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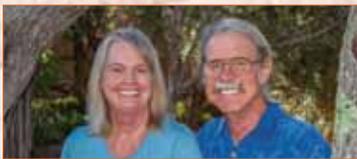
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But Jesus answered, "I tell you, if these (his followers) become silent, the stones will cry out!" **Luke 19:40**

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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## Human Genome Map Complete

In 1990, the Human Genome Project began. In 2003, 13 years and a few billion dollars later, the project was declared complete. But it wasn't. The technology of the time simply was not precise enough to give a true map. It gave us a really good idea of the map, but it wasn't until 2022 that an accurate map was completed. In the time between 2003 and 2022, several maps of our genome were completed. They varied in length by several hun-



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## Climate Change Crisis?

Are we in a climate crisis? There is no doubt the climate is changing. But is it a crisis? Regardless of what position you take, let me explain why those who think it is a crisis are being logical, but that the logic is based on a false premise.

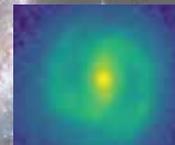
Let's start with why the panic over climate change is logical. The naturalist (a scientist who is a materialist) starts with the geological motto: *The present is the key to the past*. Starting with that assumption, a person then assumes that conditions on earth have always been pretty much like there are today.



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## JWST Latest Discoveries

In our last issue, we explained that the James Web Space Telescope (JWST) had discovered a galaxy that shouldn't be there if the big bang model is correct. Like a baby growing and maturing, galaxies grow and mature over time. The JWST has now found over a dozen galaxies that should be too young to have matured so much. It is as if the galaxies just suddenly appeared, fully mature. Of course we think that is exactly what happened and the JWST creation model while calling the big bang into the situation is even worse. The JWST has found several barred galaxies within those galaxies that appear too (big bang) age. Barred galaxies are the most mature. The photo inset shows one of those barred galaxies found by the JWST. Notice how the center shows a slight bar shape vertically through the center. That bar is an indicator of maximum maturity.

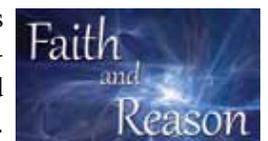


## Christianity, Atheism and Faith

**FAITH.** Christians and other religions claim faith in God, a god or the consciousness of the universe (or something). Atheists seem to be constantly bragging about how they are free thinkers... That they need no faith, they just use reason.

In high school, many of us took a course in geometry. It was taught in the math department. But, geometry is not re-

ally about math. It is about logic. The entire class was based on creating proofs. To work the proofs, we used postulates. An example of a postulate in geometry is: **Through any two points, there is exactly one line.** There are at least 33 postulates used in geometry. It turns out we should



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dred million base-pairs. (It sometimes get confusing because “nucleotides” and “base-pairs” are used interchangeably. Technically there are two nucleotides for each base pair. But, scientists originally, and incorrectly, thought that only one side of the DNA chain was actually read. I suppose they thought the other side was just there to help hold the whole thing together.)

Researchers have much better technology now and have determined there are 3,117,275,501 nucleotides in human DNA. You can get a reasonably accurate map of your DNA for a few hundred dollars and a couple weeks time. That sure does beat a billion dollars with a 13 year wait!

Chimp DNA has been compared to human DNA for several decades now. The rather crude methods for reading the DNA sequence of any genome used until the last decade limited the breadth of such comparisons. As a result, only a small fraction of the DNA was compared. Researchers limited the areas of comparison to those areas known to be very similar. In the beginning that made some sense. If you are starting research in comparison, the best place to start is where they are very similar. Together, technological ability and cost greatly limited how much of any critter’s genome could be read.

Mapping DNA was not easy or cheap. Up until a few years ago, the way to map DNA consisted of cutting several copies of the same DNA into many small *snippets*, also called *reads*.

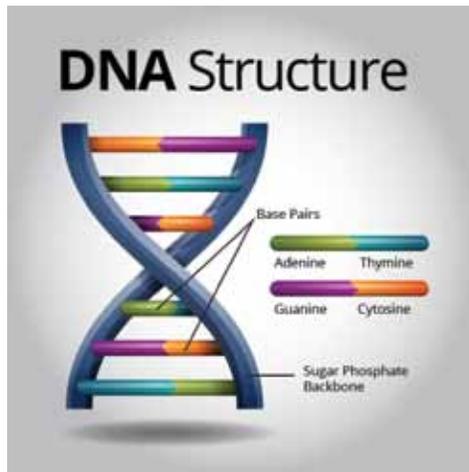
The snippets ranged in size from about 75 to 1500 base pairs. With 3 billion base pairs, that makes for a lot of snippets. The snippets then had to be compared at overlapping areas to construct the map. This led to many possible misreads. In addition, researchers discovered that up until about 2005, chimp DNA analysis was contaminated with human DNA.

A final factor in the building of the chimp DNA is that they used the human DNA map as a structure on which to build the chimp DNA map. Each chimp snippet was compared to the human genome to figure out where it went in the map.

In 2018 a new chimp genome map was constructed. Several aspects of the research lead the researchers to say that by far this is the best chimp genome map ever produced. It makes sense as techniques and technology are always improving.

Evolutionist Richard Buggs of the University of London was able to virtually eliminate human DNA contamination. Snippets ranged in size from 10,000 to 215,000 based pairs in length, eliminating a lot of guesswork. Third, he constructed his map from scratch. It is not based on the human genome.

He summarizes his research: *The percentage of nucleotides in the human genome that had one-to-one exact matches in the chimpanzee genome was 84.38%.*



Dr. Jeffrey Tomkins earned his Ph.D. in genetics at Clemson University in 1996. He was a faculty member in the department of Genetics and Biochemistry at Clemson University where he directed the Clemson University Genomics Institute from 2002 to 2006. He also started and directed the well-funded Clemson Environmental Genomics Laboratory (2006-2009). As a result of his science studies, Tomkins became a creationist. He also did a comparison of chimp and human DNA and found a similarity of 84.4%

Ebersberger, I. et al., in a paper (*Mapping human genetic ancestry*, Molec. Biol. Evol. 24:2266–2276, 2007) states, “*For about 23% of our genome, we share no immediate genetic ancestry with our closest living relative, the chimpanzee.*” Ebersberger is stating that the similarity is about 77% or a difference of 23%.

We can conclude, based on the latest studies that compare the entire genome of chimps and humans, that the similarity is nowhere near the 98+% you hear about all the time. **Consider:**

1 Chimps and humans supposedly share a common ancestor that lived 6 million years ago. With a generation being 13 years there have been about 460,000 generations of chimps and the same number of human generations. That is a total of 920,000 generations for the difference in DNA to occur.

2 With a similarity of 85% (at best), there is a difference of 15% between the chimp and human genome. The human and chimp genomes have about 3 billion nucleotides or base pairs. 15% of 3 Billion is 450 million. That means there would have to have been 450 million mutations in those 920,000 generations.

3 When we divide 450,000,000 mutations by 920,000 generations it means that every generation had to have had 489 new mutations... **Most** of them beneficial.

4 The number of mutations entering the genome of chimps and humans is about 60 per generation. But evolution needs 489 mutations per generation. That is 8 times more than is actually occurring. That means **evolution is a mathematical impossibility**. When it comes to humans and chimps, there is no relationship.

5 Johns Hopkins University maintains a database of human mutations that result in maladies in humans. Currently, there are over 20,000 harmful mutations occurring in the human genome. Can you name a mutation that shows man changing into a new kind of creature? Yet evolution needs 489 kind-changing mutations per generation with NO harmful ones. It is totally unreasonable and unscientific to believe in evolution of humans.

God, in the person of Christ Jesus, is the creator of the universe, you and me. Because Adam sinned, God introduced mutations into DNA. It is a gift. Mutations kill us so we can be resurrected into a new sinless body. Not only is He lovingly powerful, He wants a personal relationship with YOU. We can show you the way to **ETERNAL** paradise with your Creator, Jesus! **CRM**

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It is well known that average earth atmospheric temperature has varied over time, but only by a few degrees.

It is also known that there has been an Ice age in the past, supposedly about 10,000 years ago. Most think there have been multiple ice ages; I will get into that shortly.

If the earth has had only slight temperature swings in the past, then a small temperature swing must be all it takes to generate an ice age. And, if a small decrease in temperature can create an ice age, then a small increase can create deserts. The logic is flawless. If the premises are true, then the conclusion is the logical result.

The problem is in the premises. The premise is in two parts. Part 1: Air temperature reflects ocean water temperature. Part 2: Therefore, average air temperature tells you everything you need to know.

The naturalist will want to establish a mechanism for slight temperature changes. That has been done. It is called the Milankovitch Theory. The thinking is that small changes in the earth's orbit around the sun along with earth wobble results in the earth being closer and farther from the sun, resulting in average temperature change. This change would only be a few degrees at most.

This idea was put forth in a paper entitled *Pacemaker of the Ice Ages*. The paper was widely accepted. The paper's conclusion was heavily based on the time (700k years) that has passed since the last time the magnetic field of the earth reversed. It is now accepted that the time is actually 780k years. That pretty much demolishes the Milankovitch Theory.

There is more to the story, such as the theory leads to 50 ice ages in the last 2.6 million years. There is no conclusive geological evidence for more than one. You can read more by clicking the link on our web home page.

So, the flaw in the naturalists' thinking is in the premise that a small change in atmosphere average temperature can generate an ice age.



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The creationist view is that there has been one ice age and it occurred about 4000 years ago. Here is the explanation:

During Noah's Flood the fountains of the deep burst forth. The sea floor dove into the magma below along the continental edges (there is straightforward data to support that idea - we have covered the data in earlier issues). The result was sea water coming in direct contact with the earth's magma. In a few months the temperature of the oceans increased to over 100 degrees.

I have covered multiple sets of data to support Noah's Flood in past issues, but will repeat the simplest and most powerful in support of one recent ice age. In the rock strata are many huge layers of dolomite. Dolomite is limestone chemically combined with magnesium:  $\text{CaMg}(\text{CO}_3)_2$  in water that is **over 100 degrees in temperature**. Dolomite is known to form only in a few tiny isolated spots on the earth today because it is hard to find place where the ingredients come together in water over 100 degrees. Only Noah's Flood provides the conditions for forming huge areas of dolomite layers.

Shortly after the flood there was extremely high evaporation from the 100+ degree oceans. That resulted in snowfall of hundreds (probably thousands) of feet of snow every year in the polar regions. There was too much snow for it all to melt every year in warmer months so it built up and compressed into ice, resulting in an ice age. Each of the thin layers found in ice cores do not represent a year. Each layer represents one snowfall. There would have been scores of snowstorms every year. After a few hundred years, the oceans cooled and the ice caps started to melt. The global climate change and melting of glaciers is

the final stage of one ice age that is just now ending.

Please be patient as I explain why many people who are not believers in Noah's Flood are turned off by the information and graphics produced in support of trying to stop climate change. Graphics such as these two are a total turnoff:



Here is a real photo of a polar bear in the arctic:



Polar bears hunt from small ice flows so they can scan a lot of water looking for seals to eat. Polar bears/climate change are so political that a polar bear expert was fired for reporting the truth... The polar bear population is increasing.

Climate change is supposed to be about science. But reality and scientists who disagree are silenced. That is not science. That is political agenda.

God, in the person of Jesus, created the climate of earth, the universe, you and me. The earth will last and people will survive until the end of the age. Jesus said it and Jesus is the way, **the truth** and the life so it is true. No one comes to the Father except through Him. And what an eternity awaits for those who decide to make Jesus king of his/her life. Plus, in this life, you get to experience the joy and peace that only Jesus can offer. E-mail us or visit The Gathering Place. **CRM**

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have paid closer attention to geometry class teachings.

A basic proof in deductive logic is:

**If P, then Q**

**P**

**Therefore Q**

Here is a real world example:

**If it is raining (P), then the sidewalk will be wet (Q)**

**It is raining (P)**

**Therefore, the sidewalk is wet (Q)**

Note that the idea of cause and effect are present here. **P** is the cause (or reason) for **Q**. If you reverse the two, you get a fallacy:

**If the sidewalk is wet (P), it is raining (Q)**

**The sidewalk is wet (P) Therefore, it is raining (Q)**

But, the sidewalk could be wet because you sprayed it with a garden hose or because melting snow flowed across the sidewalk. You have to mind your **Ps** and **Qs**.

We know that rain will get a sidewalk wet because we see it happen often.

In science, a lot of so-called fact is actually the result of faith. Take this proof for example:

**If the Coconino Formation was deposited by blowing air (P), then the slope of cross-bedding will be 29° (Q)**

**The Coconino Formation was deposited by blowing air (P)**

**Therefore, The slope of the cross-bedding is 29° (Q)**

I can show you scores of published papers that declare the Coconino cross-bedding is sloped 29°



The problem is that **(P)** is an assumption. Naturalists assume the Coconino was deposited slowly by air because it fits their **FAITH** that the layers of strata we laid down slowly over 560 million years. The slope has been measured and the results published. The slope varies from 6° to 38° with the average being 20°. In all those scores of publications that purport the Coconino is sloped at 29°, the researcher never measured the slope. They just repeated a canon of their **faith**.

What then is **faith**? The internet, as always, is ready with an answer:

1. **The assent of the mind to the truth of a proposition or statement for which there is not complete evidence; belief in general.**

2. **Specifically Firm belief based upon confidence in the authority and veracity of another, rather than upon one's own knowledge, reason, or judgment; earnest and trustful confidence: as, to have faith in the testimony of a witness; to have faith in a friend.**

3. **In a more restricted sense: In theology, spiritual perception of the invisible objects of religious veneration; a belief founded on such spiritual perception.**

The first example is illustrated by the postulates in geometry and the

axioms in algebra. Everyone agrees the postulates and axioms are true but they cannot be proven. Even math is based on faith.

The second definition of faith is illustrated by my Coconino Formation example. The researchers read a paper by another geologist and had faith that that geologist knew what he was talking about. But, he also had faith in a different geologist. This is how science works. The entire body of science is based upon faith. The assumptions required to posit that naturalism is true are used as the cause of the data they see. Those assumptions die hard. Many geologists still think the Coconino Formation slopes at 29°.

The third definition is illustrated by the herd mentality of naturalist scientists. In effect, the naturalist belief is the equivalent of "a belief on spiritual perception (herd mentality)."

An atheist lives by faith that God does not exist in spite of all the data that can only be explained by an intelligent designer. Psalm 14:1 says, *The fool says in his heart, there is no God.*

Come on, join us free-thinking Christians. Not only will you enjoy the thinking and conversation, you will find joy today and for eternity! You are NOT meaningless pond scum, you are an eternal soul. YOU can live forever in complete joy with Jesus. God, in the person of Christ Jesus, is the creator of FAITH, good, hope, the universe, you and me. Drop by The Gathering Place and discover freedom to love and be loved. CRM

**QUOTE:**

Meaningless choices were preceded by a readiness potential, just as in previous experiments. Meaningful choices were not, however. When we care about a decision and its outcome, our brain appears to behave differently than when a decision is arbitrary.

Alessandra Buccella, Thomáš Dominik, "Free will is only an illusion if you are, too", *Scientific American* (January 2023)

**POINT:**

Previous research into when the brain makes a decision and when the person is aware of the decision, found that there is a gap of time. The brain knows before you do. This appears to point toward the materialist explanation of the brain... There is no soul that is doing the actual thinking. But these experiments dealt only with simple decisions. They show that a lot of the time we are, what many think of as, on autopilot. We don't think about opening a drawer to get a spoon. We just do it. Our subconscious thinks of it before we are aware of the decision. It is much like our dog seemingly knowing what we are going to do before we do (they really do most of the time). The brain knows too. These researchers used decisions that required a real decision involving donating money to charity. The conscious brain and unconscious brain came to the decision at the same time. This study confirms free will and the existence of our soul.