient text about Issa (*Italics indicates a direct quoting of the text*):

(Verse) 1 - says that Issa arrived when he was 14 to live among the Aryas.

2 - states that the *reputation of this marvelous child* spread throughout the land.

3 - *But he left the erring worshippers of Jaine and went to Juggernaut... where the white priests of Brahma made him a joyous welcome.*

4 - The priests of Brahma *taught him to read and understand the Vedas* (Hindu holy books - Ed) and to perform miracles such as healing.

5 - *He passed six years at Juggernaut... and other cities, ...living in peace with the Vaisyas and the Sudras, whom he instructed in the holy scriptures.* Soon we will see which holy scriptures he taught, but so far they haven't been mentioned.

6 through 9 - The text explains that the Vedas and other sacred writings are not for the common people, some of whom are destined to be slaves for life. Issa is encouraged to worship the gods, who may

become *incensed against thee if thou dost disobey them*. Obeying all the gods could prove to be tricky since there are quite a few major gods and several hundred-million lesser gods in the Hindu belief. And there is the problem that Jesus is the God/Creator of the universe. If those gods exist, Jesus created them and certainly they would have no power over Him.

11 - Issa states: *for God the Father makes no difference between his children; all to him are equally dear*. This is an antagonistic statement. Nobody receives special knowledge. All can read and understand the Bible. This is exactly the message of the Bible, which contradicts verse 9 above.

12, 13 - *Issa denied the divine origin of the Vedas and the Puranas. For... a law has already been given to man to guide him in his actions; Fear thy God, bend the knee before him only, and bring to him alone the offerings which proceed from thy gains.* Here Issa introduces the leaders to monotheism: One God. He also talks about God's law which was, according to the Bible, laid down before the foundation of the world, which would predate the Vedas. He makes it clear that the Vedas and other supposed sacred writings are the writings of men only, and not from God. Finally, Issa introduces us to giving offerings to God. In Genesis 14:20 we have the first recorded offering to God and in the Law of Moses we have the command. Issa is pointing directly to the Bible and the ten commandments (four of which tell us to love and worship the one,

true God only).

14 - All Hindu gods are denounced by Issa.

15, 16 - *The Judge Eternal, the Eternal Spirit, comprehends the one and inadvisable soul of the universe, which alone creates, contains, and vivifies all. He alone has willed and created, he alone has existed since all eternity, and his existence will have no end. He has no equal either in the heavens or the earth.* Here Issa gives us a clear picture of Jesus as Creator and Judge (Gnosticism does not support the idea that there is one-time final judgement). The one God who is Father, Son and Spirit is described... exactly as the Bible does. Jesus is called eternal which means He existed before the universe. He had to also be the Creator.

17 through 27 - Next issue we will see what Issa has to say about creation and judgment.

What Issa found and reported to Hindu leaders is a complete, specific, no-holds-barred proclamation of the falsehood of all eastern religions & writing, Gnosticism, and polytheism. Issa, Jesus or not, corrected, not learned from, those leaders.

What taught is complete support of Biblical teaching of the one True God through the person of Jesus, the Christ of God, and our only hope. Salvation comes to those who call upon the name of the person Jesus. In Him only is there an eternal future... Just like Issa says. CRM

Gnosticism: Most atheistic or polytheist religions are built upon Gnosticism (Christianity, Judaism and Islam are the only monotheistic [only one god] religions). The Greek, Roman and other cultures also had elements of Gnosticism in their belief systems. There are several tenants of Gnosticism, two are important to this discussion.

1) **Matter is evil, Spirit is good.** Our goal is to escape the physical and join the "christ consciousness" spirit. What happens in the physical world is of little importance as long as you are growing closer to the spirit. This totally contradicts the teachings of Jesus who taught that our spiritual condition is reflected in our physical actions (the Bible sets forth some regulations on our actions). The Bible also says we will be resurrected into physical bodies after death is fully conquered by Jesus. In Genesis, Jesus pronounces every step of the creation as "good." When finished, Jesus declares the entire creation, "...very good." (Gen. 1:31) Matter is not innately evil.

2) **Enlightenment.** Only those who are already enlightened can lead others to the higher level of understanding. The Bible makes it clear that every person can have immediate access to God through belief in Jesus.

No wonder Peter and John and leaders up to the present use so much of their writings to combat Gnosticism that was/is creeping into the church established by Jesus.

See: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gnosticism#Matter> & <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Irenaeus>