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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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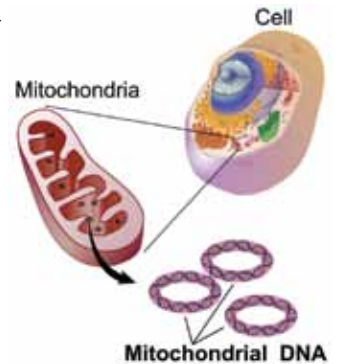
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Naturalists Discover DNA Reality

As the tools for studying DNA become more sophisticated and faster, researchers are able to do large scale comparisons of DNA. There are two types of DNA found in living cells. We are all familiar with nucleotide DNA. That DNA is found in the nucleus of cells and controls the creation of proteins and the expression of genes, including the controlling of development of embryos.



DNA is also found in mitochondria. Mitochondria DNA (mtDNA) is much shorter in length than nuclear DNA which makes it much easier



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Short Newsworthy Items

New Reptile Tracks at the Grand Canyon

A few science oriented periodicals say that geologists have discovered a new, remarkable set of footprints at the Grand Canyon. In fact, some hikers found it, pictured at the right. Reptile tracks are common in the Coconino Formation, but these are from the lower part of the Supai Group, supposedly 300 million years old. The Coconino is supposedly about 275 million years old, making these the oldest tracks found to date. They have several things in common with the



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How Can This Happen? Religion Good For You

Once again a study has come out that shows that teens who are raised with religious or spiritual practices tend to have better physical and mental health as they age. This news is from the T.H. Chan School of Public Health at Harvard. We have cited many studies before that show that spiritual people, particularly Christians, are the most content and happy. Indeed, atheists have always been shown to be the least happy and content... And even that atheists die younger than spiritual people. Atheists claim that religion is a "meme." It is a thought that is passed on from generation to generation via training of youth. This is to cover up the fact that evolution says we will adapt to that which makes us more fit. Certainly, living longer means we are more fit. I certainly prefer to be happy and content rather than not. It seems that by the atheists' own explanation of things, atheists should become extinct because they are less fit! If they really cared about people, they would discourage becoming an atheist!

The Reason For God - 7

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 7 of a series of articles based on his book, *The Reason for God - Belief in an Age of Skepticism*. See our Web site for previous parts.

Hell. How can a loving God send people to hell? The answer to this question is simple. God is the creator of the universe, you and me. He can run it however He wishes. There is something about the very nature of God that requires justice. Hell is the just result of rejecting God as your God. See **Reason** on page 4



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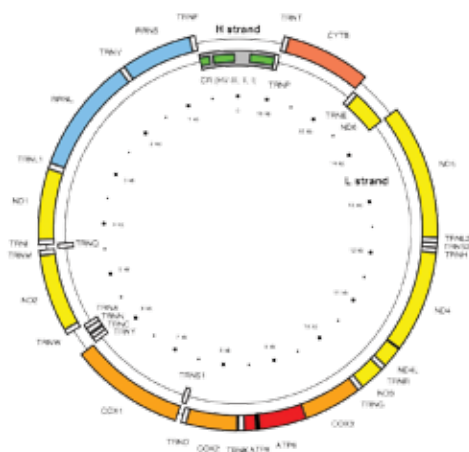
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to study across species. Where human nuclear DNA has over 3 billion nucleotide base pairs, mtDNA has about 16,569 base pairs. Those 16,569 base pairs make up 37 genes. Many of those genes code for proteins that are needed by the motors that make ATP, the energy source of cells. Because each motor makes many thousands of ATP molecules every day, the motors break often. Rather than having to get the code for repair parts from the nuclear DNA, the code for the repair parts is right there near the motors so the repair is much more efficient.

mtDNA is in the shape of a circle rather than a long stranded double-helix:



Recently, a research study looked at the mtDNA of millions of species. The researchers created a “barcode” for each species. A barcode is made by looking at the DNA sequence of one of the genes. In other words, a barcode is simply the DNA code of that stretch of DNA.

They found (this has been known since the late 1990s) that human mtDNA varies very little. They looked at 5 million different species (a database of mtDNA has been under construction for many years) and found that there is very

little difference in the mtDNA within any kind of creature. Since mtDNA does the same thing across most species, the genes should be very similar across species. And, they found, it is. There is very little difference across the 5 million species they looked at.

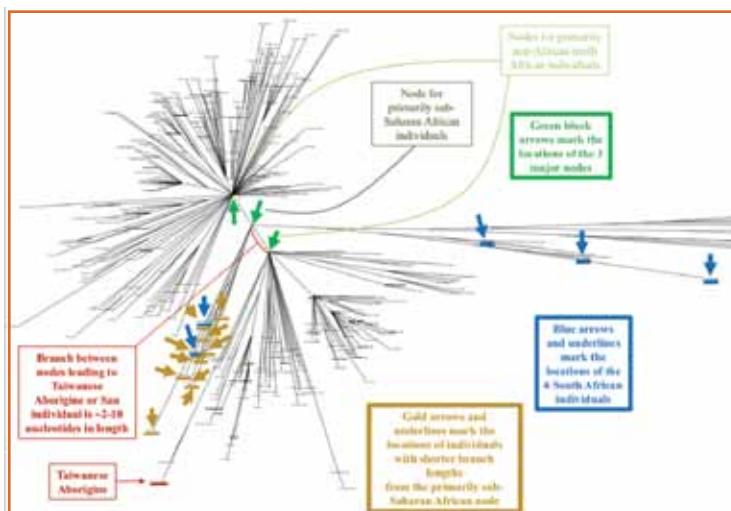
Knowing the mutation rate of mtDNA, they concluded that an extinction event wiped out most of earth’s life about 200,000 years ago.

But, there is a problem with the mutation rate they used. They assumed evolution. In the 1990s the mutation rate of human mtDNA was measured and was found to be one nucleotide per billion per year. At that time they realized that the conclusion had to be made that all humans are the descendants of one female who lived 6000 years ago. Wikipedia even had this information on a few pages that have since be removed for the following reason:

Since evolutionists believe that humans came from a pre-human population of at least 10,000, their explanation became an obvious problem. The results meant that somehow, all the women alive 6000 years ago died, leaving just one woman to be the source of all of us alive today. But, evolutionists also believe that man had spread around the world long before that time. How did the entire world get repopulated in 6000 years from just one woman? The Bible explains it, but it doesn’t fit with modern scientific thought of atheists.

This group of researchers came to the same conclusion that we are all descendants of one woman, but stretched out the time line. How does the time line get stretched? Ignore the scientific method that gave actual results from measurements and assume evolution. Since chimps and man are closest relatives, according to evolution, look at the difference in mtDNA between chimps and humans, factor in the assumed 6 million years since our common ancestor and use that result for the “real” mutation rate. Bye-bye science, hello religion.

It gets even worse for the evolutionists. Comparisons of mtDNA of people groups around the world result in the following graph (right side cropped):



All of the information for this graph comes from databases generated by evolutionists. The black lines represent the mtDNA of 369 individuals. Those with most similar mtDNA are placed side by side. This chart allows us to see how mtDNA changes through people groups. Secular scientists acknowledge that there appears to be three major groups of people represented by the divergence at the three green arrows. They even refer to them as the “three daughters of Eve.” How appropriate. They are the wives of Noah’s three sons. All mankind has descended from these three women who are all descendants of Eve. Based on measured mutation rates, they lived about 4200 years ago.

Jesus, is the creator of mtDNA, Eve, the universe, you and me. The evolutionist is an author of a nonscientific adult fairy tale for those who wish there were no God. CRM

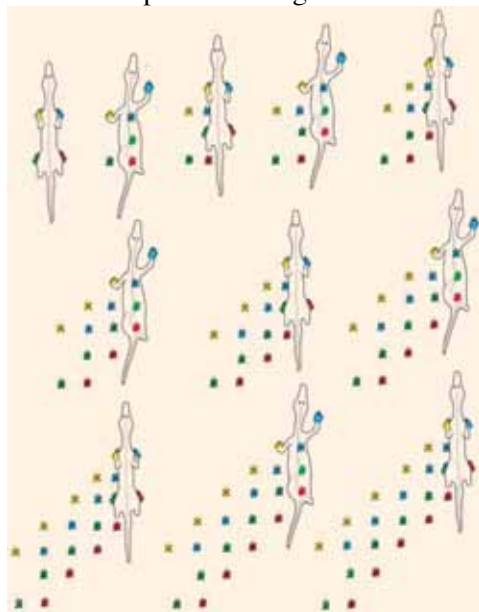
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Coconino footprints that have been found.

What is interesting is that I am not aware of a single fossil bone of a reptile or amphibian ever found in the Supai or the Coconino. That seems odd. You have to go above the Coconino (which is above the Supai) to find bones.

Finding footprints and bones at different altitudes in strata is rather surprising if the naturalists' narrative is correct. Amazingly, this is common. At Tuba City, AZ we find thousands of dinosaur tracks, but to find bones you have to go to strata layers higher up. It is as if the dinosaurs were running from a huge flow of sediment (the tracks usually go in a straight line with all critters running in the same direction) and then are caught in the flow to be deposited elsewhere and at a higher elevation. Sounds like an incredibly huge flood.

In addition, just like Coconino footprints, the prints aim straight uphill, but make a path at an angle:



Is it not amazing that virtually every footprint path found in the Coconino, and now the Supai, is angled like this? Something is pushing it from the left side toward the right. If it were wind, we would not expect the angle to happen in every trackway that is found. If moving water was doing the pushing, we would not find this happenstance to be unusual at all. This is evidence of Noah's Flood. Footprints without bones and always going uphill at an angle are both evidence

of a massive flood.

Mountains of Antarctica

Underneath the ice sheet of Antarctica is a continent of rock, much like the other continents. And, there are mountain ranges. This picture is of the Gamburtsev Mountains:



Naturalists believe this mountain range is about 900 million years old and ice has been building up on top of the mountains for 34 million years. That means erosion would have occurred for over 850 million years before the ice arrived.

Naturalists also agree that the pressure of the accumulating ice would cause the ice in contact with bedrock (the mountain range) to melt. This would allow the ice to move over the mountains. That too would erode the mountains away. Yet, the mountains exhibit very little erosion. LiveScience.com says it best:

It's really hard to imagine that there are mountains under there [the ice]. It doesn't matter which way you spin - it's pretty flat, said [geophysicist Robin] Bell, who has studied the area for years. Yet, she added, the truly mysterious part of the hidden mountains is not that they exist, but how they still exist. The inexorable march of geological time erodes mountains away (if we came back in 100 million years the Alps would be gone Bell said) and the Gamburtsevs, at the ripe old age of 900 million to a billion years old, should have been worn down eons ago. (Emphasis in original)

Obviously, the mountains are very young, formed at the end of Noah's Flood and covered by ice during the ice age that followed the flood.

Superbugs

At the Michael G. DeGroot Institute for Infectious Disease Research, researchers have determined that antibiotic

resistance in bacteria goes back 30,000 years. It has long been known to go back before the advent of antibiotics, but this goes WAY back. Bacteria are NOT mutating to become superbugs. They have always been with us. Let me explain using rats.

If you want to kill rats, you use a poison called warfarin. It is a blood thinner. If a rat (or you) take a large enough dose, the rat will bleed to death internally because warfarin prevents the production of vitamin K which is needed to make blood clot. So you put out the warfarin and the rat population decreases significantly.

But some rats survive. Why? We now know that some rats are resistant to warfarin. They keep making vitamin K. But, they are in the minority. Most of the rats are killed by the poison.

After a year, you are back to the same number of rats, all of them resistant to warfarin. So, how do you kill them now? Stop putting out warfarin for a year. Yeah, you will still have rats, but be patient. After a year, put out warfarin again.

The rats die off again. What happened? Rats that are susceptible to warfarin are more fit (an evolution term) so they fare better than the rats that are resistant. There are lots of susceptible rats and only a few that are resistant. When you kill off the susceptible rats, there is no competition for the resistant rats and they flourish so you end up with the same number of rats. When you remove the warfarin, the susceptible rats out-compete the resistant rats again and when warfarin is used again, the susceptible rats die.

This is pretty much what happens with antibiotics. We humans have killed off the susceptible bacteria but not the resistant bacteria. We were warned by the inventors of antibiotics that this would happen unless we limited their use and always took the full prescription. We have used them too much and some have not taken the full prescription.

God in the person of Jesus, created bacteria, the universe, you and me. Christians will experience no harmful bacteria after God creates the new universe. Join us in joy and peace now, and a disease-free eternity to come! CRM

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The reaction to this answer is what is interesting. In many cultures, the answer is seen as the only reasonable answer there is. And, in that same culture what will be the hard thing to believe is that God is willing to forgive our evil behavior.

But, you might reply, a God of judgement cannot be a God of love! Why not? They are not mutually exclusive. In fact, I would contend that God's judgement is an act of love! How can that be? C.S. Lewis put it best in his book, *The Great Divorce*. *There are only two kinds of people in the end: those who say to God, "Thy will be done," and those to whom God says, in the end, "Thy will be done." All that are in Hell, choose it. Without that self-choice there could be no Hell. No soul that seriously and constantly desires joy will ever miss it. Those who seek find. Those who knock it is opened.*

You see, during this life you are exposed to people like me. People who love God. God gave Christians three commands and we try (alas, sometimes not so well done) to follow those three commands.

- 1 Love God.
- 2 Love all people.
- 3 Make disciples.

Pretty simple. By sending out this newsletter I fulfil the three commands by 1- showing Him my love for Him by

following the next two commands. 2- By telling you I am *...always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have...with gentleness and respect* (1st Peter 3:15). My studies in science have greatly strengthened my hope. For the Christians that read this newsletter, I hope I am making them stronger disciples of Christ.

So, God gives you no choice. You know I am here and I am preaching the Good News of salvation in Jesus. You may or may not like it. You may desire to never have God attempt to influence you at all... To be left utterly alone by God.

Wish granted. After this life, God will leave you alone if that is your desire. But, remember that the absence of God is the definition of hell. Since God is the source of all good, His absence can only be evil. I pray you will change your mind and invite God to be a part of your life now and for all eternity.

You can see that in the end, God's judgment is synonymous with His love. He will be giving you exactly what you have requested.

When we see a loved one putting him/herself in danger we become alarmed. When we see that it is an evil being that is arranging the danger, we get angry. So does God. He sees Satan putting you in danger and because of His infinite love for you, He attempts to get you away from that evil, dangerous person. This newsletter is one way He tries to get you

away.

The Old Testament of the Bible has story after story of how this works. When Israel was doing evil, He brought in other countries to conquer Israel so they would turn back to Him. It usually worked... up to the time when they were dispersed from Israel. They reached a point where they simply would not turn back to God. This is analogous to individuals choosing hell over God. You have lots of opportunities, but you have to do the deed of accepting Jesus as Lord and savior of your life.

What would most of us think if God did not express His love through judgement? We ALL want justice. We want the right thing to be done and we want those who do not do the right thing to be punished for it. So does God. What we don't like is when it is us that has earned the need for punishment. We humans are so fickle and such hypocrites. Yes, all of us. That is why I don't get upset when I am confronted by someone who attacks my science using his beliefs rather than science. I am a hypocrite too. So I get over it on the spot.

Indeed, it is the desire to avoid punishment that helps keep us nice to one another (sad to say).

We'll make this the conclusion of this series. If you want to dig deeper, I recommend any of Keller's books. Meanwhile, I hope you will consider what good things God has in store for those, hopefully you, who follow Jesus. CRM

QUOTE:

Introns Are Junk: For humans, introns — intervening sequences like that whose characterization very recently led to a new understanding of the origin of life, and soon possibly a reenactment of it — make up most of the junk. (p. 66, emphasis in original)

W. Ford Doolittle quoted in *Creative Evolution*

POINT:

Introns are short stretches of DNA that occur in the middle of a stretch of DNA that codes for a protein. When the DNA is read by RNA, the introns are removed from the code and what is left is the code for a protein. It would appear introns don't do anything. This led evolutionists to declare introns to be leftover junk of evolution. Indeed, famous atheist Richard Dawkins proclaimed for decades that junk DNA is THE best evidence of evolution. But here is what was recently published in the prestigious science journal, *Nature*: *We conclude that introns are specifically required for growth in the stationary phase of the culture when nutrients are depleted. ... We conclude that introns have common functions that lead to the repression of genes associated with nutrient depletion and the stationary phase.* Oops. It turns out that virtually all "junk" DNA in humans and most creatures is not only functional, it is absolutely necessary for life. It is not junk. The story of "junk" DNA is just another "just so" story (believe this JUST because I say SO). The idea of evolution is built on ignorance. Evolutionists didn't know what introns do so they made up a "just so" story to support evolution. And Dawkins calls creationists ignorant.