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CREATION SCIENCE IN THE USSR?

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These are exciting days! God is truly at work in our world! We watch with amazement as history unfolds around us and we marvel at God's sovereignty.

When Dr. Dmitry Kuznetsov, a world-renowned Soviet biochemist, visited the United States in 1990, he said that Dr. Henry Morris' writings had been instrumental in his "scientific conversion" -- from evolution to creation and then from atheism to belief in God. He now writes a column called "Science without Atheism" in a monthly newspaper in the USSR.

Many Soviet students and scientists are now questioning evolution. When Dr. Duane Gish of the Institute for Creation Research lectured in Russia in May of 1990, he was cordially received. (This must have been a treat after the reception he received at Berkeley a number of years ago!) He was even invited to speak at an all-day conference held at the Communist Party's Institute of Atheism and Religion. Following the lectures, the issues were freely discussed by top-ranking Soviet scientists, several of which spoke in favor of creation.

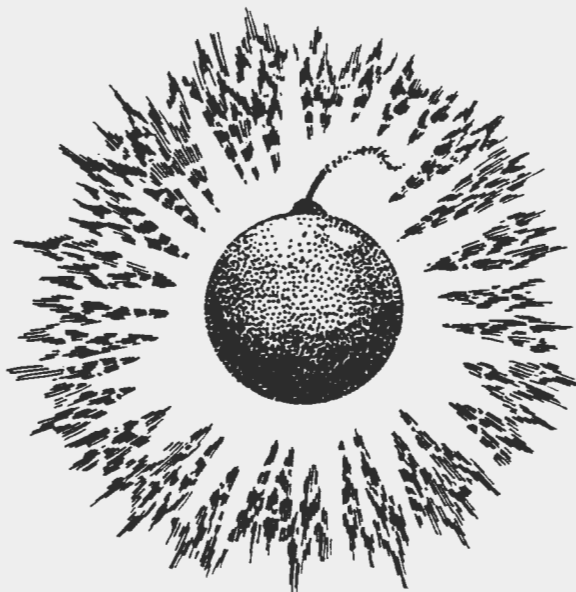
When Dr. John Morris visited Russia in October, he too noted the hunger of Soviets to know the truth that has been withheld for so long. Questions poured in after each lecture. (We noted similar interest when we spoke in Hungary in 1989. At one church, about 500 listened eagerly for 10 hours one day as we shared the evidences for creation, and then came back for more.)

One of the most amazing developments in the USSR has been the historic broadcasting of the award-winning **Origins** film series and two other creation films over Soviet primetime weekend television. According to Films for Christ, the producer of the films, the eight half-hour broadcasts ran from September through November, 1990, with a potential of reaching 60-70

million Soviets. (When was the last time you saw a creationist program on American TV?)

The interest in creation evidences is exploding all over the world, yet at the same time, evolution is being pushed with even more vigor here in the States. Who would have imagined that Russian scientists would have the freedom to openly endorse creation, while American students are denied the opportunity to hear the same evidences in their classrooms?

Of course, no one knows how long this new openness will last in the USSR, but the irony of recent events has made the intolerance of American scientists and educators even more obvious. Scripture tells us to work while it is day, because the night comes when no one can work. We need to be about God's business until He comes. We pray for many more, both here and abroad to do as Dr. Kuznetsov has done, and come to know our great Creator as their Saviour and Lord.



**Big Bang In Trouble:
See Spotlight on Science**

NOTES & QUOTES

■ Talking about the recent events in Russia and the erosion of freedom in the United States, listen to this incident which Bill Jack, of the Caleb Campaign in Denver, shared in one of his newsletters:

• Ken Roberts, a friend and teacher in Westminster, was ordered to remove his Bible from his desk by a federal judge because the judge "feared that children might see Ken Roberts reading the Bible SILENTLY, and become interested in reading the Bible." Even though Ken had read ALOUD other books on Buddhism and American Indian religions to his students, because the Bible represented a "majority" religion the judge felt the students would be "unconstitutionally influenced" by its mere presence in the classroom.

■ We understand this decision was upheld under appeal. It is rather ironic, that in a country where the public schools were established to teach children how to read so they **could read the Bible**, that the same Book is now being banned from the classroom. Even **scientific** evidence which supports creation is not allowed in many schools. How far we have fallen!

■ As you read the next page and understand the problems with the data, you may begin to wonder why the important evidences against evolution have been withheld from students? If the data is so poor, why does it keep showing up in textbooks, museums, and journals? It seems we believe what we want to believe and teach based upon those beliefs. David Pilbeam made this insightful statement several years ago:

• . . .perhaps generations of students of human evolution, including myself, have been flailing about in the dark, that our data base is too sparse, too slippery, for it to be able to mold our theories. Rather, the theories are more statements about us and ideology than about the past. Paleoanthropology reveals more about how humans view themselves than it does about how humans came about. (American Scientist, Vol. 66, 1978)

■ If you believe you have descended from monkey-like creatures, it will affect your view of science and your interpretation of evidence. It is extremely difficult to separate bias from fact -- regardless of whether you are an evolutionist or creationist. Interpretations probably have nothing to do with the amount of time spent in the sun. Evolutionist, Dr. Greg Kirby says:

• Not being a paleontologist, I don't want to pour too much scorn on paleontologists, but **if you were to spend your life picking up bones and finding little fragments of head and little fragments of jaw, there is a very strong desire there to exaggerate the importance of those fragments ...** [as quoted by Paul Taylor, **Origins Answer Book**, p. 98]

■ We thought you might enjoy this look at evolution from the monkeys's perspective! Someone sent us this little poem a while back. Unfortunately, they didn't include the author's name. If you know, please write to us.

Darwin's Mistake

Three monkeys sat in a cocoanut tree,
Discussing things as they're said to be.
Said one to the other: "Now listen, you two.
There's a certain rumor that can't be true,
That man descended from our noble race,
That very idea is a disgrace.

"No monkey ever deserted his wife,
Starved her babies or ruined her life.
And another thing you will never see --
A monk build a fence around a cocoanut tree
And let the cocoanuts go to waste
Forbidding all other monks to taste.

"If I put a fence around this tree,
Starvation would force you to steal from me.
Here's another thing a monk won't do,
Go out at night and get on a stew,
And use a gun or club or knife
To take some other monkey's life.
Yes, man descended, the ornery cuss
But, brother, he didn't descend from us."

BOOK REVIEW

The Amazing Story of Creation from Science and the Bible by Dr. Duane Gish (Institute for Creation Research, 1990) is an excellent new book for the **whole family --young and old**. It integrates scientific evidence and the Biblical record of creation in a very natural way. It clearly presents a wide range of topics such as the origin of the universe and life, fossil evidence, dinosaurs, and many more. It is a beautifully illustrated, hard-cover book. We highly recommend it. Write for your copy today. (\$21.00 includes postage - Colorado residents add 3% sales tax.)

BIG BANG THEORY SHOT TO PIECES

Scientists say origin-of-universe explanation should be abandoned

These headlines appeared in the January 3rd, 1991, issue of **The Denver Post**. This article was based on a report published in the British journal, **Nature**, of the same date, and joins numerous articles taking shots at the Big Bang Theory. It reflects the latest findings which may prove to be the theory's deathblow.

The Big Bang Theory assumes that all of the matter in the universe was once concentrated in an extremely dense speck smaller than the head of a pin. This speck supposedly exploded 10-20 billion years ago "creating" all the stars and galaxies and setting the stage for the evolution of life.

Based on the even background radiation observed by scientists, a uniform distribution of galaxies was expected. However, latest discoveries have shown that this is not the case. Galaxies instead occur in "clumps." Scientists are puzzled, since the universe is supposedly "too young" for such clumping to have occurred. (Look for the universe to age quickly in the next few years!)

Although most are not giving up the Big Bang Theory as a whole, these latest discoveries have left "cosmology in disarray." Scientists are scrambling to come up with new explanations which will reconcile the evidence with the theory, but it is becoming more and more difficult. According to the **Post**:

'We're floundering around with lots of ideas,' said Dr. Alan Dressler, an astrophysicist at the Carnegie Institution of Washington, regretting the apparent demise of a theory that was widely held for more than a decade. 'The one idea that was too good to be true turned out to be too good to be true.'

Science is always changing -- theories come and go with the tide. Today's theories will be "out" tomorrow. It appears we are now seeing one more of these "late great theories" bite the dust. "But the Word of the Lord endures forever." -- "In the beginning, God created..."

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LUCY AND FRIENDS

Much to-do has been made about fossil finds supporting human evolution, but in reality, the science of paleoanthropology is riddled with error. One thinks immediately of the case with **Pitdown Man**, which turned out to be nothing but a hoax. Usually, though, the errors result when someone gets overanxious and extrapolates conclusions far beyond the actual evidence. **Nebraska Man** is probably the best known example of this. The **one tooth** used as evidence turned out to be the tooth of a **pig!** Less known is the case involving **Orce Man**, whose skull cap was recently shown to be that of a donkey.

Sometimes, faulty conclusions are reached when widely-separated fossils are assumed to be from a single individual. For example, the leg bone of **Java Man** was found over 50 feet away from the skull cap, on the same level as undeniably human skulls. Usually these "insignificant details" are missing from the reports given to the public.

It appears now that this is the case with one of our most famous ancestors of all, the Australopithecine, **Lucy**. Much fan-fare has been made concerning this supposed link between apes and man, but most articles, including the dramatically-illustrated one in **National Geographic** (1985), never mention the details that might cast doubt on these conclusions.

Part of the evidence used to acclaim Lucy as one of our ancestors was the portion of the leg bone which attaches to the knee joint. What most articles did not mention was that this all-important knee joint was found "60 to 70 meters [over 200 feet] lower in the strata and 2 to 3 kilometers [1.24 to 1.86 miles] away." This "detail" came out when Lucy's discoverer, Donald Johanson, was questioned by creationists following his lecture at the University of Missouri (KC).

(Tom Willis gives an account of the lecture and the questions following in an article entitled, **Lucy Goes to College**. Send us a self-addressed stamped envelope if you would like a copy.)

Associating fossils found over such a long distance is certainly not what we call science! Unfortunately, this misinformation is already in textbooks and used as "proof" that we evolved from ape-like creatures. Since most students are never given the pertinent information against these claims, they will probably pass on this misinformation to the next generation. After all, isn't that what our generation and the one before it have done?

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- Jan. 4-6: High School Camp, Tee Pee Bible Camp
Rifle, CO
- Jan 20: Sunday Seminar, Bookcliff Baptist
Grand Junction, CO 243-9285
- Jan 22: Dinosaur Valley Field Trip
Grand Junction, CO Linda Friend 434-9531
- Jan 27: Youth and Homeschool Seminar
St. John's Lutheran, Montrose, CO
Nicki Parsons 249-6255
- Jan /Feb: Video Production!!! Pray for Success
- Feb 24: Sunday Seminar, Loveland Evan. Free
Loveland, CO Dave Orrison 303-667-6095
- Feb 25,26: Agape Family Schools/HUG Home Seminar
Loveland/Ft Collins, CO
Jane 669-2581 or Kathy 226-5390
- Mar 3: Sunday Seminar, Gore Range Baptist
Kremmling, CO Arlene Smith 724-9015
- Mar 5: Alpha Omega Science Fair
Grand Junction, CO Dorothy Hahn 464-5181

CREATION VACATIONS

Plan ahead **NOW** to combine fun and learning with a quality family vacation at one of the following creation vacations:

- Ap 20-28: ICR Grand Canyon Adventure
Grand Canyon, AZ 619-448-0900
- May 25-27: Canyon Country Adventure
Moab, UT 303-245-5906 (Tenative)
- Aug 11-16: Twin Peaks Family Science Adventure
Colbran, CO 303-245-5906
- Aug 18-23: Redcloud Family Mountain Adventure
Lake City, CO 303-245-5906
- Aug 25-30: ICR Summer Institute at the Summit
Manitou Springs, CO 619-448-0900
- Oct 17-20: Fall Creation Adventure for Homeschoolers
Marquette Park, IL (Near St. Louis)
Chris Chaikowsky 618-466-5377

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