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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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Junk DNA Keeps You Alive

Nature Genetics is one of the many professional journals published by *Nature*, probably the most prestigious of all secular science journals. It is not the first time that *Nature* has published a paper regarding ERVs. We will look at a recent paper on ERVs. ERVs are found in so-called **Junk DNA**. ERV is the abbreviation for **Endogenous RetroViruses**. ERVs make up between 5% and 8%



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Law Journal: Teach Alternatives to Darwinism

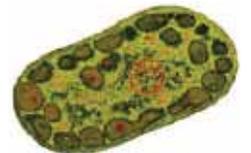
The Rutgers University Law Journal has come out in support of "Intelligence-Based Alternatives" to Darwinism. The author of the article, published in 2018, states: *As recent advances in genetic and molecular science increasingly challenge the tenets of Neo-Darwinism, the teaching of non-random, intelligence-based alternatives should be permitted under the Establishment Clause provided such alternatives are supported by scientific evidence*



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No Evolution = Evolution

We will journey back to 02/03/2015 for a paper from phys.org explaining that a bacteria that lives on sulphur has not changed in 2 billion years. Here is how one news outlet sums it up: *An international team of scientists has discovered the greatest absence of evolution ever reported—a type of deep-sea*



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Even Snowmen Know...



You, I and a child can see that snowmen, sculptures and even a simple stack of rocks is the result of an intelligent agent designing and creating. It takes hard work to deny the intelligent design of life. Randomness simply cannot generate complex structures. New York City, in all its complex interactive systems (communications, architecture, transportation systems, etc.) is simpler than a single cell. 3 billion nucleotides of code make life function. Only an intelligent agent can write code.



Christ or Issa - The Lost Years of Jesus - Part 4

Way back in 2005, we ran a series of articles on Issa and Gnosticism. That was 14 years ago. We started this reprint three 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 and "Christ Consciousness," which is not found in the Bible, are all Gnostic in nature:

In the past three issues we have been looking at *The Lost Years of Jesus* by Elizabeth Clare Prophet. Those who believe

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Junk from page 1 of human DNA. That means that of our 3 billion DNA nucleotides, between 150 million and 240 million DNA nucleotides are **ERVs**.

Endogenous retrovirus is a fancy sounding term. A **retrovirus** is a virus that inserts a copy of the virus' DNA into some other creature's DNA. When you get a virus, the virus inserts a copy of its DNA into your cell DNA. That inserted sequence of DNA literally takes over the reproductive system of the cell. It then cranks out copies of the virus. If this insertion occurs in a reproductive cell, it is called **Endogenous**. Those copies of the virus invade other cells and repeat the process. Your immune system attacks those transformed cells and kills them. When they are all dead, your fever goes away and you are well again.

Evolutionists believe that **viruses** managed to leave copies in cells that survived the onslaught of white blood cells because the **endogenous retrovirus** code became inactive and therefore was ignored by white blood cells. This supposedly happened way back in the evolutionary chain in simple creatures. As those creatures evolved, eventually resulting in humans, the **endogenous retroviruses** remained in the DNA. Therefore our cells have them, but they lack any function in human cells. They are therefore thought to be part of our **Junk DNA**.

Back to the research article. The published article explains how **EVRs** in humans are critical to the basic operation in human cells. The recent article states: *Far from being junk DNA, the pervasive retrotransposons (ERVs) that populate the genome have a powerful capacity to influence genes and chromatin. A new study demonstrates how the transcrip-*

tion of one such element, HERV-H, can modify the higher-order 3D structure of chromatin during early primate development. In other words, you would not have developed in the womb if the **ERVs** were not present in your cell DNA.

When **EVRs** were first documented I predicted that researchers would eventually discover that **ERVs** are actually necessary for a cell to survive because they are a necessary part of the operating code for basic cell functions. So far, every **EVR** that has been investigated has shown to be just that.

EVRs are found in all living cells of all living creatures. Here is why, using humans as the example.

We have just over 250 cell types that make up our body. Examples include liver cells, muscle cells and nerve

cells. They each specialize in doing something to keep us alive. Much of the code for making the cells is designed to accomplish that special function.

But, every cell must reproduce, make proteins, and many more basic things they have in common. Even cells in the simplest of creatures must perform these basic functions... And they perform them in the same manner. Hence some of the DNA will be the same in all creatures in order to perform those same basic functions.

Evolutionary theory requires that **ERVs** and almost all of our DNA be junk. See the "Sandwalk" link on our web site to see how an evolutionist explains how creationists don't understand modern evolutionary theory, specifically **Neutral Theory**, which is the currently the type of evolutionary theory most popular today (because the evos understand that unaltered Darwinian Evolution does not work).

Creationists understand it. We especially understand that without **Junk DNA**, **Neutral Theory** cannot work as you will read in the "Sandwalk" link.

God, in the person of Jesus, is the Creator of ERVs, the universe, you and me... But no junk anywhere. **CRM**



Evolutionists have a horrible problem. 2% of our DNA codes for proteins. They have long contended that the other 98% of our DNA is Junk. It isn't supposed to do anything. It is garbage left behind by the evolutionary process. But then the worst that could happen happened.

After our DNA was first mapped, a new project was started... The Encode Project. The goal of the Encode Project was to discover what DNA actually does. The Encode Project discovered that 80% of our Junk DNA was active. It does something. It is functional. Because only about 2/3 of humans' 250+ cell types had been examined at the time of the first release of results, the Encode researchers predicted that nearly 100% of our DNA would be found to have function. But the current version of Darwinian evolution, called the **Neutral Theory** of evolution, is fully dependant upon humans having huge amounts of Junk DNA.

The solution? Redefine the word "function." Evolutionists require that 98% of our DNA have no function so they redefined function to mean "code for proteins." That is like saying, a computer program doesn't have any function except to put characters or graphics on the screen. All of the code needed to generate the information displayed on the screen is useless junk. Only the program code that draws the screens counts. It really is hard to understand how many evolutionists have convinced themselves of this ridiculous notion.

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and are presented in a secular manner.

Indeed, in the last few years, several highly regarded scientists have publicly abandoned Darwinian evolution. Their Wikipedia pages quickly are removed or all of their accomplishments are removed and they suddenly become somebody who contributed next to nothing to the body of science. Those who still need a job see the writing on the wall and keep their mouths shut.

James Shiparo is so respected as a mathematically based evolutionist

that he has managed to stay relevant even though he has abandoned Darwinian evolution. He gets away with it because he still promotes evolution. But he sees intelligence built into evolution as he states: *Cells constantly adjust their metabolism to available nutrients, control their progress through their cell cycle to make sure that all progeny are complete at the time of division, repair damage as it occurs, and interact appropriately with other cells. In a multicellular context, they even undergo programmed cell death when suicide is beneficial to the entire population or to the multicellular*

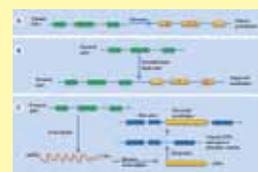
organism as a whole.

When you remove randomness in evolution, the only alternative is intelligent design. Shapiro gets away with this quote because what he says is undeniable. Secular professional journals are filled with examples of intelligence in the DNA of creatures.

Why do Darwinists reject design? Because they do not want there to be a god. Of course, their denial changes nothing. God, in the person of Jesus, is the intelligent designer of you, me and the universe. It is undeniable. CRM

Pseudogene Function "Prematurely Dismissed"

A new paper in *Nature Reviews Genetics*, "Overcoming challenges and dogmas to understand the functions of pseudogenes," documents not only that pseudogenes ("non-functional genes") have been found to have widespread function but also that under current "dogma" in biology we are failing to recognize their functions. As usual, it is evolutionary dogma that hinders science, not creationism CRM



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microorganism that appears not to have evolved over more than 2 billion years. But the researchers say that the organisms' lack of evolution actually supports Charles Darwin's theory of evolution.

How do the researchers justify this double-speak? It is like saying: Slavery = Freedom. It doesn't make sense. Their explanation is far fetched in saying it supports evolution but within the theory of Darwinian evolution, it does work.

Here is their logic: The bacteria divides, in effect having offspring. If that offspring has no mutations compared to the parent cell, natural selection has nothing to do. There is no evolutionary effect. If the offspring has a mutation, natural selection goes to work. Natural selection scrutinizes all mutations. If the mutation is beneficial, then that offspring will out-compete any offspring that have no mutation or offspring that have a mutation that is negative or even just less helpful than some other beneficial mutation. The best mutation wins. The logic in the theory is reasonable.

The problem is reality. Living creatures and plants are always undergoing mutations. On average, every cell division results in one mutation per 1 billion nucleotides in the DNA of the creature.

In other words, mutations must happen. There cannot be stasis (no change in DNA) for two billion years.

Naturalists explain that there have been two major extinction events and three minor extinction events in the past 550 million years. There was also a period before that by a few hundred million years when the earth was frozen solid all over the surface and deep into the oceans.

The extinctions occurred because the climate changed drastically in a



very short period of time. The change in climate is a change in environment which results in a need for organisms to adjust to the new environment. Besides the extinction events, climate is always changing in

slower and less drastic ways.. All the time.

There must be evolutionary change for creatures to survive the changing environment. Even if the environment does not change, mutations MUST happen. Can you imagine how many mutations occurred in 2 billion years when cell division occurs every few hours?! Since most mutations are near-neutral, natural selection can not weed them out. They will accumulate and change will happen. The creature simply must change because millions of mutations have occurred.

New environments are going to select for change. It simply is not possible for a creature to stay the same for 2 billion years because the environment has changed many times, sometime drastically world-wide, in those 2 billion years. Follow the link on our web site to read how coelacanths have not changed in 419 million years! That cannot happen!

New finding extends the range of anatomically modern coelacanths to the Early Devonian



Noah's Flood is confirmed in every branch of science that relates to the flood. God, in the person of Jesus, is the Creator of earth's history, the universe, you and me. CRM

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in the concept of Christ consciousness (simplified: The universe has a cosmic spirit with which we are one, but we have lost our way and need to re-discover that oneness) look to her book in an attempt to show that Jesus is not God. In our first part we saw that there was some, but slim, possibility that Jesus, called Issa, spent some part of ages 13 to 30 in India, supposedly to learn from Hindu masters. In the second part, we found that most of the evidence consists of Gnostic writings from the 3rd and 4th century. Last issue, we saw that Issa condemned the Vedas and Puranas as false writings, thus declaring that Hinduism-based (most of the eastern) religions are false.

As we conclude our look at the book, we look at several things Issa said that match the Bible in proclaiming there is one God who is the Creator. Issa also talks about sin and judgment. We will start with Chapter IV of Issa's words. The correlation with Biblical teaching is amazing and contrary to eastern thought (*Italics indicates a direct quoting of the text*):

(Verse) 1 - *...the moment when the all-merciful Judge elected to become incarnate in a human being...* Jesus, a member of the eternal Triunity of God, left his divine position to suffer in His creation.

8 - *The **divine** child, to whom was given the name of Issa, began from his earliest years to speak of the one and indivisible God, exhorting the souls of those gone astray to repentance and the purification of the sins of which they were culpable.* Notice that Jesus is called Issa. Also, that though he was a man, he is God (divine) which is "one and indivisible." It is stated that souls have gone astray. And have sinned. The Bible teaches that our body is just a dwelling place for our soul. It is our being, the soul, which sins against God. It is us, our beings, that must repent (turn around and walk away from).

Let's jump over what we discussed in past issues to chapter V and continue with this line of teaching by Issa.

15 - *The Judge Eternal, the Eternal Spirit, comprehends the one and indivisible soul of the universe which alone creates, contains, and vivifies all.* Does this indivis-

ible soul of the universe include us? Most Hindu-based religions may say so. But, do we create, contain and vivify (give life and energy to)? At first glance it might be. But that would be out of context. The next verses answer our question...

16 - *He alone has willed and created, he alone has existed since all eternity, and his existence will have no end. He has no equal in the heavens or on the earth.*

17 - *The Great Creator has not shared his power with any living being, still less with inanimate objects, as they have taught you; for he alone possesses omnipotence.* We have our answer. Eastern thought has attempted to deceive us. We are NOT part of the soul of the universe. We are created by that soul. God, the "Great Creator," alone has created all, including us. He does not share His power with us. We cannot create as He has created. We are NOT a part of Him. How could we be? We have sinned, Issa told us in verse 8. Sin is doing that which God disapproves of. We cannot possibly be a part of this wonderful God. And, inanimate objects... rocks, the earth itself, etc. are NOT alive. They are less than us. Issa confirms the teaching of the Bible and Christianity.

18 - *He willed it and the world appeared. In divine thought, he gathered together the waters, separating from them the dry portion of the globe. He is the principle for the mysterious existence of man, in whom he has breathed a part of his being.* Wow! This almost exactly parallels Genesis chapter 1. He breathed life into us. He created us in His image (like a shadow in the Hebrew of Genesis). Verses 19 through 27 tell of our sin and future judgement. Here are some excerpts:

*The anger of God will soon be let loose against man; **for he has forgotten his Creator... and he worships a crowd of creatures (exactly as Romans 1:23 says!)** which God has made subordinate to him... Because in the day of judgement the Sudras and the Vaisyas will be forgiven much because of their ignorance, while God, on the contrary, will punish with his wrath those who have arrogated to themselves his rights.... Worship not the idols, for they hear you not... Listen not to the Vedas, for their truth is counterfeit.*

Was Issa Jesus? There is not enough data to be sure of the answer to that question. But it is clear that Hinduism, Buddhism and related religions are false according to Issa. Issa confirms the Bible. God is a person, not just a force. He is Creator and Judge. We have sinned against Him. Issa confirms all these doctrines. "Christ consciousness" and the "cosmic Christ" are repudiated by Issa in these writings. Issa's writings are supposedly a cornerstone of Eastern thought, but the texts confirm the Bible. It makes sense. People do evil things. If we are part of a cosmic consciousness, then that consciousness is part evil and there would be no escape from evil, now or in the future.

Issa points us to Christ. In Him, and only in Him, is there hope of escaping evil. God and all He created is good. Our sin, the rejection of God that Issa spells out so clearly, has removed us from fellowship with our Creator. But God's love is so great that He, Jesus, paid the price that must be paid to restore that fellowship for eternity. Just ask Issa.

What Issa 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.

Why do people reject salvation through Christ? Many reject Christ for the same reason I rejected Christ for 29 years. I saw so many Christians who were hypocrites. Indeed we are! Everyone is a hypocrite. We all do things not in keeping with the worldview we profess. Born-again Christians have recognized our sin. We see that only Jesus can restore us to God's presence, just like Adam and Eve enjoyed in the garden before they sinned.

When I read the book of Romans in the Bible, the apostle Paul showed me the error in my thinking. I recommend the book of Romans to everyone. Learn who we really are and what we can become. Come join us and God for an eternity of joy! And, you get the joy in this life too. CRM